

## THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL & ST PETER'S

### **TODAY** (Jan 14) **WORSHIP (HC)**

Dale (Sunday School).....8:30 am

Larsen (Sunday School) (Bible class follows)..... 10:00 am

**MON** (Jan 15) St Paul Choir .....6:00 pm

Sixth Grade Bible History Class via Zoom .....6:00 pm

**TUES** (Jan 16) St Paul take down Christmas decorations.....9:00 am

St Paul Council (rescheduled from 1-9) .....6:30 pm

**WED** (Jan 17) St. Peter's Council-following joint meeting

St. Paul/St. Peter's Joint Council Meeting at Larsen.....6:30 pm

**THUR** (Jan 18)

Care Partners-Hortonville service.....1:30 pm

Bible Information Class.....3:30 pm

**NEXT SUN** (Jan 21) **WORSHIP**

Dale (Sunday School) Voters Meeting following service .....8:30 am

Larsen-(Sunday School) (Bible class follows) ..... 10:00 am

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** If you happen to see the following member(s) this week, wish them a "Happy Birthday" **Jan 14** – Dorothy Luedtke  
**Jan 18** – Brooklyn Gordee, Denise Wichman

**ST PAUL CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS-** will be taken down on Tuesday January 16 at 9 am. Please help if you are available. This does NOT include the large tree.

**ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING** – (St. Paul) will be on Sunday Jan 21, 2024 following the service.

**ANNUAL REPORT** – (St. Paul) It's that time of the year again when we will be publishing an annual report of the congregation for 2023. We will need activity reports for 2023 from Choir, Women's Fellowship, LWMS, Treasurer, Finance Committee, Evangelism, Education, Trustees, similar to year's past reports. Please submit your reports to the church secretary by Tuesday January 16, 2023. Handwritten or electronic copy (preferred). If handwritten, please leave on the office desk. Email is [St.paullutherandale@gmail.com](mailto:St.paullutherandale@gmail.com).

**COMING EVENTS** – Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Women's Fellowship is planning a casserole/salad/dessert meal for the meal preceding the service starting at 5:00. They would like to have the congregation provide the food for this meal. There is a sign up sheet available if you would like to provide a casserole, salad or dessert for the meal.

Women's Fellowship is also planning a game day for Sunday, February 18, 1:00 - 4:30 - Bring your favorite board game, card game, etc.

Invite your family and friends. Sandwich supper will be provided.

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## **1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

January 14, 2024

### **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.

St Paul 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. St. Peter's unisex restrooms are located at the front of the sanctuary to the left of the altar area (with changing table) and another can be accessed by going through the basement and up the stairs on the left side.

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 Service Setting One** pages 154-170 (**blue** hymnal) with Holy Communion with liturgy changes as noted.

**LITURGY CHANGES:** Start page 154 skipping pages 156-159, continue with page 160.

**TODAY'S HYMNS:** **blue** hymnal /on screen

#689 Renew Me, O Eternal Light

#680 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

#692 All Who Believe and Are Baptized

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 2a



### PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Spoken by Pastor)*

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## + GOD'S WORD +

### First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-7

- <sup>1</sup>“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom I delight;  
I will put my Spirit on him,  
and he will bring justice to the nations.  
<sup>2</sup>He will not shout or cry out,  
or raise his voice in the streets.  
<sup>3</sup>A bruised reed he will not break,  
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.

**THE MESSAGE TODAY:** *Based on: Romans 6:1-11*

### “Our Baptism”

1. Not a license to sin
2. United in Jesus
3. Death and life

## NICENE CREED

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**THE SACRAMENT- ON SCREEN/PG. 165-170, SKIP PG 168**

There will be no distribution hymn, music only by the organist.

*Dear Guests, in keeping with the Lord's own instructions in his Word, this congregation practices “Close Communion.” The Lord teaches us that partaking in the sacrament is, among other things, an outward way of expressing our unity in a common confession of faith. 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. Christ calls on us to first establish our oneness in faith through time in His Word together so that we can openly and honestly express it in the sacrament.*

**THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING,** *on screen/pg 170*

**CLOSING HYMN: #692** *“All Who Believe and Are Baptized”*

*NOTE: (St. Paul) THE FIRST TABLE FOR COMMUNION WILL LINE UP AT THE ALTAR DURING THE SINGING OF “O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD” on pg 169.*

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In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

<sup>4</sup>he will not falter or be discouraged  
till he establishes justice on earth.

In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

<sup>5</sup>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:

<sup>6</sup>“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,

<sup>7</sup>to open eyes that are blind,

to free captives from prison

and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 2a

### Second Reading

*Romans 6:1–11 (sermon text)*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup>By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup>Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— <sup>7</sup>because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

<sup>8</sup>Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die

again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

<sup>11</sup>In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*John 1:29*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel

*Mark 1:4–11*

<sup>4</sup>And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. <sup>6</sup>John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## CHILDRENS DEVOTION

**HYMN OF THE DAY #680** *“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”*