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but he who is mightier than I is coming,  
the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie:  
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.”

Luke 3:16

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## St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

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**PRESERVICE PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, in your grace and love for a fallen mankind You have caused the light of the glory of God to be revealed in the face of Jesus Christ. We pray that You would send your Holy Spirit into our midst, that as we hear Your holy Word we may comprehend the glory of Jesus so that the light of the gospel might shine in our hearts, dispelling the darkness of sin and death and granting us the hope of everlasting life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE:** (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

**HYMN 41: Wondrous King All Glorious**

1. Wondrous King all glorious, Sov' reign Lord victorious,  
Oh, receive our praise with favor!  
From Thee welled God's kindness Tho' we in our blindness  
Strayed from Thee, our blessed Savior.  
Strengthen Thou, Help us now;  
Let our tongues be singing, Thee our praises bringing.

2. Heavens, spread the story Of our Maker's glory,  
All the pomp of earth obscuring.  
Sun, thy rays be sending, Thy bright beams expending,  
Light to all the earth assuring.  
Moon and star, Praise afar  
Him who glorious made you; The vast heavens aid you.

3. O my soul rejoicing, Sing thy praises voicing,  
Sing, with hymns of faith adore Him!  
All who here have being, Shout, your voices freeing,  
Bow down in the dust before Him.  
He is God Sabaoth;  
Praise alone the Savior, Here and there forever.

4. Hallelujahs render To the Lord most tender,  
Ye who know and love the Savior.  
Hallelujahs sing ye, Ye redeemed, oh, bring ye  
Hearts that yield Him glad behavior.  
Blest are ye Endlessly;  
Sinless there forever, Ye shall laud Him ever.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God is light and Him is no darkness at all.

**C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness**

P: Together let us pray:

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Now the LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons."

<sup>2</sup> And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears *it*, he will kill me."

But the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’”<sup>3</sup> Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you.”

<sup>4</sup> So Samuel did what the LORD said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, “Do you come peaceably?”

<sup>5</sup> And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is before Him!”

<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For *the LORD does not see as man sees*; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

<sup>8</sup> So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”<sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”

<sup>10</sup> Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.”<sup>11</sup> And Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all the young men here?” Then he said, “There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep.”

And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here.”<sup>12</sup> So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, “Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!”<sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah. (NKJV)

#### THE EPISTLE LESSON: Titus 3:4-7

But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,<sup>5</sup> not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,<sup>6</sup> whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,<sup>7</sup> that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED (The Lutheran Hymnal p. 12)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the  
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was  
crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He  
rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the  
right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to  
judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the communion  
of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life  
everlasting. Amen.

**HYMN 245: God Loved the World so that He Gave**

1. God loved the world so that He gave  
His only Son the lost to save  
That all who would in Him believe  
Should everlasting life receive.

2. Christ Jesus is the Ground of faith,  
Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All that confide in Him alone  
Are built on this chief Cornerstone.

3. God would not have the sinner die,  
His Son with saving grace is nigh,  
His Spirit in the Word doth teach  
How man the blessed goal may reach.

4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
Forgives all sins which thou hast done,  
And, justified by Jesus' blood,  
Thy Baptism grants the highest good.

5. If thou be sick, if death draw near,  
This truth thy troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.

6. Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

THE SERMON: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Theme: Setting the Record Straight Concerning Christ

- I. People Living in Expectation
- II. John Tells the Straight Truth about Christ
- III. God Presents Jesus as the Christ with Jesus' Baptism

SERMON TEXT: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

<sup>15</sup> Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ *or* not, <sup>16</sup> John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fan *is* in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup> When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. <sup>22</sup> And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased." (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 315:1-2,4-5: I come, O Savior, to Thy Table

1. I come, O Savior, to Thy Table  
For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole:  
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

2. Oh, grant that I in manner worthy  
May now approach Thy heav'nly Board  
And, as I lowly bow before Thee,  
Look only unto Thee, O Lord!  
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

4. Oh, let me loathe all sin forever  
As death and poison to my soul  
That I through willful sinning never  
May see thy judgment take its toll!  
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

5. Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
So I, a sinner, come to Thee.  
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We observe the Scriptural practice of closed communion. We do this in loving concern for all who would desire to commune, that it might be for their spiritual blessing and not their spiritual harm. The Scriptures teach us that communicants need to be able to examine themselves concerning their sin and repentance, and also a proper understanding of the Lord's presence in the sacrament. We ask that only those who are members of this congregation, or one affiliated with us in the CLC, partake of the sacrament. Please speak with the pastor if you would wish to commune with us at a future time.

#### PRAYER

#### BENEDICTION

**C: Amen.**

### HYMN 309: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

1. O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee  
My heart-felt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed  
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

2. Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:  
What wealth is come to me this day!  
My Savior dwells within my heart:  
How blest am I! How good Thou art!

### CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and church council are scheduled to follow the service. Catechism class is scheduled for 11:30.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday School and Bible Class is scheduled to follow the service. Catechism class is scheduled for 11:30. Sermon text: Isaiah 62:1-5.

### FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

January 30, 2022: A pot luck meal will follow after Bible class. The **annual voters meeting** is scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

### SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

### OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: January 9 worship – 20 Sunday school -- 4

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,285.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 675.00	Memorials: Paul Sullivan --
Needed for Year:	\$2570.00	Missions \$20.00
Received for Year:	\$1570.00	Illa Stramel \$30.00

January Church Cleaning: Nelson