

+Order of Service+
February 4, 2024
5th Sunday after Epiphany
Setting 4
LSB 203

Opening Hymn: **Come unto Me, Ye Weary** LSB 684

Confession and Absolution LSB 204

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Creed

Hymn of the Day **Hail to the Lord's Anointed** LSB 398

Sermon

Offering

Prayers of the Church

Communion Liturgy LSB 208

Distribution Hymns:

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face LSB 631

Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old LSB 846

O Living Bread from Heaven LSB 642

Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

Concluding Liturgy LSB 212

Closing Hymn: **Almighty Father, Bless the Word** LSB 923

Introit *Ps. 13:3–5; antiphon: Ps. 13:6*

Pastor: I will sing | to the LORD,*

Cong: Because he has dealt bountifully | with me.

Pastor: Consider and answer me, O | LORD my God;*

Cong: Light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death,

Pastor: Lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed | over him,”*

Cong: Lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken.

Pastor: But I have trusted in your | steadfast love;*

Cong: My heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.

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.

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Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:21–31: 21 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? 22 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; 23 who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. 24 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. 25 To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. 26 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. 27 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"? 28 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. 29 He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. 30 Even youths shall faint and be weary and young men shall fall exhausted; 31 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.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27: 16 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! 17 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. 18 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. 19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. 20 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. 21 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. 22 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. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. 24 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. 25 Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. 26 So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. 27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:29-39: 29 And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. 31 And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. 32 That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. 33 And the whole city was gathered together at the door. 34 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. 35 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. 36 And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, 37 and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." 38 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." 39 And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

February 4, 2024

Worship: Sundays @ 9am - Chapel: Wednesdays @ 10am
Midweek Services during Advent & Lent: Wednesdays @ 10am & 7pm

BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Morning Bible Class: 10:15-11:15am
Sunday School: 10:15-11:15am
Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study: 10-11am
Wednesday After-School Confirmation: 4:30-5:30pm

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance Last Sunday:
Communion:
Offerings Given Last Sunday:

IN OUR PRAYERS

† Ronald Schultz, Candace Doerfler, Mike Barfknecht, Charlotte Dobie, Matthew Sieg, Audrey Becker, Shauna Gunnink, Duane Danner, Lois Camelin, DeLaine Krenz, Dick Eckmann, Alania Jans, Pastor Fretham, Terry Bentele, Brandi Stohs, Cliff Dobie, Gloria Drevlow, Marsha Miller, Larye Anderson, and Cindy Riewe (our secretary).
† Our Shut-Ins: Jo Rusert, RoseMary Kasten, Carol Ritz, June Mausling, Mary Breitbarth
† Our Servicemen: Mike Hintz, Lance Halverson, Josh Rusert, Duane Cox, Andrew Reed, Cade Hotzler

LUTHERAN HOUR

February 11th- "What Is Evangelism?" (Mark 9:7-8)
How do you encourage someone to receive the gift God has for them? That's what evangelism is all about.
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler speaks on WCCO (830): 6.05 AM and KSUM (1370): 11:00 AM.

UPCOMING AREA CHURCH EVENTS

Please see the narthex bulletin board for a full listing of each activity.

"CREST" is currently in need of more volunteers to help provide non-professional services to those in need in Martin County. Volunteers help with friendly visiting, taking someone to a doctor's appointment, helping with light housekeeping, and other tasks. Even just a few hours a month can make a world of difference. Find out how good it feels to volunteer by calling the CREST office for more information at 235-3833.

CHURCH NEWS

The church office will be closed January 31-February 6. If you need Pastoral care, please call your Elder.

Information and order forms for the History Bricks (which will be going around the new sign/bell to complete the landscaping) are on the desk in the narthex. They can be returned to the church office. Contact Kerry Krenz if you have any questions.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY

Worship.....9 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.....10:15 a.m.

MONDAY (Pastor's Day Off)

Office closed
A-Girls BB at SPL Fairmont vs. Genesis

TUESDAY

Office closed
Women's Bible Study.....10 a.m.
B-BB vs. Janesville HOME.....4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Chapel.....10 a.m.
Bulletin Announcements Due.....3 p.m.
Confirmation.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

A-BB at Courtland Tournament

SATURDAY

A-BB at Courtland Tournament

SUNDAY

Worship with Holy Communion.....9 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.....10:15 a.m.

MLHS NEWS

The Call Committee requests your continued prayers in your weekly worship services and daily devotions for God's blessing and guidance on the Call process at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School for a new Principal. **Jonathan Orr has declined our Call.** We pray for God's blessing and guidance that His will be done.

