

## THE GUIDE +++

**January 10, 2021**

**The Baptism of Our Lord**

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### THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus  
10:15 AM Communion Service

TUE. 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study

WED. 8:20 AM Chapel  
8:30 AM **Guide/Bulletin** deadline  
2-4 PM Social Hall Communion  
6:30 PM WDS

THU. 8:30 AM Blanket Making

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus  
10:15 AM Worship Service

**January 3 8:30: 66 10:15: 49 Total 115 - Year Ago: 125 Sunday School:34  
New Year's Day: 16**

**Welcome** "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1): sky, waters, ground; sun, moon, stars; plants, animals, people. Then God rested. So, welcome to this time for rest and worship.

*If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

**Card Shower** Brett Kull received almost 100 cards for his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Brett, Gloria, and Dee Dee want to thank everyone who sent him cards and all who are remembering him in prayers. He is suffering from problems with his heart and cancer and is taking medication to help manage the pain.

**Rev. Gordon Alex** Dear members of St. Paul's, the year 2020 has been one with many challenges in our lives. We thank God for carrying us through with the blessings witnessed. As we welcome 2021, my humble prayer is that your families may find favor in the eyes of the Lord to walk steadily to 2021 full of love and abundant Grace. May the members of St. Paul's congregation enjoy communing with the Lord as they keep the Gospel Fire ever burning to the ends of the world. Blessings, Rev. Gordon Alex, Admin. Sec. Office of the Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya

**FOR THE LORD'S WORK**

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
January 3	\$ 3,436.00	\$2,541.00	\$ -895.00
year-to-date	\$ 3,436.00	\$ 2,541.00	\$ -895.00
<u>SYNOD OFFERINGS</u>			
January 3	\$ 423.00	\$ 190.00	\$ -233.00
year-to-date	\$ 423.00	\$ 190.00	\$ -233.00
<b>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</b>		Total to Date	\$50.00
Building \$130 Trinity \$50 Sem Students \$70 Cemetery \$20			
Rev. Gordan Alex \$750		<b>January 03</b>	<b>\$3,751.00</b>

- 1/19 9:30 AM Morning Bible Study
- 1/20 8:20 AM Chapel
- 6:30 PM WDS
- 1/21 1:30 PM Annual St. Paul's Cemetery Association meeting

**Seminary Student News** A letter with seminary news and thanks has been received from Mason Vieth, 4<sup>th</sup> year seminarian at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. A copy has been posted on the bulletin board in the social hall and the Narthex which you can read now, and the letter will also be published in the next newsletter. Thank You, Karen Kull

**Mason Vieth** Happy Christmas! I pray you had a safe and joy-filled celebration of our Lord's birth! I would be grateful if you could share the attached letter with St. Paul's. I hope I get the opportunity to join you all for worship and bible study before the Lord begins the next chapter of my life. I'll keep in touch with all updates in my life this next semester. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you and St. Paul's. Thanks! Mason Vieth

**St. Paul's Shirts** Some of you may have noticed many of our children in the Christmas Eve Program wearing black and grey tie-dye shirts. On the left upper corner is a silver cross and in blue are the words St. Paul's Lutheran. Although our Sunday School Fund paid for the shirts, Mariah Tabbert ordered them and did the printing herself. If anyone in the congregation would like to order on to these shirts, get in touch with Mariah (217-821-0492) or Dee Dee (217-821-4929). The cost is about \$10.00 per shirt and sizes range from child XS to Adult XL.

**Thank You** Pastor Joel and Karen Cluver wish to thank all the members of St. Paul's for all their kind acts and expression of love at Christmas time. Thank you for your prayers, cards, and gifts. It is greatly appreciated. God bless you all, thank you again.



