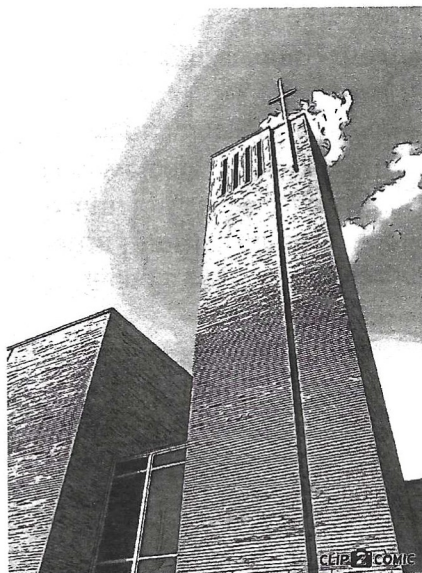


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+Order of Service+
January 15, 2023
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Setting 4
LSB 203

Opening Hymn: **The Only Son from Heaven** LSB 402

Confession and Absolution LSB 204

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Holy Gospel: John 1:29-42a

Creed

Hymn of the Day: **Lamb of God, Pure and Holy** LSB 434

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O Lord, We Praise Thee LSB 617

O Love, How Deep LSB 544

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table LSB 618

Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

Concluding Liturgy LSB 212

Closing Hymn: **My Faith Looks Up to Thee** LSB 702

January 8, 2023 Of Our Time: 92 Communion: 76
Giving: \$ 3,372.00

Old Testament**Isaiah 49:1-7**

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. (2) He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. (3) And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

(4) But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." (5) And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him— for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—

(6) he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." (7) Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Epistle**1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, (2) To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: (3) Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (4) I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, (5) that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— (6) even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— (7) so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, (8) who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. (9) God is faithful, by whom you were

called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

.Gospel

John 1:29-42a

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (30) This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' (31) I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." (32) And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. (33) I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' (34) And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God." (35) The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, (36) and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" (37) The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. (38) Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" (39) He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. (40) One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. (41) He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). (42) He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

THE MUNDANE JUST isn't mundane when seen through heaven's eyes. Next week listen to Rev. Dr. Jason Broge's message: "Whatever You Do" (Colossians 3:17-21) on the Lutheran Hour on WCCO (830): 6.05 AM, KSUM (1370): 11:00 AM. Today's message: "Gifts to Share" (Colossians 1:29).

BLESSED FOR LIFE” is the theme for Life Week 2023-- Sunday, January 15, through Saturday, January 21--which is recognized across the nation. A blessing implies multiplication and abundance. "I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore." Genesis 22:17. Every life has promise and purpose, no matter what size, skills, or circumstances. Our God is the God of Life. In His Story, the Bible, we learn how God created every human in His own image. We ALL are the reflection of God's beauty. The Bible is full of examples of how God preserves, protects, and provides for His people. He loves humankind, His creation, so much that He sent His Son to die for ALL HUMAN LIFE. This makes EVERY HUMAN LIFE important, valuable, and meaningful. Y4Life seeks to equip us to be Gospel-motivated voices 4Life. The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop, Knights4Life group wishes you a blessed Life Week 2023.

THANKS TO A few donations and some undesignated memorial money, the pew Bibles were recently updated to The Holy Bible, English Standard Version. The ESV translation is most widely accepted within the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and is referenced in most all its publications, including the Lutheran Service Book and its Lectionaries. If the readings happen to be omitted from the bulletin, feel free to search the Bible to follow along. Also, the Fellowship Room have been updated with new bibles and additional hymnals. Most of the King James Bibles removed from the pews have been sorted and boxed and will be going to Orphan Grain Train.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME to attend a Historical Experience on **Korea: The Forgotten War** by historian Arn Kind at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Tuesday, January 24th. The free presentations are at 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. for students in grades 5-8 and Noon to 2:15 p.m. for grade 9-12. Adults are welcome either time. The event is provided courtesy of the Martin Luther Parent/Teacher League. Snow date is Tuesday, January 31st.

WILLOW CREEK YOUTH Burger Bash - The Youth will host a Burger Bash at St John's Willow Creek on Sunday, January 22, from 4-7. The menu includes burgers, baked beans, chips, and a desert. A free will offering will be collected.

