



# St. Paul Lutheran Church

9:30a Service of Worship

Pastor ~ Reverend Ashley Nicolls

**Third Sunday after Epiphany | January 24, 2021**

Welcome!

May God's grace continue to overflow to and through you.



## Worship Assistants

### **Assisting Minister**

Daniel Mills

### **Reader**

Daniel Mills

### **Signing Leader**

Susy Scholl

### **Musician**

Susy Scholl

### **Sound**

John Beyer  
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Sue Scherr

### **Ushers**

Pete Gulliksen  
Jan Kruse

### **Greeters**

Tonia and J.D. Miller

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church.

We hope you will use this bulletin during the week to have a song to sing, prayers to pray and give comfort, whether you are worshipping in person or from home on your electronic devices.

Please know that although not all of us are physically together to worship, our Lord is still with us. We give thanks for those who do attend in-person, but also this technology that allows us to share the bulletin, record the service of worship and post to our website.

Our Tuesday community meals are still on and so are the Saturday Food Pantries. Please continue to bring in supplies for these ministries.

Your offerings during this time are especially appreciated as our ministries still continue. They can be made via online giving, given on Sunday morning, mailed to the church or dropped off during our normal office hours Monday-Friday • 9a-12noon.

May God bless you and give you peace.

## Prelude

“Sonatina Domingo”  
John Ferreira

music by Fred B. Binckes

## Welcome and Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

*Pastor:* Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**Response: Amen.** (*sign*)

*Pastor:* Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*Pastor:* Holy God, you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. **Response: Forgive us** (*sign*)

*Pastor:* We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love.

**Response: Forgive us** (*sign*)

*Pastor:* We distrust those who are not like us. **Response: Forgive us** (*sign*)

*Pastor:* We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come.

**Response: Forgive us** (*sign*)

*Pastor:* Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. **Response: Amen.** (*sign*)

*Pastor:* How vast is God’s grace! Through the power and promise of ☩ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God’s own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God’s forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ’s justice and the Spirit’s reconciling peace. **Amen.** (*sign*)

### Gathering Music

*Will You Come and Follow Me* verses 1, 4, 5



- 1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
- 2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
- 3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
- 4 “Will you love the you you hide if I but call
- 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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## Prayer of the Day

**Congregation:** Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (*sign for Amen*)

### Scripture ~ Jonah 3:1-5, 10

*The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"*

<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Response: Thanks be to God.** (*sign for thanks be to God*)

### Scripture ~ Psalm 62:5-12

<sup>5</sup>For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God. <sup>6</sup>God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken. <sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge. <sup>8</sup>Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge. <sup>9</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath. <sup>10</sup>Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it. <sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God. <sup>12</sup>Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according to their deeds.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Response: Thanks be to God.** (*sign*)

### Scripture ~ 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

*Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be 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 possessions, <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.  
Word of God. Word of Life. **Response: Thanks be to God.** (*sign for thanks be to God*)

## Special Music

“He Touched Me”  
Susy Scholl, soloist

music by William J. Gaither

## Gospel ~ Mark 1:14-20

*Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.*

*Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.*

**Response: Glory to you, O Lord.** (*“sign for glory”*)

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” <sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew 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 fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

*Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. Response: Praise to you, O Christ.* (*sign for praise*)

## Sermon ~ Pastor Ashley Nicolls

## Hymn of the Day

*Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult* verses 1, 2, 4, 5

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. Below the treble staff, there are five lines of lyrics, each numbered 1 through 5. The lyrics are: 1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our; 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the; 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the; 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of; 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":  
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895  
Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

## Prayers of the Church

*Assisting Minister:* Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. *A brief silence.*

*Assisting Minister:* For the church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and for musicians and servers, that all proclaim the good news of God's reconciling love, let us pray. **Response: Have mercy, O God. (sign)**

*Assisting Minister:* For skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water, and for the well-being of creation, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth, let us pray. **Response: Have mercy, O God. (sign)**

*Assisting Minister:* For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, for planning commissions and homeless advocates, that God inspire all people in the just use of wealth, let us pray. **Response: Have mercy, O God. (sign)**

*Assisting Minister:* For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief, especially those we name now aloud or in our hearts, (pause) that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them, let us pray.

