

Welcome!

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St. Paul's Plymouth – 10AM

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Welcome

THANK YOU for joining us for worship today!

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

- † If you do not want to use a paper bulletin this morning, you can access the bulletin on our website – www.stpaulsplymouth.org. The entire worship service is printed out so that you do not need to use the hymnal.
- † Offering plates can be found at the entrances. After the sermon, the offering plates will be brought to the altar during the singing of a hymn. This is a reminder that giving offerings for gospel ministry is an act of worship.
- † May the Lord bless the time we spend together around His Word this morning! If you are looking for a church to call home, please contact Pastor Berger (pastorberger@gmail.com; call/text 402-239-4509) or Pastor Dauck (justin.dauck@gmail.com; call/text 402-806-9082) or stop by the church office. They would love to serve you with God's Word!
- † 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.
- † **Listening assist devices are available at St. Paul's. Please speak to one of the elders if you would like one for this morning's service.**
- † 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.
- † **Prayers before Worship** can be found in *Christian Worship: Hymnal*, pp. 255-258.

Focus for Our Worship

TRUST IN GOD'S STRENGTH

Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount with a series of blessings. "Blessed are..." Jesus says, again and again. In the Latin Vulgate, these all begin with the word "beati" which translates as "blessed" or "happy." Thus, this portion of the sermon is often called "The Beatitudes." It had to give Jesus' listeners pause. For what Jesus calls blessed, the world never would. The world praises the strong and the self-sufficient. Jesus calls blessed what others would see as weak. But, like any good preacher, Jesus is trying to drive home one crucial point. The weaker you are, the more ready you are to rely on God's strength. The more difficult your present circumstances, the likelier you are to yearn for future reward. All the readings for today teach this truth. We have no real strength or wisdom of our own. But we don't need it. Because God's strength is enough to give the kingdom of heaven to the humble and poor in spirit.

Divine Service 1 with Communion

Please Stand

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF A PRIVATE BAPTISM

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ gave his church the command to baptize when he said in the last chapter of Matthew, **“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”**

Scripture makes plain the universal need for Baptism. As children of Adam, we belong to a fallen race. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature and would be lost forever unless delivered by our Lord Jesus Christ. He willingly took on himself the curse of sin and by his death on the cross redeemed us and all people.

Christ’s almighty Word gives Baptism its power to save. Peter declares, “Baptism now saves you.” Scripture also clearly teaches that the power and promise of Baptism is intended for young and old alike. On the day of Pentecost the apostle testified, “The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, for all whom the Lord our God will call.” By water and the Spirit, we are born again and united with Christ and his people as members of the Church. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

- AII** **Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**
- P** As baptized children of God we confess our sins:
AII **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.**

- P** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

Please Be Seated

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

CW 679 st. 1

1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it, gave my
full re - demp-tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures man - y?
I have one worth more than an - y that brought me sal -
va - tion free, last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!

- P** Hudson Lee Zimmerman, receive the sign of the cross on the head ☩ and heart ☩ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ.
- P** Before the Lord and his church, I ask you, was Hudson baptized at his home on December 16, 2022, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit?
- R** **Yes, Hudson was baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**
- P** In having Hudson baptized, you followed the Lord's command to baptize all nations. Jesus himself specifically invited little children to become a part of his kingdom when he said, **“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”** And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.”

The Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

EXHORTATION

P Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and witnesses, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Hudson may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to accept this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C Yes, as God gives me strength.

P Let us pray: Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us each to look back on our baptism and remember the white robe of righteousness you adorned us with as you made us your children. Look with special favor on Hudson and grant him a rich measure of your Spirit that he may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities as parents, witnesses, friends, and family so that one day all of us will finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C Amen.

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

CW 679 st. 5

5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing to this life - long
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing: e - ven
there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a - waits its rais - ing,
still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON — Zephaniah 2:3; 3:11-13

The LORD promises that those who are humble, who trust in his strength rather than their own, will not be put to shame.

³Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands.

Seek righteousness, seek humility;
perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the LORD's anger.

¹¹On that day you will not be put to shame for all the wrongs you have done to me,
because I will remove from this city
those who rejoice in their pride.

Never again will you be haughty
on my holy hill.

¹²But I will leave within you
the meek and humble,
who trust in the name of the LORD.

¹³The remnant of Israel will do no wrong;
they will speak no lies,
nor will deceit be found in their mouths.

They will eat and lie down
and no one will make them afraid.

SECOND LESSON — 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Paul points the Corinthians to themselves as an example of how God's strength is made perfect in weakness.

²⁶Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written: “Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.”

VERSE OF THE DAY — 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

P Alleluia. ⁷Therefore, to keep me from becoming arrogant due to the extraordinary nature of these revelations, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me, so that I would not become arrogant. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that he would take it away from me. ⁹And he said to me, “**My grace is sufficient for you, because my power is made perfect in weakness.**” Therefore I will be glad to boast all the more in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may shelter me. ¹⁰That is why I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties, for the sake of Christ. For whenever I am weak, then am I strong. Alleluia!

Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Gospel for this morning is taken from the gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 5, verses 1-12. We will work through this during the sermon, and so we will dispense with the reading now.

NICENE CREED

AI We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please Be Seated

Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near

CW 867



1 Af - flict - ed saint, to Christ draw near, your Sav - ior's
2 Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, and if the
3 Should per - se - cu - tion rage and flame, still trust in
4 When called to bear your weight - y cross, or sore af -



gr -acious prom - ise hear; his faith - ful Word you can be -
con - flict should be long, the Lord will make the tempt - er
your Re - deem - er's name. In fi - ery tri - als you shall
flic - tion, pain, or loss, or deep dis - tress, or pov - er -



lieve, that as your days your strength shall be. *v. 2*
flee, that as your days your strength shall be. *Refrain*
see that as your days your strength shall be. *Refrain*
ty, still as your days your strength shall be. *Refrain*

Refrain



So, sing with joy, af - flict - ed one; the bat - tle's fierce, but the



vic - t'ry's won! God shall sup - ply all that you need;



yes, as your days your strength shall be.

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SERMON — Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these things:

What the world thinks Jesus should say:

³Blessed are the _____, because theirs is _____.

⁴Blessed are those who _____, because they will be _____.

⁵Blessed are the _____, because they will inherit _____.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for _____, because they will be _____.

⁷Blessed are the _____, because they will receive _____.

⁸Blessed are the _____ in heart, because they will see _____.

⁹Blessed are the _____, because they will be called _____.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are _____ because of righteousness, because theirs is the _____.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people _____ you and _____ you and _____ say all kinds of _____ against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in _____. In fact, that is how they _____ the _____ who were before you.”

What would this mean for your life?

What Jesus actually says:

³Blessed are the poor in spirit, because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, because they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the gentle, because they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, because they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, because they will receive mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, because they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, because they will be called sons of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. In fact, that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

What does this mean for your life?

After the sermon, the congregation stands and sings:



Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

All 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.

Please Be Seated

The offering is brought forward during the hymn.

CW 753

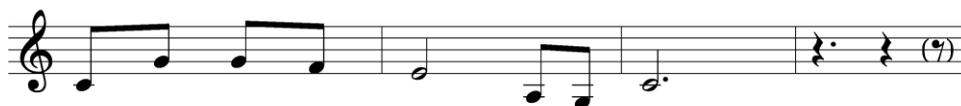
My Worth is Not in What I Own



1 My worth is not in what I own, not
4 I will not boast in wealth or might, or



in the strength of flesh and bone, but in the
hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light. But I will



cost - ly wounds of love at the cross. v. 2
boast in know - ing Christ at the cross. Refrain

Refrain



I re-joice in my Re - deem - er— great - est trea - sure,



well-spring of my soul. I will trust in him, no oth - er; my



soul is sat - is - fied in him a - lone.

