

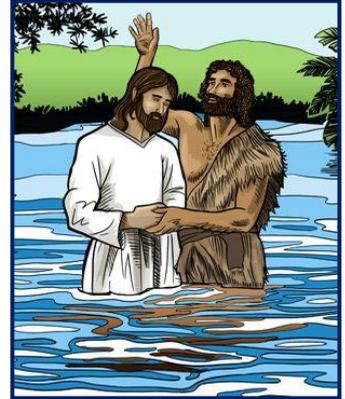
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Cudahy, Wisconsin

January 22, 2023

“Christ” is not Jesus’ last name. It is a title. The Greek word “Christ” and the Hebrew word “Messiah” both mean the same thing – “The Anointed One.” Anointing was the practice of pouring oil over the head of someone to signify selection for some special task. However, when the Lord anointed heroes to do his saving work, what he poured over them was his Spirit.

At his baptism Jesus was anointed – marked as God’s special servant and empowered by the Holy Spirit.



OPENING HYMN _____ *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* **384**

The Service – Setting 2 (p.172)

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Amen.

CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord,

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.**

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for private confession and reflection.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

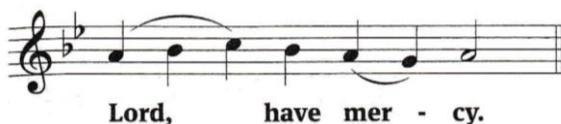
Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



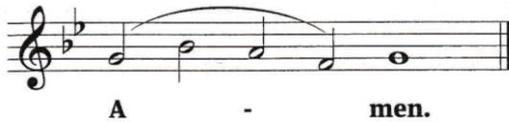
For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST _____ **p.176**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful to our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST READING – Isaiah 42:1-7

*The Lord promises to put his Spirit on the Messiah.
We see this promise fulfilled when Jesus is baptized.*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight.
I am placing my Spirit on him. He will announce a just verdict for the nations.

² He will not cry out. He will not raise his voice. He will not make his voice heard in the street.

³ A bent reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not snuff out. He will faithfully bring forth a just verdict.

⁴ He will not burn out, and he will not be broken until he establishes justice on the earth. The coastlands will wait for his law.

⁵ This is what the true God says, the LORD who creates the heavens and stretches them out, who spreads out the earth and everything that it produces, who gives breath to the people on it and life to those who walk on it.

⁶ I am the LORD. I have called you in righteousness. I will hold on to your hand, and I will guard you. I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people, to be a light for the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes of the blind, to bring the prisoners out from the dungeon, and to bring those who sit in darkness out of prison.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY: **71**

SECOND READING – Acts 10:34-38

As Peter told others how God had anointed Jesus, the Holy Spirit was poured out on Peter's listeners.

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: “Now I really am beginning to understand that God does not show favoritism, ³⁵ but in every nation, anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ He sent his word to the people of Israel, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

³⁷ “You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached. ³⁸ God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the Devil, because God was with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL / TODAY'S MESSAGE – Mark 1:1-11

The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 1:

Glory be to you, O Lord!

*In the waters of the Jordan,
Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power.*

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² This is how it is written in the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare the way for you.

³ A voice of one calling out in the wilderness,

“Prepare the way of the Lord. Make his paths straight.”

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him. They were baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. ⁶ John was clothed in camel's hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He preached, “One more powerful than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals! ⁸ I baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY _____ *To Jordan's River Came Our Lord* **377**

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Why Jesus Went into the Water

HYMN OF RESPONSE ____ *Through Simple Water, Drawn and Poured* **685**

GATHER THE OFFERING / SIGN AND SHARE THE FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, your Son fulfilled all righteousness at his Baptism in the Jordan. Well-pleased, you opened the heavens and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. As you have joined us to Christ's death and resurrection by our Baptism and given us your Spirit, strengthen our hearts and open our ears to hear your Word and rejoice that you have made us your children through him.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord God, as You have opened heaven to believers through Baptism, give you Church faithful preachers and teachers to proclaim your Son, that many would repent of their sins and join him in his kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the gift of family. Bless all parents, that they would acknowledge your gifts of spouse, children and home. Be near to the aging, the widowed and the neglected. Show your grace to them, that they not feel alone.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O God, deliver from danger all who are threatened by natural disaster, dangerous weather, flood or famine. Provide all that is needed for our body and life.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Special Prayers

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions for ourselves and others.

