

St. Paul's Plymouth – 10AM

Christ Beatrice – 4PM

February 17, 2019 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome!



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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 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 by Robert & Connie Nelson of Gothenburg, NE out of thankfulness for the blessings provided through our broadcast ministry.

Focus for Our Worship

How could Joseph show love to his brothers who betrayed him, who sold him into slavery, who tried to ruin his life? Do you struggle showing love to someone in your life? May we not only see the need today to show love, but may we also be motivated to show love as we bask in the love that our Father has shown to us in Jesus.

The Common Service

(page 15 of *Christian Worship*)

Sunday School Choir “Let the Children Come” by Keith & Kristyn Getty (Plymouth)

Opening Hymn “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” (CW 493)

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



Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution

M Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us 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.**



M 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.



M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa - ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Let us pray. Gracious Father, keep Your family, the Church, always faithful to You, that we may lean on Your promises and be strong in the power of Your love; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

First Lesson — Genesis 45:3-8a

Sermon Text

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will not be plowing and reaping. ⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

⁸ “So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God.”

Psalm of the Day — Psalm 103, which can be found on page 105 in the front portion of the hymnal

Second Lesson — 1 Corinthians 13

The inspired chapter on love...

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. ¹² Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

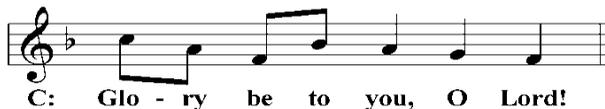
Verse of the Day — Romans 12:20,21

M Alleluia! “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Alleluia!



Holy Gospel

M The Gospel of St. Luke, chapter 6, beginning at verse 27:



²⁷ “But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ lend to ‘sinners,’ expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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.

Hymn of the Day "Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire" (CW 498 – stanzas 1 & 2)

Sermon

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Offering

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.

Hymn "When Peace Like a River" (CWS 760, which can be found on page 14 of this worship folder)

M Blessed Lord, You have given us Your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by Your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M 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 "In Unity and Peace" (CWS 773, which can be found on page 15 of this worship folder)



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St. Paul's Church Family

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Today – Natalie Hueske **Monday** – Rick Gerlach, Marcia Nispel
Tuesday – Chris Weichel **Wednesday** – Mark Wells
Thursday – Jaime Danner, Diane Jiskra, Paige Person
Friday – Steph Pollock **Saturday** – Lois Gronemeyer, Chris Mammen
Sunday – Greyson Danner

Organist: Rachel Schroeder

Teen Usher: Brevin Damrow

Greeters: Wes & Cari Schroeder

Childcare: Patti Schwab, Deb Weichel

Broadcast Announcers: Don Wurm, Barry Weichel

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Wednesday – Bruce Freese

Elder: Gordom Crome

Usher: Larry Wollenburg

Thank You Notes

Thank you so much for the wonderful care package that you sent to me here at UNL! I always enjoy getting mail and this package definitely brightened up my day (and made my roommates happy, too!). As I prepare for my graduation in May, I cannot help but look back on the past four years and think about the supportive community that I have back home. Most people are not as fortunate to receive such unwavering support, and for that I cannot thank you all enough!

God's blessings,
Megann Freese

Dear St. Paul's Congregation,

Thank you so much for the care package that you sent me at college. It means a lot to me to know that all of you are thinking of me. I look forward to enjoying all the snacks and sharing some with my friends. It definitely brightened my week. Thanks again!!

God's blessings,
Kailey Weichel

Dear members of St. Paul's,
We just wanted to say thank you so much for sending all of us tutors care packages. It means so much that you were thinking of us and supporting us. It made our day to receive all the goodies. We really appreciate all your prayers and support not only for us, but NELHS. Your brothers and sisters in Christ, The NELHS Tutors

In Our Prayers

✝ Loretta Smith – She was hospitalized in Beatrice due to a bout a pneumonia.

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!



NELHS Knight Out— The annual “NELHS Knight Out” is fast approaching! It will be held March 9 at the German American Society, Omaha. If you'd be willing to donate an item for the live auction, please note that trips, tickets and events really seem to sell well, along with large ticket items. Gift baskets are a hit too. Donations are needed ASAP. Please bring them to the school or contact tfickel@nelhs.org. Thank you for supporting your school!



Box Tops for Education – Please have all box tops to the school or church office by Wednesday, February 27th. They must be submitted to General Mills by February 28th.

Beatrice Vacancy—Pastor Berger will be serving as the vacancy pastor at Christ Lutheran in Beatrice. Details concerning the vacancy will be determined following their 4pm worship service today.

