

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 9, 2020

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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GATHERING

*As we gather together, let us now refrain from conversation, quiet ourselves,
and welcome the Lord Jesus Christ into our midst.*

PRELUDE

“Prelude in C Major”

J. Krebs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us gather in the name of Father, the † Son, and Holy Spirit,
One in Three, and Three in One, ever glorious and blessed Trinity.
Amen.

Recognizing our failures and faults, let us confess our sins to God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Almighty God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

**We have sinned against you and against our neighbors
by what we have done and by what we have failed to do.**

**In your mercy, cleanse us, heal us, and renew us,
that the Light of Christ might shine in us—and through us.**

Hear the voice of Jesus who says,

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.”

Know that you are forgiven of your sins,
and that you are freed to love God and serve your neighbor.

May the Light of Christ guide you now and forever. **Amen.**

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



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your spirit show us the things we ought to do and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

A Reading from Isaiah

¹Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

³“Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel, and to fight,
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."
[^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry,
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness,
and your gloom be like the noonday.
¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.]

[Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1-9 [10] (Responsively)

¹Praise the LORD!

Happy are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

⁴**They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

⁵It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

**⁶For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.**

⁷They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

**⁸Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

⁹They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honor.

**¹⁰The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

Here ends the reading.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians

[Paul writes:] ¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [¹³And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.]

[1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Matthew 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³ 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (In Unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you desire an intimate relationship with all people. Lead your children into deeper relationship with you. Help us to extend your righteousness to everyone that we meet. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of creation, you bring rain to dry places, bringing water that gives life. Meet the needs of all living things, that they might be a witness to your grace and shout your praise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of glory, you were crucified by worldly rulers who did not understand you. Grant our leaders wisdom and discernment, that they might see your face in the lives of all the people they serve. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of justice, you free us from the sin that binds us and show us how to joyful serve one another. Liberate us from fear, bigotry, and greed, and set our hearts and minds on love, equality, and justice. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Well of life, you daily reveal your love for us through the power of your Spirit. Restore health, increase strength, and give new and abundant life to all who suffer in any way (*especially...*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Eternal Father, we give you thanks for the lives of the saints who have pointed us towards faithfulness in you. Help us to grow in faith and trust in your endless mercy and grace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Confident that you will do more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERING

For 10:30 service ushers: Take the offering plates from the table in the back of the church. Receive the collection along the center aisle, from front to back, then walk behind the last pews and up the side aisles to receive the collection on the outside aisles, again from front to back. Return to the back and wait for the Communion Assistant to come forward with the alms basin.

Offertory (8:00)

“Festal Song”

P. Harris

Anthem (10:30)

*“Eye Hath Not Seen”

D. Nolan

Chancel Choir and Sue Reier, flute

OFFERTORY HYMN



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of wonder, you give us the gift of life and daily bring forth abundance from your creation. Upon this table, we place bread and wine, and offer all we are, and all we have. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. **Amen.**

MEAL



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

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.

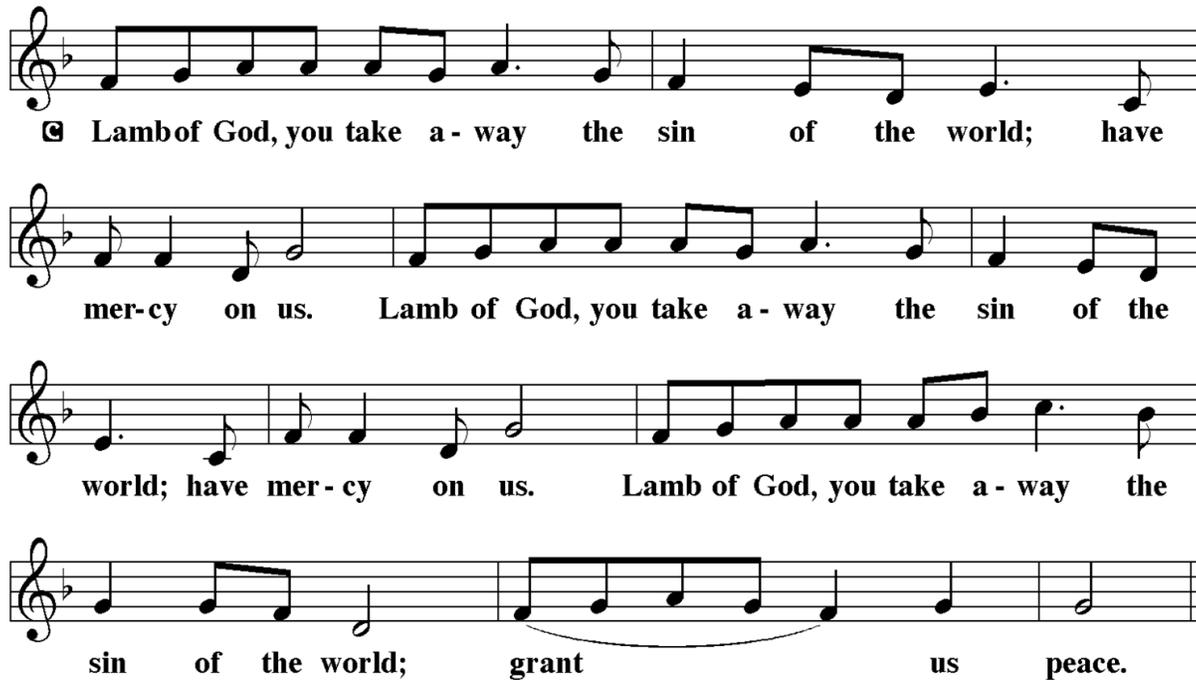
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table of mercy and joy.

