



Out of Judah will come a ruler who  
will shepherd the people Israel.

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## **ARE YOU FROM GOD?**

Sunday, January 10, 2021 – Epiphany 1/Baptism of Our Lord  
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*A warm welcome to those visiting us this morning. Here at St. Paul we preach Christ crucified, whose suffering and death paid for our sins and earned for us the gift of everlasting life. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Goetzinger or Pastor Thompson. We pray that you return to worship with us again.*

**To Jordan came the Christ, our Lord  
To do his Father's pleasure;  
Baptized by John, the Father's Word  
Was given us to treasure.  
This heav'nly washing now shall be  
A cleansing from transgression  
And by his blood and agony  
Release from death's oppression.  
A new life now awaits us.**

Christian Worship Hymn 88:1



## **PRAYER UPON ENTERING THE CHURCH**

*silence for meditation.*

Heavenly Father, this Epiphany season, you remind us that Jesus is everything we need. Today we learn that Jesus reveals himself to us as your Son, sent from you, to bring us salvation. Help us to reveal Jesus to our friends and family as well, so that the spirit of Epiphany might never end. In your Son's name we pray, Amen.

## OPENING HYMN

## *All Who Believe and Are Baptized*

*sung by soloist, found in Christian Worship 299*

- 1 All who believe and are baptized  
Shall see the Lord's salvation;  
Baptized into the death of Christ,  
They are a new creation.  
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand  
Among the glorious, heav'nly band  
Of ev'ry tribe and nation.
- 2 With one accord, O God, we pray:  
Grant us your Holy Spirit.  
Help us in our infirmity  
Through Jesus' blood and merit.  
Grant us to grow in grace each day  
That by this sacrament we may  
Eternal life inherit.

## INVOCATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*Stand.*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

*(sung)* We have come into God's presence;  
Maker of the heavens and earth.  
He created us to love him;  
To serve him as his precious child.  
We have disobeyed and erred,  
Thus deserving wrath and anger.

*(spoken)* We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: *(spoken)* **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Saviour, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you the strength to live according to his will.

*We always begin our worship in the name of our Triune God: the Father who created us, the Son who redeemed us, and the Spirit who lives in us.*

*To confess is to admit we're far from perfect and so, without Jesus, shouldn't be with a perfect God.*

*The pastor absolves us of our sins, that is, reminds us we're forgiven because of Jesus' death and resurrection.*

**C: Amen.**

M: *(sung)* Lord, on you we cast our burdens;  
Sink them in the depths below!  
Let us know your gracious pardon;  
Wash us, make us white as snow.  
Let your Spirit leave us never;  
Make us only yours forever.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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M: Let us pray: Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in 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.

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## **FIRST LESSON**

*Isaiah 49:1-6*

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*God promises to send a servant to bring his salvation.*

Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name. He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendour." But I said, "I have laboured in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God."

And now the LORD says— he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength— he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

*We believe that the Bible is the source of all spiritual truth, and so we read lessons from it to learn who God is and what he's done for us throughout history and still today.*

## PSALM 2

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*Spoken responsively*

*Psalms are songs written thousands of years ago. We still worship with them today.*

M: Why do the nations conspire

**C: and the peoples plot in vain?**

M: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD

**C: and against his Anointed One.**

M: The One enthroned in heaven laughs;

**C: the LORD scoffs at them.**

M: Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

**C: “I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”**

M: I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:

**C: He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.”**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## SECOND LESSON

*Acts 16:25-34*

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*God gives his salvation through faith in his Son, Jesus.*

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!”

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*Mark 1:11b*

M: Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased..  
Alleluia.

**C: These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of God. Alleluia!**

*Stand.*

## GOSPEL

*Mark 1:4-11*

*God assures us that he has sent Jesus to save us.*

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Be seated.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*To Jordan's River Came Our Lord*

*sung by soloist, found in Christian Worship 89:1,2,5*

- 1 To Jordan's river came our Lord,  
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light,  
The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.
- 2 The Saviour came to be baptized—  
The Son of God in flesh disguised—  
To stand beneath the Father's will  
And all his promises fulfill.

