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January 17, 2021

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Rev. David Reber, Jr., Pastor

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8:00 AM

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

We welcome you to our worship service this morning. St. Paul's has two services every Sunday morning at 8:00 & 10:30 AM with Sunday School at 9:15 AM. We request members and visitors alike to fill out an attendance card and pass it down to the center aisle during the offering. You are welcomed in this house.

**The Mission at *St. Paul's Lutheran Church* is:
Preach and Teach to ALL, Comfort and Support those in need!**

ACOLYTE: Blake Holtzen

RECORDING: Kenneth Helms

ELDER OF THE DAY: Gene Hollrah

SCRIPTURE READER: Abbey Wolters

USHERS: Steve Willis

ATTENDANCE: January 10: 8:00 – 39; 10:30 – 65; Total = 104

NEEDED WEEKLY FOR BUDGET: \$12,292 **OFFERING:** \$10,842

AS WE GATHER: Today we are called to remember that our bodies are not our own. Paul reminds us in the Epistle that we were bought with a price: the blood of Christ. Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. Our bodies, even our whole lives, belong to the Lord, and we are called to consider how we are to best steward the bodies God has given us for the sake of His kingdom.

Divine Service, Setting One- LSB pg. 151
Confession and Absolution

Hymn of invocation – “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” – LSB #901



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy
en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;
Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing
is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.

- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;
Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.

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Stand

The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

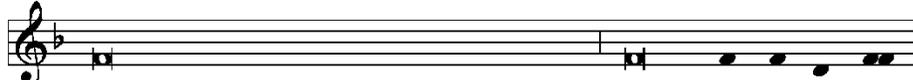
Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



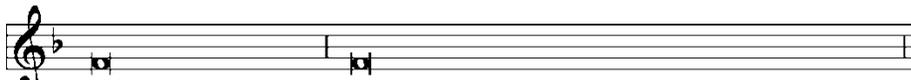
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



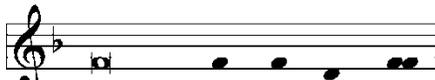
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



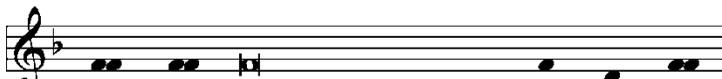
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



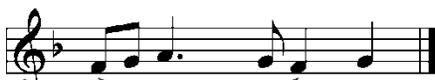
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading – 1 Samuel 3:1–10

¹Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:1–10; antiphon: v. 14

- P I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
- C **Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.**

- P O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
- C **You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

- P You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
- C **Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.**

- P You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
- C **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.**

- P Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?
- C **If I ascend to heaven, you are there!**

- P If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
- C **If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.**

- P I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
- C **Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.**

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 6:12–20

¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. ¹³"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." ¹⁷But he who is

joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

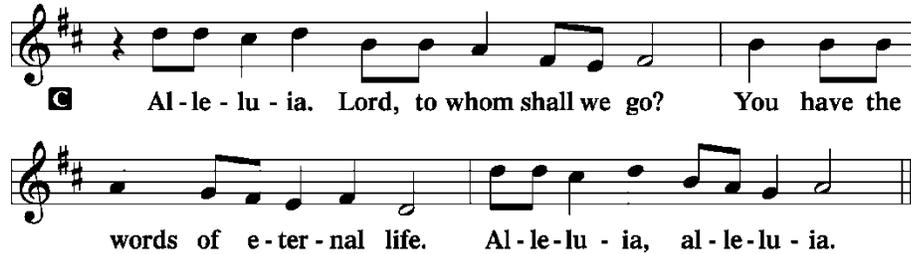
C **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music – Adult Choir – “And the Glory”

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Alleluia and Verse

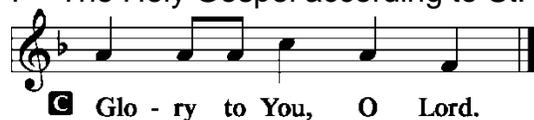
John 6:68



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel – John 1:43–51

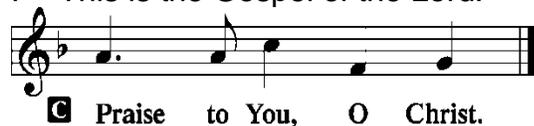
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day – “Come Down, O Love Divine” – LSB #501



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, Till world - ly pas - sions turn
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty Mine out - ward ves - ture be
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will long,



And vis - it it with Thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
And low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; With - in my heart ap - pear,
And let Thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,
True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the hum - bler part,
No soul can guess His grace Till it be - come the place



And kin - dle it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
And o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes His dwell - ing.