DISTRIBUTION

The Sacrament will be distributed by Intinction, pulpit side first. Please move into the center aisle, proceed to the Pastor, and receive the bread in your open hand. Then turn to the assistant, where you may dip the host into the wine and partake, returning to your seat by the side aisle. The lectern side will follow, then the choir. Those unable to come forward may receive the Sacrament in their pews. Those who do not desire to receive the Sacrament may come forward to receive a blessing.

AGNUS DEI



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Lord of Light”

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TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his
grace. Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May God the Father, who called us from darkness into light, make us true bearers of God’s light.

May God the Son, who redeemed us by his precious blood, empower us to follow his example in serving others.

May God the Holy Spirit, who is the giver of life, strengthen us to endure the shipwrecks of life and guide us to reach the shores of salvation.

And may Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” #712

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let the Light of Christ shine in all that you say and do.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “The Call to Serve” T. Kendall

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*Today’s anthem is presented in loving memory of Gary. W. Dierwechter by his wife, Gloria. (2017)

Altar Flowers are presented in honor of Lisa and Walter Picard by their family.

Chancel Flowers are presented in honor of Kurt Schenck’s birthday today by his mother, Sue, and sister, Juli.

Bulletins are presented in memory of Dave Sterner on his birthday by Barb Sterner.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Our Ash Wednesday service is set for Wednesday, February 26th, at 7: 00 PM. The imposition of ashes and the distribution of Holy Communion will be available to all who attend. Please plan to take part in this special worship service.

SERVING TODAY (2/9/20)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Becky Herb; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Kay Weidensaul

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Jessica Swick; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Jim Spotts

USHERS: Kathy Couch and Connie Teter; **GREETER:** Chris Long

COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Marlene Eidam, and Diane Brobst

ALTAR GUILD: Tina Butler and Chris Long

SERVING NEXT WEEK (2/16/20)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Ruth Ann Withers; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Ruth Ann Withers

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Steve Couch; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Tina Butler

USHERS: Wendy Schuld and Carl Heintzelman; **GREETER:** Doug Travor;

COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter, and Dana Jenkins;

ALTAR GUILD: Tina Butler and Chris Long

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, February 9	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM	Worship Adult Forum Property Worship Annual Congregational Meeting
Monday, February 10	5:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Mutual Ministry STIC Council
Wednesday, February 12	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Bell Choir Chancel Choir
Thursday, February 13	6:30 PM	Financial Peace
Friday, February 14	5:30 PM	Food Pantry
Saturday, February 15	8:45 AM 5:30 PM	Food Pantry Worship
Sunday, February 16	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM	Worship Adult Forum Worship

Office hours for the week of 2/10 – 2/14

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 11 AM - 2 PM; Thursday and Friday, 10 AM - 1 PM

Thank you for your understanding during my Williamsport Symphony

February Concert Week. Juli

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WELCOME TO ALL!

Members are encouraged to fill out a Friendship Pad located in every pew. Visitors are encouraged to sign our Welcome Book in the narthex. If you have a special need or concern, please share it with the Greeter at the door -- or with the Pastor.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The Evangelism Committee has set the date of Saturday, February 22nd, for a Progressive Dinner beginning at 6 PM. Look for the sign-up sheet at the Gathering Place. If you attend Saturday night worship, you can still join us because we will not be rushing to the second host home. We'd love to have you.

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Paul's has been asked to serve those in need at the Orwigsburg Food Pantry this month. Six or more volunteers are needed to pack boxes on the basement of St. John U.C.C. beginning at 5:30 PM on Friday evening, February 14th. This work will take about 1 1/2 hours and is a good service activity for our youth. The same number of volunteers will be needed from 8:45–11:00 AM on Saturday morning, February 15th. These helpers must be over 18 years old and able to help carry heavy boxes to the clients' cars. If you can help, please contact Kay Weidensaul (at 570-573-0007), so we know how many volunteers to expect.