

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Welcome & Announcements

Sunday, January 10, 2021

Opening Hymn — (LSB 395) “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” (v. 1,4,5,6)

1) O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God’s own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob’s race, King David’s son,
Our Lord and master, You have won
Our hearts to serve You only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious,
All victorious,
Rich in blessing!
Rule and might o’er all possessing!

4) Almighty Father, in Your Son
You loved us when not yet begun
Was this old earth’s foundation!
Your Son has ransomed us in love
To live in Him here and above:
This is Your great salvation.
Alleluia!
Christ the living,
To us giving
Life forever,
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!

5) O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, ev’ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory!

6) What joy to know, when life is past,
The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place
Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
For the day of Your returning!

Invocation, Confession & Absolution

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

C Amen.

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

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We**

justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Absolution spoken by the Pastor.

C Amen.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36-49

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon

Prayers

P Let us pray... Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

Words of Institution and Lord’s Supper

Communion Music — “Face of God” by Phil Wickham

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Closing Hymn — (LSB 576) “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne!

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

Back to Basics: The Bible

What is the best way to understand the Bible?

One helpful way to read the Bible is to divide what you are reading into two categories, _____ and _____.

What is the definition of the Law?

What is the definition of the Gospel?

The three uses of the Law are *Curb*, *Mirror*, and *Guide*. What is the definition of the Law as a Curb?

What is the definition of the Law as a Mirror?

What is the definition of the Law as a Guide?

If you _____ the Scripture anywhere, it _____.

The Bible is not...

The Bible is a book about _____.

Luke 24:36-49 Bible Study

(24:36-43) How did Jesus prove to his disciples that his resurrection was physical?

(24:44) What must be fulfilled?

(24:45) What did Jesus open the minds of the disciples to understand?

(24:46) “Thus it is _____ that the _____ should _____ and on the third day _____ from the _____.”

(24:47) What did the Old Testament Scriptures say the response to what the Christ would do should be?

The Bible is a book about _____.

Happening This Week at St. Paul

<u>Today</u>	8:00am, 9:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am Worship Services 7:00pm Zoom Bible Study
<u>Monday</u>	6:30pm Board Meetings
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 Elders Meeting 7:00pm LWML
<u>Wednesday</u>	9:00am Chapel with Holy Communion 4:00-5:00pm Midweek Group 1 5:30-6:15pm Confirmation
<u>Thursday</u>	9:30am Romans Bible Study 6:30pm BSF 7:00pm Men’s Fellowship & Bible Study
<u>Saturday</u>	4:00pm Mask Required Service 5:30pm Journey Worship Service

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LWML meets on Tuesday, January 12 at 7pm in the FLC. Guests are always welcome. It's a great way to meet your fellow sisters in Christ!

Thank You Messages

We would like to express our appreciation in the many kindnesses given to Denise and me in the recent passing of my dad, Joe. We are fortunate in our faith not only at times such as this, but also those of our St. Paul family. Thank you. — *Randy Benda*

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers during our son, Steve's, long illness and since his passing. Thank you for the prayers and messages of encouragement to us as well. — *Morey and Shirley Juhlin*

GriefShare — The next session of GriefShare begins on February 1. If you are interested please contact Nancy Medick or Betty Berlau.

Preschool Registration — Preschool registration for the 2021-2022 school year is open for church members and current preschool families. For more information check out the preschool webpage through our church website at www.stpaulankeny.org.

Lutheran Witness — If you currently receive or would like to start receiving the monthly magazine for LCMS members, contact Kathy in the church office. Cost is \$22.68 per annual subscription. Deadline for renewal is February 12.

New address, email or phone number? Call or email the church office with changes so we can keep our information accurate. Changing it in the online directory does not change it in our church database.

Offering Envelopes — 2021 offering envelopes are now in your church mailbox. If you give electronically and no longer need paper envelopes please contact the church office.

Poinsettias — Today is the last day to take a poinsettia! Anyone is welcome to take one of the poinsettias in the Resurrection Window hallway.

Elder

January 10 — Eric Bradley

January 17 — Len Mash

January 24 — Ron Behrens

Altar Flowers

January 10 — Ken & Betty McConnell

Attendance 1/2-1/3

4:00pm —20, 5:30pm—15, 8:00am—34, 9:00am —44, 10:00am—65, 11:00am—44 (w/Gate)