

THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL

TODAY (Jan 12) **WORSHIP (HC) & Sunday School**8:00 am
TODAY (Jan 12) Teen & 20 Something Bible Class7:00 pm
MON (Jan 13) Choir & Confirmation Class6:00 pm
TUES (Jan 14) Pastor Circuit Meeting-Weyauwega 10:30 am
TUES (Jan 14) Bible Class6:30 pm
WED (Jan 15) Joint Council Meeting at St. Peter's6:30 pm
NEXT SUN (Jan 19) **WORSHIP & Sunday School**8:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: *If you happen to see the following members this week, wish them a "Happy Birthday"* **Jan 12**– Virginia Gordee, Madyson Brandt **Jan 14** - Dorothy Luedtke **Jan 18** - Brooklyn Gordee, Denise Wichman



We pray for Dennis Laabs who suffered a heart complication on Dec 31 and is now recuperating at home.

VOTER'S MEETING – is scheduled for Sunday, January 26 following the service.

THANK YOU – We thank James Tank, organist and the Medema family for beautifying our service this morning with their music. They are:

Cindy Saunders flute
Marcus Medema violin
Micah Medema violin
Gabrielle Medema vocal
Karen Medema piano

COUNCIL NOTES – Items have been pulled from storage that may have historical interest and value as a story of our Christian life of our church. Council is considering displaying these items in a display case and would like someone to act as a historian. If you are interested in being the historian please speak to pastor or President, Chris Mihna. Also, please convey your thoughts if you would like these items displayed somewhere in church in a display case. They are in the fellowship hall.

Offerings for 12-31 & 1-5 were \$2165.00



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BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 12, 2020

TODAY'S WORSHIP - The baptism of Christ is the formal beginning of his public ministry. Although the baptism of John had a different purpose and effect than that established by Jesus, it does remind us of our own baptisms. Through baptism we are connected to Jesus and his saving work. Jesus work was done on behalf of all people and has the full approval and delight of the Father

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS—

We're glad you joined us today! If you have any needs or questions during your visit with us this morning, let us try to help. Just ask an usher or the person next to you.

We use the red hymnals entitled, ***Christian Worship***. In the front portion of our hymnals you will find outlines for different services. Today, we will use **The Common Service** on **page 15**. When you see the word "Hymn" turn to the back portion of the hymnal where you will find songs of praise which are marked with their titles and a large number instead of page numbers. Today's hymns: **16, 89, 311, 332**. The Psalms we use are found in the front of the hymnal just past the orders of service. Today we will sing **Psalms 45** in unison. It is found on **page 83**.

The restrooms are located downstairs, just past the fellowship hall. There is also television & viewing area in the foyer near there with seating if your little one needs a break or you need to be close to the restrooms. Before you leave today, please take a moment to sign our guest registry in the entryway & visit again soon!

BELLS AND WELCOME

ORDER OF WORSHIP: *The Common Service with Holy Communion, page 15 in the front of the red hymnals.*

On this happy day when we celebrate our own membership in God's family through Holy Baptism, welcome new members to our church family, and also welcome the Medema Family who will accompany the music of our service today, all to the glory of our gracious God.

Pre-service music –

Our Father, by Whose Name
The Only Son From Heaven
Herr Christ, der einig The Only Son from Heaven
O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Today's hymns: **16, 89, 311, and 332.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Spoken by Pastor*)



Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him as your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling and your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



+ GOD'S WORD +

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-7

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,

CHILDREN'S DEVOTION

HYMN OF THE DAY: #89 *“To Jordan's River Came Our Lord”*

THE MESSAGE TODAY: *Based on Acts 10:34-38*

“ACCEPTANCE AND BELONGING”

1. ONE FAITH
2. ONE LORD

After the Sermon sing “Create in Me” printed on page 20 in the front of the hymnal.

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY: Christmas Angels (Cindy Saunders and Marcus Medema)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT, page 21

DIST. HYMN: #311 *“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”*

Solo selection:

Baptized in Water (Gabrielle Medema vocal)

Dear Guests, in keeping with the Lord's own instructions in his Word, this congregation practices “Close Communion.”. We ask our guests today, who are not members of this congregation or another WELS or ELS church, that you please speak with our pastor before communing.

THE SONG OF SIMEON, p.24

PRAYER AND BLESSING, p.24-25

CLOSING HYMN: #332 *“Go My Children, with My Blessing”*

POSTLUDE:

Beethoven selection (Micah Medema)

and he will bring justice to the nations.

² He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.

³ A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.

In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.

In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

⁵ This is what God the LORD says—

the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,
who gives breath to its people,
and life to those who walk on it:

⁶ “I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand.

I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people
and a light for the Gentiles,

⁷ to open eyes that are blind,
to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 45, page 83 (*Sing in Unison*)

SECOND LESSON: Acts 10:34-38 (sermon text)

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the

province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power under the power of the devil, because God was, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were with him.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.
Alleluia. (Mark 1:11b)



GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 3:13-17

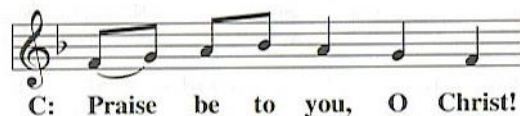


The Baptism of Jesus

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

¹⁵ Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”



NICENE CREED, PAGE 18

God's Word for This Week

“Why did Jesus need to be baptized? I thought baptism was for sinners?” That’s a common question among Christians. It doesn’t make sense that our Savior, who was perfectly sinless, would need to be baptized, and yet he was. Why? Because Jesus had come to be our perfect substitute, and he is revealed as such in his baptism. God laid on him the sin of the world (Jn 1:29). Even from birth, he endured the effects of our sin. Jesus wasn’t a sinner himself, but he was carrying our sin, pain, and sorrow (Is 53:4). He needed the assurance of God’s love and forgiveness, just as if he were a sinner himself. Jesus received those promises in baptism, just like we do.

First Lesson – Isaiah 42:1-7

Who is the “servant of the Lord” being spoken about in these verses?

Jesus.

What kind of person would he be?

Through the prophet we hear that this servant would be quiet (verse 2), gentle (verse 3), faithful, and just (verses 3,4).

What job would the Lord give to him?

Isaiah says that Jesus would be a “light for the Gentiles” (verse 6) in words that are similar to Simeon’s (Luke 2:29-32).

Second Lesson – Acts 10:34-38

What realization did Peter finally have about God?

Peter now realized that God didn’t show favoritism toward his Old Testament people, the Jews. Jesus was the Savior of all people. God wants that truth shared with all nations.

What did Jesus receive in his baptism? (See 10:38)

Peter says that he received a special measure of the Holy Spirit and power. In Jesus’ baptism, God the Father was preparing his Son for the tough road ahead. He assured him of his faithful love and guidance.

Gospel – Matthew 3:13-17

How did John react when Jesus came to be baptized?

He refused because he knew that Jesus was not a sinner himself.

What answer did Jesus give?

He insisted that John baptize him “to fulfill all righteousness” (v 15). Jesus is pointing out to John that, while he didn’t have any personal sin, he was carrying the sins of the world. He had come to be our perfect substitute. He needed the promises of God that baptism gives us.

What three persons were present at Jesus’ baptism?

The three persons of the Holy Trinity (God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit) were present at Jesus’ baptism. In the same way, the Holy Trinity was present at our baptisms, as we are baptized “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19).