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THE SACRAMENT

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them up to the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- C** It is good and right so to do.
- P** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Musical notation for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". The music is written on six staves in a single system, using a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
 God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
 ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
 ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est. (8)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my **✠** body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my **✠** blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

CLOSE COMMUNION We ask that only those who have previously spoken to one of our pastors or are members in good standing of this or another WELS or ELS congregation come to Holy Communion today. Our practice of Close Communion (which has been the practice of the Christian Church throughout the ages) is in no way trying to judge anyone's faith. What we are trying to do is follow the Bible's clear teaching (1 Corinthians 11) to first study God's Word together. As we do so, we can share with/review with you what the Lord's Supper is all about. You, then, also have an opportunity to examine what we believe and teach before you come to the Lord's Supper here at St. Paul's/Christ Lutheran and make a public profession that you agree with what we teach. If you have any questions about this or would like to commune at St. Paul's/Christ Lutheran in the future, please talk to Pastor Berger or Pastor Dauck after worship this morning. They would love to sit down with you on your timetable and at your convenience and talk about these important matters.

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are a friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

CW 661



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,
 2 Christ our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,
 3 Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,
 4 With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole,



and drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.
 has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.
 and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.
 gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.



Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood,
 He gave his life for great - est and for least,
 Christ, who in this life all the saints de - fends,
 Lord of the na - tions, to whom all must bow,



with souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.
 him - self the of - f'ring and him - self the priest.
 gives all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.
 in this great feast of love be with us now.

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My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

CW 563



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no
 his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 in the rag - ing flood; when ev - 'ry earth - ly
 then in him be found, clothed in his right - eous -



oth - er claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 prop gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

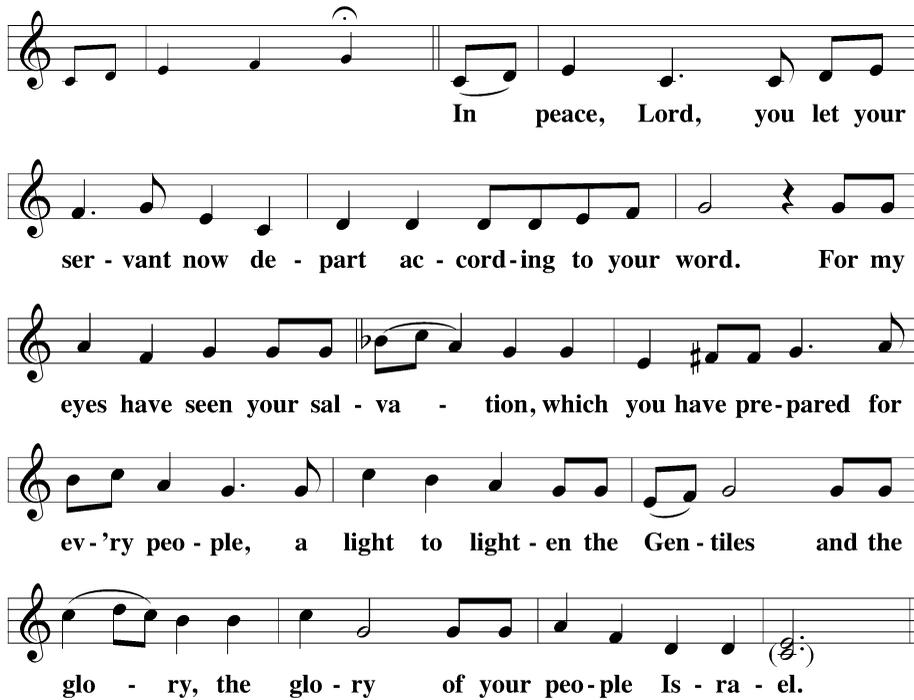
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AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON



In peace, Lord, you let your
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for
ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

- P** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
- C** **And his mercy endures forever.**
- P** O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** 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.
- C** **Amen.**

O Church, Arise

CW 870



1 O Church, a - rise and put your ar - mor on; hear the
2 Our call to war— to love the cap - tive soul, but to
3 Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the
4 So Spir - it come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give—



call of Christ our cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; and with the sword that makes the
Son of God is strick - en; then see his foes lie crushed be -
grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has giv - en.
wound - ed whole we will fight with faith and val - or.
neath his feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en!
win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful.