Silent Prayer

Holy God, hear us on behalf of those in need of healing and help. Provide it according to your good and gracious will and everlasting faithfulness.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

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.

BLESSING

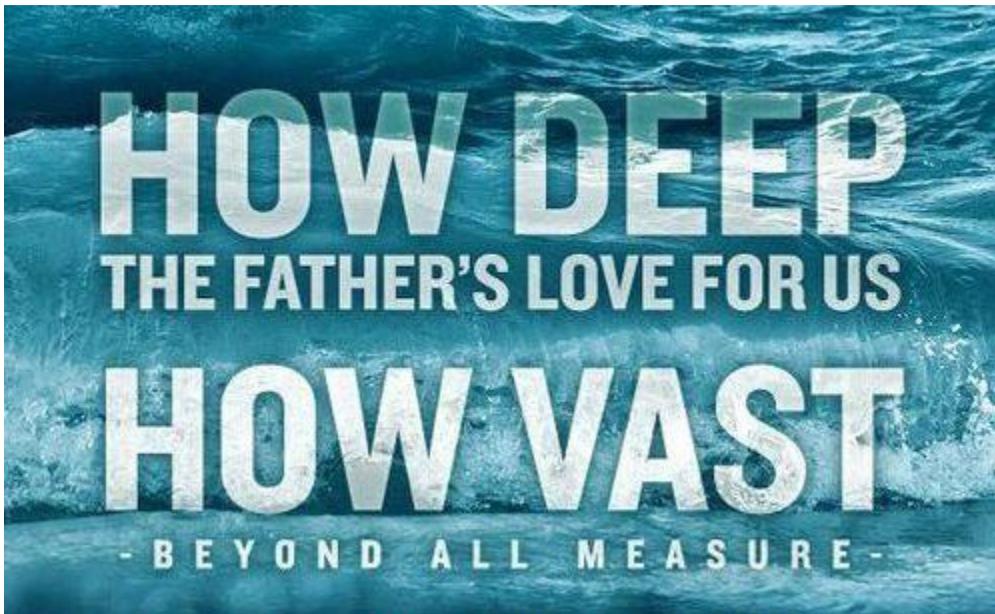
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN _____ *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* **523**



St. Paul's New Church Secretary

After 26 years of faithful service to her Lord and our congregation, Sandy Fairbanks is retiring.

Our new church secretary is Jessica Hamilton. She and her husband, Chuck, have three sons, Asher and Holden attend our school. We ask the Lord to bless her service to the Lord and our congregation.

We Meet

Sunday (January 22)

- 8:30 AM.....Bible Class
- 8:30 AM.....Sunday School
- 9:30 AM.....Worship
- 10:30 AM.....Fellowship

Monday (January 23)

- 4:30 PM.....Confirmation Class
- 6:30 PM.....Bible Class

Tuesday (January 24)

- 6:00 PM.....Church Council Meeting

Thursday (January 26)

- 5:15 PM.....Choir Practice
- 6:30 PM.....Worship

Sunday (January 29)

- 8:30 AM.....NO Bible Class
- 8:30 AM.....Sunday School
- 9:30 AM.....Worship

We Gather

Thursday..... 31..... 28
Sunday..... 103..... 82
 Total..... 134..... 110

We Bring Gifts

Envelopes \$5,623.00
 Holidays \$20.00
 Initial \$70.00
 Memorials..... \$25.00
E-Offerings \$2,144.48
 Total..... \$7,882.48

Memorial

In memory of Erwin Nemeth, \$25 has been given by Carol & Kim Eisenberg.

