



8:00am & 10:30am Service

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Three

THE PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear" LSB 908 ▲

INVOCATION LSB 184

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION LSB 184

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT

Ps. 102:18-22; antiphon: Ps. 102:13

You will arise and have pity on | Zion;*

it is the time to favor her; the appointed | time has come.

Let this be recorded for a genera- | tion to come,*

so that a people yet to be created may | praise the LORD:

that he looked down from his | holy height;*

from heaven the LORD looked | at the earth,

to hear the groans of the | prisoners,*

to set free those who were | doomed to die,

that they may declare in Zion the name | of the LORD,*
and in Jerusa- | lem his praise,
when peoples gather to- | gether,*
and kingdoms, to wor- | ship the LORD.
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.
You will arise and have pity on | Zion,*
it is the time to favor her; the appointed | time has come.

KYRIE

LSB 186

C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

HYMN OF PRAISE: GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on High,
C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 189

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
P Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

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

¹All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he 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 above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people

answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and 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 as 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 to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL (8:00am Only)

LSB 190

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!

CHILDREN SING (10:30am only)

"O Sing to the Lord"

THE EPISTLE FOR THE DAY:

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 one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should 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 should 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 be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? 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 parts, 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 parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. 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 miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and 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 with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 190

G Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 4:16-30

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁶And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and 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 proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” ²⁴And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

LSB 191

☩ 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:

“The People That in Darkness Sat”

LSB 412 ▲

THE SERMON

“They Gave the Sense So They Understood”

Text: Nehemiah 8:8

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

**☩ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

OFFERING LSB 193

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH LSB 193

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

G **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

G **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

G **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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 195

G **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken in unison)* LSB 196

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

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 197

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 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

- G** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
Amen.

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.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“What Is This Bread”

LSB 629

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”

LSB 619

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199

- G** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all
people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.
C and His mercy endureth forever.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB 201

- 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.
C Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

LSB 201

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
A Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

LSB 202

- 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:

“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

LSB 582

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, Carolyn Pacha, Vickie Sutter

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

School Prayer Families ... Scott & Melissa Oates, Tyson & Erin Oden, Jane Oeltjen, Dave & Lisa Oltmans

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

In His Service

Preacher: Rev. Charles Schmidt

Organist: Vivian Zimmerman

8:00 am Service

Acolytes: Parker Tegtmeier, Andrew Duever, Olivia Hatzenbuehler

Elders: Garry Busboom, Ken Loemker

Greeters: Wayne & Chris Schulz

Ushers: Clair Duensing, Mike Duever, Jason Duff, Doug Tegtmeier

10:30 am Service

Acolytes: Alex Holle, Sydney Southwick, Paige Southwick

Elders: Dave Oltmans, David Trout

Greeters: Don & Carolyn Junker

Ushers: Wilferd Deke, Brian Hoops, Steven Sandman, Vaughn Wright

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Norma Lohse's Family and Friends to the glory of God in memory of Norma Lohse 100th Birthday, which would have been January 29.

Today's bulletin is 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 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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Would you like to have a new type of devotion each day? Here are two that you can listen to or read from your computer or smartphone. Each are 4 to 5 minutes in length. The first one is from Lutheran Ministries and the website is www.lhm.org. The second one is by Rev. Ken Klaus former Lutheran Hour speaker and the website is www.thesaviorstory.com. For each of these you go to the website and click on the daily devotion line. Enjoy.

COFFEE CREW: Share your smile and great cooking by being part of the Coffee Crew! Evangelism is looking for people to serve coffee hour between services. Evangelism will provide the coffee and supplies; you provide the treats and a smile. If you have questions, please see a member of the board. There is a sign-up sheet next to the window in the basement. Thank you for your help!

DONATE YOUR CHANGE: Would you like to be able to support our school while doing shopping? Click on the link below to learn how change from your everyday purchases can make a huge impact for our school. www.stpaulbeatrice.donateyourchange.com Any questions contact the school or church office.

OFFERING CAMPAIGN: We are beginning a new special offering campaign, "***Back in the Black for our new Pastor***". We will incur additional expenses when we are blessed with our new Pastor, including expenses for when he comes to visit, moving expenses, possible parsonage update, etc. You are encouraged to contribute to this special fund. You may put "Back in the Black" or "Special Offering" on the memo line. Thank You!!!

SUNMART RECEIPTS: SunMart cash register receipts update: our current total is \$14,704.79. Thanks to all your help we made our goal of \$150,000.00 and will be receiving a check for \$1,000.00 soon. Our school also collects Box Tops and Best Choice UPCs so please remember to save those too and drop them off at the school or church office.

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.

KIWANIS PANCAKE FEED: The Kiwanis Pancake Feed to the many children's programs in our community of Beatrice, is February 3rd, 7:30am-1:00pm at the Veteran's Club, 701 Dorsey St., Beatrice. Adults \$7.00, children (to age 12) \$4.00 at the door. Children 3 & under eat free.

SAVE THE DATE—FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST: On Friday, March 1st, we will hold our second Wine and Ale Tasting Event at the 4 Generations Barn. This is our main PTL fundraising event. Please plan to join us for an evening of fun! Contact Kathryn Katz with any questions: kathrynlkatz@gmail.com or 402-239-6998.

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.

2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS can be picked up in the narthex.

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

Our Weekly Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

27	Carissa Hoops	31	Jon Clausen
28	Nelda Guenther		Lucinda Lawson
	Delores Rahe	2	Victoria Klaus
29	Ella Klaus		

Anniversaries:

None

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Attendance & Contributions		
8:00 AM Service	62	\$1,620.00
10:30 AM Service at School	107	\$2,563.00
Monday Evening Service	15	\$185.00
Coins for Christ (Loose Coins)		Lutheran Family Services -- \$6.13
Back in the Black Campaign		\$4,875.95

The Lord's Week

Today	8:00	Divine Service
	9:15	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
	10:30	Divine Service
Monday	7:00	Weekday Holy Communion Service
Tuesday	12:00	Ladies Quilting
	6:30	Social Club
Wednesday	8:20	School Chapel
	2:30	Catechism Class
	6:00	Church Council and all Boards Meeting
Thursday	12:00	Ladies Quilting
Sunday	8:00	Divine Service
	9:15	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
	10:30	Divine Service

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.