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**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS**

**January 28, 2024**

**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

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**THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD**

SUN.            8:30 AM Communion Service  
                   9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College  
                   9:30 AM Voter's meeting  
                   5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace

TUE.            9:00 AM Bible Study

WED.            8:00 AM **Guide/Bulletin**  
                   8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
                   6:30-7:30PM WDS

THURS.        1:30 PM Ladies Aid

SUN.            8:30 AM Worship Service  
                   9:30 AM SS, Alph, W.L.S., H.S., College+  
                   12:30 PM LYF-Ice Skating  
                   5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace  
                   6:00 PM Bible Trivia

**Jan 21 8:30: 135 Year Ago: 136 Sunday School: 36**

**Welcome** Welcome to worship. "Praise the Lord! ... He sent redemption to his people. ... Holy and awesome is his name" (Psalm 111:1, 9, NRSV). *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

**Thank You** All of the Sunday School Teachers and Weekday Teachers want to thank the St. Paul's Education Team for their generous Christmas gifts.

**Weekday School Picture Jan. 31** We would like to take a picture of all the Weekday School/Confirmation children and teachers this week on Wed., Jan. 31, in the social hall, at 6:30 p.m. Please wear the FAITH t-shirts you received at Christmas for the picture, if possible. Thank you!

**Thank You** Thank you to everyone who helped with Dwane Hartman and Melvina Lading funerals at St. Paul's. Your continued support, food, donations, and help were greatly appreciated. Lutheran Ladies Aid of Strasburg

**Basket Binga** The Stew-Stras Post Prom committee will be hosting a Basket Binga at St. Paul's on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase.

## FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
Jan 21	\$ 3,750.00	\$4,750.00	\$ 1,000.00
year-to-date	\$ 11,250.00	\$8,910.00	\$-2,340.00
<b><u>Synod-Offerings</u></b>			
Jan 21	\$ 481.00	\$ 555.00	\$ 74.00
year-to-date	\$ 1,443.00	\$1,005.00	\$ -438.00
<b>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</b>		Total to Date	\$325.00
Building \$450 Sem Student \$175 Trinity \$200 Cemetery \$10 LYF \$25			
Ladies Aid \$10 Rev. Alex Gordon \$100 Altamont Care Center \$100			

**Jan 20 \$3,760.00 (ACH)**  
**Jan 21 \$2,615.00**

02/06 9:00 AM Bible Study  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal  
02/07 8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
6:30-7:30 WDS  
7:30 PM LYF @ Trinity  
02/08 8:30 AM Blanket making

**SHOE BOXES** We are starting out the new year preparing for our shipment of shoe boxes later in the year by collecting soap and wash cloths for the month of January and February. Ivory soap is a good brand to donate because it floats in the streams and rivers where some people have to do their laundry. Just put donations in the box in the narthex. Thank you for your support.

**It's a Most Wonderful Time of the Year** to join our adult choir! New choir members are welcome at any time, but now is a great time to jump in! The choir schedule is a little lighter so there is more time at rehearsals to go over individual parts. Come join us as we sing God's Praises!

**Bible Trivia** We are looking for more people to play Bible Trivia on the first Sunday evening of each month. It doesn't matter how much you know or don't know, how much you've forgotten or what team wins, we just enjoy the fun and fellowship. And we are all learning and relearning a lot!

**Christmas Party** The Weekday students and teachers enjoyed an "After Christmas" party on their first evening back, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Board of Education provided cookies, popcorn, and drinks after class and presented everyone with black T-shirts that say FAITH. The children and adults want to thank the Board for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

**LYF** LYF members will be going Ice Skating at the U of I Ice Arena on Sunday, February 4. We will leave from St. Paul's church at 12:30pm. Youth may invite a friend to attend.

**Thank You** We would like to thank our St. Paul's church family for the support given to us as we mourned the loss of our wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Melvina Lading. Your love, sympathy, acts of kindness, and prayers were truly a blessing to us.  
The family of Dwight Lading



**ANNIVERSARIES**

28-Jim & Phyllis Weiss  
29-Jim & Sharon Rincker  
1-Jacob & Brittney Gilbert

**BIRTHDAYS**

28-Roger Kessler; Katie Harley  
30-Jeremy Pieper; Maurina Batson  
1-Clay Tabbert  
2-Millie Wirth  
3-Zachary Moomaw

**HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Jim & Phyllis Weiss, Lauren & Luke  
Wetherell, Lynn & Denise (Aaron) White,  
Jeanne Wildman, Brad & Brea Wirth,

