

# *St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*Holstein, IA February 16, 2025 9:00 A.M.*

*Sixth Sunday After Epiphany*

*Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed are" and the "woe to" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.*

## **GATHER**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Confession & Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy, we confess our lack of faith.

**You have promised to provide for all of our needs and yet we mistrust your promise. We know the futility of our own ambitions and our inability to do what we want to do. Today we recognize the sin within us, and ask that you would forgive us. In your mercy, give us daily bread, not only for our bodies but as food for our spirits. Forgive our sin and cleanse us so we can be pleasing in your sight and ministers in your service.**

Our God is a great God and provides for all of our needs. God gives us daily bread and supplies every spiritual need. Our sin no longer controls us. The death of Jesus Christ has paid the cost of our sin and his resurrection has freed us to live in victory. We are forgiven sons and daughters of God, empowered by the Spirit to be ministers to each other.

**Amen.**

### **Opening Hymn**

*Baptized in Water*

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Prayer of the Day

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Service of Holy Baptism for Jack Lynn Lowe

**WORD**

**Jeremiah 17:5-10**

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. <sup>6</sup> They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. <sup>8</sup> They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup> The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? <sup>10</sup> I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup> If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The Word of the Lord.

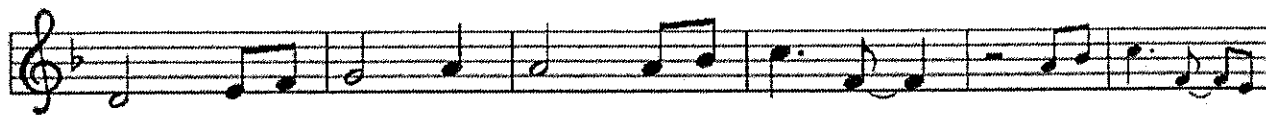
**Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

## Gospel Alleluia



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, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Luke 6:17-26

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup> [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. <sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup> "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup> "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup> "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message Vicar Emily Anderson

Installation of Newly Elected Task Force & Committee Members

Prayers of Intercession

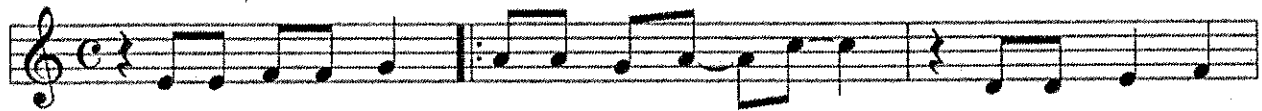
Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
And also with you.

**MEAL**

Children's Offering / Offering

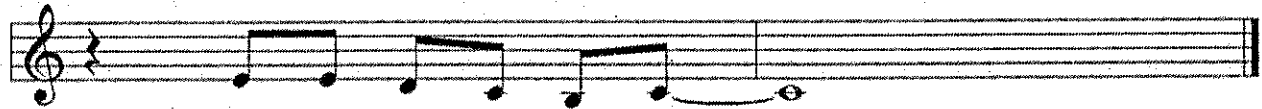
*Offering Song - Everybody's Got Something to Offer*



Ev - ery - bo - dy's got some-thing to of - fer; young and old the



prince and the pau - per. Ev - ery - bo - dy's got some-thing to of - fer



in the name of the Lord.



To the lost and the low - ly ones the mes-sage it is  
To the be - liev - ers gath - ered here the mes-sage it is



clear; we have all got a gift to give our hands,  
true; we have all got a gift to give in all



our hearts, our tears. Ev - ery - bo - dy's got  
we say and do. Ev - ery - bo - dy's got

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**Offering Prayer**

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

**Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving** (sung)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Words of Institution**

**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.**

**Invitation to Communion**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

**Distribution**

***\*Distribution of the Sacrament\****

*All who trust in Christ's word are welcome to the table of this holy supper,  
where our Lord is truly present, offering his gifts of forgiveness and eternal life.*

*Please tell the server if you desire grape juice as an alternative to wine.*

***Please join in singing:***

***Come, Let Us Eat*** #491

***Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*** #789

*Live Christ*

Live Christ, love Christ, share Christ, be Christ.  
All these things do today. All these things along your way.

Peace

Hope

Love

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**Prayer After Communion**

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,  
**Amen.**

***SENDING***

**Blessing**

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Closing Song**

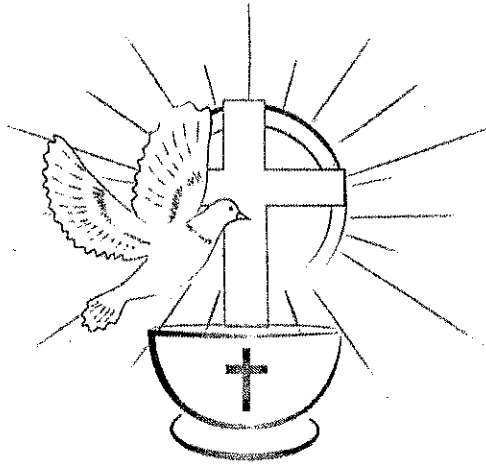
*Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises*

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**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live in hope.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**



*Welcome family, friends, and sponsors as  
we celebrate the baptism of  
**Jack Lynn Lowe**  
son of Kyle & Jordyn Lowe*

*Sponsors:  
Hannah Pester  
Chase Pester*

### Worship Participants

<b>Ministers:</b>	All the members
<b>Vicar:</b>	Emily Anderson
<b>DYME:</b>	Jim & Kris Kistenmacher
<b>Organist:</b>	Sharen Borchers
<b>Pianist:</b>	Kris Kistenmacher
<b>Lector:</b>	Brock Boling
<b>Deacons:</b>	Braden Else and Reuben De La O
<b>Greeters:</b>	Jackie & Steve Meyer
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Brock Bisenius and Wyatt Modrell
<b>Sound &amp; Video:</b>	Randy & Kathy Vollmar
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	Jackie & Steven Meyer Kim & AJ Stevenson

### St. Paul Church Calendar

#### SUNDAY, February 16 ~ Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

<b>9:00 AM</b>	Worship with Holy Communion Service of Holy Baptism for Jack Lynn Lowe Installation of Newly Elected Task Force & Committee Members
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Sunday School
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Coffee & Fellowship
<b>12:00 PM</b>	Private dining room/kitchen use

#### TUESDAY, February 17

<b>9:00 AM</b>	Sewing Day
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Trustees meeting

#### WEDNESDAY, February 18

<b>5:00 PM</b>	LOGOS ~ "Let's Fiesta"
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#### THURSDAY, February 19

<b>5:45 PM</b>	Parish Ed Task Force meeting
<b>6:30 PM</b>	Gifts & Memorials Task Force meeting
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Congregation Council meeting

#### SUNDAY, February 23 ~ Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

<b>9:00 AM</b>	Worship
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Sunday School
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Coffee & Fellowship