

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 7, 2021

Divine Setting One pg. 151 in the hymnal

WELCOME / BELL CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

#398

INVOCATION

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

KYRIE

“Lord, Have Mercy”

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This is the Feast”

COLLECT OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:21-31 (ESV)

God’s people wonder if He sees or cares about their problems. But the promise is that all those who wait upon the LORD in faith will have their strength renewed.

Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-27 (ESV)

Paul regards his Gospel ministry as an honor rather than a chore. He submits his own personal desires and freedoms to the needs of those he is trying to reach.

For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

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GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:29-39 (ESV)

Jesus travels throughout Galilee, preaching about the Kingdom of God and performing many healing miracles as a sign that His Kingdom has come.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St Mark the first chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure"

Pastor Jon Dunbar

#533

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"What Shall I Render to the Lord"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

PREFACE

SANCTUS

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"

COMMUNION HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

#643

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

#790

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev David Ohlman, Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Polk
Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

For Our Congregation and Community:

Stephen Ramsey cancer diagnosis

Jim Wiemer (brother of Diane Mooney) advanced pancreatic cancer

Family of Jim Hartmann (Lonna Richter's uncle) passed away

Dealing with an illness: Derek Glassman, Christal Fehlhafer, Shirley Utter, Roger Rhodes, Aaron DeWaard, Amy Frye's Father Frank, Paula Huebschman (Jamie Ramsey's mother), Mitch Peeks, Hawley Family Bill Chessar (brother of Teresa Rathjen), Sheila Franks, Dick Greenwood, Linda Ehlers, Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother), Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law),
Mya Noreen (Great Grand Daughter of Darlene Link)

Recovering from surgery: Collin Sansom, Duane Barth, Jayne Griffiths, Linda Luebbe, Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer)

St. Paul News February 7, 2021

St. Paul Lutheran Church: 1100 D Street, Utica, Nebraska 402-534-2200 (phone); School:402-534-2121
Pastor: Rev. Jon Dunbar; Visitation Pastor: Rev. Richard Gudgel; Principal: Mr. Bob Brauer
 Cell:402-641-4813 Cell:402-319-0965 Cell:402-534-3406
DCE: Brittany Fulcer; 414-292-8069

In Response to God's Love January 31: Total Attendance: 87 Sunday School: 16

VOLUNTEERS:

TODAY(02-07-21) Acolyte: Kendra Sugden **Lay Reader:** Sam Dunbar **Organist:** Dylan Teut

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (02-07)	9:00 AM	Worship w/Communion online and in person
	10:30 AM	Bible Study online and in person Sunday School in person
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Group
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group
MONDAY (02-08)	1:00 PM	Bible Study
TUESDAY (02-09)	9:00 AM	Pastor Circuit Meeting
WEDNESDAY (02-10)	8:30 AM	Chapel with 3rd and 4th Grades
	1:30 PM	Early Out/Parent Teacher Conferences
	1:45 PM	<i>Midweek Class 7/8 Grades only</i>
	7:00 PM	Administrative Meetings
	7:45 PM	Council Meeting
THURSDAY (02-11)	1:30 PM	Early Out/Parent Teacher Conferences
FRIDAY (02-12)	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
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SATURDAY (02-13)	-----	
SUNDAY (02-14)	9:00 AM	Worship online and in person
	10:30 AM	Bible Study online and in person/Sunday School in person
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Group
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group

As of 02-03-21	Amount received 01-31-21	Needed each week	Received YTD 2021	YTD Amount needed to cover 2021 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$16,744.00		\$70,197.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$0.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$3,851.00		
Total	\$16,744.00	\$15,089.00	\$74,049.00	\$61,411.00	\$12,638.00
Building Fund	\$50.00		\$0.00	Bldg Fund**	\$46,967.00
Teacherage Fund	\$0.00		\$100.00	Teacherage Fund	\$75.00
Restricted Funds (other than bldg)	\$163.00		\$583.00		
Mekasha Mission (9/20-8/21) 5k goal	\$50.00	\$86.00	\$2,335.00	\$2,019.00	\$316.00

Current Operating Note: \$0.00 (debt limit is \$90,000) **Insurance Proceeds Received

THANK YOU. Many thanks to all who contributed to the special door offering which brought in \$1,080.00 for the LLL Special Projects. This will help support the various LLL projects as well as scholarships for students who are going into full time church work. St. Paul LLL

Door Offering for Lutheran Hour Ministry On Sunday, February 14th we will be collecting a door offering for Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM). They are best known for their long-running Gospel radio broadcast. But they also offer a treasure trove of free video-based bible studies and many other Gospel outreach resources. You can visit their website: www.lhm.org or radio station 95.7FM (Lincoln) on Sunday mornings at 7:30am to hear The Lutheran Hour program.

Lutheran Basics Class Pastor Dunbar will be teaching a six-week class on Lutheran teaching (based on the Small Catechism) starting on Sunday, February 21st. This class is open to anyone interested in church membership or as a refresher course for current members. We will meet in the choir room (next to the sanctuary) during the Sunday School hour.

LCMS Convention Referendum *The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic is making it difficult or impossible for districts to hold their state conventions on schedule. This, in turn, will have consequences for a Synodical Convention, currently scheduled for 2022. As a solution to this problem, LCMS President Matthew Harrison, with the support of the Board of Directors, has called for a vote by every LCMS congregation. A "yes" vote would add a year to the current triennium, allowing districts to hold their conventions in either 2021 or 2022, and moving the upcoming national Synod Convention to 2023. If you would like to weigh in on this question and offer direction to our Church Council, please share your thoughts with Pastor Dunbar or Neal Koch before Wednesday, February 10th. Thank you!*

"Praying for Muslims 2021" booklet sign up sheet in at the Welcome Center

Preschool Enrollment Time *St. Paul Preschool in Utica is now taking enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year. There will be a Preschool Open House on Saturday, February 27th from 10:00am to 11:00am for interested families to visit our classroom. The preschool is located on the east end of the school building behind the church. Children should be 3 years old by July 31, 2021 to attend preschool next year. We are excited to offer another year of social, emotional, cognitive, physical, AND spiritual learning experiences for preschoolers in and around our community! For more information please call the school at 402-534-2121 or preschool teacher, Pam Johansen, at 402-534-5138. Please share this information with friends and family who may be interested in our preschool program. We can also schedule a visit at another time. St. Paul Preschool is tuition free, but there is a \$250 yearly book and registration fee for all students who attend St. Paul School, with a maximum of \$500 per family with multiple students at St. Paul. Assistance to cover this fee is available if needed. An enrollment form and \$35 nonrefundable deposit (which will cover snack fees) must be returned to hold your child's spot for next year.*

St. Paul Lutheran School (Utica) will have Kindergarten Round-Up on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. *Children who are or will be 5 years old before July 31, 2021, are eligible to attend. You are also invited to attend our school chapel at 8:35. There will be special activities for the children, while the parents will have an opportunity to receive information about our program and address any questions or concerns. Letters of invitation have been sent to those names we currently have on our list. If you did not receive an invitation, or if you know someone who might be interested in this Christ-centered educational opportunity, please call the school at 534-2121 or Mrs. Luebbe's cell at 641-9383.*

Arvon Engel, is turning 80 next month. Bonnie and David Engel, Becky Engel Householder would like to do a card shower for him. His birthday is February 19 th. If you would like to send a card to him, his address is:
Arvon Engel 7205 Maybeck View Peyton,CO. 80831

Arvin was a life science teacher at Centennial from 1966-1986.