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O man, what is good;
And what does
the LORD require of you*

*but to do justly, to
love mercy and to walk
humbly with your God?*

Micah 6:8 NKJV

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The 4th Sunday After Epiphany..... January 29, 2023

The season of Epiphany is, of course, the revealing, the epiphany, of Jesus—God’s now-incarnate eternal Son revealed as Christ and Lord of all. But this Sunday the propers might seem to be focusing on man: how the blessed man is poor in spirit, meek, merciful (the Beatitudes, *Gospel*, Mt 5:1–12. *Old Testament Reading*, Micah 6:8). In fact, the man of God does delight to be or do all these things. However, the epiphany this week is that we delight because the blessed Man of God in the Beatitudes and in each proper is Christ—who has done all these for us.

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.

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.

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

God’s Word tells us that children are a blessing from the Lord – Psalm 127:3. We welcome children and all the joy and little chatter that comes with them. If for any reason you need to take your little one out, there is a Nursery (Cry Room) available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

Bell Choir "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

Opening Hymn 842 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

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

C Amen. (Matthew 28:19b)

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. (1 John 1:8-9)

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. (John 20:19-23)

C Amen.

Adult Choir "Man of Sorrows"

1. Man of sorrows! What a name for the Son of God, who came ruined sinners to reclaim. Hallelujah, what a Savior!

2. Guilty, vile and helpless, we,
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement, can it be?
Hallelujah, what a Savior!
3. Lifted up was He to die;
"It is finished," was His cry;
Now in heav'n exalted high,
Hallelujah, what a Savior!
4. When He comes, our glorious King,
all His ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we'll sing;
Hallelujah, what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Savior!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah, what a Savior!

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 1:1-5; antiphon v. 6

- P** For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
C **but the way of the wicked will perish.**
P Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
C **nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**
P but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
C **and on His law he meditates day and night.**
P He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit
in its season, and its leaf does not wither.
C **In all that he does, he prospers.**
P The wicked are not so,
C **but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**
P Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
C **nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**
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 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
C **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Kyrie ~ *Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)*

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- 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 ~ *Glory to God in the Highest* LSB 154
(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

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

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

Micah 6:1–8

¹Hear what the LORD says:
Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has an indictment against His people,
and He will contend with Israel.

³O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Answer Me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O My people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 117:1-2a; Psalm 96:8

P Praise the LORD, all nations!

C **Extol Him, all peoples!**

P For great is His steadfast love toward us,

C **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 1:18–31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

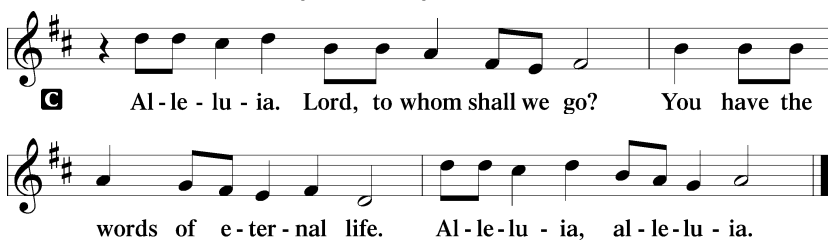
²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse *(John 6:68)*

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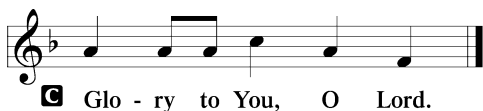


G Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

²And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

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

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C 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.

Hymn 848 "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"

Sermon The Lord's "Do" and "Done"

Sermon Text

Micah 6:1-8

1. We fall into Israel's sin when we think what we do for the Lord is just something _____ .
2. The Lord does indeed tell us that we _____ .
3. But what the Lord commands us to do is a delight when we remember _____ .

Hymn 397 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

Prayers

Lord's Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

☐ 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 *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

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- ☐** 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.



☐ A - men.

Closing Hymn 845 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

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GOD’s Word ~ Read in a Community of Women ~ Women of the congregation and community please join us on Saturday mornings at 11:00 am in the Jerusalem room. If you have a favorite Bible bring it with you. If you don’t or you forget, please come because we have Bibles available to share. There are no questions to answer and you never have to read or say a word, all you have to do is join us because you are welcome and loved. For more information contact Kelly Sienicki.

