



*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First  
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**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL** who are worshiping 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.



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. The inner glasses on the tray are grape juice and water, the rest of the glasses are wine. Children who have not received Communion instruction should kneel at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.

**LBW** – green hymnal    **WOV** – Blue hymnal \*Please stand as able.

Prelude

Welcome and the Announcements

## Order of Service

- \*Brief Order for Public Confession P. 77
- \*Opening Hymn: “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” **LBW 481**
- \*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 78
- \*This Is the Feast P. 81
- \*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.

Children’s Sermon

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,  
<sup>2</sup>“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So 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. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And 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.

<sup>10</sup>When 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.

Psalms 62 (Read responsively by whole verse) P. 241-242

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

<sup>29</sup>This 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, <sup>30</sup>and 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, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

\*Alleluia P. 83

\*Gospel Mark 1:14-20

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

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

## Sermon: "CREATIVITY IN CONNECTION"

\*Hymn of the Day: "God, Whose Almighty Word" **LBW 400**

\*Nicene Creed P. 84

Prayers of the Church P. 85

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 loved one, especially for the family and friends of Ina Koehler, Chuck Schindler, Shannon Daab and Phil Montgomery. 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.

\*Sharing of Peace

Offering

\*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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Communion Distribution

\*Thank the Lord

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\*Post Communion Prayer

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\*Benediction

\*Threefold Amen

\*Closing Hymn: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

**Below**

1. God be with you till we meet again,  
By his counsels 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

\*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

\***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

\*Postlude

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**Offering Counters:** Angie Springborn & Ashley Boyer

Attendance Last Saturday, 1/13: 6

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 [sp1c61061@gmail.com](mailto:sp1c61061@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. 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **Phillip Montgomery** passed away on Friday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 Bernhardy

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.