

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
**January 17, 2021**  
**10:45 am**

**Prelude: *Brightest and Best* – traditional (JUBILATE RINGERS)**

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*(Pause for reflection)*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

For by Grace you have been saved. Out of great mercy, Jesus Christ was sent to die for your sins on the cross. As he lives victorious from the grave, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven.

**Gathering Hymn # 676: *Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak***

*Sung by cantor. Sanctuary worshippers may follow and hum along with the text.*

Lord, speak to us, that we may speak  
in living echoes of your tone;  
as you have sought, so let us seek  
your straying children, lost and lone.

Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead  
the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;  
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed  
your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,  
until our very hearts o'erflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word,  
your love to tell, your praise to show.

## Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Kyrie (sung by cantor)



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son:    Ⓞ Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## Hymn of Praise (sung by cantor)

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

## Prayer of the Day

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Reading

## 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you have searched me out;

O LORD, you have known me.

<sup>2</sup>**You know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

<sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**<sup>4</sup>Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

<sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

**<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

<sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**<sup>14</sup>I will thank you because I am marvelously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

<sup>15</sup>My body was not hidden from you,  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

**<sup>16</sup>Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were  
written in your book;  
my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

<sup>17</sup>How deep I find your thoughts, O God!  
How great is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup>If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

## Reading

## 1 Samuel 3:[11-20]

[<sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

<sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the

ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation *(sung by cantor)*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Gospel

John 1:43-51

*Before the gospel is read:*

The holy gospel according to John .... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Children's Message

Deacon Emily Myallis

### Sermon

Rev. Rob Myallis

### Instrumental Music for Reflection: *Here I Am, Lord – setting, Anne David*

"I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?

#### Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

Whom shall I send?"

## **Nicene Creed**

**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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

## **Announcements and Offering**

### **Offering Prayer**

O God,  
receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms  
open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful  
service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving  
grace. **Amen.**

## Offering Response *(sung by cantor)*

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.  
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord, rejoice and bear the name of Christ.  
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy  
With shouts of thanksgiving, alleluia, alleluia.

## Blessing

### Sending Hymn: *This Little Light of Mine (traditional)*

*Sung by cantor. Sanctuary worshippers may follow and hum along with the text.*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3 times)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a basket? NO! I'm gonna let it shine (3 times)  
Let it shine let it shine let it shine.

Share my light with others! YES! I'm gonna let it shine (3 times)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

## Peace and Sending

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**  
Christ is born! Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Great Thanksgiving *(sung by pastor and cantor)*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### Holy, Holy, Holy *(sung by pastor and cantor)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and 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.

## Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed... Do this in remembrance of me.  
As we do this, we proclaim the great mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

## Lord's Prayer

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.

## Distribution

### Musicians

Susan Cardwell, handbell ensemble leader  
Pam Drenner, keyboards

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It's not too late to join the **Antiracism and Faith** small group meeting Mondays at 7-8:30 p.m. from January 11-February 15. Contact Briana Legerlotz ([brianalegerlotz@gmail.com](mailto:brianalegerlotz@gmail.com)) for joining information.

**Study the Book of Nehemiah** with Pastor Rob this winter, and look for insights about rebuilding in 2021. This is a hybrid group (choose to be present in person or via Zoom) on **Thursdays at 7 p.m.** Contact Pastor Rob ([rev.rob@stpaulinitz.net](mailto:rev.rob@stpaulinitz.net)) for details.

**Augsburg Bible Study** will complete the winter session, “Call in the New Testament,” via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 9:30. Contact George Nickel ([gwnickel@ptd.net](mailto:gwnickel@ptd.net)) or Kimberly Todd ([ktodd@stpaulinitz.net](mailto:ktodd@stpaulinitz.net)) for joining information.

**Rooted and Growing: Taking Root** is a hybrid adult small group for exploring The Lord’s Prayer, The Apostle’s Creed, and Holy Sacraments on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Contact Vicar Emmy ([eschreiber@stpaulinitz.net](mailto:eschreiber@stpaulinitz.net)) or Kimberly Todd ([ktodd@stpaulinitz.net](mailto:ktodd@stpaulinitz.net)) for joining information.

“**Simple Living**” is a digital Bible Study available for the month of January. With the winter months and the pandemic offering time to 'deep clean' the house, this study offers a deeper look into how, as Christians, we are called to live simply in a consumer driven society and how this impacts our lives as followers of Christ. If interested contact Phyllis Frankhouser, 717-626-4200, to have the study emailed.

**Bibles!** Are you in 3rd grade? Then this month is your next Faith-Step-Stone: receiving a Bible as a gift from St. Paul. Please confirm with Deacon Emily that you’d like to participate in this step. We will design a covid-careful, special presentation of your Bible through church!

**TODAY!** Family Fun day at Kirchenwald. 1:00-6:00pm. Come for winter fun: hiking, exploring, playing games. If there’s snow, you can sled, ski, and skate! This is wonderfully safe and fun get-away for all ages. A free-will donation is accepted, and Hot Cocoa is provided!

**Team 56 STARS:** Kids in grades 5&6 are invited to a special Epiphany Event: Star Gazing! Friday, January 29 6:30-8:00pm. Outdoor, masked & distanced. RSVP to deaconemily and to get all the details.

**Cards of Caring:** children of Sunday School age are writing cards to our St. Paul members at Luther Acres as a way to brighten the winter and connect us as church! Thank you kids!