*Gospel means "Good News," and so this is a reading from the historical biographies of Jesus that tells us the good news of how Jesus came into this world to save us.*

*The Hymn of the Day is meant to especially celebrate today's unique theme.*

- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight  
Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall  
To save the world and free us all.

## SERMON

*Mark 1:9-11*

*Heaven Torn Open*

*A sermon is simply a longer reflection on one of today's readings from the Bible.*

## APOSTLES' CREED

*Stand.*

**C: 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.**

*The Apostle's Creed is a summary of the Christian faith based on statements of faith from the 100s. It is a summary of the facts our assurance of forgiveness is based on.*

## OFFERING

*To give electronically, visit [StPaulOttawa.org](http://StPaulOttawa.org) and click on GIVE in the top menu.*

*To give physically, either drop in the basket in the centre aisle, back of church, after the service, or mail to our church address.*

*Christians give offerings as a form of worship, to show God our thanks and dependence on him, and to support our work within the community and world.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the baptized, that united with Christ in his death we may daily die to sin and rise with him, set free from the dominion of sin and death, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the nations of the world still in darkness, that the Spirit would bring them life and light through the preaching of the Gospel and call them to the waters of the new creation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who serve in the Office of the Ministry, that all their preaching and teaching may faithfully point to the Mightier One with zeal, as did St. John the Baptist, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the lonely and homebound; the grieving and dying; and all who are afflicted in body, mind or spirit, that Christ would be their companion in solitude, their comfort in sorrow, their health in sickness and their life in death, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the social unrest throughout the world and particularly for our neighbours in the United States, that they may find peace and reconciliation over the terrible events of this last week, that those sowing the seeds of strife may be stopped, and that leaders throughout the world rule justly according to the consciences you have given them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Prayer of the Church is our biggest prayer of the day, focusing on our day's theme and asking God to care for us, our community, and the world.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

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**C: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,**

**as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

*Two-thousand years ago, Jesus taught his disciples to pray with these words. We use them still today, able to call God our Father because of Jesus.*

## CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

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M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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 favour and ☩ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*We always end with a blessing used by believers for thousands of years, reminding us we leave as children loved by God and at peace with him, all because of Jesus.*

## CLOSING HYMN

### *Rise, O Light of Gentile Nations*

*sung by soloist, found in Christian Worship 577:1,2*

- 1 Rise, O Light of Gentile nations, Jesus, bright and Morning Star;  
Let your Word, the gladsome tidings, Ring out loudly near and far,  
Bringing freedom to the captives, Peace and comfort to the slave,  
That the heathen, free from bondage, May proclaim your pow'r to save.
- 2 Knowing you and your salvation, Grateful love dare never cease  
To proclaim your tender mercies, Gracious Lord, your heav'nly peace.  
Let us sound the gospel tidings To the earth's remotest bound  
That the sinner has been pardoned And forgiveness can be found.



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**Preacher:**

Pastor Luke Thompson

**Organist:**

Dalton Griffiths

**Soloist:**

Marcia Pfothenhauer

**Accompaniment Coordinator:**

Deb Tong

**Serving on Altar Guild:**

Jessica Livingston and Brittany Ypma

**THIS WEEK WITH OUR RISEN  
AND ASCENDED SAVIOUR**

**Sunday, January 10**

9 am Adult Bible Study  
(on Zoom)

10:30 am Epiphany 1 Worship  
(via Live Stream)

**Thursday, January 14**

7 pm Bible Study  
(on Zoom)

**Friday, January 15**

6:30 pm Illuminé Social:  
*Introducing Jesus*  
(on Zoom)

**Saturday, January 16**

1 pm Jr. Catechism Class  
(on Zoom)

4 pm Ottawa Great Books Club—  
St. Paul and Illuminé  
(on Zoom)

