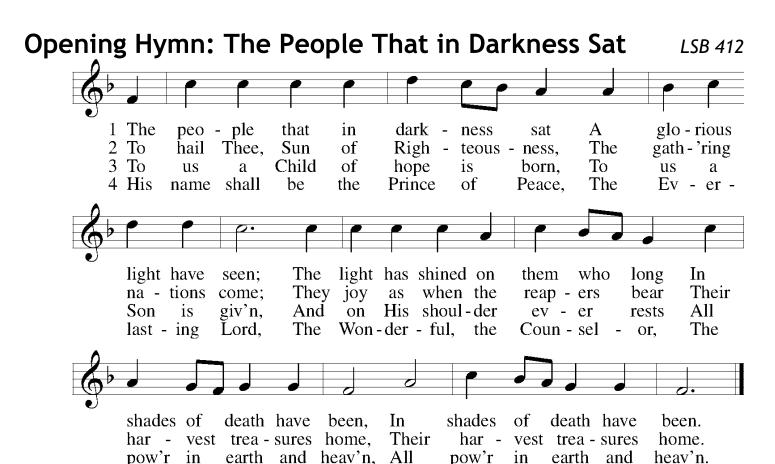
January 22, 2023 Third Sunday After the Epiphany



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God

5 His righteous government and pow'r Shall over all extend;On judgment and on justice based, His reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.

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△ 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
 And make us Thine alone,
 Who with the Father ever art
 And Holy Spirit, one,
 And Holy Spirit, one.

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God

Opening Versicles

- **L** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- **L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- **C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

- **L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- **C** Teach me Your paths.
- **L** Sanctify us in Your truth.
- **C** Your Word is truth.
- **L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- **C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.







Sit

Psalm 27 antiphon: v. 1

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

⁴One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

⁶And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;

be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸You have said, "Seek my face."

My heart says to you,

"Your face, LORD, do I seek."

⁹Hide not your face from me.

Turn not your servant away in anger,

O you who have been my help.

Cast me not off; forsake me not,

O God of my sal vation!

¹⁰For my father and my mother have forsaken me,

but the LORD will take me in.

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD,

and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

¹²Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;

for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD

in the land of the living!

¹⁴Wait for the LORD;

be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Old Testament Reading

L A reading from Isaiah, chapter 9.

¹ There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.
³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- **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 forever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

L A reading from 1 Corinthians, chapter 1.

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12-25

L A reading from Matthew, chapter 4.

¹²When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

15"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
16the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Responsory

- **L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Catechism

Ten Commandments

C You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Sit

Announcements



Rev. Philip Zielinski

Offering

Note: Please continue to place your offerings into the plates as you enter or leave church as we will not be passing the plates through the congregation. The offering plates will be brought forward at this time to remind us that our offerings are given in thankfulness to Him for His blessings to each of us.

Stand

Prayer

- Lord of all nations, Your Son became flesh to enlighten a world darkened by sin with His grace. Visit us with His gifts of forgiveness and life, that our way may be glorious with His salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Almighty Lord, Your Son's cross and crucifixion is folly to the world, but it is the source of repentance and forgiveness for all His elect. Preserve the preaching of the cross in our midst, that from this life-giving tree we would continue to receive Your faith-preserving gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, You have called us to be united in the same mind and judgment in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Preserve us from divisions and quarreling wrought by false teaching and cults of personality, and fix our eyes on the Word of the cross. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son as the Savior of the world, that all the families of the nations might worship before You. Bless the families of this congregation with Your grace and protection, that they might remember You in both joy and trouble and worship before You forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, all kingship belongs to You. Rule over the nations for the good of Your people, that we might live in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- **C** hear our prayer.
- Almighty God, the fame of Your Son spread everywhere as people witnessed His miracles and wonders. As He has wondrously saved us from sin and death, so open our mouths to speak of Him to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

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.
- C Amen.

Collect for the Word

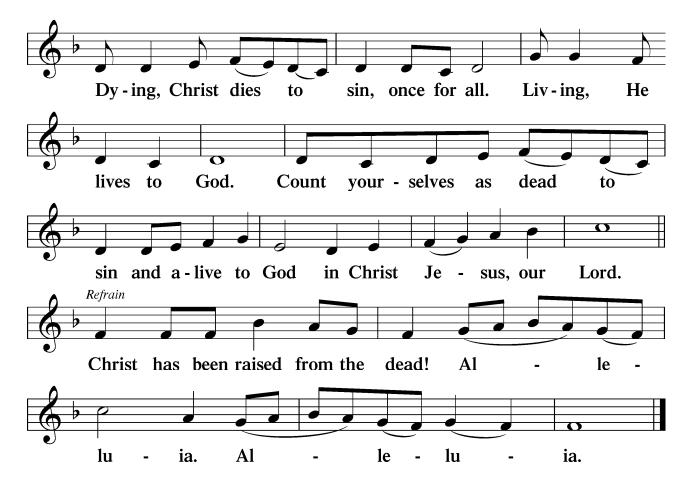
- Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Canticle





Blessing

- **L** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the

 → Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C Amen.



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THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today	9:15 AM	Bible Class
Today	9:15 AM	Sunday School
Today	12-2:00 PM	Walk-In Communion
Monday	6-7:30 PM	Confirmation
Tuesday	5-7:00 PM	Walk-In Communion
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Bible Study

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEK provides our network of more than 1,800 LCMS preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in Lutheran schools. We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families.