**Recorded Services**

**Website:** [stpaul-strasburg.com](http://stpaul-strasburg.com)  
**YouTube:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Strasburg Illinois  
**Facebook:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**PRAYER**

Dianna Gibson	Melba Storm
Anna Schlechte	Nick Hanfland
Frances York	Kendall Fulk
Mary Rincker	Robert Pfeiffer
Wayne Wirth	Margaret Swank

**LIMITED MOBILITY**

Rose Schlechte- StoneBridge  
Robert Stremming  
Noma Huddleston - Lakeland  
Healthcare Center  
Imogene Lading - Villas of Holly  
Brook  
Bill Orr  
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone  
Mattoon  
Mildred Rincker - Heartland, Neoga  
Doris Stremming - Lutheran Care  
Center  
Melba Storm- Heartland Senior  
Living  
Margaret Swank - Willowbrook  
Effingham

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

Walker Warden (cancer)  
Christie Dust ( Howard & Kay's  
daughter) (Primary Progressive  
Multiple Sclerosis)  
Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)  
Matt Durbin  
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen  
Rentfro's uncle)

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## Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany – Setting Four

### Hymn of Invocation

Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

LSB 533

- 1 Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal,  
Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End;  
Godhead, humanity, union supernal,  
O great Redeemer, You come as our friend!  
Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder:  
Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!
- 2 Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder!  
Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear.  
See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder!  
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,  
Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor.  
Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God's thunder!
- 3 Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer.  
See now the threatening strong one disarmed!  
Jesus breaks down all the walls of death's fortress,  
Brings forth the pris'ners triumphant, unharmed.  
Satan, you wicked one, own now your master!  
Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!
- 4 Jesus has come as the King of all glory!  
Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow'r,  
Capturing hearts with the heavenly story;  
Welcome Him now in this fast-fleeting hour!  
Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you!  
Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**Introit**

Psalm 32:1–2, 5–7; antiphon: v. 10

**Kyrie**

LSB 204

C **Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

LSB 204

C **1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading**

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle**

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Alleluia and Verse**

C ***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

## Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21–28

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## The Gospel is Read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

C **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. Amen.**

## Hymn of the Day

Son of God, Eternal Savior

LSB 842

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.  
 Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.  
 Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
 We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;  
 Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.  
 By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,  
 Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
 Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race:  
 By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one,  
 Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.

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**Sermon** Deuteronomy 18:15-20 "Presume at Your Own Risk"

## Prayer of the Church

### Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



## Sanctus

LSB 208

- C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:**

## Lord's Prayer

- C 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

### Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210

- C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## **Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

LSB 849

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

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## **Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good**

LSB 819

- 1 Sing praise to God, the highest good, The author of creation,  
The God of love who understood Our need for His salvation.  
With healing balm our souls He fills And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:  
To God all praise and glory!
- 2 What God's almighty pow'r has made, In mercy He is keeping.  
By morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping.  
Within the kingdom of His might All things are just and good and right:  
To God all praise and glory!
- 3 We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.  
Our Savior saw our helplessness And came with peace to cheer us.  
For this we thank and praise the Lord, Who is by one and all adored:  
To God all praise and glory!
- 4 He never shall forsake His flock, His chosen generation;  
He is their refuge and their rock, Their peace and their salvation.  
As with a mother's tender hand, He leads His own, His chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory!

- 5 All who confess Christ's holy name, Give God the praise and glory.  
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim Aloud the wondrous story.  
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne, For God is God, and He alone:

To God all praise and glory!

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### May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

LSB 698

- 1 May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill And do on earth our Father's will  
As angels do above; Still walk in Christ, the living way,  
With all Thy children and obey The law of Christian love.
- 2 So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace adore, Thy pow'r confess,  
From sin and strife to flee. One is our calling, one our name,  
The end of all our hopes the same, A crown of life with Thee.
- 3 Spirit of life, of love and peace, Unite our hearts, our joy increase,  
Thy gracious help supply. To each of us the blessing give  
In Christian fellowship to live, In joyful hope to die.

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### Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

- C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

### Post-Communion Collect

- A Let us pray.  
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may,

together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### **Benedicamus**

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

### **Recessional 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.
- 3 Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 4 Sun and moon shall darkened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine, All will see His glorious sign;  
All will then the trumpet hear, All will see the Judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confessed, 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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Next Week's Readings – Isaiah 40:21-31, 1 Corinthians 9:16-27, Mark 1:29-39

This Week's memory Verse - "<sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him."

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