

St. Paul's Plymouth

January 20, 2019 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

Service of the Word
(with Gathering Rite on the Word)



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Welcome!

Welcome

THANK YOU for joining us for worship today!

We pray that your spiritual life will be nourished through Word and Sacrament.

- † If you desire, there is a nursery in the back on the west side of the church, but please know that **your children are ALWAYS welcome** in our service no matter how much noise they make. We're happy to have them hear the Word and join us praising God with their voices!
- † Before you leave, please sign the **guest register**. It is located on the top of the stairs in the church entryway.
- † Please talk to one of the **Elders** (seated in the back of the church) if you have questions about the service or the congregation.
- † **Large print service folders** are available. Please speak to one of the Elders if this would be of assistance to you.
- † Our Sunday morning service can be heard on KWBE 1450AM (94.7FM) and viewed live and archived at www.stpaulsplymouth.org. Please share this information with those who are not able to attend worship.
- † **Prayers before Worship** can be found in *Christian Worship – A Lutheran Hymnal*, pages 10-11.

Broadcast Sponsor

Our broadcast this morning is sponsored in loving memory of Eldred Gronemeyer by his family. Eldred would have celebrated his 95th birthday today.

Focus for Our Worship

As we continue in the season of Epiphany, we'll continue to see Jesus, true God and true man, revealing Himself as the exact Savior whom we need. The God who performed miracle after miracle in the Old Testament took on human flesh in the person of Jesus Christ and shows this saving truth in His words and actions.

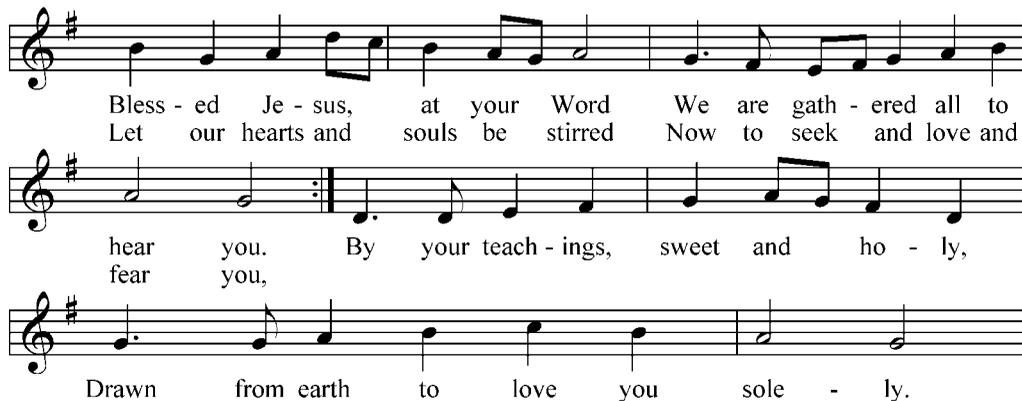
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M In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introduction to the hymn.



Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and
hear you. By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,
fear you,
Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

M Oh, how I love Your law!

C I meditate on it all day long.

M Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

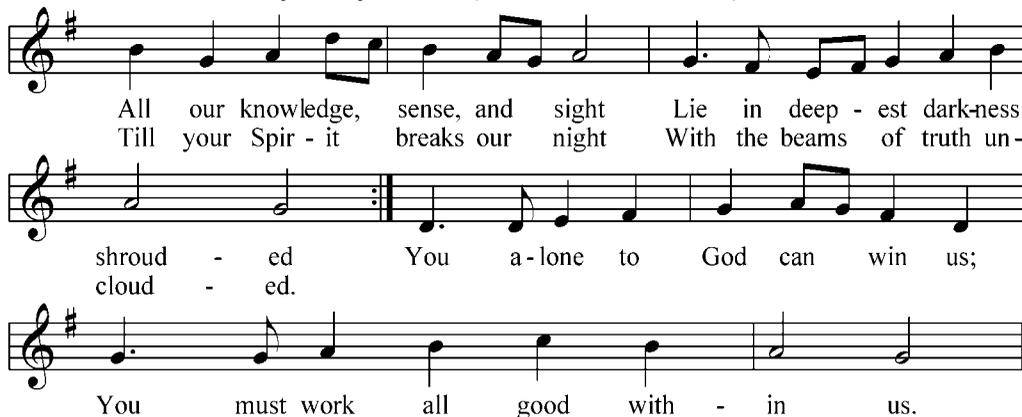
C for they are ever with me.