With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand a -
When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the
And as the stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e -
As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing



gainst the dev - il's lies; an ar - my bold whose bat - tle
out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for
merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues
tri - umphs of his grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
which he died— an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see him.
for the day when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.

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Monday – Lanette Schmidt

Tuesday – Caelan Adams, Theresa Busch, Brian Scheele, Bailey Schwab

Friday – Gavin Weichel

Saturday – Ada Hummel

JANUARY 22nd OFFERINGS

“We Give Thee but Thine Own!”

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Gifts Received</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Gifts Received</u>
Home Fund	\$5,520.11	NELHS Operating	\$100.00
Missions	\$136.25	NELHS Debt	\$100.00
Building Fund	\$110.00	Cemetery Fund	\$305.00

LET US ENOURAGE ONE ANOTHER (HEBREWS 10:25)

200 were present to receive God's grace in worship last Sunday.

165 were present to learn God's Word in Bible Study last week: Sunday Bible Class-68; Sunday School-30; Monday Night Bible Class at Stone Hollow-43; Ladies Aid-12; Men's Bible Study Breakfast-12

Christ Lutheran Church Family

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

None this week

JANUARY 22nd OFFERINGS

“We Give Thee but Thine Own!”

Fund	Gifts Received	Fund	Gifts Received
Home Fund	\$417.00	NELHS Operating	\$30.00
Missions	\$50.00	NELHS Debt	\$15.00
Ed. Fund	\$0.00		

LET US ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER (HEBREWS 10:25)

39 were present to receive God’s grace in worship last Sunday.

9 were present to learn God’s Word in Bible Study last week: Bible Class-6; Sunday School-3

THIS WEEK, BY GOD’S GRACE (Jan. 29th – Feb. 5th)

Today	Worship with Communion at Beatrice (Church Council Officers Installed) Sunday School and Bible Class Worship with Communion at Plymouth (Church Council Officers Installed) Plymouth Evangelism Committee Meeting at Plymouth	8:00am 9:00am 10:00am 11:00am
Monday	Faculty Meeting 3 rd Quarter Midterms Sent Home with School Children Church Staff Ministry Meeting Basketball Practice Bible Class at Stone Hollow Brewery Monday Night Worship with Communion at Plymouth	7:15am 10:00am 3:45-5:30pm 7:00pm 7:30pm
Tuesday	Faculty Devotion LES Catechism	7:15am 8:30am
Wednesday	School Chapel Homestead House Bible Study Basketball Practice (at school) Public School Instruction Class	8:30am 10:30am 3:45-5:30pm 6:00-7:30pm
Thursday	Faculty Devotion LES Catechism Home Basketball Games vs. St. Paul’s, Utica (Girls/Boys) Board of Education	7:15am 8:30am 4:30pm/5:30pm 6:30pm
Friday	NELHS Cheer Camp	3:45pm
Sunday	Worship at Beatrice St. Paul’s School K-8/Jr. Choir Sing at Zion, Clatonia Sunday School and Bible Class Worship at Plymouth (Greeters: Joel & Karen Schroeder) (Childcare: Steph Wehrman, Barb Freese) Prepare Care Boxes at Plymouth	8:00am 8:30am 9:00am 10:00am 11:00am

In Our Prayers

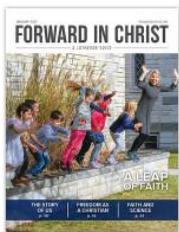
- † **Wayne Schroeder** – Wayne was hospitalized at Beatrice Community Hospital.
- † **Marian Wurm** – Marian fell and fractured her hip on Sunday, January 22nd and received surgery on Tuesday, January 24th. She is now at the Good Samaritan in Beatrice.
- † **Jim Gronemeyer** – Jim was hospitalized at Bryan East this past week.

