



St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church Blue Point
3rd Sunday of Epiphany
January 24, 2021

- 1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake,
"All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,
Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate'er betide,
Take My example for your guide.

- 2 "I am the light, I light the way,
A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day;
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show
How you must sojourn here below.

- 3 "My heart abounds in lowliness,
My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express,
With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,
To God I yield, on Him I call.

- 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free,
From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav'nly goal."

- 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word,
In suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

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Stand

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

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

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

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.
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.
From the rising of the sun to its | setting,*
the name of the LORD is | to be praised!

Kyrie

LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

C To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;

**Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy,
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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.

C **Amen.**

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.**

Psalm

Psalm 62 (antiphon: v. 8)

¹For God alone my soul waits in | silence;*
from him comes my sal- | vation.

**²He only is my rock and my salvation,
my | fortress;* I shall not be greatly | shaken.**

³How long will all of you attack a man
to | batter him,*
like a leaning wall, a | tottering fence?

**⁴They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.
They take pleasure in | falsehood.*
They bless with their mouths,
but inwardly | they curse.**

⁵For God alone, O my soul, wait in | silence,*
for my hope is | from him.

**⁶He only is my rock and my salvation,
my | fortress;* I shall not be | shaken.**

⁷On God rests my salvation and my | glory;*
my mighty rock, my refuge | is God.

**⁸Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart be- | fore him;*
God is a refuge | for us.**

⁹Those of low estate are but a breath;
those of high estate are a de- | lusion;*
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter | than a breath.

**¹⁰Put no trust in extortion;
set no vain hopes on | robbery;*
if riches increase, set not your | heart on them.**

¹¹Once God has spoken;

twice have I | heard this: *
that power belongs to God,

**¹²and that to you, O Lord, belongs | steadfast love.
For you will render | to a man*
according | to his work.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 7:29–31

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Verse (Propers) Mark 1:15

Alleluia. The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel. Alleluia.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:14–20

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁴Now after 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.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

LSB 206

C **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.**

Sit

839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

LSB 839

- 1 O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice
And in Your fold with us rejoice.
- 2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace
The souls now lost in error's maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
- 3 O gently call those gone astray
That they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed
In You find peace and heav'nly rest.
- 4 Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart;
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
- 5 That they with us may evermore
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv'n
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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Sermon—Mark 1:14-20

Theme: I will make you become...

I. Jesus finds some fishermen

II. He calls them to come follow, to be with, Immanuel

III. He makes them fit for God's work in this world

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your
name.**

**Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

**C 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

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Distribution

614 "As Surely as I Live," God Said

LSB 614

- 1 "As surely as I live," God said,
"I would not see the sinner dead.
I want him turned from error's ways,
Repentant, living endless days."
- 2 And so our Lord gave this command:
"Go forth and preach in ev'ry land;
Bestow on all My pard'ning grace
Who will repent and mend their ways.
- 3 "All those whose sins you thus remit
I truly pardon and acquit,
And those whose sins you will retain
Condemned and guilty shall remain.
- 4 "What you will bind, that bound shall be;
What you will loose, that shall be free;
To My dear Church the keys are giv'n
To open, close the gates of heav'n."

- 5 The words which absolution give
Are His who died that we might live;
The minister whom Christ has sent
Is but His humble instrument.
- 6 When ministers lay on their hands,
Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;
He who by grace the Word believes
The purchase of His blood receives.
- 7 All praise to You, O Christ, shall be
For absolution full and free,
In which You show Your richest grace;
From false indulgence guard our race.
- 8 Praise God the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
As was, is now, and so shall be
World without end, eternally!

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620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

LSB 620

- 1 Jesus comes today with healing,
Knocking at my door, appealing,
 Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.
He Himself makes preparation,
And I hear His invitation:
 "Come and taste the blessed feast."
- 2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,
Yet in bread and wine abiding
 In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token
 Of His sacred covenant.
- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
 Blood and body, giv'n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven,

Who to bitter death was given,
Hung upon the cursèd tree.

4 God descends with heav'nly power,
Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing
That I taste His love divine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 637

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow

As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

**C O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect

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 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.

Benedicamus and Benediction

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C **Amen.**

409 Hail, O Source of Every Blessing

LSB 409

- 1 Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Father of our human race!
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing,
In Your courts obtain a place.
Grateful now, we fall before You,
In Your Church rejoice to live,
See Your glory and adore You,
Thankful for the grace You give.

- 2 Once far off but now invited,
We approach Your sacred throne,
In Your covenant united,
Reconciled, redeemed, made one.
Now revealed to eastern sages,
See the Star of Mercy shine,
Myst'ry hid in former ages,
Myst'ry great of love divine.

- 3 Hail, O all-inviting Savior!
Gentiles now their off'rings bring,
In Your temples seek Your favor,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.
May we, body, soul, and spirit,
Live devoted to Your praise,
Glorious realms of bliss inherit,
Grateful anthems ever raise.