M I have more insight than all my teachers,

C for I meditate on Your statutes.

M How sweet are Your words to my taste,

C sweeter than honey to my mouth! (*Psalm 119:97-99,103*)



All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark-ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un -
shroud - ed You a - lone to God can win us;
cloud - ed.
You must work all good with - in us.

M All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness,

C so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16,17)

M Yet, so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask His forgiveness.

All Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro -
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir - it's
ceed - ing, Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;
plead - ing.
Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

M God gave His word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:31). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -
ra - tion! While we here be - low must wan - der,
va - tion,
Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Almighty God, You sent 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Exodus 15:22-25

As the LORD performed many miracles in the Old Testament, we find Jesus, God in man made manifest, doing the same in the New Testament.

²² Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. ²³ When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) ²⁴ So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What are we to drink?”

²⁵ Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 146, on page 120 in the front portion of the hymnal.

SECOND LESSON – 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Sermon Text

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ² To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours:

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge— ⁶ because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

VERSE OF THE DAY – Alleluia! I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ...Alleluia! (Ephesians 3:16-18)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be-lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

HOLY GOSPEL – John 2:1-11

God in man made manifest performs His first miraculous sign at the wedding in Cana.

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

⁴ "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

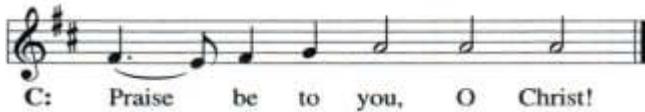
⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

¹¹This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

M This is the Gospel of our Lord!



HYMN OF THE DAY “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” CW 82

SERMON - 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 “Grace and Peace to You”

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

Al 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.

HYMN “There Is a Redeemer” CWS 747 (on page 8 of this worship folder)



1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his



Son,
 names,
 face;
 Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,
 Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,
 There I'll serve my King for - ev - er

Refrain

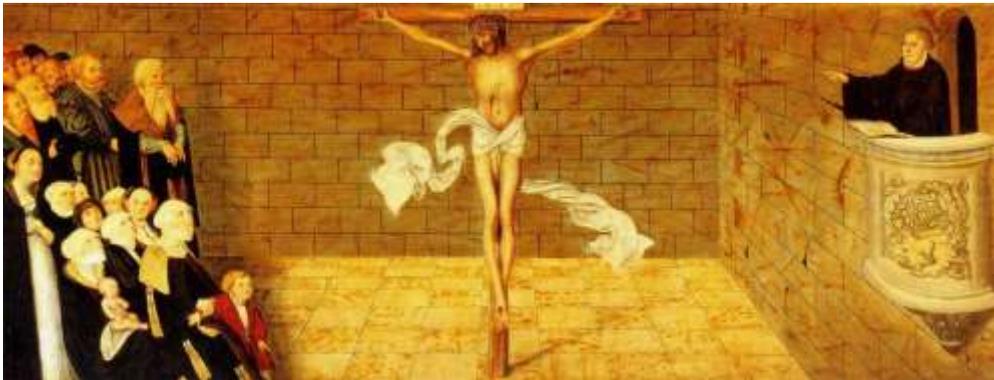
Ho - ly One.
 Hope for sin - ners slain. Thank you, O my
 In that ho - ly place.



Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son and



leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.



CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

M O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us strong in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us Your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The LORD bless you and keep you.

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

The LORD look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN "Day by Day" CWS 765 (on page 10 of this worship folder)

Peace



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me,
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me



Bring - ing com - fort to my anx - ious soul.
 Strength to serve and wis - dom to o - bey;
 When my bur - dens grow too great to bear;



Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
 I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
 O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
 When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure,
 I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row;
 Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me,



Brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest;
 I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace.
 You will hold me ev - er in your hand.



Sav - ior, lead me to the home I treas - ure,
 Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row;
 Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me,



Where, at last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 Till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 I will reach at last the prom - ised land.



