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Last week, having discussed various gifts and roles within the Church, now, for Epiphany 4, St. Paul teaches the “still more excellent way” (12:31b) which is to be the motive that controls the use of all individual gifts for others: love. We welcome you in the love of Christ as we worship as brothers and sisters.

There is a Cry Room available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

Children Leaving the Sanctuary: This is a matter of caring concern for your child, or the young child that you are responsible for, age 13 or younger. The Board of Lay Ministry asks that if your child needs to leave the sanctuary during the worship service, you as a parent or responsible adult will need to escort them to and from the sanctuary. Thank you

The Lord’s Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

Bell Choir : “Lead Me Lord”

405 To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

St. Paul's Children's Choir

"My Lighthouse"

Verse 1:

In my wrestling and in my doubts,
In my failure You won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through.
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa-oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Verse 2:

In the silence You won't let go,
 In the questions Your truth will hold.
 Your great love will lead me through.
 You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa-oh
 You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Chorus:

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
 Shining in the darkness, I will follow You, Lord.
 My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
 I will trust the promise,
 You will carry me safe to sho-re.
 Safe to sho-re.
 Safe to sho-re.
 Safe to shore.

Verse 3:

I won't fear what tomorrow brings,
 With each morning I'll rise and sing.
 My God's love will lead me through.
 You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa-oh
 You are the peace in my troubled sea. (Chorus)

Bridge:

Fire before us, You're the brightest,
 You will lead us through the storms. (Sung 4 times then the Chorus)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 10:12, 16-18

P Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand;

C **forget not the afflicted.**

P The LORD is king forever and ever;

C **the nations perish from his land.**

P O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted;

C **you will strengthen their heart;**

P you will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,

C so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand;

C forget not the afflicted.

Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C 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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Epiphany 4

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 1:4–10

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” ⁷But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.”

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me,

“Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 117:1-2; Psalm 96:8

P Praise the LORD, all nations!

C **Extol him, all peoples!**

P For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

P Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

C **bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:31b—13:13

I will show you a still more excellent way.

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

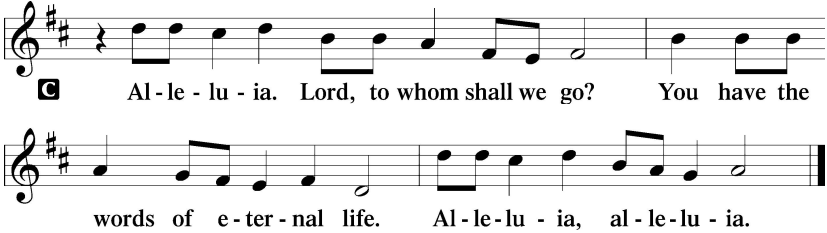
¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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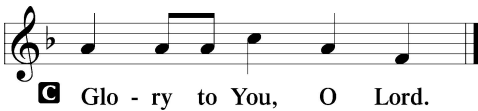


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:31–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³¹Jesus went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³²and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. ³³And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴“Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ³⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. ³⁶And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” ³⁷And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

³⁸And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

⁴⁰Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

⁴²And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, ⁴³but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." ⁴⁴And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

588 Jesus Loves Me

Sermon Text:

1 Corinthians 12:31b–13:13

Sermon

"Christ's Cross Is the Source and Norm
of Christian Love and Life"

I. Christ's cross reveals our sinful, _____.

II. Christ's cross reveals his forgiving, _____.

III. Christ's cross reveals the shape of _____.

683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



C A - men.

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Liturgical Corner

Worship Component: Prayer of Thanksgiving/Lord's Prayer

Scriptural Basis: Luke 24:30, Matt. 6:9-13

Meaning: As the testaments are linked to Christ in the Service of the Word, so do we remember and gives thanks for a salvation history in the Church’s table prayer. The Lord’s Prayer, given by Christ Himself, is wonderfully appropriate as we approach His Supper.

Application for Daily Living: Daily the baptized people of God pray. The Lord’s Prayer is both a prayer to pray and a model for all our prayers.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US

Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in front of the water fountains in the narthex of the church. You may also choose “e-tithing” by having a weekly deposit to St Paul’s from your bank account. If you have questions on e-tithing, please contact the Church Office.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available on the back table in the Narthex for you to pick up today. After, that please come to the church office to get them.

Calendar of Events

TODAY: January 30, 2022

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
8th Grade Confirmation after Church
6th Grade Confirmation..... 12:00 pm
Bell Choir Practice..... 5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice..... 6:00 pm

MON:

Voters’ Meeting to Call Admin. Pastor..... 7:00 pm

TUES:

4th-6th Grade Basketball @ North Judson..... 5:30 pm
Prayer Circle..... 7:00 pm

WEDS:

Day School Chapel..... 11:00 am
Public Relations Board..... Noon

THURS:

Ladies Bible Study.....9:30 am
Parish Fellowship Meeting..... 9:30 am

1st Thursday Bible Study.....	6:00 pm
FRI:	
Preschool Chapel:	9:30 am
SAT:	
4 th -6 th Grade Basketball St. Paul's Invite.....	10:00 am
Youth: Non-Sale Bake Sale Fundraiser During Tourney.....	10:00 am
NEXT SUNDAY:.....	February 6th, 2022
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service.....	9:30 am
8 th Grade Confirmation	after Church
6 th Grade Confirmation.....	12:00 pm
Bell Choir Practice.....	5:00 pm
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Ushers, Please remember, **it is important for you to find a replacement** if you cannot usher on your assigned day

Voters' Meeting Please plan to attend the Voters' Meeting tomorrow night, January 31st, at 7:00 p.m. We will be voting to call an Administrative Pastor.