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Service Schedule for Christmas/New Year

Tuesday Evening Services 7 PM

Thursday Evening Services 7 PM

Sunday Services 9:30 AM and 11 AM

ALIS BOD will be taking place on Monday, January 25th at 7 PM

Men's Club will be hosting their Annual Sausage and Pancake Supper on Sunday, January 31st. The event will be a drive through this year from 4 pm until 7 pm. For a free will offering each meal will consist of 3 pancakes, 3 whole hog Sausage Links, and a small cup of applesauce. In addition, there will be prepackaged rope sausage for sale as well as 1-pound packages of regular ground sausage. Grilled sausage will be available for \$5 per pound. There will not be a dessert offered this year, (so that is why those of you who have supplied desserts in the past, were not asked for a dessert this year). We pray that next year events will be normal and we can have a sit down meal inside.

We have collected approximately \$475 for the Lutheran Care Center benefit, towards our commitment of \$3000, which was made during the December Voter's meeting. We are going to collecting offerings until January 31st, and making up any difference between what we received and our commitment from the general treasury. Keep this matter in your prayers.

LCMS- Virtual Life Conference March 19-20, 2021

Cost: For \$20, you get access to the event live. For \$40, you get that, plus ongoing access to the recordings for another 90 days. Each participant must register individually. See the following link for additional information and to register. https://www.lcms-life.org/?r_done=1.

SAVE THE DATE! From the CID

The CID IL LLL Convention Where - St John's - Effingham IL, When - March 6th, 2021 Who - Speaker - Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev Michael Zeigler Please plan to attend - Look for Specific Times and more details to come

The LWML CID's 75th convention and 75th Anniversary

celebration is scheduled for April 29-May 1, 2021 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Morton. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

CID Book Study online—Responding to Idols- Book Discussion (Zoom format) Starting on Thursday, January 14, at 3:00 pm. The book *The Unholy Trinity: Martin Luther against the Idol of Me, Myself, and I* by Michael Lockwood (CPH, 2016) lays out Luther's multi-faceted case against idolatry and for the one saving God. This book applies the reformer's biblical insights to our times today. CID Evangelism Executive Ken Schurb will conduct one-hour Zoom discussions of this book every other week, with a break in February. These conversations are open to all members of CID churches. Pastors and other rostered church workers are especially encouraged to participate. To register, click on the link within the article on the Book Discussion at www.cidlcms.org/news.html. The sessions on the above dates. If you cannot participate live, we will be recorded each session. There is no cost for the sessions. In fact, CID can provide at least some registrants for these sessions a gratis copy of the book *The Unholy Trinity*. (Please reimburse the District \$3.00 for shipping costs.)

For all those staying home during this time, and would like communion, please make sure to arrange a visit with Pastor Speers by calling him at (618)-483-6993 or (618)-367-2697

Prayers-For Carol Huelskoetter who is having surgery; For Jennifer Wendling, who is having surgery; For Courtney Weber; For Julie Pollard who is recovering from surgery; For Stephen Heimgartner waiting for surgery to be rescheduled; For Jane Westendorf, John Westendorf's mother, who has cancer; for Carol Polk who is recovering at home; for David Polk who is on hospice; For Blake Mathias; For Zoe Hoehler, daughter of Rev David and Emma Hoehler; For those suffering with Covid; For those in quarantine; For Emma Speers; For peace; For our new President and staff; For ALIS as it takes up the task of calling another teacher; for our confirmands; For Alex Beccue and Steven Larson who are in prison.

This Week at St Paul (January 24-31st)

Sunday: Divine Service 9:30 and 11 AM

Catechism 4 PM

1 Chronicles 4-6

Monday: ALIS BOD 7 PM

1 Chronicles 7-9

Tuesday: Divine Service 7

1 Chronicles 10-12

Wednesday: Bible Class 10 AM

LYF Meeting 7 PM

1 Chronicles 13-15

Thursday: Greek Study 10 AM

Divine Service 7 PM

1 Chronicles 16-17

Friday:

1 Chronicles 18-19

Saturday:

1 Chronicles 20-21

For 3rd Sunday after Epiphany: January 24, 2021

There is time, and there is time.

Ask the children who were waiting for Christmas to come last month. Every hour has 60 minutes, but at certain times these seem to pass slower than at others. Children know very well that there is time, and there is time.

The New Testament has two different Greek words for time. One of them simply refers to the succession of minutes, hours, etc., 60 minutes to an hour.

The other Greek word for time appears in a reading that you will hear in our church service this week: "Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the Gospel of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel'" (Mark 1:14-15). This word is not about the quantity of time, but rather quality. It indicates an opportune time.

When Jesus declared that "The time is fulfilled," He was saying not that the time was short, but that the time was right. Because He was there, God in the flesh, the kingdom of God was there. The appropriate thing was to repent and believe the Good News of salvation that He came to

bring. Later, St. Paul employed the same Greek word: "Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

When Jesus appeared in Galilee, He went to fishermen and said, "Follow me." Immediately, the Bible says, they left everything to follow Him. It was that urgent.

It still is. Now is the opportune time. Now is the day for trapped and helpless sinners to be saved, as the powerful Good News about Jesus reaches not only heads but also hearts.

Today is your day. By the power of the Holy Spirit, repent and believe the gospel.

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