Lost and Found—Lost and Found items collected over the past year are displayed on a table in the front entrance. Please take time to look and see if any of them belong to you or your children. Items not claimed in a month will be either donated or discarded. Items include a bag of infant girls' sz. 6-12 months clothes which has been in the lost and found for many months now, an XL (15/17) orange/black Halloween shirt, black/gray/silver GM cap, black earmuffs, men's black Timberland gloves, ladies' black sheer scarf, purple hairbrush, 1 ladies' purple glove, 3 pairs of sunglasses, 1 small pair of Polo Ralph Lauren glasses, Gatorade bottle, turquoise scotch tape dispenser, pink terry bib, white cell phone charger cord, bracelets, a fancy purple stone and rhinestone necklace; and miscellaneous small toys, toddlers' books, hair bows, barrettes, buttons, pens, pencils, etc.

Endowment Committee Officers—The 2019 Endowment Committee (Wes Schroeder, Brian Scheele, Wendell Gronemeyer, Ryan Meyer, Greg Bekemeyer, Steve Freese – ex officio, Britton Scheele – ex officio) met last Sunday to elect officers. Wes Schroeder was elected chairman, Wendell Gronemeyer was elected treasurer, and Ryan Meyer was elected secretary. Please speak to any of the members if you have questions or would like to know more about St. Paul's Endowments.

This Week, By God's Grace (February 17th – February 24th)

Today	Sunday School, Bible Class, BIC	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Worship at Christ Lutheran, Beatrice	4:00pm
	Congregational Open Forum at Beatrice	
Mon. – Thurs.	Lutheran Schools Week	
Monday	Faculty Meeting	7:15am
	Muffins for Moms	
	School Chapel	8:30am
	Gardenside Devotion	10:00am
	Declamation Presentation at School	
Tuesday	Faculty Devotion	7:15am
	Donuts for Dads	
	School Chapel	8:30am
	LES Catechism	9:00am
	Spelling Bee at School	
	Faculty Meeting	3:45pm
Wednesday	St. Paul's School Alumni Day	
	Basketball Practice	3:45-5:30pm
	PSI Class	6:00-7:30pm
Thursday	Faculty Devotion	7:15am
	LES Catechism	8:30am
	School Pep Rally	
	Ladies Aid	2:30pm
Friday	Mid-winter Break – No School	
Fri. – Sat.	LES BB Tournament at NELHS	
Sunday	Sunday School, Bible Class, BIC	9:00am
	Worship-Communion	10:00am
	(Childcare: Stacey Freese, Marcie Vossler) (Greeters: Vickie Christ, Becky Briney)	
	Confirmation Meeting	11:15am



Grace

HMONG OUTREACH IN VIETNAM

God's grace has opened
doors to an unprecedented
mission opportunity in
communist Vietnam.

**Learn more about God working through
the Gospel in Vietnam
next Sunday!**

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When Peace Like a River



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my
 2 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 3 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be



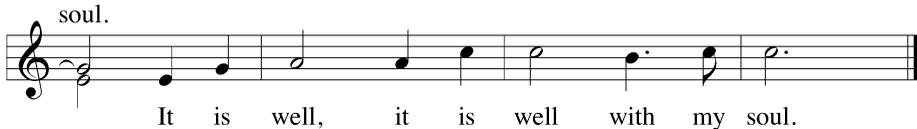
way, When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll— What -
 thought— My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is
 sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The



ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 nailed to the cross, and I bear it no
 trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de -



say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 scend; E - ven so, it is well with my soul.



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888, alt.

Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE (11 8 11 9 and Refrain) Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

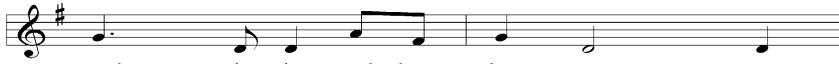
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*Refrain*

How good it is and how pleas - ant to



live in u - ni - ty and peace. How



good it is and how pleas - ant to



live to - geth - er in one Lord. Lord.

Verses

1 In the name of our Lord Je - sus Christ, a -
2 Live a life that is wor - thy of your call; be
3 Share the love that has joined us as one; u -



gree in ev - 'ry - thing you say.
hum - ble, gen - tle, and pa - tient.
nite in spir - it and i - deals.



May there be no di - vi - sions a - mong you, but
Bear with each oth - er in ways that are lov - ing; pre -
Nev - er be ri - vals; do not be con - ceit - ed, but



be u - ni - ted in one mind.
serve the u - ni - ty of faith. For there is
look to oth - ers in their need.



one Lord, one faith, one



God of us all.

To Refrain

Text (refrain): Psalm 133:1; alt.

Text (verses): 1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:1-3,5,6; Philippians 2:2-4, alt.

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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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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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