**Response: Have mercy, O God. (sign)**

*Assisting Minister:* For our congregation and community, for families big and small, and for the organizations that meet here during the week, that God's steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships, let us pray. **Response: Have mercy, O God. (sign)**

*Assisting Minister:* For our members, especially...and our preschool teachers and students, especially... let us pray. **Response: Have mercy, O God. (sign)**

*Assisting Minister:* In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living, that they point us to salvation through Christ, let us pray.

**Response: Have mercy, O God. (sign)**

*Assisting Minister:* Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Response: Amen. (sign)**

## 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. (sign)**

## Blessing

*Pastor:* God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace. **Response: Amen (sign)**

## Sending Song

### *You Walk Along Our Shoreline*

Sylvia Dunstan, 1955–1993

LAKEWAY  
Sally Ann Morris



1. You walk a - long our shore - line where land meets  
2. You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple  
3. We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the



un - known sea. We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now  
of the earth. We can - not fish for on - ly those  
king - dom's name; we work for love and jus - tice; we



come and fol - low me. And if you still will  
 lives we think have worth. We spread your net of  
 learn to hope through pain. You call us, Lord, to  
 fol - low through storm and wave and shoal, then I will  
 gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face, our boat a  
 gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons, to let your  
 make you fish - ers but of the hu - man soul."  
 com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.  
 judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

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## Dismissal

*Pastor:* Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Response:** Thanks be to God. (*sign*)

*Pastor:* And all God's children say and sign, **Response:** Amen (*sign*)

## Postlude

“Not Alone for Mighty Empire” music by Thomas Chesterton  
 John Ferreira

**Attendance for Last Sunday:** 35 in-person

**Flowers** are given by Pete and Evelyn Gulliksen for their birthday celebrations - Pete on January 25 and Evie on January 27.

**Eternal candle** is given by Cindy Paxton in memory of her parents Jack and Betty's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## St. Paul Mission Statement

As a Holy Spirit-led family of God, we are called through baptism to proclaim and bear witness to God's reconciling grace in Jesus Christ to all so that by joyfully sharing God's Word and encouraging each other to service for the sake of others, our lives together make a difference for Christ and His kingdom.

# Fishing for People

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." Mark 1:17 (TNIV)

Based on Mark 1:14-20



L A K E U I J A M E S Z S O C  
 H F Q U F O B E L I E V E P A  
 X O I W I C K I N G D O M J S  
 M L H N S M E I E E G S E A T  
 W L T G H X N J D C O M E N I  
 L O Q Y E N W G N S L W H R N  
 F W H Q R E O C B G L O T O G  
 S M Q C M T G O O D J Q F G G  
 B P D F E S L B O A T Z P R A  
 A L E S N Y F A T H E R E Y L  
 D N Q Z N T Z L V W S H X D I  
 T P D P T Y N E W S T I R K L  
 Q V Y R H B I D Q O K O M Y E  
 Z R E P E N T D R E E N F O E  
 F I G U K W I B X B D Q T L N

JOHN	NEWS	CASTING	FISHERMEN	SIMON
KINGDOM	BOAT	GALILEE	NETS	BELIEVE
ANDREW	REPENT	SEA	BROTHER	FATHER
GOOD	COME	FOLLOW	JAMES	LAKE

## Please remember in your prayers...

• All those serving in the U.S. Military. • The homeless in our neighborhood, our city, our nation and the world. • The Florida Bahamas Synod Office of the Bishop Staff: Bishop Pedro, Assistants to the Bishop Pastors Khader, Rob C., Rob R., and Deacon Connie, Specialists Jim and Marina, Support Staff Tina, Yuliet, Kim, and Ileana. • SURE – Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity. • Our Members, and our preschool teachers and students.

