

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ~ FEBRUARY 2, 2025**



## **Jesus Teaches at the Synagogue in Nazareth**

**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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**“Being Transformed By God’s Grace To Love And Serve.”**

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*If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.*



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*please stand in body or spirit*

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector,  
our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us  
confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways  
we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our  
neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and  
fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults  
and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore  
our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed  
you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven.  
In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew  
as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"Rise, Shine, You People!"

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## Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise

“Glory to God”

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*please be seated*

## First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4 - 10

<sup>4</sup> Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, <sup>5</sup> “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” <sup>6</sup> Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup> See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsive Reading

Psalms 71:1 - 6

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

<sup>2</sup> **In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.**

<sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

<sup>4</sup> **Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup> For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, my confidence since I was young.

**<sup>6</sup> I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1 - 13

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

Children's Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

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Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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Gospel

Luke 4:21 - 30

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 4th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>21</sup> Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph's son?” <sup>23</sup> He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’ ” <sup>24</sup> And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup>

But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup> yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup> There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup> When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

*please be seated*  
Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

*please stand in body or spirit*  
Hymn of the Day

“Christ, Be Our Light”

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Apostle’s 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

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*please be seated*

Offering

*please stand in body or spirit*

Offertory

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

**Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught 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.**

*please be seated*

## HOLY COMMUNION

At the Altar

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine  
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.  
Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Our first table for Holy Communion this morning will be for those who do  
not wish to climb the stairs. Please watch for direction from the ushers.

### Communion Hymns

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”	#836
“Although I Speak with Angel’s Tongue”	#644
“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”	#520

*please stand in body or spirit*

### Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with  
holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to  
embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.  
In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

### Blessing

The Spirit of the triune God ✚ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.  
**Amen.**

Sending Hymn                      “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”                      #543

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope.  
**Thanks be to God.**

# “THE HOPE OF CHRIST”



**Welcome:** Welcome to worship as Jesus continues to reveal himself during Epiphany. May you sense anew your Savior's deep love for you and all the world.

*We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!*

**In Our Prayers:** “Unspoken prayer concerns”, Laura Ruth Oelrichs, Ron Eickhoff, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, Dewey Jobe, Judy Smith, Renee Weller and Kyle Luetjen.



Larry Haase (brother-in-law of Gene Beckman), Fred Beeman, Kylee Scheel (family of Teresa Viebrock), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Stacy Morrison (friend of Teresa Viebrock), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kaleb Mundy, Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Donna Allen (mother of Adrienn Dieckman), Jamie Simon, Joe Campbell, Don Brooks, Vernitta Brooks, Dustin Woods, Liz Smart, Art Heimsoth, Cliff Eckhoff, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eckhoff), Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin Lackas (brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



**Nursing Home:** Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*.

**Military:** Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (grandson of Dennis Hamilton), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, SSG Nick Smith and Major Joseph Strathman.







**Prayers:** If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.

**Jr. Lutherans:** **Today**, the Junior Lutherans will meet for a light lunch and the decoration of Valentine's cards for some of our community members. We will meet immediately following worship in the Gathering Space. Junior Lutherans is for anyone PreK-7th grade. We also welcome our Luther League members in grades 8-12th who would like to help some of our younger members with this project. For those able to join, we will deliver the cards when we are finished.



**Health Care:** The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **February 6th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.

**Souper Bowl:** The “Souper Bowl” challenge is on! This year every congregation is invited to bring any kind of food staples: soup and crackers, instant potatoes, canned meat, mac ‘n cheese, canned vegetables or fruit, peanut butter, jelly, breakfast items, baking items, etc. Just about any and everything will be useful. Items can be brought to the church through **February 9th**. Let’s see if we can return the trophy to St. Paul’s!



**Meeting:** Council will meet on Wednesday, **February 12th** at 7:00pm.

**Worship:** There will be no Casual Worship Service on Saturday, **February 15th**.



**Luther League:** Sunday, **February 16th** the Luther League will meet for some Food, Faith, Fellowship, and Fun immediately following worship. Food= Pizza! Fun= Pickleball! The Luther League is for anyone in grades 8th through college. We will have lunch, discuss our plans for 2025, explore our faith, and play some pickleball. For non-drivers, parents need to pick students up by 1:00pm. Parents are also invited to stay if they wish.

**Shrove Sunday Pancake Lunch:** On Sunday, **March 2nd**, the Luther League is hosting a congregational Shrove Sunday pancake lunch to celebrate the last Sunday before Lent begins. It will be right after worship in the Fellowship Hall, and include pancakes, sausages, hash browns, and more. It's our own little Mardi Gras celebration and all are invited!



**Little Blessings:** Our Day Care is in need of three items for possible donation by our members: 1 or 2 Diaper Genies, a high-chair with straps, and a single or double stroller. If you have such items for donation, please contact Barbara Metscher at 660-668-3537 (Ext. 2). Thank you!

**Adult Sunday School:** The Adult Sunday School class will wrap up our study of Psalms. We then begin a study of Bible Prophecy, talking about what is happening in the world today in conjunction with God's plan and purpose based on what the Bible tells us about the future or the last days/end times.



The Bible contains prophecies that have yet to be fulfilled. Jesus and the Prophets said to look for specific signs that will signal the end of the age and the Second Coming of Christ. By learning what Bible Scripture says, we can gain better understanding of what we can expect so we can tell others. We can learn why the future offers great hope for us and everyone else on earth.

Come join us as we try to make sense of what the future may hold!

**Envelopes:** The 2025 offering envelopes are available in the link. If there isn't a box for you and you would like 2025 offering envelopes, please contact Russell Oelrichs, or the church office to request a box.



The 2024 giving statements are also available in the link.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

<b>Sunday, February 2:</b>	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion at the Altar
	AW	Junior Lutherans
<b>Thursday, February 6:</b>	8:00am	BCHD
<b>Saturday, February 8:</b>	5:30pm	Casual Worship
<b>Sunday, February 9:</b>	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations



**~ \* ~ Coming Events ~ \* ~**

February 9 .....	SOUPer Bowl Challenge Ends
February 16 .....	Luther League Event
March 2 .....	Shrove Pancake Lunch
March 5 .....	Ash Wednesday

# Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**Ministers** ..... The Whole Congregation  
**Presiding Minister** ..... Pastor Stephen Zeller  
**Organist** ..... Lois Viebrock  
**Pianist** ..... Jeannette VonHolten  
**AV Technicians** ..... Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk  
**Altar Guild** ..... Janice Gerken & Rhonda Schlesselman  
**Ushers** ..... Victoria Fox, Assistant Head Usher  
..... Scott Gerken, Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs & Braden Poe



## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany ~ February 2, 2025

**Assisting Minister** ..... Janice Gerken  
**Communion Assistants** ..... At the Altar  
**Reader** ..... Glenalee Dillon  
**Children's Sermon** ..... Pastor Stephen Zeller  
**Acolytes** ..... Gannon Elliott & Mason Randall  
**Flowers** ..... Lynn Schear



## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany ~ February 9, 2025

**Assisting Minister** ..... Tom Oelrichs  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Tara Anderson & Greg Bredehoeft  
**Reader** ..... Charlotte Zeller  
**Children's Sermon** ..... Jennifer Rehmer  
**Acolytes** ..... Tristan Fox & Ben Goosen  
**Flowers** ..... Joyce Wineinger