

St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point

4th Sunday after Epiphany February 2, 2020

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!

Prayer before the Service-Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all our dangers and carry us 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. Amen.

Holy Communion will be celebrated in this service. If you are a Communicant member of a Missouri Synod congregation and wish to partake of the sacrament, please fill out a Communion Registration Card and give it to the usher who invites you to the Lord's Table. If you are not an LC-MS member but wish to commune, please speak with the pastor or the head usher before coming to the Sacrament.

Opening Hymn647
Order of Service-Divine Service III.....pg 184
Psalm 15 (responsively whole verse by whole verse)

Old Testament Lesson-Micah 6:1-8

Hear now what the LORD says:

“Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
And let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, O you mountains, the LORD’S complaint,
And you strong foundations of the earth;

For the LORD has a complaint against His people,
And He will contend with Israel.

“O My people, what have I done to you?
And how have I wearied you? Testify against Me.

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
I redeemed you from the house of bondage;
And I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O My people, remember now What Balak king of Moab counseled,

And what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
From Acacia Grove to Gilgal,
That you may know the righteousness of the LORD.”
With what shall I come before the LORD,
And bow myself before the High God?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
With calves a year old?
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
Ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O man, what is good;
And what does the LORD require of you
But to do justly, To love mercy,
And to walk humbly with your God?

Epistle Lesson-1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.”

Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence. But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.”

Gospel Lesson-Matthew 5:1-12

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
For they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Hymn.....823

Sermon

Text: Matthew 5:1-12

Theme: Blessed Are...!

I. Blessed means to have received something, but who would want these things?

II. But in the Church, these blessings are truly rich

III. FOR...!

Prayers

Communion Liturgy.....pg 194

Communion Hymns.....619, 627, 625

Benediction

Closing Hymn.....922

Flowers in the sanctuary are given in thanksgiving for 69 years of marriage for Willard and Jeanette Kopplin.

A BIG THANK YOU to all the men, women, and even some children who helped the Men’s Club with their annual Pancake and Sausage supper. Without your help it could not have been a success. We served about 462 individuals which is a few more than last year. Also thanks to the members of the congregation who came out to support us by enjoying a Pancake and sausage supper.

There still is sausage available for sale. It is in the deep freeze

in the kitchen. All bulk sausage is \$4.00 per package. All rope sausage is priced on the package. Also there are some bags of cooked sausage in the freezer and the price is on the bag. Take what you want and give the money to Leon Wendte or Larry Wachtel. You can just put the money/check in an envelope and put it in Leon's or Larry's mailbox.

The CID LLL Annual meeting will be Saturday, March 7, 2020 at Christ Lutheran Church, Normal IL. Rev. Gregory Seltz, past speaker of the Lutheran Hour, will be the speaker and his topic will be "Two Kingdoms-One Mission"- The work of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty, Registration fee will be \$15 per person. Registration materials will be available next week. The date had to be changed to accommodate Rev. Seltz's calendar

Ladies Aid is collecting CPH children's books, eg, Archbooks for a mission project for the children of our congregation. Please put any donations into the box in the coatroom labeled "book drive." Any questions contact Lydia Holste.

You are invited to attend an informational meeting Sunday, February 2, 1:30 in the Immanuel Parish Hall. We will talk about forming a **Lutherans For Life** chapter with the four congregations that belong to ALIS.

Prayers-Shirley Wachtel, as she as she recovers from surgery Monday; Ralph Stuckemeyer; Karen Vollmer, as she continues treatment for cancer; Allan Soltwedel, who is recovering from surgery; For Rev Herbert Mueller, former 1st Vice President of the LCMS, who is being treated for a brain tumor; Thanksgiving to God for 69 years of marriage for Willard and Jeanette Kopplin

This Week at St Paul

Sunday: Adult Instruction 1:00 PM	Ezekiel 1-3
Monday:Adult Instruction 5 PM	Ezekiel 4-5
Tuesday: Men's Club 7 PM	Ezekiel 6-8
Wednesday: Pastor at ALIS 8:20 AM	
Bible Class 10 AM	
Catechism 5:45 PM	
LYF 7 PM	Ezekiel 9-10
Thursday: Greek Study 10 AM	Ezekiel 11-12
Friday:	Ezekiel 13-15
Saturday: Catechism 9 AM	Ezekiel 16-18

Those participating-

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