



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 23, 2022
**Inviting People to
Journey with Christ's Family
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

**(Indicates that the people should stand as they are able.)*

Announcements

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.^

Prelude....A time for silent reflection

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.
Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.
Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:
In ☩ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

Amen

Gathering Hymn “ God is Here ”

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**

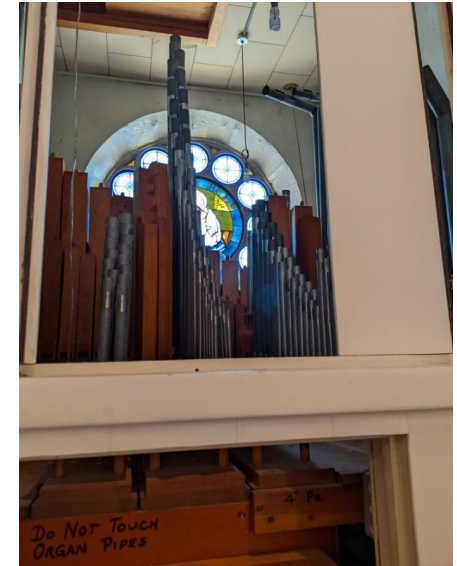
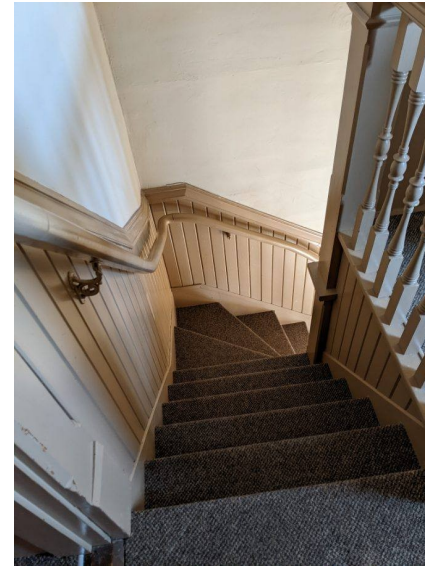
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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Jerry and Patty Von Haden, Terry and Lana Sullivan, Fred and Nancy Hermes, along with Nalani, made the trek to Mineral Point this past Friday and began the rather tedious task of removing the pipes from the organ chamber, crating the metal pipes, and then loading the crates in Nalani's van for the ride home. Jerry and Pat's car is loaded down with the wooded pipes. You will notice the narrow steps leading to the balcony where the organ chamber is located. Luckily, the painters were willing to load the filled crates on their lift and lower them to the main floor. Saved us a tremendous amount of work not to have

to go up and down the steps carrying two pipes at a time. Please take time to view all the pictures on the bulletin board. Thank you to Lana Sullivan for recording the days events. There is much left to do, but we accomplished a great deal in the 4 hours we were able to work.

Quilting has been postponed from January 27 until February 3 at 9:00 am.

The Annual Report will be available as you leave today. There are still a couple of reports to be added, however, the financial information is complete. Thank you for your patience.

In case of emergency, you may contact:
Pastor Cathleen, via text, 608-865-1074, as well as Justin Arndt (608-435-6336, 414-587-6642 (cell), or Nalani at 608-387-2311. Justin and Nalani also text.

To activate the prayer chain, please contact Nalani (608-387-2311)

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P: For the peace of the whole world,
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**

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

First Reading

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that “the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of

Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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

Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
²**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the
ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**
⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs
about to the end of it again;**

Sending Hymn " We All Are One in Mission " **ELW #576**

P: Go with Christ into a weary world.
Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God's People, Pastor: Cathleen Morris; Organist: Nalani Bever; Reader: Ava Gruen; Communion Servers: Joel & Lori Arndt

IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Steve Zirk, Gary Von Ruden, Sue Ann Degenhardt, Curt Brieske, Randy Steinbrink, Gloria Meltesen, LuAnn Bever-Denter, Florence Dougherty, Darlene Babbitt, Carla Von Haden, Sacia Morris, Lois Reineke, Katie & Rylan Pagel.

IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Dylan Dougherty, Seth Tormoen, Danelle Dougherty, Robert Cale

CALENDAR

Sat., Jan. 29	Prayer for Christian Unity 2022	9:00 am
Sun., Jan. 30	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:15 am
	Annual Meeting	Following worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 30, 2022 immediately following the worship service. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

St. Paul's W-ELCA is hosting the Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 this Saturday at 9:00 am. ALL are invited to attend. Rolls, fruit, coffee and water will be served. Folks from St. John's, Faith Congregational, and Norwalk United Methodist have also been invited and will join in the program presentation.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Words of Institution

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: Come to God’s table.
There is a place for you and enough for all.

Distribution

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

“Lamb of God” ELW p.154

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**We give you thanks, gracious God,
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.
Send us to bring good news
and to proclaim your favor to all,
strengthened with the richness of your grace
in your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.^

*Benediction

nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one’s own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get
dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

Second Reading

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,”

that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

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

GOSPEL READING

Near the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

Luke 4:4-21

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up

to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day “ We Eat the Bread of Teaching “ **ELW #518**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (God of grace, **hear our prayer.**)

OFFERING

Offering plates are located in the Narthex as you enter and exit the church.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

Meal
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ^

***GREAT THANKSGIVING** ELW p. 152

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** ELW p. 153