Prayer Updates

- † **Lois Schmidt** – Lois continues to doctor for her melanoma diagnosis. She is scheduled for surgery January 31st.
- † **Pastor Steve Kahrs** – Pastor Kahrs had successful prostate and hernia surgery last Wednesday and is now at home recuperating.
- † **Robin Bartlett** – Robin remains at UNMC and continues to recover.

Truth in Love Ministry – Sunday, June 4th – Friday, June 9th are the dates for this year's Truth in Love Utah Mission Trip. If you'd be interested in learning more about the trip or are thinking about going, there will be an informational meeting in Plymouth after church on Sunday, February 12th.

Stone Hollow Bible Classes – The last class for this session of Monday night Bible study classes will take place tomorrow evening starting at 7 PM and ending promptly at 8 PM at the Stone Hollow Brewery (301 Court Street, Suite 1) in Beatrice. Everyone is welcome!



Forward in Christ Magazine — We will once again be ordering a bundle subscription to *Forward in Christ*, our synod magazine. The cost is \$12.00 for each subscription and **the deadline to order is February 12th**. Members of St. Paul's/Christ Lutheran are asked to contact the church office to renew their 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.

Cheer Camp – Nebraska Lutheran High School is hosting its annual Cheer Camp on Friday, February 3rd. The camp opens at 3:45pm, but girls are welcome to join in whenever they can arrive. All girls in K-8 are welcome. The cost is \$25 and includes supper that evening. The younger girls will be able to perform at halftime of the 6:00pm high school basketball game that evening. The older girls will perform at halftime of the 7:30pm basketball game. Mrs. Frey and Mrs. Hueske are willing to transport any girls from St. Paul's up to NELHS and get them there by the 3:45pm start time. Parents will have to pick them up from the basketball games that night. Please contact either Mrs. Hueske or Mrs. Frey if you would like a ride for your daughter.

Care Boxes — Each year St. Paul's prepares care boxes for our students/those serving in our military who are away from home. This year we will be preparing about 28 boxes. If you'd like to contribute, please bring individual, prepackaged items to the church office by Sunday, February 5th. Donations to help cover postage would also be appreciated.



Preschool Enrollment –Enrollment for both 3K and 4K preschool here at St. Paul's is now open for church families. Act now before Sunday, Feb 12th, to guarantee your spot for the 2023-2024 school year. After that date, enrollment will be opened up to the community. Spots are limited and will go fast. If you haven't received information, please contact our preschool teacher, Tracie Hueske, at hueske@stpaulsplymouth.org or 402-230-0607.



Kindergarten Enrollment Parent Meeting – All parents of 4-year-old preschoolers are invited to a Kindergarten Parent Information Meeting on Monday, February 13th, at 6:30pm at St. Paul's Lutheran School. At this meeting, we will share information about our kindergarten program to help you determine if our school will be a good fit for your child and family. If you are unable to attend this meeting but would still like information about kindergarten here at St. Paul's, please let Mr. Danner or Mrs. Frey know and we can make other arrangements to meet with you. You can also mark your

calendars for our Kindergarten Round Up on Thursday, March 30th. Your child is invited to spend the morning with us in the K-1 classroom to see what life as a kindergartener will be like!

Nick Gross Memorial Fundraiser In November, Nick Gross (grandson in-law of Ted and Marvie Rabenberg), passed away from kidney cancer. He was just a couple weeks away from his 31st birthday. Shelby, his wife, is left with three adorable little children and many medical bills. Deanna Fanning, along with several of their Nebraska Lutheran classmates, are planning a fundraiser at the school on February 3rd, when the basketball teams take on McCool Junction. They'd like to spread the word far and wide so classmates, alumni, and caring souls know they are welcome to come and support the Gross family. Anyone who'd like to donate items or if anyone has questions, can contact DeAnna Fanning (402-617-3816).

