

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 22, 2023, 8:30am

"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education"



***"A farmer went out to sow his seed."
Matthew 13:3***

Music of Preparation,
Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

Our Ministry: We are a people of God who are: ***"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education."***

Welcome! Family of God, welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church! Please extend a word of friendship to those sitting near you.

Devotions & Publications Available are found in the main entryway. Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate.

..... **WORSHIP NOTES**

Note About Attendance Cards...Remember that the only way we may know you are worshipping with us is by seeing your name on an attendance card. These cards may be completed as you enter for worship and will be collected after the offering. Use one card for each family that is gathered. **Please list the name of each person in worship.** (Parents, please take responsibility for signing in your children) There is a "Member" side as well as a "Guest" side. Please fill out the appropriate side and pass them to the center aisle during the gathering of the offerings. The cards are gathered after the offering has been collected.

To Our Visitors...Our church and school have a few nooks and crannies, so don't be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available near the guest register in the main (west) entryway.

For All Who Worship...If you are arriving after the service has started, please allow our ushers to assist you with seating. We ask that you avoid entering during the confession, prayers, or Bible readings as these are quiet and meditative moments.

For Parents with Small Children...We love and want children in our services as a part of God's family, to spend time with Jesus, and to learn how to worship. We also know that kids can be kids. We want you and your children to experience our Lord's love and to have a great opportunity to worship the Lord along with all who are gathered here to praise our Savior's name.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

(The music for the liturgy may be found on page 203 in the Hymnal)

Notes for Worship: As you prepare for worship this day, we invite you to turn to the prayer section of the Hymnal (page 305). In addition to prayers for before and after worship, there are prayers for all aspects of the Christian Life (some of the prayers are also located on the inside front cover of the hymnal). May these prayers be useful in your worship.

Before worship prayer

Faithful God, whose mercies are new to us every morning, we humbly pray that You would look upon us in mercy and renew us by Your Holy Spirit. Keep safe our going out and our coming in, and let Your blessing remain with us throughout this day. Preserve us in Your righteousness and grant us a portion in that eternal life which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord. AMEN.

We're So Glad God Brought You Here Today!

Opening Hymn: "God, Whose Almighty Word"

LSB, hymn #979

God, whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard
And took their flight:
Hear us, we humbly pray
And where the Gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!

Lord, who once came to bring,
On Your redeeming wing,
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind:
Oh, now to humankind
Let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy dove,
Speed forth Your flight;
Move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!

Holy and blessed Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, love, might!
Boundless as ocean's tide,
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the earth, far and wide,
Let there be light!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Name: Brynn Noelle Styck

Parents: Scott & Elise Styck

Sponsors: Erica & Daniel Cooper

Pastor: Rev. Karl J. Koeppen

Date: January 22, 2023

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

OUR TESTIMONY OF BAPTISM

- P: Because this child cannot answer for herself, we shall all together with the parents and sponsors, faithfully speak on behalf of this child in testimony of the forgiveness of sins and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows in and through Holy Baptism, the faith that we express in the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- P: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- C: **I do renounce them.**
- P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- C: **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
- C: **Yes, I believe 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.**
- P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- C: **Yes, 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.**

WELCOME OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

- P: Dear members of God's family, in Holy Baptism God the Father has made Brynn Noelle Styck a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
- C: **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory To God In The Highest (Sung) *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

**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.**

- P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
- C: **And also with you.**
- P: Let us pray . . . Heavenly Father, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations. By Your Holy Spirit enable us to put Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at the heart of what we proclaim and at the center of how we live; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen**

Special Music: "" Zacchaeus" and "The Gifts He Offers to You"

K-5 Day School Choir

THE READING OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 55:10-13 (*God's Word Goes Out Into The World*)

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

Instead of the thornbush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord's renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed."

Stand (as you are able)

Alleluia and Verse

John 20:31

C: (Sung) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 *(God's Word Is Scattered)*

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop - a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. He who has ears, let him hear." . . . "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be Seated)

Children's Sermon

Sermon Hymn: "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

LSB, hymn #577

Almighty God, Your Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend
And righteous fruits abound.