NOTES AND NEWS

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Teen Usher: Colton Jantzen
Greeters: Stan & Mary Hueske
Childcare: Elaine Burger, Karen Schroeder
Broadcast Announcers: Barry Weichel, Don Wurm

Our Church Family

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Today – Marge Schmidt, Doug Weishahn
Wednesday – Megann Freese, Ashley Sasse
Thursday – Ethan Peck **Friday** – Bob Schmidt

In Our Prayers

- ✝ Elaine Schroeder – Elaine was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. She had surgery on Friday at Beatrice Community Hospital.
- ✝ Wayne Schroeder – Wayne is temporary in room 301 at the Good Samaritan while Elaine recuperates.

This Week, By God's Grace (January 20th – January 27th)

Today	Sunday School, Bible Class, BIC	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Auction Tickets Available in Fellowship Room	
	Annual Meeting	1:00pm
Monday	Chili Cook-Off/Cornhole Tournament	4:00pm
	Faculty Meeting	7:15am
	Principals' Mtg/NELHS Shadow Day (Grades 6-8)	
Tuesday	Basketball Practice	3:45-5:30pm
	Faculty Devotion	7:15am
	School Chapel	8:30am
	LES Catechism	9:00am
Wednesday	Home BB Games vs. Our Redeemer, Staplehurst	4:15am
	Basketball Practice	3:45-5:30pm
	PSI Class	6:00-7:30pm
Thursday	Men's Choir Practice	7-8pm
	Faculty Devotion	7:15am
	LES Catechism	8:30am
Friday	Ladies Aid	2:30pm
	Men's Bible Study Breakfast	6:45am
Sunday	Junior Choir	3:50-4:15pm
	PTO Family Movie Night at School	6:45pm
	Sunday School, Bible Class, BIC	9:00am
	Worship – Communion	10:00am
Sun.-Wed.	Installation of Church Council Officers (Childcare: RoJane Meyer, Mary Hueske) (Greeters: Tim & Sue Likens)	
	3 rd Quarter Sunday School Teacher Meeting	11:15am
	DMB/Pastors' Missionary Conference, Utah	

Truth in Love Ministry Presentation

Pastor Jon Leach from Truth in Love Ministry will be offering a Seminar on "Five Key Witnessing Principles" at St. Mark Lutheran (WELS) in Lincoln on Saturday February 2nd from 9-11:30AM. We will carpool from our church parking lot at 8AM that morning. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity.

Chili Cook-off/Corn Hole Tournament—This community event sponsored by St. Paul’s Evangelism Committee takes place this afternoon at 4 PM at the Plymouth Community Center. If you would like to enter a chili into the contest, there still is time. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the table in the front entryway.

<u>Past Chili Cook-Off Winners</u>	2015 – Tracie Hueske
2012 – Wes Schroeder	2016 – Neil Bekemeyer
2013 – Stan Hilgendorf	2017 – Neil Bekemeyer
2014 – NO CONTEST	2018 – Neil Bekemeyer



Past Cornhole Tournament Winners

2017 – Joni Schwab and Andrew Weidel
2018 – Sandy Scheele and Mark Wells

Men’s Retreat—Please mark your calendars for our first annual men’s retreat taking place on the evening of Friday, February 8th through the afternoon of Saturday, February 9th one mile east of Clatonia at Marcia Bergmeyer’s cabin. Come after supper at 6:30pm and stay through Saturday afternoon. This will be a great time of fellowship, bonding, and discussing God’s Word. All you will need to bring is your sleeping bag, pillow, warm clothes/boots, toiletries. There are 4 beds and a large couch available for those who aren’t able to sleep on the floor. All snacks, beverages, breakfast, and coffee will be provided. We will also have plenty of ice fishing equipment, but bring your own if you have some. If there is sufficient ice, we’d like to catch our Saturday lunch!

Donation Information—There are several ways to use tax advantaged donations. IRA distributions, grain, stocks, or anything of cash value are relatively simple. Retirement plans can have some advantages also. As always, check with your tax advisor for specifics.

Aluminum Can Drive—There will be an enclosed trailer on the north side of the church along the school basketball court for the PTO Aluminum Can Drive from February 9th-28th. Please put any aluminum you’d like to donate in that trailer. Thank you!

Forward In Christ Magazine—We will once again be ordering a bundle subscription to *Forward in Christ*, our synod magazine. The cost is \$11.50 for each subscription and **the deadline to order is February 3rd**. Please contact the church office to renew your subscription or to place a new subscription. This is an excellent monthly magazine filled with Christ-centered articles from pastors, teachers, and members from throughout our synod.