We Worship

Sara Butler

We Usher

Thursday (1/26)

J. Hansen, R. Stack

Sunday (1/29)

J. & L. Nygaard, A. Henn
J. Doherty, L. Ubl

WISCO Brass at St. Pauls' on January 29

Next Sunday, 12 members of the Wisco Brass will be here to enhance our worship. We look forward to hosting them and serving them breakfast before the service.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

On the first and third Tuesdays of the month, the men gather at 6:15 am for breakfast and Bible Study at Andrea's Restaurant on S. Packard Ave in Cudahy. We don't meet in January (winter break). **We meet again on Feb.7.** *"Your Questions, Scripture's Answers"*

Join Us for Fellowship

Stay after worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays to enjoy treats, coffee and chat with others. Guests, visitors and members are all welcome!

Host 2: L. Gaertner & S. Marshall

Host 4: T. Smukowski & S. Santoro

"I Know That I Know" A New Bible Study

Sundays at 8:30 am ... repeated ... Mondays at 6:30 pm.

Sometimes having faith doesn't feel like enough. Whether your faith in Jesus is new, or you've been walking with him for decades, you might still lie awake in bed at night wondering,

"How do I know that I believe?"

"What if my faith isn't strong enough to get into heaven?"



Help clear away the confusion about faith with this study. We'll be introduced to relatable people in the Bible who had their faith put to the test or their doubt challenged by truth. In every chapter of *"I Know That I Know,"* we'll examine a unique facet of the Christians faith.

Free ... Forward in Christ

Your **January** edition of *Forward in Christ*, (official magazine of our WELS) is available. You'll find it on the table in the entryway.

Sunday School

All Kids 3-10 Yrs. Old
8:30-9:15 AM (at School)



2023 Offering Packets

Offerings are one of the ways God's people respond to His grace and goodness. Your offering packs provide a weekly response to His daily blessings! Check your church mail box.

K-4 Round-Up

The annual K4 Roundup is:

**Monday, February 6,
from 6:00–7:00 PM.**

The evening will provide parents with an opportunity to learn more about our K4 program. If you have a son or daughter that is ready for school, then we invite you to join us. *Also, if you know of somebody that is not connected to our church, but who would be interested in a quality Christian education at St. Paul's for their child, please encourage them to attend the 2023 Roundup!* Students must be 4 yrs. by Sept. 1 to qualify! Contact the school if you have any questions (414-744-9771).

2023 Flower Chart

A new flower chart is up in the entryway. Sign up for a date you'd like to place flowers on the altar to say "Thank You" to the Lord and enhance worship for our Family of Faith.

Use the envelopes next to the chart, fill it out and return it to the church office. We'll take care of the rest.



Be a Prayer "Warrior"

Would you be able to spare a small portion of the time God gives you each week to pray for others? We'd be happy to add you to our "Prayer Warrior Team." As a part of the team you would receive a weekly email, text or phone call with the names of those you'd be privileged to carry to the Lord in prayer.

Contact Paula Herbst, she's the "Coach." Contact her at: (414) 744-3091 or email: paherbst@aol.com

St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School in Cudahy, Wisconsin

A Member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

- **Welcome!** ... We are so glad you chose to join us for worship today. We pray that "Jesus Christ the Savior of the world" was clearly proclaimed in the message and music of worship and that you were blessed by it. If we can be of service to you, please don't hesitate to speak with our pastor. If you are a visitor, we would consider it an honor if joined us again.
- **Main Floor Restroom** ... Please reserve it for those with limited mobility. Women's and men's are on the lower level. Changing tables are available in each.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

It is a blessing to assist parents with the Christian Education of their children through St. Paul's School. We provide a quality Christian Education for children ages 4 years through 8th Grade. We are a Choice School. Call the School Office (744-9771) for more information, or leave a message.

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