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Sermon by Rev. David H. Reber, Jr.

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Apostles' Creed

C 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.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P O Lord, You have called us into the fellowship and priesthood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By His incarnation and great work of salvation, heaven is opened to us in Him. Give us boldness to cling to Your faithful call, that Your deliverance would not be hidden but spoken freely in all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious God, preserve Your Church here and throughout the world. Send forth laborers into Your harvest and sustain those You have sent, especially Matthew Harrison, our Synod president; Barrie Henke, our district president; and Tim Dorsch, our circuit visitor. Make all Christians bold in confession and unwavering in prayer. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father, You have given us Your Holy Spirit, making our bodies Your temple and knitting us together into the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Give us courage and constancy to treasure Your gift of holy marriage. Preserve Your Christians in true chastity: the married in honorable faithfulness to one another, and the unmarried in honorable purity, for You have bought us with the precious price of Your Son's blood to glorify You in our bodies. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You are the Lord and You do whatever seems good to You. As every lawful authority on earth comes from You, uphold in righteousness and health our nation with its leaders. Preserve in wisdom and honor Joseph Biden, our president-elect; Kamala Harris, our vice-president-elect; Governor Stitt; and all public servants, including our armed forces, police and first responders. Send peace in our time. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, behold in mercy all for whom we pray. Bring healing, comfort, strength, patience and certainty to all in need. Receive our thanks for Your constant watch and merciful kindness. In every sorrow and every joy, do not let our eyes be drawn from the greater marvel of Your kindness in Christ Jesus, by whose grace and forgiveness alone we receive every blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C **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.**

Hymn – “Take My Life and Let It Be” – LSB #783



- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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Concluding Collect

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction



- 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 A - men.

Hymn to Depart – “The Church's One Foundation” – LSB #644



1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,
4 Through toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war



She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.
Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a-sun-der, By her-e-sies dis-tressed,
She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;
One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep-ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press-es With ev-'ry grace en-dued.
And soon the night of weep-ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic-to-rious Shall be the Church at rest.

Δ5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

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Dismissal

P Go in peace and serve the Lord!
C **Thanks be to God.**

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We pray your worship with us was a Blessing and God will grant you a rich and Blessed week.

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If you are a first time visitor please let one of the ushers in the back know – they have a gift from the LWML waiting for you.

NURSERY: Nursery is available in the basement for children three years old and younger. Should you need assistance finding it, see an usher.

KGWA RADIO: Should you miss regular Sunday Worship, you can listen to it on the radio. KGWA, 960 will air the previous Sunday's service on the following Sunday at 10:30 AM.

JANUARY IS MITE MONTH! Mites are collected in January for LWML projects. Cans will be in the narthex if you could like to contribute!

LWML SHOE DRIVE: We are collecting shoes, shoes, shoes! Here is how you can help! Please bring men's, women's sandals, flip flops, boots, etc., to the church. The collection box is in the Narthex. Please, no roller or ice skates. Shoes should be clean and in good condition. Shoes should be paired, banded together, or tied with laces. The shoe collection will end on January 31. Please have any shoes you want to donate at the church by then.

COVID VACCINES: To sign up for COVID vaccine, you must now pre-register at:

<https://oklahoma.gov/covid19.html>

1. Click where it says, To Register for the Covid-19 vaccine, click here.
2. Click blue box Covid-19 Questionnaire
3. Complete your Questionnaire carefully. You will be contacted by email afterwards. They will tell you where to go to register and schedule your vaccine.

SR. TASK FORCE: Senior Task Force is scheduled to meet on January 19, 2021. This has been cancelled.

PRAYER GROUP: Prayer Group will resume meeting at 6:15 PM on Wednesday evenings. They will meet at the Early childhood Center (1810 E. Broadway Ave.)

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: Don't forget to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31st! If you have any questions about the process you can contact Ralph Kroll at (580) 747-3728.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE: If you have submissions for the February newsletter, the deadline is this Thursday, January 21st.

