



8:00am Service

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Four

THE PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" LSB 405

INVOCATION LSB 203

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION LSB 203

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

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.
Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT

Ps. 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Is. 42:1a

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,*
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

I will tell of | the decree:*

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,*

and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

You shall break them with a | rod of iron*

and dash them in pieces like a potter's | vessel."

Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;*

be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

Serve the | LORD with fear, *

and rejoice with | trembling,

for his wrath is quickly | kindled.*

Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning, *

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold, *

my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

KYRIE

LSB 204

G Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE: GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204

G To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 205

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 43:1-7

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the

LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. ⁵Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

LSB 205

Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

THE EPISTLE FOR THE DAY:

Romans 6:1-11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 205

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 3:15-22

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things

that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

LSB 206

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

LSB 722

THE SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LSB 207

OFFERING

LSB 207

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

LSB 208

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 the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 208

G Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 209

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken in unison)*

LSB 209

G 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

LSB 209

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

G O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

G **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "How Firm a Foundation" LSB 728

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Great Is Their Faithfulness" LSB 809

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" LSB 602

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: NUNC DIMITTIS LSB 211

G O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT LSB 212

A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

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.

G **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" LSB 918

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME TO St. Paul's Lutheran Church: We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you have not already done so, we ask that you would sign the guest book at the entrance to the church. If you do not have a church home and are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, or if you are interested in becoming a member here at St. Paul's, please contact the church office.

The Sacrament of the Altar: In bread and wine of the Lord's Supper, our Lord Jesus comes to us in His true Body & Blood. In this Holy Meal, one receives full forgiveness and perfect unity with each other.

Scripture requires that each communicant first examine himself/herself regarding confession of sin, trust in Jesus for salvation, belief in the Real Presence, and the desire to grow in grace. We believe that Communion is a time when believers of like mind come close to the Lord and to one another. We do practice 'close' Communion, which means that all communicants believe as we do, and graciously receive this gift. If you are supportive of these beliefs, we welcome you to the Lord's Supper. If, however, at this point you are unsure or question whether your beliefs differ from those of our church, we ask that you use the communion time to meditate and pray. For these reasons, it's best for our new (first time) guests/visitors to talk briefly before the service with the pastor or an elder. A cup with white grape juice is located in the center of the communion tray for those who are allergic to alcohol. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Please note: The names listed below will remain on our public prayer list for two weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise. Thank you.

We pray for ... Elaine Girl (sister of Jane Oletjen), Carlyn Koenig, Keith Krecklow, Elta Lewien

Continuing Prayers ... Mel Girl (brother-in-law of Jane Oeltjen), Robin Keilig (niece of Marilyn Keilig), and Ann Kelley

School Prayer Families ... Teresa Martin & Russ Mann, John & Sarah Martin, Steve & Jessica McCarthy, Matt & Dani Meyer

Please call 402-228-1540 by Thursday if you have a petition to be included in the prayers.

In His Service

Preacher: Rev. Norm Porath

Organist: Beverly Duensing

8:00 am Service

Acolytes: Billy Kelley, Brandon Scheer, Sarah Scheer

Elders: David Trout, Vaughn Wright

Greeters: Dale & Rhonda Rickers

Ushers: Jeff Junker, LaVerne Malchow, Roger Mohling, Dave Taylor

Today's radio broadcast and bulletin are sponsored by Friends of St. Paul's.

BUSY BAGS for your child to use and return are available in the Narthex of the church. If you need assistance, please ask an usher or greeter.

VISITATION PASTOR: Rev. Timothy Brisbois serves St. Paul's as our visitation pastor. Pastor Brisbois does not have church office hours. Anyone needing / wishing to visit personally with Pastor Brisbois or have him visit you, please contact the church office. Pastor Brisbois can also be reached at 402-806-1822 or by email at trbrisbois@gmail.com.

CHURCH SERVICES: We will be having church services in the school gym at 10:30 AM on January 13, February 10, March 3, and April 7. These services will be in place of the 10:30am service at church. A shortened Sunday School and Adult Bible Class time will still be held on these Sunday's in the church basement.

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 1:30pm followed by the regularly scheduled Voters' Meeting. This special meeting has been called to extend a call to our next pastor. Continue to pray for the Lord's blessings on our congregation as we await a faithful shepherd to guide the flock of St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The Call Committee received a new list of candidates from President Snow. The information on all the candidates is in the church office. You are welcome to review it in the church, but since it

is confidential information, it must remain in the church. The Call Committee has studied each of the candidates. You are not limited to these three, but after much study the Call Committee has narrowed its suggestions to the following three candidates in alphabetical order: Rev. Timothy Geitz, Rev. Charles Kanefke, and Rev. Kevin Kritzer. The information on these three specific candidates plus all the others will be available during Adult Bible Class as well as any time the church office is open.

