"Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper."

During our service, we celebrate the Lord's Supper. If you are a visitor and are not a member of a congregation of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, we encourage you to speak with Pastor Vossler or one of our elders before the service about what we believe concerning the Sacrament.



January 21, 2024

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH-LCMS

2045 LYNN ST | SANFORD, MI 48657

Pastor: Christopher P. Vossler Organist: Sara Glynn-Dishaw



Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- In the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 113:1-2, 4, 7-8; antiphon: v. 3

From the rising of the sun to its | setting,*

the name of the LORD is | to be praised!

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants | of the LORD,*

praise the name | of the LORD!

Blessèd be the name | of the LORD*

from this time forth and for- | evermore!

The LORD is high above all | nations,*

and his glory above the | heavens!

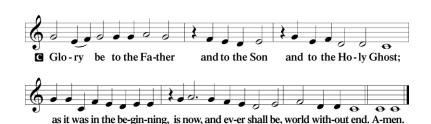
He raises the poor | from the dust*

and lifts the needy from the | ash heap,

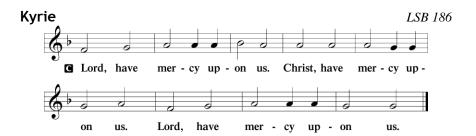
to make them sit with | princes,*

with the princes of his | people.

From the rising of the sun to its | setting,*



the name of the LORD is | to be praised!





Salutation and Collect of the Day



Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*

bring an offering, and come in- to his courts!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 7:29–35

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Please Stand to Honor The Holy Gospel



Holy Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve



- 1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol low You, For -
- 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a ges sealed, Whose
- 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A mong the des o late And
- 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev er trod To
- 5 O Christ, th'a pos-tles' Lord, The mar-tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new: words and works a - wak-ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed: broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate: serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro-claim The near - er reign of God: cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To whom the saints be - long:



risk se - cu - ri - ty us to hear Your call To Grant Your em-pow'r-ing Word. True In - struct us now, we pray, By a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And Lead Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Send us on ways where faith Though gen - er - a - tions pass, Our trib - ute still we bring, Our



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty. teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord. help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied. love in-forms and hope sus-tains Both life and min-is - try. hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ing.

Pastor Christopher P. Vossler

Goal: That the hearers would be eager to share the Gospel with those who need to hear it.

I. Introduction

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II. Jonah's Reluctance

- How did Jonah proclaim God's message to Nineveh?
- Why was he reluctant to do so?

III. Our Reluctance

• What keeps us from proclaiming God's message today?

IV. God's Willingness

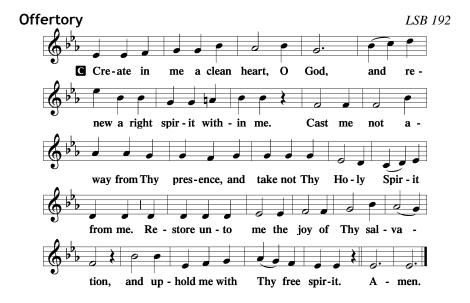
- How does God use us despite our reluctance?
- By what means does God change our reluctant hearts?

V. Conclusion

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- The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

Stand



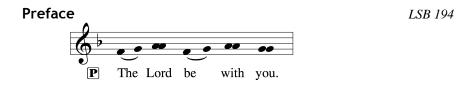
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Offering

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Prayer of the Church

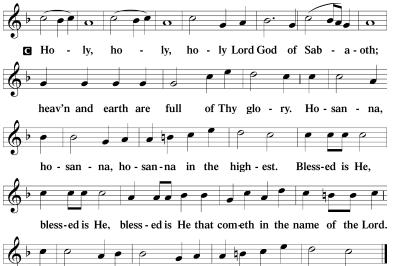
Service of the Sacrament





It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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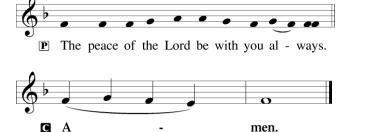
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

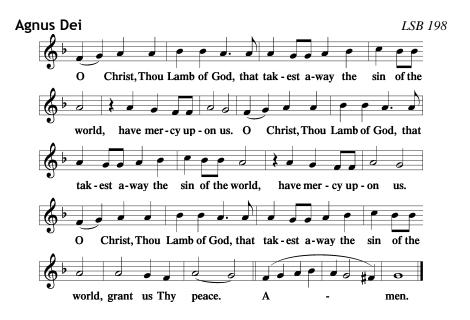
The Words of Our Lord

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Sit

Distribution

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is God's gift to the Church. Through this gift we are fed with the very Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. When we gather together at God's table, we are also expressing our common faith and mutual commitment to the doctrine of The Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod. (Attendance at the Lord's Supper is always a confession of that which we believe.) Because of the significance of the Sacrament and because the scriptures counsel us against its misuse (1 Corinthians 11:17-32), those who have not communed previously at St. Paul's are asked to speak with the pastor or an elder before communing

Distribution Hymn: 810 O God of God, O Light of Light



- 1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and 2 For deep in prophets' sa-cred page, And grand in po-ets'
- 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in
- 4 Then raise to Christ a might y song, And shout His name, His



