

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 23, 2022

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BELL CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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INVOCATION

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

KYRIE

“Lord, Have Mercy”

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Gloria in Excelsis”

COLLECT OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (ESV)

After Israel's return from exile, much physical labor was needed in order to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. But even more important was the spiritual reform overseen by Ezra the priest. As they listened to God's Word, the people repented of their sins, and then they rejoiced.

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE INTROIT

Psalm 102

L: You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

C: Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:

L: that he looked down from his holy height; from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,

C: to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free those who were doomed to die,

L: that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD, and in Jerusalem his praise,

C: when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.

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.

L: You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a (ESV)

Paul describes the New Testament Church as being like the human body. Although it consists of individual parts, each of those parts is equally necessary and exists to serve the whole body.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:16-30 (ESV)

Jesus returns to his hometown to preach in the synagogue. There, he announces himself to be the Messiah promised in Scripture. The people considered this blasphemy and tried to kill Jesus.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, he went away.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jody Wiemer

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

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SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"What Shall I Render to the Lord"

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Christ Be My Leader"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev Charles Ramsey and Peace Lutheran Church, Waco

Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

Call Committee for a new 1st and 2nd Grade Teacher

Sacrity Value of all Human Life

For Our Congregation and Community:

Praise and Thanksgiving for Caroline Heidorn's 90th Birthday on Monday

Dealing with an illness: Carol Wolters (friend of Cristy Richters),
Marci Fehlhafer, Jeannie Koski, Kurt Dunbar, Pastor Gudgel, Joan Naber, Dick Rhodes,
Pauline Bulgrin, Bil Rodgers, Artie Rutledge,
Kelly Hesel (friend of Cristy Richters), Taida Grantski, Jenni Conell, Shelley Scheele,
Roger Rhodes, Mitch Peeks,
Dick Greenwood,
Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother),
Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law),
Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer)

Recovering from surgery: Andrea Gumaer, Barb Barth, Lois Richters,
Denni Conell

Declining Health: Wilmer Ritterling

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In Response to God's Love

January 16: Inperson Attendance: 130 Visitors: 7 Online: 90

Communion: 99 Sunday School: 22

VOLUNTEERS:

Today: 1-23-22 Acolyte: Ella Baack Lay Reader: Jeff Wellman

Organist: Carol Erks

Next Week: 01-30-22 Acolyte: Kristi Corner Lay Reader: Jeremy Gumaer

Organist: Donneta Schmieding

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (1-23)	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Bible Study/Sunday School
	6:00 PM	5-8 Youth Ministry
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Ministry
MONDAY (1-24)	9:30 AM	Bible Study
TUESDAY (1-25)	-----	
WEDNESDAY (1-26)	-----	Grapevine Information Due to the Church Office
	8:45 AM	Orphan Grain Train
	3:30 PM	Midweek Class
	8:00 PM	Contemporary Choir Practice
THURSDAY (1-27)	-----	
FRIDAY (1-28)	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
SATURDAY (01-29)	-----	Boys Roundball Tournament
	6:30 PM	Roundball Worship Service
SUNDAY (01-30)	9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship
	-----	Boys Roundball Tournament
	10:30 AM	Bible Study/Sunday School
	6:00 PM	5-8 Youth Ministry
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Ministry

As of 1-05-22	Amount received 12-26-21	Amount Needed each week to	Received YTD 2021	YTD Amount needed to cover 2021 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$43,339.00		\$725,646.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$4,668.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$40,543.00		
Total	\$43,339.00	\$0.00	\$770,857.00	\$798,337.00	-\$27,480.00
Building Fund	\$0.00		\$102,300.00	Bldg Fund	\$110,854.00
Teacherage Fund	\$0.00		\$650.00	Teacherage Fund	\$975.00

Mekasha Mission (6/04-8/00) FL	\$100.00	\$97.00	\$1,620.00	\$1,635.00	-\$15.00

Current Operating Note: \$0.00 (debt limit is \$90,000)

We wish to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during Sheila's battle with cancer. A special thank you to Pastor Jon for his very touching sermon for Sheila. And a thank you goes out to the Ladies Aid for the nice luncheon. God Bless Jake, Jo and Mike Franks



There will be an offering plate in the narthex after church today for LLL Special Projects in place of the pancake feed. Your support is appreciated Members of the LLL

The auxiliary is cancelling the Auxiliary Feb. 6 soup dinner.

The fellowship hall is in need of new dishcloths. New dishcloths can be left at the Welcome Center or placed in the fellowship hall. No dish towels are needed.

The 2022 Praying for Muslims booklets are available at the Welcome Center

*Watch Our Services on Facebook. Thanks to great volunteers and technology upgrades, we are able to live stream weekly services and special programs over our website: live.stpaulutica.com. In the event that you have trouble with the live stream feed or you want to watch a service later, you can also go to Facebook and search "**St Paul Utica Service Videos**". Videos are posted there after the live stream is finished, usually by the next day.*

Camp Luther Financial Aid Available! Early bird registration for Camp Luther (Columbus, NE) begins December 13th, and it's a good time to think about sending your kids to summer camp. St. Paul's has set aside funds to help your family choose this wonderful Christian camp experience for your children. We will reimburse an equal percentage of each camper's **camp** fee up to 50% depending on the funds available. Please contact the church office if you have kids going to camp. If you know of a family who would like to send their kids to camp but have financial needs, please talk to Pastor Dunbar.