<u>THRIVENT FINANCIAL</u> If you're an eligible member, please consider directing Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Valley City, OH. 2022.

Choice Dollars expire March 31, 2023 - so it's use it or lose it. You may learn more by visiting: www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or by calling Thrivent at: 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice." Thank you for helping to support the mission of St. Paul Church.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the funeral luncheon to comfort the family and friends of Bill Benns. Your loving service means so much. The Funeral Committee

THANK YOU A heartfelt thank you to our St. Paul family for all the expressions of love and congratulations on our 50th wedding anniversary. Your cards, well wishes and hugs truly warm our days. We are still enjoying them. Praise be to God for all His tender mercies. Tim & Jean Wadle

E-MAIL / PRINT COMMUNICATION SURVEY Look on the back of the Attendance Slip for today! Please indicate for us how you'd like to receive your Newsletter and your end-of-the-year offering statement. Email? Print? Both? Circle which one and be sure to include your email address. Print copies will be placed in your church mailbox.

<u>PICTORIAL DIRECTORY:</u> If you were unable to schedule an appointment you may still email the church office your photo file at: secretary@spvc.org by Wednesday, February 1st. Each household will receive an email of the digital photo that you can use however you'd like.

<u>WORSHIP BULLETINS & ATTENDANCE SLIPS</u> You're encouraged to take home your worship bulletins (use the scriptures, hymns and prayers for your own devotions!). Please use the blue recycle tub that is located in the hallway as you leave the sanctuary to place <u>ONLY</u> the bulletins (including Large Print as we do recycle the black combs) and the unused attendance slips. Thank you.

GOOD STEWARDSHIP Please take a moment to collect your Worship folders, filled out or blank attendance slips, used tissues, and any other items left in the pews after leaving Worship services. Thank you kindly!

<u>PORTALS OF PRAYER</u> the 2023 Jan-March devotion booklets are available on the Welcome Table and in the Narthex hallway, please take your copy home today.

YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP Families with young children are invited to join in fellowship! Dates and times are to be decided, most likely first a weekday morning playdate. If you are interested in that or other gatherings, sign-up at the Welcome Center or contact Sarah Moser at 440-453-0180.

COMMUNION OPPORTUNITIES

Pastor is still providing individual communion opportunities for the foreseeable future.

- 1. Check the posted times for "walk-in" communion below.
- 2. Scheduling an appointment with Pastor at church or in your home.

"Walk-In" times at Church:

- Sundays, 12 2pm
- Tuesdays, 5 7pm

Scheduling an appointment for communion at church or in your home:

- To schedule a time other than the walk-in times
 - o Call Pastor 440-458-0189
 - O Visit www.spvc.org and click "Book with Pastor" to see available times for appointments.

<u>TITHES & OFFERINGS</u> are needed; our Lord still provides for us and we return to Him a portion of His generosity. You have several ways to continue contributing:

- 1. In-person Worship on Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
- 2. Mail your contributions to the church.
- 3. Talk to your bank about "bill-pay" options. They can likely send a check directly to the church on a scheduled basis.
- 4. Visit www.spvc.org and click on "Give Online" you'll be taken to our secure online giving site where you can make a one-time or on-going contribution.

IN-PERSON SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS watch LIVE or On-Demand just like our worship services (YouTube, Facebook, or www.spvc.org) on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

WATCH LIVE OR ON-DEMAND 8:00 AM on Sundays, or on-demand at YouTube, Facebook, or www.spvc.org – on the homepage is a viewer for the livestream (when active) and for the most recent service. Bulletins are available via the link. Select the bulletin for the date of the service you are watching.

PASTORAL CARE Should you desire pastoral care, please contact the church office 330.483.3883, or 330.483.4119 and leave a message for Pastor.

PRAYER REQUESTS can be sent to prayer@spvc.org (also, email there to join the prayer chain and receive all the updates) ... or ... you may fill out the back side of the attendance slip.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY at 10:00 AM. Attend in-person or watch the stream live and ondemand.

<u>SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE</u> We continue to take offerings to provide relief to Lutheran church partners affected by the war in Ukraine. Thank you to everyone who has shown their generosity.

			JANUA	JANUARY 2023		
	SERVICE	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
		SUNDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
		New Year's Day				
		Communion		Communion		Communion
ELDER	8am		Tim Wadle	Tim Wadle / Steve Kato	Steve Kato / Chris Duran	Steve Kato / Chris Duran
	10:30am		Jim Jackson	Sam Jakabcic / Jim Jackson	Sam Jakabcic	Sam Jakabcic / Jim Jackson
USHERS	8am	10:00 AM	David Hesketh	Mark Gordon	Rob Zacharias	Jim Sherry
	10:30am	One Service	Rich Proeschel	Jay Moser	Joe Bennett	Brian Dearth
GREETERS	8am		David & Mackenzie Duran	Dean & Beth Bremke	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes	Dean & Beth Bremke
	10:30am	10:30am Tim Walde / Steve Kato	Barb Pijor	Elder	Barb Pijor	Rich & Jenny Proeschel
ELDER INFO						
Stephen Kato						
330-242-7183						
Tim Wadle						
216-214-7109						
Jim Jackson						
330-391-6393						
Chris Duran						
216-577-5164						
Sam Jakabcic						
216-789-1076						

Prayers for Worship

On entering a church

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

Before worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for His sake. Amen.

After worship

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Before confession and absolution

Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Before communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send me Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

For blessing on the Word

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.