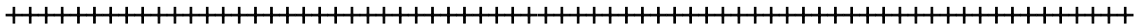


ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLYMOUTH, NEBRASKA

In an ever-changing world, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to build Christ's kingdom in people's hearts with the un-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ.



The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 5th, 2012

Focus for Our Worship — The Gospel of Christ is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Gentile. Those who are saved by grace, through faith, have endless opportunity to show that faith in deeds of love. May God continue to strengthen our faith through Word and Sacrament. May God continue to open our eyes to see opportunities for that faith to express itself in true, Christian love.

Color—Green. Green is the color of life and growth. We are reminded during the Epiphany season of the new life and growth that is ours in Christ Jesus.

Welcome—Welcome to all who have gathered to hear God's Word! A special welcome to our visitors. We are happy to have you with us and hope that you will come again soon. There is a guestbook for you to sign in the church entryway. Please contact Pastor Bortulin or one of the Elders (seated in the back of the church) if you have questions about the service or the congregation.

Prayers Before Worship can be found in *Christian Worship—A Lutheran Hymnal*, p. 10-11.

Radio Sponsor—Our broadcast this morning is sponsored with a number of smaller gifts from several faithful listeners.

Morning Praise (Christian Worship p. 45)
(Including the Rite for Holy Baptism—CW p. 12)

OPENING HYMN—CWS 737 “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It” st. 1-4

ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM—CW page 12

HYMN—CWS 737 “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It” st. 5

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON—2 Kings 5:1-15 ¹Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. ² Now bands from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴ Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. ⁵ "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. ⁶ The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so

that you may cure him of his leprosy.”⁷ As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, “Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!”⁸ When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: “Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel.”⁹ So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha’s house.¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, “Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed.”¹¹ But Naaman went away angry and said, “I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy.¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than any of the waters of Israel? Couldn’t I wash in them and be cleansed?” So he turned and went off in a rage.¹³ Naaman’s servants went to him and said, “My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, ‘Wash and be cleansed!’”¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.¹⁵ Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. Please accept now a gift from your servant.”

PSALM OF THE DAY—Psalm 30, page 76

SECOND LESSON—Romans 12:9-21⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.¹³ Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody.¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord.²⁰ On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.”²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL —Matthew 8:1-13¹ When he came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him.² A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”³ Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately he was cured of his leprosy.⁴ Then Jesus said to him, “See that you don’t tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”⁵ When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help.⁶ “Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering.”⁷ Jesus said to him, “I will go and heal him.”⁸ The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed.⁹ For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”¹⁰ When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, “I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.¹¹ I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.¹² But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”¹³ Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! It will be done just as you believed it would.” And his servant was healed at that very hour.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY—CW 85 “O God from God, O Light from Light”

SERMON

CREEDAL HYMN— CW 278 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

OFFERING

KYRIE AND PRAYER

M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to You: be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



C: Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with Your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in Your sight, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

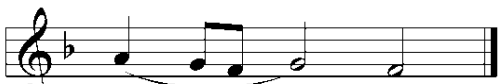
C: Amen.

M: ♪ Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

M: ♪ The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



C: A - men.

CLOSING HYMN—CW 391 “God Loved the World So that He Gave”

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It



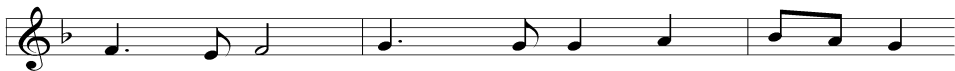
1 God's own child, I gladly say it:
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er:
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion:
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness:
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing



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 God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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This Week, By God's Grace—(Feb. 5th – 12th)

(Basement Cleaners: M/M David Schmidt)

Today	Prepare Care Boxes	11:00 am
Monday	Worship	7:00 pm
	Elders	7:45 pm
Tuesday	Study Club at St. Mark's, Lincoln	8:00 am
Wednesday	School Mission Devotion	
	Public School Instruction Class	6:15 pm
Thursday	Ladies Aid	2:30 pm
Fri. – Sat.	Marriage Retreat, Beatrice	
Sunday	Sunday School, Bible Class, Teens	9:00 am
	Worship-Communion (Greeters: Dallas & Vickie Christ)	10:00 am
	Stewardship Committee	11:15 am

(Birthdays/Anniversaries)

Tuesday – M/M Dustin Gronemeyer

Thursday – Josh Mammen

Friday – Matt Scheele

Saturday – M/M Glenn Bekemeyer, Claire Bortulin, Ashley Halstead

Sunday – Stacey Freese, Kayla Plitzuweit

Baptism—This morning Camille Grace Miller, infant daughter of Ross and Jessica (Burger) Miller, will become a member of God's Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Serving as witnesses will be Erin Dunn and Patrick Miller. We join with Camille's family in asking God to keep her in the true faith until life everlasting.

Financial Peace University—Our Stewardship Committee is hosting a personal finance seminar entitled "Financial Peace University." For \$93 you will receive a workbook, the 13 lessons on CD, a book, and materials to help with your own personal budgeting. The course has drawn rave reviews from many who have used it. Sign up by contacting Pastor Bortulin. Classes begin February 21st at 7 p.m.

Care Packages—Today we will be preparing care boxes for our unmarried students who are away from home. Individually wrapped items for the boxes and donations to help cover the cost of postage would be appreciated.

FIC—Current subscriptions to the Forward in Christ expire at the end of February. If we once again have at least 25 people interested in purchasing a subscription, we can receive a bundle subscription at the church for \$10.50 per subscription. If you would like to renew your subscription, or if you did not receive a subscription last year and would like to this year, please contact the church office. Thank you!

Bible Information Class—Starting February 16th at 7 p.m., Pastor will host a ten-week class covering what Scripture teaches about God, Man, and our relationship to God and to one another. This course serves as an introduction to the Lutheran faith, kind of a rapid-fire Catechism class. It is great for non-members or lifelong members both. Hope to see you there!

Marriage Retreat—Pastor has information about an upcoming Marriage Retreat at the Embassy Suites in Omaha. Dates are March 25-27. Contact him for more information.

Junior Choir Concert—Everyone is invited to a concert performed by the St. Paul's Lutheran Junior Choir on Friday, February 17 in the school gym. There will be a potluck meal at 6:00 p.m.(also in the gym). If you would like to join us for the potluck, please bring a main dish or side dish to pass (drinks and dessert will be provided). The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. Following the concert the Junior Choir parents will be making ice cream sundaes for everyone.

Thank You – We recently received the following thank you note:

I would like to thank all of you here at St. Paul's for your prayers and the cards that I received during my recent illness. What a wonderful blessing it is to have God's people offer prayers of comfort and strength on my behalf.

Thanks,
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