King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo-ry bright The song of wing-ed word, Slow-ly in type, from age to age The na-tions hate and scorn— These all are past, and now a-bove He reigns, our mer-cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on



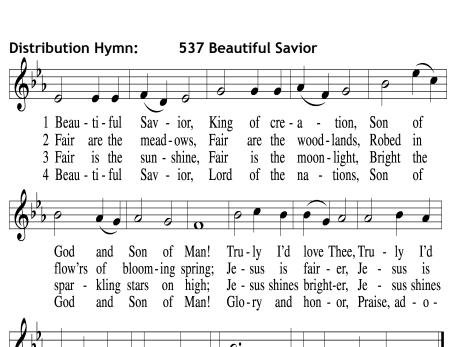
praise for - ev - er rings. To Him who sits up - on the throne, saw their com - ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju - de - an night King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might - y gates! earth, your an - them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin - ners slain!



The Lamb once slain but raised a - gain, Be all the glo - ry Rang out the song, "Good-will to men!" Sung once by first-born So sang that host be - yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your For - ev - er let the song as - cend! Wor - thy the Lamb. en-



He has won, All thanks and praise! A - men, now, "Good - will!" of light, ech - oes sons A - men. It We lift them up. A - men, King a - waits. a - men. All glo - ry, pow'r! A - men, throned to reign, a - men.

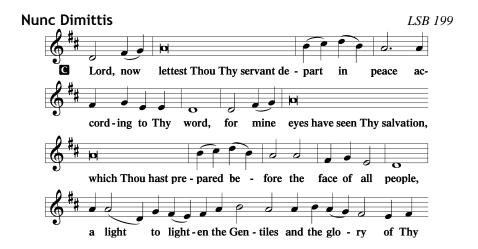


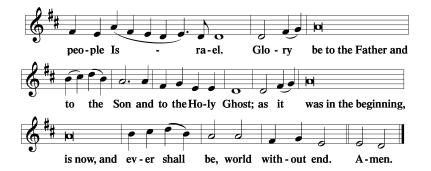


pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.

ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

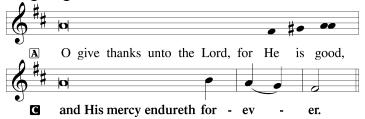
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Thanksgiving

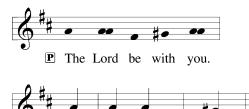
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A Let us pray.

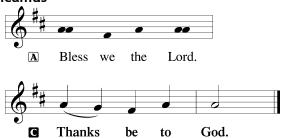
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



• And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus LSB 202







Dismissal for Sunday School

Dismissal for Youth Bible Study

P Go in Peace, serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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WELCOME:

We join in welcoming our visitor's this morning. If you would please be sure to sign the guest book (Elders can direct you to the location), Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL

SUNDAY: Worship Service with Communion 9:30am / 10:30am Fellowship/11am Bible Study

MONDAY:

TUESDAY: 5pm Confirmation Class/7pm Lifelight

WEDNESDAY: Lifelight 1pm/Choir 7pm

THURSDAY: Pastor Hoogerhyde Bible Study

2:30pm/Youth Ministry Board 6pm

FRIDAY: Stephen Ministry Training Class 10am/

- SATURDAY: Women's Bible Study 9am/Band Rehearsal 4pm/

SUNDAY: Worship Service 9:30am / 10:30am

Fellowship/11am Bible Study/Youth Outing to Live Oak

Coffee House 1pm

OUR GIFTS T	R GIFTS TO THE LORD 1/14/24					
OFFERINGS Env / Plate	mom	Memorials	TOTAL	ATTENDANCE		
\$2253/265	46	-	\$2564	53		

Ladies Aid –Resumes 9am on February 14th to begin planning future projects

The most **delicious Peanut Brittle** you will find **on sale now-\$5/bag**. Please see a Ladies Aid member for purchase.

Youth Movie Night-Saturday, February 10th

@ 6pm Pizza/poporn/smores and movie
discussion. ©

January 28th, 1pm Youth Group outing to the **Live Oak Café**, Midland where we will be brainstorming youth activities.



For more information about youth group, Sunday School, youth bible study and events, please use the QR code to get to the form.

Prayer Request: If you or someone you know are in need of prayers please call or email Edna Rottiers at 989-687-9687 / hughrottiers@gmail.com . Those with additional prayer request please complete a prayer slip and give to one of our Elders before the service or to one of the Ushers during the offering. Your prayers are important and our Lord does promise to answer

Mission of the Month: In January, we are collecting donations for Shelterhouse of Midland County, which offers safety and shelter to victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. Your donations

will help local survivors begin a new life of hope, healing and independence.



The 2024 Flower Sign up is now available. Sign up to celebrate your events with decorative flowers!

