



**He alone is my rock
and my salvation.**

Psalm 62:2

*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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*Saturday, January 20, 2024
With Readings for the 3rd Sunday after Epiphany*

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshipping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you. Please complete the black friendship register and pass it down the pew.

THE SERVICE BEGINS

P We begin this service **IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:**

C O Mighty God, you once revealed yourself to your people on Mount Sinai, in fire and thunder and cloud, as you gave your Ten Commandments;

P **AND OF THE SON:**

C O Jesus, our Lord and God, you made your divine power manifest by changing water into wine, healing the sick, and teaching the people with power and authority;

P **AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

C O Divine Spirit, when Jesus was baptized, you came upon him in the form of a dove. Come upon us now, in the speaking of your Word.
AMEN!

OPENING SONG: "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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WE CONFESS

P Let us confess our sin and griefs, and hear the comfort of the Lord.

C If you revealed only your power and your law to us, O Lord, we would be undone. Like the Israelites who trembled with fear at Mt. Sinai, and like the disciple Peter, who upon seeing your power over nature, cried out, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!", we too would be reduced to fear and trembling, guilt and hopelessness. We confess that we have not and cannot live up to your righteous and good laws, and that we cannot stand before your almighty power.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

P Jesus reveals himself to us most completely, not through laws, commandments, and displays of awesome power, but through lowliness and humility. He came to John the Baptist to be baptized, though he didn't need to at all. By doing so, he showed that he is not ashamed to be associated with sinners. Indeed, he loves sinners, and wants to come into their lives and be their friend. Jesus loves us

sinners. In His name, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C And also with you!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your majestic right hand, and satisfy us with his glory. We ask through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The 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.

P The Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

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SECOND READING

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.

P The Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

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 The Gospel of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “CREATIVITY IN CONNECTION”

SONG: “God, Whose Almighty Word”

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STATEMENT OF FAITH: Nicene Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Father of Light and Mercy, we pray for your guidance, wisdom, and strength to continue to follow you even when we feel defeated or unworthy. May we be effective witnesses of your truth, so that we may be a living presence of the love of Jesus Christ in this world. Fill us with the power of the Holy Spirit that we may also be a light that leads your people to you even in the midst of trials and tribulations.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Tender Father, we pray for the youth of the world. That they may come to know you and trust in your hope and love. May knowing you give them the courage to discern their journey in life and to feel your presence alongside them every step of the way. We pray that you captivate their hearts, so they know their worth and that they are truly loved.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Gracious God and Heavenly Father, we pray for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. [especially for ...] May they know and come to understand that when they hurt, you hurt with them. You are a gracious and tender God who promises us so much more than this earthly life; You promise us an eternal life with you. Let us always remember the past and embrace our future with you.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we pray for all those who are sick, fighting an illness, or struggling with a recent diagnosis. [especially for ...] We pray for their comfort and your healing mercy; give them strength that they may also reach out in prayer according to their needs.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

OFFERING

WE PREPARE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts!

C We lift them up to the Lord!

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

P Isaiah said of old, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring good news."

C People of God, today this prophecy has been fulfilled in your hearing.

C Amen!

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

Below

1. God be with you till we meet again,

By his counsel's guide, uphold you,

With his sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again,

Refrain:

Til we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Til we meet, till we meet, God be with you til we meet again

2. God be with you till we meet again,
Neath his wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you, God be with you till we meet again,
Refrain

3. God be with you till we meet again,
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put his arms unfailing round you, God be with you till we meet again,
Refrain

4. God be with you till we meet again,
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threat'ning waves before you, God be with you till we
meet again.
Refrain

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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Attendance Last Saturday, 1/13: 6

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Host: Dan & Janelle Pahnke

Last Sunday, 1/14 cancelled due to weather

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

John Roser 1/19

Charlotte Haag 1/19/2018

Lucas Sunderlage 1/20/2006

Keegan Marshall 1/21/2010

James Klus 1/24

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!

(I have no listing for anniversaries for January. If I am missing your birthday or anniversary, please let me know. Dianna)

Please Congratulate **Richard Wilson** on his retirement!

****After over 26 years of dedicated service to the residents of Bartlett IL Battalion Chief Richard Wilson retired on January 17th. Richard will continue to work in the fire service as a Deputy Chief with Monroe Center. Richard currently has 34 years in the fire service.***



OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING:
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024 at 10:15 a.m.

The annual booklets are ready now. Please read through them, make notes, and bring it back with you when you attend the annual meeting, next Sunday.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Parish

A yoked ministry of

St John's Lutheran Church, Creston
St Paul Lutheran Church, Oregon



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Pastor and Congregation:

It is with joy and thanks to God that Good Shepherd Lutheran Parish invites you to the service of Ordination to the Holy Ministry of Word and Sacrament and to the Office of Pastor for

Terese Whitten

Sunday, February 18th, 2024 at 4:00 PM
St Paul Lutheran Church
114 South 5th Street
Oregon, IL 61061

A meal will follow the service in the St Paul Fellowship Hall
Please RSVP to 815-732-2367 or to splc61061@gmail.com by
February 8th, 2024.

Clergy: Process and vest in red. Please arrive by 3:30 PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday 1/21: Join us after the service in the Fellowship Hall for coffee.

Adult Forum, 10:15am.

Tuesday 1/23: Food Pantry Set-up, 9:30-11am; dist., 12-2pm.

Wednesday 1/24: On-line Bible Study, 7pm.

Thursday 1/25: Wittenberg Door – Pastor’s Fellowship, 10am.

Saturday 1/27: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 1/28: Worship Service, 9am with Sunday School to follow;

Annual Congregational Meeting, 10:15am.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following people that are near and dear to our hearts:

- **Shannon Daab**, Mark Boehmer’s mother -in-law passed away on Thurs Jan. 11th.
- **Phillip Montgomery** passed away on Friday, Jan. 5th. Phil was a very active Lion’s Club member.
- May the promise of God’s resurrection bring peace to the family and friends of Shannon Daab and Phil Montgomery.

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams, especially:

James Klus	Emmaline Haag
David Sanderson	Susan & Jim Colgan
Mark Bernhardt	Fallon Mitchell
Roger Bauer (back issues)	Those anticipating surgery
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden, Dale Johnson, and many others.
- Our church and its activities.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God’s guidance and protection.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, and all Christian churches.