JR. CONFIRMATION: Masks will be required at confirmation class, which is held on Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM at the early Childhood Center (1810 E. Broadway Ave.). For those doing it at home, classes will be posted at noon.

THANK YOU: We want to thank Ron & Kris Young, S. Wiederkehr and Robert & Twana Winter for helping clean our yard after the ice/snow storm and putting up a new mailbox. We are very thankful and appreciative for their help and all the prayers. Thank you Pastor Reber for all the help & prayers.
– Bud & Pat Durham

THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone for your prayers and cards at my dad's passing. I am thankful for such a supportive church family. Pam Wiederkehr.

VOTERS' MEETING: There will be a brief Voters' Meeting in the sanctuary after each service on Sunday, January 17th.

PRAYERS

Hospitalized: Jerry McHenry (OKC); Cindi Hagans (Bass); Eddie Morris (Bass)

Recovering: Kevin Krey (Ron & Cindy Krey's son), Paul Dunbar, Marcella Schroeder & Opal Gragert.

Cancer Patients: Becky Perring Aerns (Cindy Fischaber's sister), Pat Becker, Brett Bersche (Jane Brown's nephew), Jill Fischaber, Shelly Goodwin, Judy Helberg, Mike Hoeltzel, Ruth Lyons, Gene Mansker (Mike & Renie Krienke's neighbor), Lois Maxwell, Poma Rico (Pat Dresser's son-in-law) & Bonnie Szczepaniak

Medical Problems: Hank Bland, Cathy Breitenkamp, Bud Durham, Wandalene Free, Susan Gentry (Helen Wyssmann's daughter), Opal Gragert, Matthew Hagans, Sandra Hayes, Mike Helberg, Mary Ann Hoeltzel, Christine Hollrah, Misty Lyons (Ruth Lyons daughter), Ruth Lyons, Jerry McHenry, Eddie Morris, Sharyn Mueller, Teresa Nealis (Phyllis Blaser's niece), Shirleen Otipoby, Gary Parsons, Patty Reber, Kathy Snowden, Walterean Riekenberg, Melvin Schroeder and Loren Wegele (Ruth Lyons brother).

Prayer Request: Please keep Gerry Hiedrich, who has Covid, in your prayers.

Anniversaries: (I left the first one out last week!) January 14th – Terry & Lorie Herth; January 18th – Cecil & Terri Durham and James & Kathy Wuerflein

Birthdays: (I left the first four out last week!) January 14th – Paul Dunbar & Kenneth Wade; January 16th – Lexi Childs & Abby Wolters; January 17th – Kimber Jung & Quinn LaBrue; January 18th – Lathan Heim, Aspen Latham, Rebecca Riggs; January 19th - Scottie Young; January 20th – Brent Coffman & Teegin Hacker; January 21st – Rhonda Crowl & Helen Wyssmann; January 22nd – Bill White; January 23rd – Anita Chance

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUN. 01/17 **Second Sunday After the Epiphany**
Voters' Meeting After Each Service
8:00 AM Worship/10:30 AM Worship/Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
1:00 PM Children of the Light Bible Study via Live Stream

MON. 01/18 12:30 PM Bridge
12:30 PM Finance Board

TUE. 01/19 11:00 AM Balance & Strength
5:00 PM School Board

WED. 01/20 9:00 AM Chapel
6:15 PM Prayer Group
7:00 PM Vespers
7:00 PM Choir

THU. 01/21 **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE**
9:00 AM Pastor's Study
11:00 am Balance & Strength
12:30 Bridge

FRI. 01/22

SAT. 01/23 9:00 AM Jr. Confirmation
12:00 PM Jr. Confirmation (posted virtually)

SUN. 01/24 **Third Sunday After the Epiphany**
8:00 AM Worship/10:30 AM Worship/Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
1:00 PM Children of the Light Bible Study via Live Stream

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1 Corinthians 6:19b-20 – “You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” God owns everything, including our very selves. We were made to serve Him and glorify Him and will never truly be happy or find our fulfillment until we learn that lesson. Jesus has redeemed us and brought us back into the Kingdom of the Father, and that has set us free to serve Him in joy, generosity, liberty, and faith.