Amazing Grace

For by grace, you have been saved
through faith.

SPL School's Mission Statement:

To work together with families and area congregations to provide a quality education in a Christian environment, leading students to lives of service.

Our Goals: Nurture faith, Celebrate learning,
Pursue excellence.

IMPORTANT SPL DATES

February 11th: Just for CiCs (3rd/4th Grade)
February 14th: Valentine's Day Breakfast (7:30-8:30am)
February 19th: No School
February 23rd: MLHS Step Up Day (5th/6th Grade)

THIS WEEK'S LUNCH MENU

February 5-9

Monday: Hamburger/Bun, Cheese Slice, French Fries,
Tomato Soup, Peaches

Tuesday: Meatballs, Spaghetti/Sauce, Carrots, Pears,
Bread Stick

Wednesday: Chicken Strips, Tater Tots, Broccoli/Cheese,
Warm Apple Slices

Thursday: Sloppy Joe/Bun, Corn Chips, Baked Beans,
Tropical Fruit

Friday: Pizza, Tri Taters, Green Beans, Rosy Applesauce

SCHOOL REMINDERS

Valentine's Day Breakfast

We invite you to join us for our 2nd annual Valentine's Breakfast on Wednesday, February 14th, from 7:30am to 8:30am in the cafeteria. This is a flexible, drop-in event. Please enter through the school doors.

No School-February 19th.

A student is missing a tall, overall type pair of black snow pants with pink zipper handles and pink buckles. If your child happened to grab it accidentally, please return to Mrs. Bennett's classroom. Thank you so much!

SCHOOL NEEDS

The 5th & 6th grade classroom will be collecting clean, plastic caps of all shapes, sizes, and colors. Please make sure that they are clean and dry. Please, no metal caps or lids.

FROM OUR CLASSROOMS

Classroom News....

Preschool: This week we worked on the letter Q, number 16 and learned about quetzals. We are also learning about Jesus picking His disciples.

Kindergarten: In Jesus Time we are seeing the power that Jesus has: bringing life back to Jairus's Daughter, multiplying food for 5000+ people, & Walking on Water! We read a book about a very brave woman...Harriet Tubman. We are practicing the blends cr & dr. We made homemade play dough for fun & also homemade ice cream to celebrate everyone being over ½ through our sight words! Woot, woot! The Sock Hop was great fun! Thank you to the committee for making our school such a

great place to be a part of & to all the people who supported it in some way or another!!

1st & 2nd: What a fantastic class! Memory and Spelling: Please check your child's Homework folder for the lists! Spelling: Gr. 1: lake, bake, make, date, pain, nail, snail, grain. Gr. 2: walked, looking, planted, asked, jumping, filled, talking, needed, spelling, played, followed, sleeping, fishing, pressed. In Social Studies we are traveling around the world - this week we learned about Norway, France, and Germany. We tasted fish (crackers), German Chocolate frosting on graham crackers, croissants, and cheese! We are taking achievement tests beginning next Monday. Please have your child well rested. Mrs. Curtis will be contacting the families that signed up to help at our Valentine's party. We will be exchanging valentines - I'll send home a class list next week.

3rd & 4th: This next week, we will start our IOWA Basics testing. PLEASE make sure that your child is getting enough sleep at night! If your child does not eat breakfast at school, please make sure they eat before going to school. Students may bring a coloring book, a book to read, etc. to do while waiting for the testing time to finish. **Just for CiCs is rescheduled for Sunday, February 11th.** Thank you to the committee who worked on the Sock Hop. It was a blast!

5th & 6th: We had a great first week of the AR challenge. Keep reading and taking tests. Remember to do 30 minutes of IXL every week. Looking ahead we will be doing Achievement Tests next week Feb. 5-9. Be sure to get plenty of sleep, eat a good breakfast and stay healthy! Our next Eager Readers event at Heartland Senior Living will be on Tuesday, Feb. 13th. There is No School on Monday, Feb. 19th and on Friday, Feb. 23rd we go to MLHS for 5/6 Step Up Day! February is going to fly by fast. Thanks for all your hard work!! You are a GREAT class!!

7th & 8th: Achievement Testing start next week. Please have your children here on time and rested. Breakfast will still be served, but be here on time to enjoy it. Next Book Talk happens the day after President's Day vacation. Keep reading and taking AR Tests. AR Challenge is just getting going. Please use your assignment books and stay caught up!!

Thank you to everyone who made the Sock Hop the booming success that it was. Next year should be even better!!