

++++THE GUIDE +++
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

January 8, 2023

The Baptism of our Lord

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THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service
9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus, H.S.
11-1 LYF Soup Luncheon @ Trinity
1-2:30PM Rose Schlechte Birthday-Social Hall
3:00 PM Remove Christmas Decorations

TUE. 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
6:30 PM Council Meeting
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM LFL @ Holly Giertz

WED. 8:00 AM **Guide/Bulletin**
8:30 AM Chair Yoga
2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
6:30-7:30 PM WDS

THUR. 8:30 AM Blanket Making
7:00 PM Luther's Large Catechism class

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service

January 1 8:30: 93 Year Ago: 105 Sunday School: No SS

Welcome Welcome, beloved of God! As the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism, so does God's Spirit rest on us as we gather today — and always. If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.

Birthday Celebration Rosemary Schlechte is going to be 90 years young on January 10, 2023. The congregation is invited to celebrate this landmark birthday with her on January 8th at an open house in the church social hall from 1:00-2:30 p.m. In lieu of gifts, cards may be sent to 904 West Evergreen, Apt. #8, Effingham, IL 62401

Lutheran Witness The January Lutheran Witness is available in the narthex.

Thank you We want to thank everyone for the many cards and gifts. May the Lord bless all of you as we begin another year in His name. Pastor & Doreen

Agenda Copies of the Agenda and Minutes are available in the narthex.

Thank you A sincere thank you to our church family for the many acts of kindness and sympathy offered these past few weeks. The prayers, cards, food, phone calls, texts, visits, flowers and memorials have all helped to comfort us and remind us that God is with us in our time of need. The family of Larry Lenz

Address Correction Seminary Student Joshua Gerken's address change is: 1262 Daly Drive, New Haven, Indiana 46774

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
December 28 & 31	\$ 3,782.00	\$4,100.00	\$ 318.00
year-to-date	\$ 192,882.00	\$199,203.00	\$ 6,321.00
Synod-Offerings			
December 28 & 31	\$ 385.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -85.00
year-to-date	\$ 19,635.00	\$26,252.00	\$ 6,617.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$9,990.00
Building \$100 Evang. Project \$100 Larry Lenz Mem. \$2415			

December 28 \$2,400.00
December 31 \$2,415.00 LLenz Mem.
December 31 \$2,200.00 New Year's Eve

- 1/17 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 1/18 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
6:30-7:30 PM WDS
- 1/19 1:00 PM Cemetery Association meeting
7:00 PM Luther's Large Catechism class

Christmas Decorations We will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Sunday January 8th at **3:00 p.m.**

New Year Why not begin the New Year with a passion for God's Word? For Martin Luther, the home was the foundation of all instruction as it was the primary training ground for Christian character. Ways to further your knowledge of the Holy Scriptures at St. Paul's:

1. Sunday morning worship and Sunday School. Sunday School classes for all ages follows the worship service and finishes by 10:15. Spend an additional 40-45 after the worship service and join others as we learn the truth of God's Word together.
2. Pastor Whybrew will begin a study of Luther's Large Catechism on Thursdays at 7p.m. The first session is January 5.
3. A weekly Bible study is held in the social hall on Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

LYF Soup Luncheon The Joint LYF of Grace, St. Paul's, and Trinity will be hosting a Soup Luncheon on today, Sunday, January 8 at Trinity Lutheran Church. The youth will begin serving homemade chili and chicken noodle soup, hot dogs, potato chips and desserts from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Dine-in and To-go available! Proceeds from your freewill donations will go toward local youth group activities and trips. We appreciate your support and hope to see you after church on the 8th!

Higher Things Conference - July 2023

An informational meeting will be held for LYF members and parents about the Higher Things conferences being held this summer. If you are interested in attending and learning more, please join us at 6:00pm on Sunday, January 8th at Trinity.

Thank you The entire Beltz family would like to thank everyone for the kindness after Stormi's birth and during her lengthy hospital stay. We truly appreciate all the thoughts and prayers. The cards brightened our days. The Cradle Roll meals were fantastic. The Ladies Aid monetary gift was greatly appreciated. The outpouring of thoughtfulness meant the world to us during a worrisome time!



