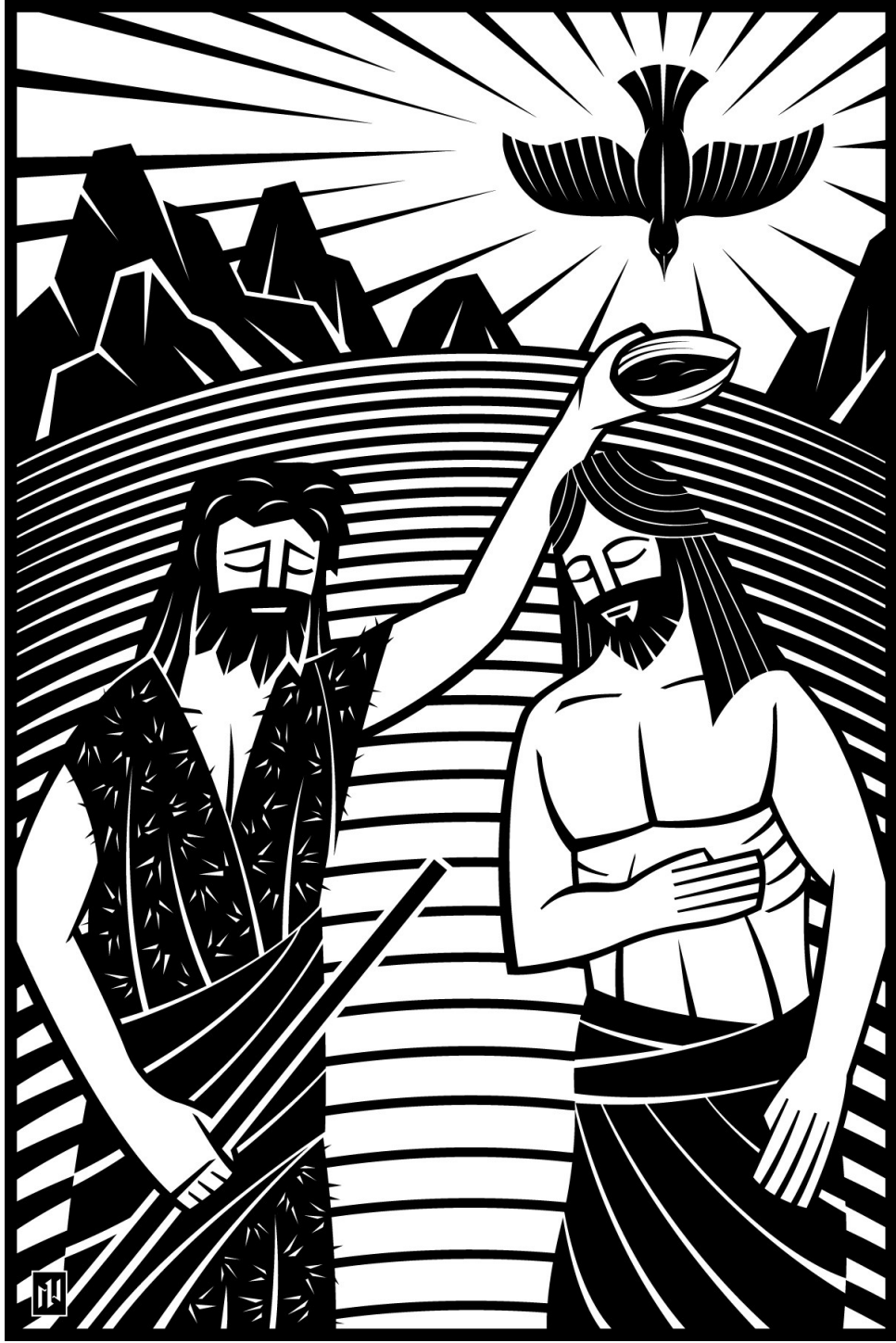




St. Paul Lutheran Church

The First Sunday of Epiphany — January 8, 2023





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Welcome Guests...

We are honored to have you with us here at St. Paul in Clintonville!

- **Guest Book:** Please sign our guest book near the doors to the worship area.
- **Restrooms:** If you need them, there are bathrooms just to the sides of the main entrance doors.
- **Children:** We are grateful and glad that they are here! If you feel the need to, you can take them to the parent's room or to the back gathering area. Let us know if there are other ways we can help you focus on the Word.
- **Changing Table:** If needed these are in the parent's room and downstairs restrooms.
- **Communion:** guests, please talk with our pastor before coming up for communion so that we can talk about what we believe about it first.

