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CLOSING HYMN: #79 "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star"



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

TODAY (Jan 13) Sunday School.....	8:00 am
WORSHIP (HC) Adult Bible class follows.....	9:00 am
MON (Jan 14) Choir.....	6:00 pm
TUES (Jan 15) Pastor teaches at Bethlehem.....	8:15 pm
WED (Jan 16) Gr.7-8 Catechism.....	6:30 pm
THURS (Jan 17) Pastor teaches at Bethlehem.....	8:15 am
Teen & 20-something Bible study	7:00 pm
SUNDAY (Jan 20 - FOOD PANTRY) Sunday School..	8:00 am
WORSHIP Adult Bible class follows.....	9:00 am

A MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Jan 6 Plate Offerings: \$1775.00

Electronic Offerings: \$100.00

Total Offerings last week: \$1875.00

WEEKLY BUDGETARY NEEDS: \$2273.00

OFFERINGS RECEIVED YTD (1 wk) \$1,875.00

YTD NEEDED: \$2,273.00; YTD SHORTFALL: \$398.00

(Visit stpauldale.com to give electronically or scan Q-R code)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS: Wish the following members a "Happy Birthday" today—
Jan 14th—Dorothy Leudtke; **Jan. 18th**—Denise Wichman, Brooklyn Gordee.

VIETNAM MISSION EMPHASIS: On Sun, Feb.10 we'll focus on the amazing new WELS mission opportunity in Vietnam. You will see and hear about this mission and have an opportunity to pray for it and support it with a special offering using the envelopes provided in the church entryway.

QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING: Our next voter's meeting is set for Tues, Jan 29th at 6:30 pm (*Annual Reports due previous Sunday*).

MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE: The 2019 "Men of His Word" Conference registration is open. Cost: \$25.00 Youth/\$50.00 Adult (Increases to \$30.00 / \$60.00 after Jan.27). **Online Registration at menofhisword.org.**



Complete info on counter and poster in entryway at church.



The Baptism of Our Lord

The First Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday, January 13, 2019

St. Paul Lutheran Church

N926 Dale Avenue † Dale, Wisconsin

Pastor William A. Finn





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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD January 13, 2019

AS WE GATHER

The white paraments in Church call to mind the purity of Christ whose Baptism we remember today. The rest of the Sundays in Epiphany the color will be green, focusing on the growth and new life we have through Christ. The readings in the Epiphany season will take us along as Jesus begins his earthly ministry and eventually to Calvary. The next season in the church is Lent (*Ash Wednesday falls on March 6, 2019*).

Dear Guests,

If you have any needs or questions during your visit with us this morning, let us try to help. Ask an usher or the person next to you. If the Lord has given you children to raise for Him, we're glad you brought them to His house today! If at any point your little one gets overly restless and you need a moment or two alone with them, there is a quiet area and restrooms downstairs just past the fellowship hall.



Did you know? If you do need to step out for any reason during worship, the entire service can be heard and seen on two television monitors--one in the entryway & another downstairs in the foyer between the fellowship hall and the restrooms.

VIETNAM MISSION EMPHASIS--SUN, FEB 10 9 AM



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sometimes God opens doors to mission opportunities that we may not have imagined possible.

One of those doors has been opened to our synod. We have been given the opportunity to take the gospel to the Hmong people living in the country of Vietnam. We've not only been asked by a large Christian group in that country to teach and train their pastors in Lutheran doctrine and practice, but we have also been permitted, and even invited, by the government of Vietnam to establish a theological training facility in Hanoi.

Learn more by watching the December 2018 WELS Connection in your congregation or online. Read about this unprecedented opportunity through a special brochure that was mailed to your congregation. For even more details on how God has opened this door to mission work, visit wels.net/vietnamhmongoutreach.

Join me in the prayer that God will not only enable us to see this opportunity, but to seize it with joy and commitment and to support this effort with our prayers and offerings.

Mark Schroeder

President Mark Schroeder

Offerings to "Grace—Hmong outreach in Vietnam" can be made during worship (checks to the congregation) or online at wels.net/vietnamhmongoutreach.

NEW IN THE SUNDAY AM BIBLE STUDY



"GOD: THE SERIES"

- Less 1 - God: My 1 Desire**
- Less 2 - Creation Glorifies The Creator**
- Less 3- God's Holy Name Is All Hearts Need**
- Less 4 - 31,173 Verses, 1 Big Idea**
- Less 5 - God Makes Eternity Exciting**
- Less 6 - Jesus Gets Us To God**
- Less 7 - Christians Are Called To Declare
The Glory Of God!**

**DOWNSTAIRS AFTER WORSHIP
IN THE EDUCATION WING**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Following the opening hymn we will follow "The Common Service" as you find it on page 15 in the front of the red hymnals.

WELCOME BY PASTOR

OPENING HYMN: #86 *"The Only Son From Heaven"*

PRAYER OF THE DAY, Spoken by Pastor

"Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as 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.



FIRST LESSON: 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13 *(Sermon Text)*

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king." ² But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate." ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?" ⁵ Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD." ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called

Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.”⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.”¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.”¹¹ So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 2, page 65 (Sing in Unison)

THE SECOND LESSON: Titus 3:4-7

"But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life."

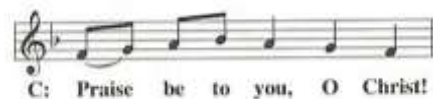
VERSE OF THE DAY - Alleluia. "You are my Son, whom I love; with You I am well pleased." Alleluia. (Mark 1:11)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 3:15-17, 21,22



“Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented. 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 lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This

is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”



THE NICENE CREED, Hymnal page 18

HYMN OF THE DAY: #89 "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

THE MESSAGE TODAY: Based on the Gospel Lesson

"God Knows Hearts"

After the sermon please rise to sing "Create in Me," found on page 20 in the hymnal.

THE OFFERING AND PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER, Hymnal page 20 (traditional version)

THE SACRAMENT, P.21

STATEMENT ON "CLOSE" COMMUNION...

"Close-Communion" refers to the Scriptural practice of partaking in the sacrament as members of a church united by a common confession of faith. In keeping with the Lord's own instructions in his Word, we ask that our guests today, who are not members of this congregation or another WELS or ELS church to please wait before communing with us until we have had an opportunity to establish our oneness of faith in Jesus Christ and his teachings through time together in Bible study. Please continue to pray with us, that, one day Jesus will restore unity to his Church on earth so that we can express it in this Sacrament.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: #390 "Salvation Unto Us Has Come"