



*You are God's field,
God's building.*

1 Corinthians 3:9b

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Epiphany is wrapping up, and the Lenten journey to the cross will soon begin. Because we rehearse these events every year, we can feel we already know this story. However, if we think we know it, we do not know it as we ought. When it comes to God's Word, we can be so arrogant and so forgetful. Let us turn to His Word.

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.

Opening Hymn 394 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*

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.** *(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.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 98:7-9; antiphon: v. 2

P The LORD has made known His salvation;

C **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

P Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!

P Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD,

C **for He comes to judge the earth.**

P He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

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 The LORD has made known His salvation;

C **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

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

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 ~ *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 Epiphany 6 / Septuagesima

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.

¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in His ways, and by keeping His commandments and His statutes and His rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying His voice and holding fast to Him, for He is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

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 3:1–9

¹But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid

food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? ⁴For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse (*John 6:68*)

LSB 156

C 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 5:21–37

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²¹Jesus said "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in

prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’
²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ ³⁴But I say to you, do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is His footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

G I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again

according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 577 "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

Sermon Text

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Sermon "Teach Us the Gospel Again"

1. Paul has pointed the Corinthians back to "Start," back to the

_____ .

2. They needed to learn the mind of Christ—foolishness, baby stuff, in the eyes of the world, but for us,

_____ .

God Is So Patient with Us, Willing to Teach and Reteach the Glorious Gospel Again.

3. So again and again, God teaches all people the same message:

"You are all poor, miserable sinners, but I have reconciled you to myself _____ ."

Hymn 579 "The Law of God Is Good and Wise"

Prayers

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:11)



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(Psalm 136)



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9) LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord *(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)*

LSB 162

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *(1 Corinthians 11:26)*

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *(Revelation 22:20)*

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

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.

Pax Domini ~ *The Peace of the Lord* (John 20:19) LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei ~ *Lamb of God* (John 1:29) LSB 163



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Hymn 617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

Hymn 619 "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"

Hymn 633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Hymn 636 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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.

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

LSB 166

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.

Closing Hymn 587 "I Know My Faith Is Founded"

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Special Concerns:

That we would desire to hear, read, mark, learn, and take the Scriptures to heart with patience and with great comfort.

For Jamielynn (Tinkey) Flores and Pastor Micah Wildauer and their work in foreign missions.

For our country and her leaders.

For the Lord’s guidance in calling a new Administrative Pastor.

That the Lord would bless our offerings that we give today.

That Jesus would shine in the hearts of all Christians throughout the world who face the struggles of war and persecution as they stand up for their risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

CANCELED ~ The Women's Group that meets on Saturdays at 11:00 am will take a break and not meet on Saturday, February 18th. **JOIN US AGAIN** ~ We will come back together on Saturday, February 25th.

Calendar of Events

TODAY:.....February 12, 2023

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
Worship Service with communion..... 9:30 am
7th Grade PUBLIC School Confirmation After Church
Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm
.....No Adult Choir Rehearsal.....

TUES:

Pastor Wonnacott@WINKLE North Judson All Day
4-6th Grade Basketball@St. Peter, North Judson 5:30 pm

WED:

Day School Chapel 8:05 am

THURS:

Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am
Public Relations Meeting 12:00 Noon

FRI:

Prechool Chapel 9:30 am
Euchre Party 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY:February 19, 2023

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
Worship Service..... 9:30 am
7th Grade PUBLIC School Confirmation After Church
Adult Basketball..... 2:00 pm-4:00 pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal..... 6:00 pm

The 2023 Plymouth Legacy of Life Banquet will be held Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at the Christos Banquet Center in Plymouth. Keynote speaker will be Mike Fichter, CEO of Indiana Right to Life. Mike is an outstanding speaker and strong proponent of the pro-life cause. Jim and Linda Tinkey will host a table for St. Paul's members and would love to have you join them. Tickets are \$ 25 payable to RTL of NCI. See Jim or Linda to reserve a spot at their table or for any further details.

Check it out! Don't miss the church and school library cart in the narthex today. This week, we've selected a few great fiction titles. If you like a good series, you might like Katie Schrman's House of the Living Stones; about a small midwestern town lutheran church community. If you love Christian fiction, you'll enjoy the Karen Kingsbury collections. One Tuesday Morning and Beyond Tuesday Morning take the reader into the aftermath of 9/11 and reveal God's grace in the midst of the chaos. Other Christian lit favorites on the cart include works by Janet Oke, Wanda Brunstetter and Lori Wick...and lots lots more. Come check it out, so you can check it out!

YOUTH NEWS

SUPER BOWL SUBS: Please pick up your sandwiches in the Bethany Room following the church service. As a reminder, there is no cost; however, free will donations will be accepted. The first 10% of whatever is donated will be given to Epiphany Lutheran Church in Jackson, MS as they recently lost their church building due to a fire. The remaining funds will be saved in support of future Youth Gatherings and mission trips.

SCHOOL CORNER

Congratulations, Eagles basketball teams for a great season! The 7/8th Grade Tournament in Stevensville, MI, went well. The Eagles won the first game of the tournament and scored 22 points in their second game. We have our last 4-6th Grade team game on Tuesday, the 14th, 5:30pm, at St. Peter's, 810 W. Talmer Ave., North Judson.

February is Reading Challenge Month! Students are reading and accumulating points for personal and school goals, with a chance to earn prizes every week. We enjoyed having a guest author from South Bend, Kathy Smart, visit and read her two children's books. She also had a Q & A session with the middle school students about being an author. Please encourage your students to read, read, read!

Last call for the Wish Tree! Thank you for your generosity in giving back to our teachers and taking ornaments from the Teacher Giving Trees! They have been very excited to receive their "gifts"! If you would still like to give, we have a few ornaments left on the tree, and the tree is coming down this week. 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!

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.

PTL is sponsoring a Hacienda fundraiser at the Plymouth Hacienda on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. This time there are separate coupons for meals and gift cards. You can use either a paper copy of the coupons or a picture of them. If you cannot make the fundraiser night and would like a gift card, please contact Eric Thornton and he will make sure to gather your information and money to get a gift card for you. For your convenience a copy of each gift card is printed below.



Group: St. Paul's Lutheran School
Date: 2-21-2023
Location: Plymouth

You must receive your token from your organization prior to your event. Distribution of this token on Hacienda property will disqualify the organization from receiving any proceeds.

Don't have time to eat out? Pick up a Hacienda gift card or Fiesta-To Go order. They count towards the fundraiser.

Restaurant phone number: (574)-941-2022

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