NAME call	Open to	Age	Married	# of KIDS	Currently Serving	Years of Service	Seminary
Rev Steven Benson Maybe		49	Y	3	Zion Brainerd, MN	9	Concordia, St. Louis
Rev William Beyer N		54	Y	2	Holy Cross Clayton, NC	23	Concordia, St. Louis
Rev Jacob Bobby N		37	Y	3	First Trinity, Bloomfield NE	5	Concordia, St. Louis
Rev Cory Burma N		51	Y	3	Peace, Columbus NE	14	Concordia, St. Louis
Rev Karl Eckhoff* Y		55	Y	4	Peoria, IL	28	Concordia, St. Louis
Rev Glenn Fischer N		56	Y	3	Forrest Oaks, Spring Hill FL	27	Concordia, Ft. Wayne IN
Rev Timothy Geitz Y		57	Y	5	Grace Lutheran, LeMars IA	31	Concordia, St. Louis
Rev Thomas Heren Y		56	Y	3	Our Savior, Washington IL	20	Concordia, St. Louis
Rev Charles Kanefke Y		56	Y	4	Trinity Cape Coral FL	11	Concordia, St. Louis
Rev Kevin Kritzer Y		52	Y	3	Bethany Long Beach CA	26	Concordia, St. Louis
Rev Joel Kruegar Y		50	Y	4	Faith Branson MO	21	Concordia, St. Louis
Rev Sean McCoy Considering a call to MI		47	Y	4	Shepherd of the Hills Skiatook OK	7	Concordia, St. Louis
Rev Joseph Murphy Y		55	Y	6	Grace Lutheran Parker CO	22	Concordia, Ft Wayne IN
Rev David Prill		36	Y	2	Resurrection, Brentwood CA		Concordia,
Rev Karl Schloeman N		50	Y	0	Faith Corronwood AZ	10	Concordia, St. Louis
Rev Michael Schleider Y		53	Y	3	Zion Alexander AK	9	Concordia, Ft Wayne IN

Rev Joel Sarrault N	56	Y	2	St John Adrian MI	30	Concordia, St. Louis
Rev Brian Tuma N	51	Y	2	St. John Cordova, NE	13	Concordia, St. Louis

ST. PAUL'S CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS: Notification has been received that the Nebraska District Board of Directors has ratified our revised constitution and bylaws. As a congregation we are now free to adopt these revised documents. To adopt them, they will be voted on at both the October 21, 2018 and January 20, 2019 Voters' Assembly Meetings, with two-thirds of all voting members present casting their vote in favor of the revised documents. These documents were approved by a unanimous vote during the October Voters' Meeting. Plan now to attend and cast your vote!

RADA CUTLERY: LYF members going to the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis next summer are selling Rada Cutlery's 100% USA Made kitchen products to raise money for this exciting trip. There are catalogs in the Narthex. Our group number is 2041021. This product makes great Christmas gifts, and when ordering online they should be here just in time. Please contact Tamra D'Andrea or the church office for more details.

2019 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES can be picked up in the narthex. Be sure not to use your 2018 envelopes in 2019, since numbers may have changed.

CONFIRMATION PICTURES: The church office is looking for a group confirmation picture from 1921, 1922, 1923, 1925, and 1961. Listed below are members of those confirmation classes. If you would have a photo from that class or know family members we could contact, please contact the church office. A 5x7 copy of the photo is needed. The church office does have a photo release for these pictures, so a copy can be made.

1921: Ida Marie Brinkmeyer, Mabel Emma Lenz, Eddie Walter Lenz, Carl Fredrich Johannes, Henry Albert Schank, Irene Maria D. Schirmeyer, Elden Johannes Wilhelm Stolzenburg

1922: Emma Flesner, Noah H. A. Wiegand

1923: Walter Jansen Buss, Alvina Flesner, Edwin Carl Flesner, Alice Magdalena Gerberding, Clara Hirtzel, Herbert Paul Jark, Lloyd Johann Wilhelm Vonderfecht

1925: Reint Martin Buss, Unice Veronica Jark, Arnold Herman Ludwig Ude, Leona Christine Emilie Ude

1961: No class roster known

Our Weekly Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

13	Brandon Rickers		Randy Workman
	Rhonda Rickers	18	Loretta Mohling
14	Cooper Huls		Laura Munn
15	Kevin Ankersen		Alexander Niedfeldt
	Nicole Zimmerman		Bronson Smith
16	Jessie Houser		Steven Clark
	Angela McConnell	19	Kenneth Loemker
	Ashton Sandman		Christine Rix
17	Stacey Peters		Shana Ruskamp

Anniversaries:

15 Mark & Linda Engler, 35 yrs.

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Attendance & Contributions		
8:00 AM Service	82	\$2,819.00
10:30 AM Service	68	\$3,786.00
Monday Evening Service	11	\$1,401.00
Coins for Christ (Loose Coins)		Lutheran Family Services -- \$3.31
Back in the Black Campaign		\$4,695.95

The Lord's Week

Today	8:00	Divine Service	
	9:15	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class	
	10:30	Service at the School	
Monday	7:00	Weekday Holy Communion Service	
Tuesday	12:00	Ladies Quilting	
	2:00	LWML Executive Board	
	6:30	Church Council	
Wednesday	8:20	School Chapel	
	2:30	Catechism Class	
Thursday	12:00	Ladies Quilting	
Friday	8:00	Men's Bible Study Breakfast in Church Basement	
Saturday	10:00	Altar Guild	
Sunday	8:00	Divine Service (Pastor Stuckwisch will be preaching)	
	9:15	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class	
	10:30	Divine Service (Pastor Stuckwisch will be preaching)	
	1:30	Special Voters' Meeting followed by the regularly scheduled Voters' Meeting	

Church office hours are 9:00am-3:00pm, Monday thru Friday
The office may be closed on occasion, so please call ahead.

Pastor Stuckwisch will be in the church office on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Anyone needing / wishing to visit personally with Pastor Stuckwisch, please contact the church office. Pastor Stuckwisch can also be reached at 402-230-0698.