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Our focus...

JESUS APPEARS AS THE ANNOINTED ONE

“Christ” is not Jesus’ last name, of course. It is a title. The Greek word “Christ” and the Hebrew word “Messiah” both mean the same thing—“The Anointed One.” Anointing was the practice of pouring liquid (typically oil) over the head of someone to signify selection for some special task. However, when the Lord anointed heroes to do his saving work, what he poured over them was his Spirit.

For centuries people of faith had patiently waited for the promised Messiah, the servant of God who would bring the salvation we so desperately need. The time had come for Jesus to be revealed as the fulfillment of that divine promise. So, Christ our Lord came to the Jordan River to be baptized, that he might be recognized by John and revealed to Israel. At his baptism Jesus was anointed—marked as God’s special servant and empowered by the Spirit of the Lord.



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Hymn 379

Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert

- 1 Christ, your footprints through the desert
led to Jordan's flowing stream;
there you heard the herald crying
Israel's old, prophetic dream:
"He is coming! He is coming!
He will cleanse the earth with flame!
Sinners, plunge beneath the waters!
Wash away your guilt and shame!"

- 2 Christ, you heard the stirring summons
as by Jordan's bank you stood;
bathed, though sinless, with your people
in the river's cleansing flood.
High above, the heavens opened;
came the Spirit as a dove;
spoke a voice beyond all hearing:
"See my Son, the One I love!"

- 3 Son of God, the road from Jordan
led at last to Calv'ry's hill.
There upon the cross forsaken,
you fulfilled the Father's will.
Lamb of God, we see you dying,
sinless, yet for sinners slain.
But where death rose up to triumph,
you began your glorious reign!

- 4 God, in Baptism you have made us
one with Christ, our risen Lord,
freed us, claimed us, cleansed, forgiven
thro' the water and the Word.
Help us hear your urgent summons,
calling us to serve you now.
Send us forth, your sons and daughters,
with the cross upon our brow.

Invocation *Call to Worship*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Group: **Amen**

Confession and Absolution *based on Psalm 143*

Come, let us humbly approach our God, to whom all hearts are open
and from whom no secrets are hidden.

**O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy,
and in your faithfulness, come to my relief.**

**Do not bring your servant into judgment,
for no one living is righteous before you.**

Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails.

Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you.

**Show me the way I should go,
for to you I lift up my soul.**

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

—silence for meditation—

We pray...

Almighty God, merciful Father,

**I, a troubled and repentant sinner,
confess that I have sinned against you
in my thoughts, my words, and my actions.**

I have not loved you with my whole heart.

I have not loved others as I should.

**I am distressed by the sins that trouble me
and am deeply sorry for them.**

Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins.

Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

Amen

Kyrie Eleison *Lord Have Mercy*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all
they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are
lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

Amen.

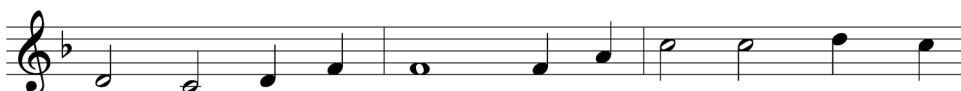
Glory to God *Hymn 517*



1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness with a lib - er -
2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren with a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; praise the one who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing
gen - tle, word; praise the one who drove out de - mons with the
in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious that we



blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the one who preached the
pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the one who brings cool
may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, calm - ing
wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand; from this
glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done; let us



storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the Fa - ther's word of peace.
well comes liv - ing wa - ter, quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, praise the one who makes us one.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

First Reading *Isaiah 42:1-7*

The Lord promises to put his Spirit on the Messiah, empowering the Anointed One to free us from our sins. We see this promise fulfilled when Jesus is baptized.

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.

²He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.

³A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.

In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

⁴he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.

In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

⁵This is what God the LORD says—
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,
who gives breath to its people,
and life to those who walk on it:

⁶“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand.

I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people
and a light for the Gentiles,

⁷to open eyes that are blind,
to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 45 printed below, sung in unison

Refrain



Great are the works of the LORD. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Great are the works of the LORD.