Calendar of Events

TODAY:.....January 29, 2023
 Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
 Worship Service..... 9:30 am
 7th Grade PUBLIC School Confirmation After Church
 Bell Choir Rehearsal5:00 pm
 Adult Choir Rehearsal.....6:00 pm
MON:
 Basketball Home vs MCAC Wildcats4:30/5:30 pm
TUES:
 Altar Guild Meeting6:30 pm
WED:
 Day School Chapel 8:05 am
THURS:
 Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am
FRI:
 Preschool Chapel 9:30 am
 7/8 Grade Basketball Tourney @ Stevensville Michigan TBD
SAT:
 7/8 Grade Basketball Tourney @ Stevensville Michigan TBD
NEXT SUNDAY:February 5, 2023
 Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
 Worship Service..... 9:30 am
 Scrip Day
 7th Grade PUBLIC School Confirmation After Church
 Adult Basketball..... 2:00-4:00 pm
 Bell Choir Rehearsal5:00 pm
No Adult Choir Rehearsal.....

Altar Guild will meet, this Tuesday, January 31st, at 6:30 pm.

Meals on Wheels Door Offering today, January 29th, 2023

We would like to keep our prices low so that meals can be affordable for all seniors. If you are interested in helping, we will have a door offering on January 29th after the service. Checks may be made payable to St Paul's Lutheran Church with Meals on Wheels noted in the memo section. If you have questions about the program, you may contact Joanna Fox.

LWML, Monday, February 6, 7:00 pm. Program: Bible Study "In the Father's Arms," led by Pastor Wonnacott. AND Pack "Goodie Boxes" for college students. **YOUR STUDENT'S CURRENT ADDRESS NEEDS TO BE TURNED INTO THE CHURCH OFFICE** or your student may not get a box! Anyone wishing to donate may bring 1 dozen individually-wrapped items to the Church Kitchen on Sunday, Feb. 5. Better yet, come feed on the Word and bring your items along. Refreshments will be served.

Voters' Assembly Minutes – Copies of the minutes from the Monday, January 23 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 Eichinger.

From your Stewardship Board...

It's Tax Time again so don't forget about a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is a distribution from your individual retirement account (IRA) to a qualified charity. You must be age 70½ or older to make a qualified charitable distribution. A qualified charitable distribution is not taxed, nor is it included in your taxable income.

If certain conditions are met, QCDs also can count toward the required minimum distributions (RMDs) that people who are age 73 or older must meet each year if they have traditional IRAs (or a number of other tax advantaged retirement plans that you can't use for a QCD). Also important: You don't have to itemize on your tax return to take advantage of a QCD.

SCHOOL CORNER

We had a great week, celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week! The students learned about other countries and the missionary ministry of the LCMS. We had themed dress-up days, and we had delicious pancakes with our family members.

We bowled on Jan. 24th, to raise money for Epiphany Lutheran Church, in Jackson, MS. Epiphany lost their church building in a fire last fall and the money will go towards a rebuild. Students are collecting pledges and/or donations for that cause.

Thank you for giving back to our teachers and thanking them for all they do to support the school and students! On the Christmas tree in the narthex, there are paper ornaments with listed items desired by the teachers for their classrooms. If you wish to show appreciation to our teachers in this way, please take an ornament, write your name by the description of the item taken on the clipboard, purchase the requested item, and place it under the tree with the tag attached. (It does not need to be wrapped!) Thank you!

We are always in need of volunteers and substitute teachers. If you are interested in serving in those capacities, please see Nathan Miller or Jennifer Harman. A substitute teaching license (easily obtained from the state) and a background check are required for subbing.

Thank you to all who donated to the school in 2022, whether it was through giving to the SGO, tuition assistance fund, or by volunteering your time! We appreciate you!

Donations to the SGO are year-round!

You can find several (easy) ways to donate at www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate. Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, and **NOW electronic giving!** Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. **We have provided scholarships for 27 students!** These scholarships make a big difference for our families.

We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.

Youth News

ATTENTION YOUTH IN GRADES 4 THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING THE ICE SKATING OUTING TODAY: Please meet at church by 1:00 pm, as Parents/Guardians will need to sign a waiver. Cost per attendee is \$5. We will plan to return by approximately 4 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Andy Wildauer.



SUPER BOWL SUBS ARE BACK: The Youth Board and Youth will be offering subs to the congregation / school on ***Super Bowl Sunday (February 12th)***. Orders must be placed by February 5th in the Narthex of the Church so we can plan accordingly. Free will donations will be accepted in support of future Youth Gatherings and mission trips. Contact Andy Wildauer with any questions.