1st Thursday Bible Study will meet at the church on February 3rd at 6:00 p.m. We are ready for Chapter 6: "The Enemy Within".

LWML, February 7, Monday, 7:00 p.m: College student "**Goodie Boxes**" will be filled, after our Bible Study: "*When I am weak, Then He is Strong.*" Anyone wishing to contribute should bring **1 DOZEN INDIVIDUALLY-WRAPPED** items to the church kitchen on Feb. 6. Better yet, bring them along to the Bible study. All ladies are invited; guests (even men) always welcome!
 PS: to receive a box, your student's address **must be turned in** to the Church Office!!!! Thank you.

Voters' Assembly Minutes – Copies of the minutes from the Monday, January 24 regular Voters' Assembly meeting are available on the table in the narthex. If the supply has run out and you desire a copy for yourself, please contact Ken Eichinger. If you prefer an electronic copy, email Ken at keneichinger@gmail.com

Budget info: Operating budget fund balance as of January 27, 2022 : \$105,100. This amount represents almost 7 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.

HOW TO CHECK IF WORSHIP SERVICES ARE CANCELLED

When we have inclement weather forecasted for a Sunday morning or if we are actually having bad weather, please watch WNDU channel 16.1 on TV after 6:00 A.M. for announcements of worship service cancellations. Also, for those who have provided email addresses to the church or Bruce Schmidt via the sign-up sheets in the church narthex, emails will be sent out if worship services are cancelled. If you have questions, please email Dave Burcham at dburcham@fourway.net.

NEW CHURCH SECRETARY

Effective December 31st, 2021, Marilyn Gumz has resigned from the position of church secretary where she has willingly and graciously served our congregation for the past 8 years. The church secretary position has been accepted by Janet Miller who has been working in this position for the last couple of weeks. Please welcome Janet as she transitions into this role in service to the congregation. Janet's email address at St. Paul's is : church@stpaulsbremen.org

Youth News

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING: Two opportunities to support the Youth attending the National Youth Gathering are just around the corner:

- **February 5th:** We will be hosting a “Non-Sale” Bake Sale (free will offerings accepted) at the St. Paul’s 4th-6th Grades Basketball Tournament. Join us to support our young Eagles for their games and enjoy a snack while doing it.
- **February 13th:** As part of your meal plans for Super Bowl Sunday, consider ordering a sub sandwich prepared by our Youth. Order forms will be available after the church services on 1/30 and 2/6 and on the Youth bulletin board in the hallway. Free will offerings may be given at time of pick up after the church service on February 13th.

School Corner :

We had an exciting national Lutheran Schools Week at St. Paul's School. Every day was a special dress-up day to show school spirit. Tuesday the school participated in a Bowlathon to raise money for tornado victims in Bowling Green, KY. (We are still collecting donations. If you would like to donate, make a check out to St. Paul's Lutheran School with "Bowlathon Charity" in the memo.) Thursday, we had a pancake breakfast for our school families, and Friday, the Middle School students went to Sunrise House of Pancakes, in town, for lunch.

We close our week of celebration with the school choir singing today. Thank you for all the ways you support our school! We are so thankful to provide a Christian education in the community.

Also, we hope to see you at the 4-6th grade basketball tournament here at St. Paul's, February 5th, starting at 10:00 am. There are no restrictions for spectators. We plan on serving Bourbon Street Pizza in the concession stand. Please come and cheer on our team!

To God be all the Glory! Mr. Mark Wildauer

Sign up for Email!

Starting in January 2022, the PR Board will begin using email as an additional way to get information out to the congregation. If you are interested in receiving emails from St. Paul's you can sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex or you can email church@stpaulsbremen.org. Please note: this will NOT change or replace anything that we are currently doing. Your email address will remain confidential and not given out to any member or be visible to anyone else receiving emails.

Please prayerfully consider using the gift of song that the Lord has given to you and join Adult Choir. We would love to have you join us as we praise the Lord through song. We have a lot of fun so don't miss out.

Also, if you can count to 4, 6, or 8 then please join Bell Choir. You don't have to be able to read music, only have the ability to joyfully praise the Lord. (There is a reason we are known as the Ding-a-lings.)

Servants for Today's Worship

Pastor: Rev. Neil Wonnacott
Organist: Ellen Augustine

Ushers: Joe Ervin & Bruce Augustine
Acolyte: Rebecca & Jessica Rogers
Elder: Rod Schroeder