ANNIVERSARIES

9-Ron & Carolyn Boldt
10-George & Debra Glasscock;
Theron* & Linda Newell
12-Mac & Lois Ogle
13-Matthew* & Ellen McCoy

BIRTHDAYS

8-George Glasscock
10-Rosemary Schlechte;
Ryan Sporleder; Lucas Daniels
11-Chris Ashmore
14-Michael Orr; Shelby Beltz

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Chris & Sue Bowers, Tanner & Caroline
Bowers, Mary Lou & Gary Brehmer, Jennifer
Buening, Sandy Bugenhagen, Carol & Lou
Camilotto, Jim & Phyllis Weiss, Lauren & Luke
Wetherell, Lynn & Denise (Aaron) White,
Jeanne Wildman, Brad & Brea Wirth

Recorded Services

Website: stpaul-strasburg.com

YouTube: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Strasburg Illinois

Facebook: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

PRAYER

Diane Paraiso	Melba Storm
Anna Schlechte	Nick Hanfland
Frances York	Carolyn Stremming
Mary Rincker	Norma Huddleston
Wayne Wirth	Floyd Storm
Dave Polk	Dianna Gibson
Joe Oakley	Robert Pfeiffer
Kendall Fulk	

LIMITED MOBILITY

Rose Schlechte- Villas of Hollybrook
Robert Stremming-Heartland Senior
Living
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

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

Gayle Klitzing(panc cancer Gary &
Roger Kull Cousin)
Randy Doty
Pat Williams (bypass surgery)
Lori Cannon (Chris Kramer cousin-
cancer)
Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)
Matt Durbin
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's
uncle)
Caralea (Moffett) Smith (cancer,
undergoing treatments)

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Hymn of Invocation

When All the World Was Cursed

LSB 346

- 1 When all the world was cursed By Moses' condemnation,
Saint John the Baptist came With words of consolation.
With true forerunner's zeal The greater One he named,
And Him, as yet unknown, As Savior he proclaimed.
- 2 Before he yet was born, He leaped in joyful meeting,
Confessing Him as Lord Whose mother he was greeting.
By Jordan's rolling stream, A new Elijah bold,
He testified of Him Of whom the prophets told:
- 3 Behold the Lamb of God That bears the world's transgression,
Whose sacrifice removes The devil's dread oppression.
Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away our sin,
Who for our peace and joy Will full atonement win.
- 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we receive, rejoicing,
The word proclaimed by John, Our true repentance voicing,
That gladly we may walk Upon our Savior's way
Until we live with Him In His eternal day.

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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 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a

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.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His

name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1–9

¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 6:1–11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Matthew 3:13–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

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

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

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

To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

LSB 407

- 1 To Jordan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His Father's pleasure;
Baptized by John, the Father's Word Was given us to treasure.
This heav'nly washing now shall be A cleansing from transgression
And by His blood and agony Release from death's oppression.
A new life now awaits us.
- 2 O hear and mark the message well, For God Himself has spoken.
Let faith, not doubt, among us dwell And so receive this token.
Our Lord here with His Word endows Pure water, freely flowing.
God's Holy Spirit here avows Our kinship while bestowing
The Baptism of His blessing.
- 3 These truths on Jordan's banks were shown By mighty word and wonder.
The Father's voice from heav'n came down, Which we do well to ponder:
"This man is My beloved Son, In whom My heart has pleasure.
Him you must hear, and Him alone, And trust in fullest measure
The word that He has spoken."
- 4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to us extending;
The Holy Spirit like a dove Upon the scene descending;
The triune God assuring us, With promises compelling,
That in our Baptism He will thus Among us find a dwelling
To comfort and sustain us.
- 5 To His disciples spoke the Lord, "Go out to ev'ry nation,
And bring to them the living Word And this My invitation:
Let ev'ryone abandon sin And come in true contrition
To be baptized and thereby win Full pardon and remission
And heav'nly bliss inherit."
- 6 But woe to those who cast aside This grace so freely given;
They shall in sin and shame abide And to despair be driven.
For born in sin, their works must fail, Their striving saves them never;
Their pious acts do not avail, And they are lost forever,
Eternal death their portion.

7 All that the mortal eye beholds Is water as we pour it.
Before the eye of faith unfolds The pow'r of Jesus' merit.
For here it sees the crimson flood To all our ills bring healing;
The wonders of His precious blood The love of God revealing,
Assuring His own pardon.

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Sermon “Alive to God” Romans 6:1-11

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

Distribution Hymns

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
Beautiful Savior
To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

LSB 394
LSB 537
LSB 405

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.

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.**

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A 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.**

596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

LSB 596

- 1 All Christians who have been baptized,
Who know the God of heaven,
And in whose daily life is prized
The name of Christ once given:
Consider now what God has done,
The gifts He gives to ev'ryone
Baptized into Christ Jesus!
- 2 You were before your day of birth,
Indeed, from your conception,
Condemned and lost with all the earth,
None good, without exception.
For like your parents' flesh and blood,
Turned inward from the highest good,
You constantly denied Him.
- 3 But all of that was washed away—
Immersed and drowned forever.
The water of your Baptism day
Restored again whatever
Old Adam and his sin destroyed
And all our sinful selves employed
According to our nature.
- 4 In Baptism we now put on Christ—
Our shame is fully covered
With all that He once sacrificed
And freely for us suffered.
For here the flood of His own blood
Now makes us holy, right, and good
Before our heav'nly Father.

5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift
And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift
In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul,
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you.

6 So use it well! You are made new—
In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians, live and do
Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess
His glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on you forever!

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