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

- 10- George\* & Debra Glasscock;  
Theron \* & Linda Newell  
12- Mac & Lois Ogle  
13- Matthew\* & Ellen McCoy  
15- Gerald\* & Susan Hanfland

### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 10- Rosemary Schelchte; Ryan Sporleder;  
Lucas Daniels  
11- Chris Ashmore  
14- Michael Orr; Shelby Beltz  
15- Derryl Pikesh; Gary Schultz;  
Tyler\* Vonderheide; Dusty Rincker  
16- Debra Glasscock; Ken Hagan;  
Colby McCormick

### **HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Troy & Carol Salazar, Bob & Ronda Schlechte,  
Rosemary Schlechte, Gerry & Dawn Schlechte,  
Whitney Schlechte, Cassie Schultheis, Dean  
Schultz, Gary & Johnna Schultz, Alex Shadwell,  
Brian & Lisa Shelton, Ashley Sherrill,

### **ADOPTED SEMINARY STUDENTS 2020-2021**

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### **HEALING**

Brett Kull	Jackie Stodden
Diane Paraiso	Melba Storm
Anna Schlechte	Ken Hagan
Mary Rincker	Carolyn Stremming
Merle Ragan	Shirley Stremming
Sue Bowers	Rosemary Sporleder

### **LIMITED MOBILITY**

Noma Rose Huddleston - Lakeland NH  
Imogene Lading - Villas of Holly Brook  
Bill Orr  
Ken Hagan - Lakeland Effingham  
Mildred Rincker - Brookstone Suites  
Larry Storm - Heartland, Neoga  
Doris Stremming - Brookstone Suites  
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone  
Mattoon  
Brett Kull- Shelbyville

### **FRIENDS & FAMILY (non-members)**

Jean Lowe (Hip Replacement-Susan  
Hanfland Friend)  
Erica Stollard (cancer)  
Matt Durbin  
Melissa Wirth  
Family of Crewe Jones  
Rhiannon (Wallace) Klier (surgery)  
Colin Kinkelaar (car accident)  
Dennis Ogle (cancer, Mac & Lois  
Ogle's son)  
Diana Vonderheide (Joe & Linda  
Oakley' daughter)  
Madonna Nichols (liver cancer)  
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's  
uncle)  
Karl Zalman (cancer)  
Bryan Mowry (Laurie Wirth's brother,  
health)  
Caralea (Moffett) Smith (cancer,  
undergoing treatments)  
Dave Polk (cancer, Virginia Vogel)  
Dennis Noffke (Stage IV bone cancer)  
Austin Miller, (leukemia, Dennis &  
Nitelle Lading's gson.)

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**PRESERVICE MUSIC – RINGING OF THE BELLS – WELCOME**

**COMMUNION** We practice close communion. We welcome communicant members of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to the Lord's Table. If you are not a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder before attending the sacrament.

**Opening Hymn      Safely Through Another Week**

*TLH 11*

- 1    Safely through another week, God has brought us on our way;  
Let us now a blessing seek, Waiting in His courts today:  
Day of all the week the best, Emblem of eternal rest!
- 3    While we pray for pard'ning grace, Thro' the dear Redeemer's Name,  
Show Thy reconciled face, Look not on our sin and shame.  
From our worldly cares set free, May we rest this day with Thee.
- 5    As we come Thy name to praise, May we feel Thy presence near;  
May Thy glory meet our eyes, While we in Thy house appear!  
Here afford us, Lord, a taste, Of our everlasting feast.

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*Please Stand*

P    In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C    **Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution.**

P    O almighty God, merciful Father,

C    **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P    Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C    **Amen.**

C    **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Please be Seated*

## Epistle

Romans 6:1–11

The Epistle is read

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

## Holy Gospel

Mark 1:4–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.**

*Please be Seated*

## Sermon Hymn      Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB 394

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star, To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem, In Thy birth at Bethlehem:  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding guest, In Thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word—  
Grace to imitate Thee now, And be pure, as pure art Thou;  
That we might become like Thee, At Thy great epiphany  
And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

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**Sermon** "Jesus the Christ" Mark 1:9-11

**Prayer of the Church**

**Service of the Sacrament**

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 196*

**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.**

**The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 197*

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

*Please be Seated*

**Distribution**

**Prayer**

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction**

*LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

**Closing Hymn Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

*LSB 805*

D 1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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