NICK GROSS MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER



Bake Sale



**Meal Provided
by Student
Council**



Raffle

Friday, February 3rd

- 5:00 p.m.
- Nebraska Lutheran High School--
- Waco, NE
- Basketball vs. McCool Junction
- Raffle Winners will be announced following the boys' varsity game
- All proceeds will be given to the family to assist with medical expenses



**NELHS
Class of 2009**

**To Donate items for fundraiser
or any questions contact**

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ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING HIGHLIGHTS 1-22-23

1. Chairman Calls the Meeting to Order at 11:11am (pizza was bought to eat before and during the meeting) *Steve Freese*
2. Opening Prayer *Pastor Dauck*
3. Secretary's Minutes *Dustin Gronemeyer*
4. Treasurer's Report *Stan Hueske*
 - Home Fund: \$20,643.3
 - NEHLS Operating (submitted): \$24,086.36
 - Missions (submitted): \$44,104.75
5. Auditor's Report *Dean Milius and Nick Schroeder*
 - All books were found to be in order
6. New Voting Members (please sign book)
 - Aaron Niederklein and Nick Warnke requested to become voting members
 - It was noted that Trevor Hueske became a voting member at the January 8 meeting
7. Election Results
 - Elder: Rob Orth
 - Board of Education: Nick Schroeder
 - Trustee: Shad Siebrandt
 - Stewardship: Aaron Niederklein, Nick Warnke
 - Endowment Committee: Eric Bekemeyer, Rick Gerlach
 - Cemetery Committee: Forrest Freese
 - Auditor: Brett Scheiding
 - Delegate to serve by going to 2023 Synod Convention
 - Wes Schroeder
 - Brian Scheele (alternate)
 - Dallas Christ (alternate)
 - Joel Schroeder (alternate)
 - NELHS Delegates: Craig Scheele, Wes Schroeder, Mark Wells, Nathan Schwab
8. Elders *Dallas Christ, Wendell Gronemeyer, Mark Wells, Wes Schroeder, Dennis Weichel*
 - Membership Changes since October quarterly meeting:
 - Accept Ashley Carroll and Wanda Redd into communicant membership
 - Transfer from Church Militant to Church Triumphant: Jeanene Basye
 - Transfers in: Melissa Klasek (Miles, Kinzie) from Zion Lutheran (WELS) in Clatonia, NE
 - Transfers out: Dawson and Courtney Beffa to Hope Lutheran (WELS) in Manhattan, KS; Chris Kloppenborg (Beau, Luke) to Christ Lutheran (WELS) in Beatrice, NE
 - Releases: Brian Jung per his request
 - Baptisms: Ciji Mays (adult), Jordan Baehr, Nora Carroll, Evelyn Horner, Amy Redd (adult), Hudson Zimmerman
 - Future Weddings
 - Becky Billesbach and Daryl Riesen (March 11, 2023)