IN HONOR OF National Lutheran Schools Week, St James Lutheran Board of Christian Education will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday January 22nd from 10:00 AM -Noon. See more details on the bulletin board.

You can give to Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Ministry while you shop! Use HyVee Cards. (Or give them as gifts!) Available in \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100. Purchase KWIK TRIP cards through MLHS. MLHS earns 5% on each Gas and Gift Card. Available in \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200 and \$500 increments. Give them as gifts also! They can be used at KWIK TRIP and KWIK STAR. Special KWIK TRIP Grocery Only cards are available in \$100 and \$200 which provides 15% to MLHS on in-store grocery purchases ONLY. **Items not eligible to be purchased with Grocery Only include fuel, tobacco, alcohol, gift cards, lottery/lotto, and stamps.* Both HyVee & KWIK TRIP cards can be purchased from the MLHS School Office during regular office hours. Please call 436-5249 and we will have them ready for you.**

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Introit *Ps 19:1-4a, b; Antiphon: Ps 19:14*

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,

O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.

The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.

Day to day | pours out speech,
and night to night reveals | knowledge.

There is no speech, nor | are there words,
whose voice | is not heard.

Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end | of the world.

In them he has set a tent | for the sun,
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,

O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer

YOUR DAILY PRAYERS REMEMBER:

The families of **Bea Schultz** and **Eulalie Grunig** who were called home to heaven last week. May the Living Lord Jesus comfort all how mourn.

+ **Marci Barfknecht, DeLaine Krenz, Dick Eckmann, Alania Jans, Norman Wiederhoeft, Pastor Fretham, Mel Breitbarth, Terry Bentele, Brandi Stohs, Cliff Dobie, Marlen Halverson, Gloria Drevlow, Marsha Miller, Carol Ritz. Ron Schultz, Richard Gottschalk, Larye Anderson, Engel Dougherty, Shari Voit**, who face prolonged illnesses. May the Lord's grace be their strength in their weakness.

+ **Our Shut-Ins: Jo Rusert, RoseMary Kasten, Janis Olson, June Mausling, Dallas & Wendy Becker, Mary Breitbarth.** May the Lord comfort them in their old age.

+ **Our Servicemen: Mike Hintz, Lance Halverson, Josh Rusert, Duane Cox, Andrew Reed, Cade Hotzler.** May the Lord protect them as they serve us.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL


Sun.,	Jan.	15	9:00	Divine Service & Holy Communion
			10:15	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
Tues.	Jan.	16	10:00	Women's Bible Study
			7:00	Church Council meets
Wed.,	Jan.	17	10:00	Chapel
			4:30	after school Confirmation
Sun.,	Jan.	22	9:00	Divine Service & Holy Communion
			10:15	Sunday School
				Annual Voters meeting

Organists: 01/15 Chris 01/22 Sylvia 01/29 Sylvia
01/15 Lonnie Smith, Elliot Belgard, Randy Miller, Glenn Kubly
01/22 Larry Hintz, Jeff Hoppe, Lowell Boesch, Ken Urban
01/29 Scott Halverson, Randy Miller, John Matasovsky, Skip Henton, Wade Krenz, Gerald Urban, Ken Urban

Our Visitors

We welcome you to the Divine Service. May the Lord Jesus bless you through His Word preached, spoken, sung and given in the Sacraments. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God and therefore it is without error. We believe that Jesus Christ is true God, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Further, we believe that Jesus Christ atoned for all the world's sins and that we are saved alone by God's undeserved love. Scripture teaches that God declared the whole world to be righteous in Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. For Christ's sake He justifies those who believe in Jesus and trust in God's forgiveness in the blood of The Crucified One.

Holy Communion

 Scripture declares that in the Sacrament of the Altar each communicant receives the body and blood of Christ to eat and to drink with the mouth of their bodies. Communicants who believe this receive forgiveness of sins, those who don't eat and drink judgement unto themselves. Communion also is a confession of oneness of the Faith we are baptized into, is preached in our pulpit, and summarized in the Small Catechism. Sadly, since these clear doctrines of The Holy Bible are not accepted by all Christian denominations, we continue the historic Christian practice of Closed Communion. **We request that anyone who is not a communicant member of the LC-MS please speak with our Pastor or an elder before the service and join our congregation in singing hymns during the distribution. Membership classes are offered.**