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201 Melby Street
Westby, WI 54667**

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The Ukrainian newcomers arrive with little more than what they can carry. Gift cards can be sent to the above mailing address or emailed to lacrossewelcomecircle@gmail.com. Please consider gift cards to Target, Festival, Walmart, Woodman's Foods, Hy-Vee, Kwik Trip, etc. Our website has a wish list for in-kind items.

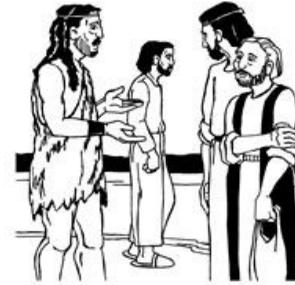
Sponsor

In order to come to the United States, each newcomer must have a sponsor. The La Crosse Welcome Circle is experienced in completing the paperwork, and can offer all the help needed in filling out forms. Sponsorship does not include opening one's own home for housing or offering full financial support.

Rabbi Brian Serle
Congregation Sons of Abraham

Pastor Mark Kvale
English Lutheran Church

Additional information can be found on the La Crosse Area Synod—ELCA website, as well as InterfaithLeaders.org



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilton, WI

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 15, 2023

**Inviting People to
Journey with Christ's Family
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

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

Announcements

Gathering

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

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.
Holy One, source of our renewal,

**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

**For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,**

**that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

CALENDAR

Jan. 18	Confirmation	6:30pm-8:00 pm
Jan. 19	W-ELCA General Meeting	10:00 am
Jan. 22	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:15 am
Jan. 25	Confirmation	6:30pm-8:00 pm
Jan. 29	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:15 am
	Annual Meeting	Following worship
Feb. 1	Confirmation	6:30pm-8:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2023, immediately following the worship service. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

ANNUAL REPORT

Please have any reports which you wish to be included in the Annual Report to the office by Friday, January 20. This will give adequate time for the reports to be included in, and the Annual Report available after service on January 22.

THANK YOU

We thank and extend our appreciation to Pastor John Dumke for leading us in worship today. Pastor Dumke lives in Westby.

La Crosse Welcome Circle

The Bible says:

“Be sure to welcome strangers into your home. By doing this, some people have welcomed angels as guests, without even knowing it.” – Hebrews 13:2

Isaiah 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother’s womb he named me.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
³And he said to me, “You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”
⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God.”
⁵And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶he says,
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”
⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
“Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

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

Psalm 40:1-11

- ¹I waited patiently upon the LORD,
who stooped to me and heard my cry.
- ²**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**
- ³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.
- ⁴**Happy are they who trust in the LORD!
They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**
- ⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for
us, none can be compared with you!
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more
than I can count.
- ⁶**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you
have not required.**
- ⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come.
In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- ⁸**'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep within me.'**"
- ⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.
- ¹⁰**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken
of your faithfulness and your deliverance;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from
the great assembly.**
- ¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sending

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

*Benediction

Hymn "Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult" ELW #696

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God's People; Pastor: John Dumke; Organist: Nalani Bever; Reader: Barb Ornes

IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Dylan Dougherty, Seth Tormoen, Danelle Dougherty, Robert Cale, Matthew Dutton.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Gloria Meltesen, Florence Dougherty, Darlene Babbitt, John Acker, Lois Reineke, Judy Bever, Craig King, Wynn Liersch, Mary Leis, Tracie Herman, Don Schreier, Debra Welch, Patrick Reardon

IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Dylan Dougherty, Seth Tormoen, Danelle Dougherty, Robert Cale, Matthew Dutton.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

Distribution

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

"Lamb of God"

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*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One,
**we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.
Amen.**

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Sunday School Children

***Gospel Acclamation**

"Alleluia"

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GOSPEL READING

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

The holy gospel according to John 1:29-42

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and

it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

Sermon Reverend John Dumke

Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" **ELW #311**
(Sung to melody "O Savior, Precious Savior")

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 (Merciful God, **receive our prayer**)

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

*Offertory Hymn "Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil" **ELW #513**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Liberating God,
**you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.**
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,
Amen.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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