Let not the sly satanic foe
This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart
To bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world's deceitful cares
The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold
The fruits of peace and joy.

So when the precious seed is sown,
Life-giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive
Its saving pow'r may know.

Sermon: "Christian Education And Sowing Seeds"

Matthew 13:1-9

Tithes and Offerings/Attendance Cards

OFFERTORY - Create In Me

LSB, Divine Service 3, pg 192-193

C: (Sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

- P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
For us here and for the Church around the world, that we may be receptive soil, receiving the Word with joy and returning to God the harvest He so dearly desires. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: For the peoples of this world, that just as God's good creation responds to sun and rain with fruitful abundance, so also the leaders of the nations would respond to His call for justice and mercy within their borders, and peace and harmony with neighbor states. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: For all who are tempted by Satan, all who are burdened by the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches, and all who endure tribulation and persecution for the sake of Christ, that the Holy Spirit would strengthen them in faith and bring them to serenity and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: For all who till the soil, manage businesses large and small, protect the nation from harm, keep the peace in our communities, respond to emergencies of health, fire, and flood, and meet the physical and emotional needs of those who rely on them, that God would strengthen and protect them, and move us all to appreciate their efforts on our behalf. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: For those near and dear to us who call out to our heavenly Father in their various needs. We pray that you be with those hospitalized this past week (*Especially, . . .*). Also be with those who continue treatment and healing at home. We pray for them and all those that we name in our hearts . . . (*Silence*). May our gracious God visit, relieve, heal, and restore them as fits His loving plans for them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: For all of God's Children, as we scatter the seed of His Word, may we not lose heart and may we trust in His timing and rejoice at His harvest. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**

(Additional prayers of the congregation. Each petition concludes with. . .)

P: . . . Lord, In Your Mercy,

C: Hear Our Prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1

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 + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

Closing Hymn: "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

LSB, hymn #923

Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here
May all at last in heav'n appear.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

See You In Worship Next Week!

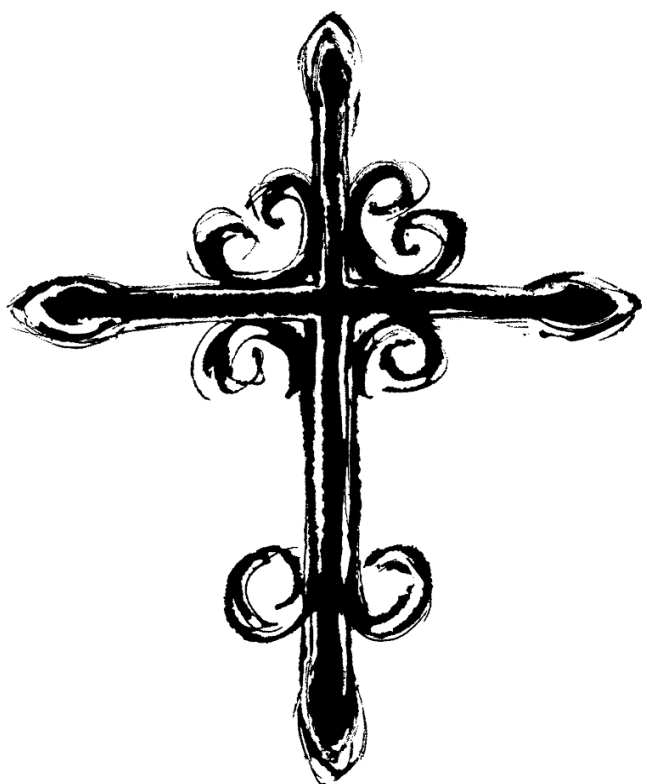
After worship prayer

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom which comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and in the confession of Your name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

There will be Prayer Ministry Member(s) in each service that will be wearing a prayer ministry tag around their neck. Please look for them if you are wanting prayer for yourself, someone else or prayer for a concern or situation you may have.

Please join us for coffee and donut holes in the cafeteria after Sunday services.

Altar Flowers Altar flowers this weekend are given in honor of my parents, Melbourne & Sandra Sadnick's 54th wedding anniversary (1/27), by Louise Sadnick and Ryan Sarkozi; also in memory of Mr. Les Jennings.



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