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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI  
Third Sunday after Epiphany  
January 26, 2020  
**Inviting People to  
Journey with Christ's Family  
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

*Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.*

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**Gathering**  
*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God\**

*Wel-  
come and Announcements  
Prelude.....A time for silent reflection*

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☐ one God,  
the eternal voice from heaven,  
the anointed and beloved one,  
the Spirit moving over the waters.  
**Amen.**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession,  
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

God who searches us and knows us,

you have shown us what is good,  
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.  
We have not been just in our dealings with others.  
We have chosen revenge over mercy.  
We have promoted ourselves  
instead of walking humbly with you.  
With what shall we come before you?  
Forgive us our sin,  
and show us your salvation  
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Amen.

Beloved of God,  
you have not received the spirit of the world,  
but the Spirit that is from God,  
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.  
Receive the promise of baptism:  
You are God's child;  your sins are forgiven.  
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.  
Amen.

\*Gathering Hymn            "Shine, Jesus Shine"

**ELW #671**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
Let us pray to the Lord.  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world,

Brueggen; Nolan & Logan Buchholz; Thadyn & Ayawyn Conner;  
Vanessa & Elliott Ornes; Lailah Eckes; Lena Ornes; Porter Sorenson;  
Kennedy & Josie Ornes; Brooklyn, Madelyn, Kaylin, Emma, Bryce,  
Marah, Bria, Ava, Katie, & Benjamin Gruen; Mikayla & Brady Zimmer-  
man; MaKenzie & Cooper Powell; Wesson Mayne; Vanessa, Mia, &  
Brek Anderson; Tyler & Jaden Bever; Carlee, Collin, & Camden Neid-  
feldt; Morgan Speicher; Avery, August & Addison Arndt; Krista & Sierra  
Cook; Tyler Brandau; Franklin & Douglas Wildes; Sophia, Derek & Dea-  
con Erdman; Kody Tormoen; Angel Brueggen; Robert & Dana Cale;  
Callie Fleming; Sara Osteboe; Miranda, Daphne & Linus Arndt; Natalie,  
Brodie & Fynlie Stanek; Emma Elder; Bryson Lamb; Alaina & Braxton  
Holthaus; Jada Leis; David, Sam & Zachary Ross; Gannon Tormoen;  
Jase & Margo Picha.

That your spirit will dwell with them according to your will. That they will  
grow in the knowledge of you and know that they are dearly loved by  
you. I pray that you will protect them from deception by the evil one and  
all his darts that would lead them astray. May they do well in school,  
learning and discerning what direction you have in mind for them. I also  
pray for all children every where, that you would keep them in your care.  
In Jesus name I pray.  
Amen

You may now contact Pastor Cathleen on a landline, #608-435-0097.  
This telephone itself is a "Caption Call". This means a written display of  
what you are saying is displayed for Pastor to read, and continue the  
conversation. Be patient, it takes a few seconds for your side of the  
conversation to be displayed. You may also leave a voice mail  
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### CALENDAR FOR January 27—February 1

<b>Today</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>	<b>11:15 am</b>
Sun., Feb. 1	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:15 am

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The W-ELCA group will be collecting items for Personal Care Kits again this year during lent. While lent is a few weeks off, it's never too early to begin looking for items, especially since sales seem to run frequently.

The following are items needed:

Towels: Size 20" x 40" to 27" x 52", light-weight, dark colors preferred  
Soap: Bath size bars  
Combs: Sturdy  
Nail Clippers: Metal, with or without nail file  
Tooth Brushes (please leave in original packaging)

Pastor Horn is recovering from back surgery. If you'd like to send him a card, his address is: 507 Rockview Lane, Viroqua, WI 54665

Grace to You and Peace, a yearlong devotional journey through the Epistles by Norma Cook Everist has been provided through Wartburg Seminary. We have sent the devotional through e-mail to our members. A hard copy of February is available in the narthex. Extra copies will be made, as needed. Just ask Nalani and she will get a copy to you.

We ask that all members join the Women of ELCA and pray this prayer as you rise in the morning and as you prepare to retire each evening.

Lord, Jesus Christ, I bring to you:

Jada, Myles, & Conner Garske; Britain Hahn, Gracie & Kaden Brandau; Katie Pagel, Amara Brandau; Chase Brandau; Avery Brueggen; Riley

for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

\*Canticle of Praise "This is the Feast" ELW p.149

\*Prayer of the Day

**Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

**Word**  
*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.\**

*The*

*northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

**Isaiah 9:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former

time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 27:4, 1-9**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>4</sup>**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my  
life;  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the  
temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high  
upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup>**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround  
me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices  
of  
rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

Distribution

*Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's table.*

"Lamb of God"

ELW p. 154

### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Faithful God,  
you have kept your promise to us in this meal,  
nourishing us with the gift of salvation.  
Now send your servants forth in peace,  
that we may testify to your goodness  
and share the hope that is ours  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

Benediction

Sending Hymn

"Lord of Light"

**ELW #688**

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Let your light shine.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Katie Wallace, Florence Krause, Bill Collar, Dakota Holiday, Carla Von Haden

#### **Sending**

IN God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.\*

**THE  
MILI-**

#### **TARY**

Jacob Picha, Todd Nofsinger, Dylan Dougherty, Robert Cale, Seth Tormoen

**THOSE SERVING TODAY**

Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit.  
We wait for your mercy;  
we long for your peace;  
we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ,  
our banquet of life.  
Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to our Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

ELW p.153

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy  
name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us  
our trespasses, as we forgive those who  
trespass against us; and lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine  
is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.**

P: God fills the hungry with good things.  
Come with joy to the feast.

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup>**My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”  
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.  
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O  
God of my salvation.

## SECOND READING

*Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God’s salvation.*

### 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Acclamation

ELW p.151

## GOSPEL READING

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God’s reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

## The gospel according to Matthew 4:12-23

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

\*Hymn “Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult” **ELW #696**

### Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)

#### **\*PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us show signs of Christ’s peace.

#### **Meal**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ\*

#### **OFFERING**

\*Offertory  
Hymn

“We Are An Offering”

**ELW #692**

\*Offertory Prayer

**God of wonder,  
you formed us in our mother’s womb,  
and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine.  
We place them on your table,  
together with our lives and all that you have made.**