Tone



My heart is stirred by a / noble theme
as I recite my verses / for the King.
You are the most excel-/lent of men,
and your lips have been anoint-/ed with grace.
Gird your sword upon your side, O / Mighty One;
clothe yourself with splendor and / majesty.
In your majesty ride forth vict-/oriously;
let your right hand display / awesome deeds.

Refrain

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and / ever;
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your / kingdom.
You love righteousness and hate / wickedness;
therefore God has anointed you with the / oil of joy.
I will perpetuate your memory through all gener-/ations;
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and / ever.

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.

Refrain

Second Reading *Acts 10:34-38*

As Peter told others how God had anointed Jesus, through that good news the Holy Spirit was poured out upon Peter's listeners.

³⁴Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Mark 1:11*

Alleluia.

You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 3:13-17*

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

¹⁵Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Confession of Faith *Apostles' Creed*

*The Apostles' Creed is a brief statement of gospel truths taught by the apostles.
This creed was created to teach and unite Christians in the truth of God's Word.
The Apostles' Creed can be found on page 197 of the hymnal.*

Hymn 377

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, the Christ, whom
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— the Son of
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood and John bap -
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound came God's own
5 The Fa - ther's word, the Spir - it's flight a - noint - ed
6 Now rise, faint hearts: be res - o - lute! This man is



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, the God from God, the
God in flesh dis - guised— to stand be - neath the
tized the Lamb of God, the Ho - ly Spir - it,
voice with words pro - found: "This is my Son," was
Christ in glo - rious sight as God's own choice, from
Christ, our sub - sti - tute! He was bap - tized in



Light from Light, the Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
Fa - ther's will and all his prom - is - es ful - fill.
heav'n - ly dove, de - scend - ed on him from a - bove.
his de - cree, "the one I love, who pleas - es me."
Ad - am's fall to save the world and free us all.
Jor - dan's stream, pro - claimed Re - deem - er, Lord su - preme.

Sermon *Acts 10:34-38*

Jesus is my Savior too?

Te Deum Laudamus *printed below, sung in unison*



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



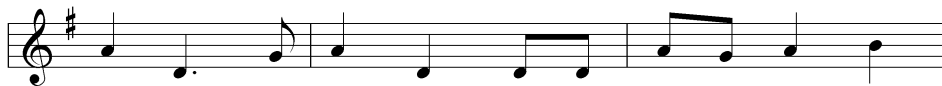
- Verses*
1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
 2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**
 3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim,
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We**
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **We**
You have ris - en to free us;



praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyrs and your
To the Trin - i - ty most
And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church,
bless - ed, **We sing in end - less** *to Refrain*
glo - ry, **praise!** *to Refrain*
to Final Refrain

Final Refrain

1 2

You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.

To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise,

all cre - a-tion of - fers praise, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

Offering

Our offering is our reaction to God's Word. Do not feel obligated to give here, we are just thankful you are here. Your offerings here support the ministry here at this church, along with the mission work of our larger synod.

Prayer of the Church *Setting Three*

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

**Take away our love of sinning,
and restore us each day by your grace.**

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death.

[Especially bless . . . *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*]

Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

**Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters
and to help when we can.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

Hymn 685

Through Simple Water, Drawn and Poured



1 Through sim - ple wa - ter, drawn and poured, u - nit - ed
2 There at the font with prom - ise true God brings his
3 My sin - ful self was cru - ci - fied with Christ, as
4 From that day on God helps me drown the sin - ful
5 When doubts a - rise, when sin as - sails, the pow'r of



with his pow'r - ful Word, in bap - tism Je - sus sets us
sav - ing grace a - new— the sin - in - fect - ed soul he
if I, too, had died; and as he rose, I al - so
self and hold it down. I am made new; I'm born a -
bap - tism nev - er fails. "I am bap - tized! What should I



free from sin's dread pow'r and slav - er - y.
heals and all his par - d'ning love re - veals!
rise to live with strength that he sup - plies.
gain, re - pent - ing, trust - ing, serv - ing him.
fear? God's love for me is al - ways near!"

Thanksgiving

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.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer *the prayer our Savior taught us*

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

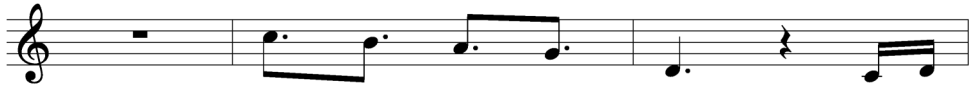


Hymn 385

Christ Begins



1 We stand and we watch on the bank, wide-eyed.
2 Mar - y's whis - per - ing, but it's not the time.
3 See the sun out - shined on the hill and hide.
4 We stand, gath - ered round on the moun - tain - side.



