

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, CALIFORNIA, MO.
First Sunday after Epiphany - The Baptism of Our Lord
January 7, 2018

INSTALLATION SUNDAY

BROADCAST: The broadcast of today's service is underwritten by Jack and Debra Lake in honor of their 13th Wedding Anniversary tomorrow, January 8th.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Ed Bleich in honor of our secretary, Sara Hays', birthday this coming Friday, January 12th.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Pastor	Evandro Kopper
Head Elders	David Jungmeyer
Head Usher	Ed Bleich
Cross Bearer	Caydee Cooper
Acolyte	Mikayla Diehls
Organist	Twilla Duvall
Radio Announcer	Cory Friedmeyer

This Week

Today			11:30 a.m.	Voters Meeting
Tues.	Jan	9	6:30 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
Wed.	Jan	10	6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir
			6:30 p.m.	Weekday School
				Adult Choir
Fri.	Jan	12	10:00 a.m.	Child Care Chapel
			10:30 a.m.	Board of Evangelism
Sun.	Jan	14	9:00 a.m.	Worship/Holy Communion
			10:30 a.m.	Bible Class/Sunday School

Church Office Hours : Monday – Friday
8 am to 11 am and 1 pm to 5 pm
Attendance last week: 117

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOTERS MEETING: Is at 11:30 am today in the Martin Luther Room. We encourage everyone to attend.

WEEKDAY SCHOOL: Will resume this week at 6:30 pm! Children's Choir is at 6:00 pm.

RADIO BROADCAST: Available dates of December 21st and 28th. If you would like to sponsor this broadcast, please let Sara in the office know.

LUTHERAN HOUR BROADCAST: Available dates for 2018 are on the calendar. If you wish to sponsor a broadcast please see Sara in the office.

THE DEADLINE for submitting items for the January 2018 EPISTLE is Monday, January 22nd.

CHURCH SECURITY MEASURES: New security measures have been implemented during the services to ensure the safety of those attending. All doors, except for the front entrance, will be locked 10 minutes after the service begins. The only way to enter the church will be through the front entrance after that time.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES: Have been placed in your mailboxes. If you did not receive a box and wish to, please see Sara in the office or Carol Jungmeyer and they will get you a box.

CHURCH TEXT ALERTS: St. Paul's now has the capability of sending out notifications by text message to alert the congregation of church cancellations due to weather and events taking place. If you would like to sign up for these alerts, please sign the list on the table in the Narthex. These messages are only successful if we know your cell phone carrier, please be sure to fill this in.

CHURCH WEBSITE: Reminder the Church website has been revamped and updated with lots of new and informative information. The site now features Usher/Elder Schedules, current and past newsletters, important announcements, upcoming events, weekly service bulletins and features our live Facebook feed. We invite you to navigate to the website (stpaulslutheran1860.com) and give us feedback.

ACH OFFERINGS: Reminder the church has the capability of automatically withdrawing your offerings from your account on a weekly, biweekly, or monthly basis, let Sara in the office know if you would prefer this method over the offering envelopes and she can get you set up.

PERSONAL CARE KITS: Today is the last day to drop off your items! The Sunday School children will assemble all the items on January 21st during Sunday School and send them off to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to all you donated! Your contribution will make a difference in the lives of those who are in need.

2018 FLOWER CHART: Is posted in the library and on the website for altar flowers. If you would like to purchase flowers please sign up in the library.



SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
First Sunday after Epiphany - January 7, 2018–9:00 a.m.

PROCESSIONAL: Please rise and face the center aisle as the processional cross passes by.

OPENING HYMN: 398 – *“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”*

INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit,

C: **Amen.**

P: You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.

C: **All your robes are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia; from palaces adorned with ivory the music of the strings makes you glad.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death. We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of God the Father, we might live a new life. **Romans 6:3-4**

C: **Jesus was baptized for us to fulfill all righteousness.**

P: We make confession of our sin, asking God for forgiveness and new life.

P: Almighty and all-merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are sinners, sinful from birth. By nature, we are blind to Your love; captive to our sinful desires; we sit in the dark dungeon of the fear of death. Keep calling us back, Lord, in righteousness. Take hold of our hands and forgive us our sins, for the sake of Jesus, Your servant.**

P: If we have been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly be united with Him in His resurrection. **Romans 6:5** Jesus fully identified with us in His birth and baptism. He lived a servant life, and died a sacrificial death for us. He has marked us with the sign of His cross, and we are forgiven fully through Him! As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

LET US PRAY...

GOD’S WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 29

P: ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C: ²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**

P: ³The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

C: ⁴**The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.**

P: ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

C: ⁶**He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox.**

P: ⁷The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning.

C: ⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.**

P: ⁹The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry,
“Glory!”

C: ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever.

All: ¹¹The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 1: 1-5

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

EPISTLE READING: Romans 6:1-11

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 4-11

Response before Gospel: “Glory be to Thee, O Lord!”

Response after Gospel: “Praise be to Thee, O Christ!”

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed - Page 192

HYMN: 590 - “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

SERMON: “From the Jordan River to the Cross”

TEXT: Mark 1:4-11

OFFERTORY: Pages 192-193

OFFERING

INSTALLATION OF NEW CHURCH OFFICERS

RECOGNITION OF ED BLEICH’S SERVICE TO ST. PAUL’S

IN OUR PRAYERS

Anna Bleich, Fred Bleich, Pam Buda, Natalie Diemler, Nikki Dodds, Betty Edwards, Karen Hagemeyer, Sharon Hall, Iris Heck, Caitlin Howell, Steven Lee, Brian McCarty, Brad O’Neal, Aiden Reichel, J.C. Stock, and Joe Wagner (Sustained Health Concerns) Family and Friends of Harold Strobel (Mourning his passing this past Tuesday)

Kenny Long (Friend of David and Debbie Turner undergoing Chemotherapy)

Jack and Debra Lake (Celebrating their 13th Wedding Anniversary tomorrow, January 8th)

Ed Bleich (Years of service)

New Church Officers

St. Paul’s Childcare Center

Students in College, Public and Parochial Schools

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN: 412 - “The People That in Darkness Sat”

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be Gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you Peace. **Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)**

C: **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN: 406 - “To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord”

Stanzas 1,5,6, and 7

Go in Peace and Serve the Lord