Men's Choir—A men's choir is being formed for WELS high school to WELS adults to sing on Sunday, February 10th. The four practices will take place on Wednesday, January 23; Wednesday, January 30; Sunday, February 3; and Wednesday, February 6. There is a blue sign-up sheet on the back table.

Thank You—We recently received the following thank you notes:

Dear Members of St. Paul's,

Thank you for the gift of money for my work with music in our congregation. I love having the opportunity to direct our adult choirs and play the organ, as together we worship our Savior King.

Cari Schroeder

Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Thanks for everything you bring to the people here at the Good Samaritan Home. The music, all the children's participation with us, and special remembrances like cards and gifts make our lives here so much nicer and fuller.

Wilma Snyder (Room 118)

Dear St. Paul's church family,

Thank you for the prayers, plant, memorial gifts, and other acts of kindness extended to me and my family since my mom was called home to heaven. Your love and kindness are deeply appreciated. Mom always enjoyed her visits to Plymouth and was thankful to know I was part of such a caring and supportive church family. We are rejoicing in the resurrection promise and looking forward to the day we will all share in the glories of heaven.

In Christian love,

Deb Wells and family

Call News

Pastor Josh Hillman from Christ Lutheran (WELS) in Beatrice accepted the call to serve the congregations of Rock of Ages in Gordon, NE and Our Redeemer in Martin, SD. We pray that Lord blesses the proclamation of the Word there through His called servant.

On January 17, Mr. Matt Willems was called to NELHS to teach science and serve as Athletic Director.



NELHS Grade School Cheer Camp—K-8 Cheer Camp will be held on February 9th from 2:30-6:00pm with a Country Two-Step theme. The cost is \$25.00 for each participant and includes a t-shirt, bandana, ribbon, snack, dance instruction, cheer instruction, and dinner. K-3 will perform during halftime of the varsity girls' game and grades 4-8 right after the varsity girls' game.



Registration forms are available on the table in the front entrance and are due January 21st. Contact kdorn@nelhs.org for more information. Don't miss out on the fun!!

School Dinner and Auction—This year's Dinner and Auction will take place on Saturday, February 16, beginning at 6pm. The event takes place at Classics in Beatrice. Begin making your plans to attend now. This annual event can serve as a great date night for you and your spouse. The night includes dinner, drinks, silent auction, live auction, and socializing with your St. Paul's Lutheran School family. All funds will support our school's gospel-focused ministry. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased after worship on Sundays, before school, or after school. They can also be purchased online by going to our church website and clicking on the "Dinner and Auction" picture on the top of the home page.



Care Boxes—We will be preparing **about 20** care boxes after our service on Sunday, February 3, for our unmarried students and those serving in our military who are away from home. Individually wrapped items for the boxes and donations to help cover the cost of postage would be appreciated.

Thrivent Financial—A notice to those who use Thrivent Choice to direct charitable gifts to church and school: Choice dollars must be directed every year. To designate your dollars, you can access your account by calling 800-847-4836 and when prompted say "Thrivent Choice." Or you can access your account online at Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Choice dollars from the previous calendar year must be directed prior to March 31st of the present year or they revert back to Thrivent.

1. Gifts designated for "St. Paul's Church" are used for non-budgetary items throughout the year. (In the past, the money was used to purchase office furnishings, hand chime music, youth rally trips, evangelism items, a computer, etc.)
2. Gifts designated for "St. Paul's School" will be allocated by the Board of Education.

If you would like more information about St. Paul's Lutheran Church, feel free to speak with Pastor Fred Berger after the service or anytime during the week! (call/text 402-239-4509; email pastorberger@gmail.com) If you think you might be interested in joining the St. Paul's church family, Pastor would be more than happy to take you through some Bible studies at whatever time or location is most convenient for you to learn more about what we teach.

If you would like more information about St. Paul's Lutheran School, feel free to speak with Mr. Andrew Danner! (call/text 402-433-5349; email danner@stpaulsplymouth.org) He would love to give you a tour of the school and answer any questions you might have about the excellent Christ-centered education we offer students of our church and community.

Please contact us! We would love to serve you!

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

In an ever-changing world, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to build Christ's kingdom in people's hearts with the un-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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