<p><b>Members</b>            Beetle Family            John Beyer            Henry Blosser            Susan Burmaster            Sue Fisher            Bob Fong            Barbara and Ed Hahne            Brian McCulley            Cecilia Morvick            Jean Panthana            James Paulsson            John Puckhaber            Susy Scholl            Dave and Betty Smowton            Curt Swenson            Karin Zukowski</p> <p><b>Homebound Members</b>            Sharyn Brodnax            Carol Chambers            Charles Kistner            Olive Lehman            June Manselle            Virginia McQuaig            Ann Olsen            Michael Reiter            Carole Wilson            Bettie Zuknick</p> <p><b>Friends and Family</b>            Dustin – <i>family friend of Carol Chambers</i>            Karen and Mark – <i>friends of Marty Hillerich</i>            LaShonda – <i>friend of J. Beyer</i>            Martin, Ernest, and Tricia – <i>friends of Puckhabers</i>            Paula – <i>friend of Hillerichs</i>            Clinton Allen – <i>friend of Jim Paulsson</i>            Susan, Kaleigh, and Devon Boller – <i>family of Dorothy Boller</i></p>	<p>Franklin Boyer – <i>friend of Puckhabers</i>            Pam and David Brett – <i>family of Puckhabers</i>            Sherri and Rebecca Buete – <i>family of Brian McCulley</i>            David Burmaster – <i>cousin of Susan Burmaster</i>            Kathleen Cannon – <i>friend of Puckhabers</i>            Alice Chanover – <i>friend of Puckhabers</i>            Rusty Corner and family – <i>friend of Susan Burmaster</i>            Esther Davis – <i>friend of Puckhabers</i>            Skylar Dickey – <i>friend of Ethel Hamilton</i>            Stephanie Diehl – <i>daughter of community meal guests</i>            John Dolittle – <i>family friend of Brian McCulley</i>            Cody Eddleman – <i>husband of John Beyer</i>            Kathy Gbur – <i>friend of Ethel Hamilton</i>            Freddie Greer – <i>friend of Jim Paulsson</i>            Terri Hancock – <i>friend of Marthe Hildreth</i>            Eli Harshman – <i>ECLC student</i>            David Jackerson – <i>son of Susy Scholl</i>            Linda Jones – <i>friend of Ethel Hamilton</i>            Kenny Manselle – <i>son of June Manselle</i>            Ginny Marrassini – <i>sister of Kathie Snyder</i>            Dan Martin and family – <i>friend of Susy Scholl</i></p>	<p>Marsha McKinney – <i>former member</i>            Saul Mejia – <i>friend of Brian McCulley</i>            Tiffany Merrill – <i>daughter of Christine Merrill</i>            Pam Mills – <i>sister of Daniel Mills</i>            John Morrow – <i>family of Brian McCulley</i>            Karen Paulsson – <i>sister of Jim Paulsson</i>            Terry Panthana – <i>niece of Jean Panthana</i>            Cory Putnam – <i>grandson of Janice Kruse</i>            Manny Rebas – <i>friend of Ethel Hamilton</i>            Candy Reimer – <i>godmother of PrAshley</i>            Rose Sajevic – <i>family friend of Pr. Ashley</i>            Brian &amp; Tommy Schlotterback – <i>sons of Doris Schlotterback</i>            Cynthia Lu Scholl – <i>sister of Susy Scholl</i>            Jim and Robert Scianni – <i>sons of Sciannis</i>            Clint Shantz – <i>former member</i>            Timothy Smith – <i>grandson of Ginny McQuaig</i>            Dave Spitter – <i>former St. Paul member</i>            Susan Sullivan – <i>friend of John Ferreira</i>            Dan Torrence – <i>friend of Marty Hillerich</i>            Elaine &amp; Mark Vanderweight – <i>friends of Jim Paulsson</i>            Amy Zuccarello – <i>daughter of Dcn. Michele Hilton</i></p>
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