- Martha Wilkinson and Brandon Gerleve (May 6, 2023)
 - Chase Christ and Mckenzie Stauffer (July 8, 2023)
 - Maci Hicks and Michael Poland (August 26, 2023)
 - Continuing to work on contacting our church family whom we have not seen in a long time in public worship; continuing to discuss best ways to reach out to our church family that we do not see regularly to encourage them in a personal devotional life and a public worship life.
9. Board of Education *Nathan Schwab, Matt Meyer, David Hummel*
- Principal’s Report – Mr. Danner put together a well-done slideshow to highlight the St. Paul’s School Ministry
 - Treasurer’s Report
10. Trustees *Michael Wells, Craig Scheele, Forrest Freese*
- Approve Building Fund
 - **2023 Building Fund Items** (recommendation from Board of Trustees and Church Council)
 - Bathroom partition in preschool to allow greater privacy when teacher assistance is required. Estimated cost: \$1,250.
 - Drainage system between church and school (drains and tile from downspouts). Estimated cost: \$5,000.
 - If funds allow: Concrete repair at northeast corner of church (\$1,750) and in front of school (\$3,250) for a total of \$5000.
 - Internet service has been switched over to Windstream and is working well.
 - Items approved at the November 2022 Council Meeting that will take place in future:
 - Fred Koch will remove two trees (one by church and one by Pastor Frank’s) for \$850 and grind out the stumps and add dirt for an additional \$250.
 - Jim’s Carpet will replace tile in school for \$22,000, with money coming from the School Maintenance Fund.
 - Insurance should help cover the cost of church siding damage, so repairs will begin soon.
 - Gravel/sand was applied to the parking lot just before Christmas to aid in traction.
 - Working on several small items on maintenance list at school.
11. Stewardship Committee Report *Josh Jantzen, Joe Pieper, Bruce Jung, Fred Koch, Doyle Kerwood, Tom Person*
12. Broadcast Committee Report *Don Wurm, Barry Weichel, Craig Scheele, Brett Scheiding, Nathan Schwab, Neil Bekemeyer, Tom Hueske, Eric Bekemeyer, Michael Wells*
13. Endowment Committee Report *Rick Gerlach, Wendell Gronemeyer, Brian Scheele, David Malchow, Wes Schroeder*
- Explanation of various funds in report
 - Recommendation approved from Endowment Committee and Church Council to place gift from Ralph Merklinger’s estate into the St. Paul’s Ev. Lutheran Investments Fund (about \$25,000) with no restrictions.

- Recommendation approved to earmark a portion of St. Paul's Endowment Funds (probably around \$6,000) for use for devotional materials for the entire congregation in 2024. This goes along with the pastors and elders plan and prayer to have every single soul in St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Plymouth, NE daily being fed by God's Word and pointed to the best message in the world, salvation through Jesus!
 - Recommendation approved to use St. Paul's Church Interest for 2023 for technology fund to continue to keep technology in church office up to date.
14. Cemetery Committee Report *Dennis Weichel, Daryl Bergmeier, Forrest Freese*
15. NELHS Report *Tom Hueske, Matt Meyer, Craig Scheele, Wes Schroeder, Mark Wells*
16. Pastor Berger's and Pastor Dauck's Report *Pastor Berger*
- Pastor Berger highlighted the sharing of tasks and distinction of tasks between the pastors. He also took the voters through their weekly task outline.
17. Planning Committee Report *Brian Scheele, Steve Freese, Karen Schroeder, Danielle Schmidt, Dave Malchow, David Hummel, Brian Burger, Deb Wells*
- Brian Scheele discussed various items the planning committee (a brainstorming committee that gives ideas to boards) is discussing. One item that was discussed among the voters was going to a unified budget. Please give any feedback you have on this to anyone in the committee!
18. Proposed Budget *Steve Freese, Pastor Berger, Pastor Dauck, Mr. Danner, Dustin Gronemeyer, Dallas Christ, Rick Gerlach, Stan Hueske, Nathan Schwab, Josh Jantzen, Michael Wells, Greg Bekemeyer, Ryan Meyer*
- Motion to approve the budget as presented carried
19. Other Business
- Recommendation from Board of Education and Church Council (and was also talked about on Planning Committee) to look into options for new cleaning service at school. This could start with the funds that we already have designated for school cleaning (around \$600/month) and it could expand into a Bus Driver/Coordinator, Grass Cutter, Church Cleaner, Hot Lunch Driver, and other duties in the future as is needed. If anyone has interest in this position, please contact Chairman Steve Freese.
 - Motion to seek within our congregation to do the custodial work at school
 - Motion carried
 - Those who have served in the past were thanked!
 - Installation of new Church Council Members – next Sunday before Prayer of the Church (picture after church of entire church council)
20. Motion to adjourn meeting at 1:10 carried
21. Closed with singing of the Doxology