January Altar Guild representative is Kathy Engblade - 989.631.6447

To our families with small children:

Relax! You and your children are welcome to our worship service! Being in worship with you to observe and participate in the service will help them to learn how to behave in church – and they will learn that best by watching you worship on a regular basis! Sit anywhere in the sanctuary that you wish. The last two rows of pews are set aside for families with small children, but you don't have to sit there. In fact, sitting close to the front so your children can see what's happening may help them to feel more involved in the service. If they need something to keep their hands occupied, please ask one of the ushers for a copy of the children's bulletins for them to color. If for any reason you need to take your children out of the sanctuary so they can calm down, feel free to bring them into the bathroom at the back of the church. In addition, at the bottom of the stairs we have a cry room to the right, as well as the fellowship hall to the left. With the speakers in the basement, you will be able to hear the service while your child calms down. If your children don't want to sit still or be quiet through the whole service, there is absolutely nothing wrong with them:

they are young and learning. The sound of children in worship is the sound of the Church's future.

Blacktop Project-We are accepting donations to the Blacktop project as we work toward future upgrades.

Pastoral Care: Please contact the Pastor @ cell 973-303-8252, office 989-687-2209, or email stpaulrev@tds.net. The Church Office (989-687-2824) / cell (989 859-9300) email stpaullutheran@tds.net, or Deacon Don Barnard (989-751-7726) email: stpauldeacon@tds.net or esocidnator01@gmail.com if you or anyone you know are in need of a visit from the Pastor or Deacon whether it's an illness, hospitalization, nursing home or shut-in. It is important to us that we receive these communications to plan a call or visitation. May God's blessings be upon you today and every day!

#Up Coming Events#

January 28th, 1pm Youth Group outing to the **Live Oak Café**, Midland where we will be brainstorming youth activities.

3 Lent Crosses – First showing of the 3 crosses made by Mike Schweigert, Randy Engblade, and Don Retzloff will be Feb 11th

Interested in joining the **Youth Ministry Board,**. Next meeting is Thursday, January 25th @ 6pm. The board will focus on the planning of education and activities designed for our congregation's youth. Please let Gerianne or Pastor know if interested.

Sanford Food Pantry: The current needs for the Food Pantry are **Mustard, Ketchup, Pancake syrup** There are

refillable canvas bags from the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry available on the food pantry table in the fellowship hall. The bags have a suggested list of items and instructions. You may take these bags home and place the purchased items in the bag and return it to the church. The bags will be delivered to the Sanford Food Pantry the last week of the month. The empty bags will be returned to the church to be used again. Thank you for all of the items and monetary donations. Please remember that the food pantry does not accept expired or dietary food.

SERVING	This Week 1/21	Next Week 1/28
Flowers:	Open	Sandy & Richard Hoogerhyde
Music:	Sara Glynn-Dishaw	Sara Glynn-Dishaw
Proclaimer:	Pastor Christopher P. Vossler	Pastor Christopher P. Vossler
Fellowship Host	Laura & Mark Sprenger	Finneys & Hoogerhydes
Ushers	Stacy & Gary Smith	Stacy & Gary Smith
Acolytes	Deklan & Lucas	Madison & Bradyn
Greeters	Ann Reith	Laura & Mark Sprenger

Read the Bible in a Year!

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

For Christians – and especially for Lutherans – nothing is more important that God's Word. God speaks to us through His Word, and we do well to listen to what He has to say to us. That is why regular devotions and prayer and Scripture reading are so important for our spiritual life.

It's always a good time to start a plan to read the Bible! And in fact, you can read through the entire Bible in a year, with only 15-20 minutes per day. Are you worried that the Bible might be too much for you to read in a single year? There are resources that can help. One option that is available is on your smartphone: Download the YouVersion Bible App and look up the "Reformation Reading Plan," which was developed by the Michigan District to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017.

If you don't have a smartphone, you can follow this reading plan in the bulletin every week, along with suggested readings from Luther's Small Catechism. Note that whatever day you start the reading plan in the app will be "Day 1," so you may find yourself on a different day than what is in the bulletin.

Daily Readings:

Days 85-91	Reading	Catechism			
Monday	Luke 1: 26-56, Leviticus 19,	The Second Article –			
	20	Part 3			
Tuesday	Luke 1: 57-80, Leviticus 21,	The Third Article-			
	22, 23	Part 1			
Wednesday	Luke 2, Leviticus 24, 25	The Third Article-			
		Part 2			
Thursday	Luke 3: 1-20, Leviticus 26, 27	The Third Article-			
		Part 3			
Friday	Luke 3: 21-38, Numbers 1	The Lord's Prayer-			
		Introduction			
Saturday	Proverbs 6: 20-35, Psalm 41,	The Lord's Prayer-			
	42, 43, 44	The First Petition			
Sunday	Deut. 18: 15-20, Psalm 111, I	The Lord's Prayer-			
	Cor. 8: 1-13, Mark 1: 21-28	The Second Petition			

Daily Devotion Resources:

Daily Prayers for Morning, Noon, Evening, Close of Day (LSB 294-298)/*Treasury of Daily Prayer*/Portals of Prayer

Prayer Requests:

- Youth in the Church, especially our Confirmands
- Our Shut-ins
- Pastors of our congregation and Synod, and for increase in the numbers of Seminary students for future Pastors