Wa - ter runs and all heav - en
Yet six jars are filled with the
Clothes like light - ning white, heav - en
Watch the clos - ing clouds hide him



o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.
fin - est wine. Tell me, who is this by our side?
o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.
from our eyes; with a voice u - nit - ed we cry:

Refrain



Here's my Proph - et, my Priest, my King, a



light in the dark, Christ steps in; here's my Sav - ior, my



God, my King, the time has come, Christ be - gins.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You for joining us!

Thank you for being here this morning, it is always encouraging when Christians gather together and express their faith in song and word! If you are a guest and want to know more about what we believe, or about today's service, feel free to ask Pastor Rothfuss.

Book Club *Connecting Sinai to Calvary*

Join us on Tuesday, January 24th at 6:30pm as we discuss chapter 4 of the book. This section digs deeper into the agriculture and food of the Promised Land.

Church Council *this Wednesday at 6:30pm*

Council members, please plan ahead for this month's meeting and have your reports ready. This meeting will include some very important topics including the budget.

Member Contact Directory

We are currently updating our member directory. If you are a member or a friend of the congregation, please add or update your contact information so that others can get a hold of you. Make any additions or changes on the purple sheets in the gathering area.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study: *Saturday, January 14th*

Gentlemen, you are invited and encouraged to come for a tasty Bible Study every 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. The breakfast (with coffee) starts at 6am. We are going through a Bible Study about the Theology of the Cross (based on the book by the late Professor Daniel Deuschlander.

Men of His Word Men's Conference *Saturday February 18th*

Men, don't miss this unique opportunity to grow in the Word. Join hundreds of other men who trust God like you do, and feed your faith! This one day conference happens each year in Oshkosh. The day includes several different break out sessions that you can choose from. Take a look at their website for all of the details and to register. If you need help, you can talk to Chuck to get printed info. There is a fee for this event, please talk with Pastor or an Elder if finances are an obstacle for you attending, the church can help. The early registration discount ends January 29th.

Tadych Marketplace Receipts: *Fund Raiser for Sisters in Christ*

Have you shopped at the grocery store in town recently? If you turn in those receipts it helps Sisters in Christ raise funds. How simple is that! Just drop those receipts in the box by the mini-fridge (upstairs kitchenette).

WELS & ELS Singles Events: *wels-els-singles.com*

Did you know there is a group that organizes resources and events for WELS and ELS singles (widowed, divorced, or never married). Take a look at their website. There is an upcoming event in Weyauwega later this month.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL

January 8 Sunday

Worship Service @9am
 Sunday School @10:15am
 Bible Study @10:15am

January 10 Tuesday

Sisters in Christ social @6pm
 Sisters in Christ meeting @6:30pm

January 11 Wednesday

Open Office @10am-12 noon
 Catechism Class @5:30pm
 Council Meeting @6:30pm

January 14 Saturday

Men's Breakfast Bible Study @6am
 Christmas Decorations Reset @7:30am

January 15 Sunday

Worship Service @9am
 Sunday School @10:15am
 Bible Study @10:15am

January 18 Wednesday

Open Office @10am-12 noon
 Catechism Class @5:30pm

Big Events

Council Meeting

Wednesday January 11th

Open Forum & Voter Meeting

Sunday January 22nd

~THE LORD WILING~

<p>New Year's Eve Attendance: 33 Sunday January 1, 2023 Attendance: 63 Total Offered: \$5,574.00 General Fund: \$3,589.00 Mortgage Matching Total: \$20,00.00 given</p>	<p><i>Snacks this week</i> Bernice F Nancy F</p> <p><i>Ushers this week</i> Todd T Aaron W Greg M Dustin L</p>	<p><i>Snacks next week</i> Dawn G Becky H</p> <p><i>Ushers next week</i> Tom L Chuck S Austin R Evan R</p>	<p><i>Communion Help:</i> January: Tom G</p> <p><i>Communion Clean Up</i> Dawn G 1/18 Becky H 1/18 Karen A 2/5 Jeannie S 2/5</p>
Shut In Visitors	January: Petermanns		