**Sunday, January 17**

9 am Adult Bible Study  
(on Zoom)

10:30 am Epiphany 2 Worship  
(via Live Stream)



**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

Jan 11: Eric Whisselle

Jan 16: Nyakor Kuony

**BAPTISMAL GREETINGS**

Jan 10: Mary Nyarut Kuony,  
Nathaniel LaBrash, Christian Haak

Jan 13: Rose Mallon

Jan 14: Spencer and Connor Lenahan,  
Leanne Gazo

Jan 15: Mitch Livingston

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Shut-in members: Harvey Kritsch, Irma Lange,  
Jim and Joan Schroeder, Ruth St. Germain,  
Neill Sylvester, Warren Thoms.

Seniors living at home, in retirement  
residences and health care facilities.

Grant & Becky Donaldson and family

Dennis & Sue Gougeon and family

**2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

There are still a number of 2021 offering  
envelope sets in the church basement that have  
not been picked up yet. Due to the current  
COVID—19 lock down there will be only  
virtual services being offered for most of  
January. If you would like to have your  
envelope set mailed to you, let the Church  
Office know and we will get it sent out to you.

Thank you,

Leigh MacWilliam, Financial Secretary

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Women's Bible study will take place on  
Saturday, January 23 at 3 p.m. via Zoom.

RSVP to Karen Goetzinger at  
[quiltopia@sympatico.ca](mailto:quiltopia@sympatico.ca) to receive a PDF of  
the study handout. We'll be contemplating and  
discussing the poignant question, "*What Is My  
Salvation For?*"

## FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

Donating flowers for the altar is a wonderful way to celebrate friends' or family members' birthdays, anniversaries, or special days, such as their baptism, confirmation day, or graduation. It is also a special way to remember a loved one who now is safe in the arms of their Saviour in heaven.

Although we may not be worshipping in person for awhile, we still want the altar to be prepared for worship, which includes flowers. You can help the Altar Guild beautify the Lord's altar by donating flowers. Simply select your dates.

### Choose how you will donate:

- \* Coordinate a time with the month's Altar Guild team to deliver cut flowers or a pre-made arrangement.
- \* Donate money to the Altar Guild. The Altar Guild team for those dates will purchase and arrange the flowers on your behalf.

Then contact Debbie Casey, the Altar Guild chair via email at [decasey77@gmail.com](mailto:decasey77@gmail.com). Let her know the dates you have selected, how you plan to donate, and if you would like a notice in the worship folder to acknowledge a special occasion or memorial.

Alternatively, the flower chart for the year is hanging on the bulletin board in the hallway of church that leads to the long meeting room. If you are at church, for any reason, just sign your name on the dates you would like to donate flowers and let Altar Guild know how you will be making the donation.

How wonderful would it be to completely fill the flower chart this year?

## JANUARY BOY AND GIRL PIONEERS

Boy and Girl Pioneers (Ages 4-14) rescheduled their next Saturday event (Birding kits with Mr. Jules Palaisy) for Saturday, January 30. **This is a great chance to build Christian community, even during COVID, while enjoying family-fun activities together.** This January it is all about our local Ottawa birds that you can identify on hikes! We will be putting together "birding kits" that can be picked up at St. Paul on January 24 or will be dropped off at homes the following week. **If you would like to join in the fun, please email Christine Thompson at [c.marmor.thompson@gmail.com](mailto:c.marmor.thompson@gmail.com) by Sunday, January 17.**

## GOSPEL PARENTING

St Paul is offering a 5-week Zoomed Parenting Class (taught by Pastor Thompson and his wife, Christine), starting at the end of January. All of us are spending A LOT more time together. While we praise God for our many blessings, we know there are many challenges to not only parenting, but parenting "around the clock" throughout a pandemic. **There is no better time than the present to dive into a gospel-centered parenting class. Insight, support, and Christian community are great ways to build you up during COVID.** This class is for all stages of parenting: it will offer parents-to-be opportunities to develop their parenting skills from the ground up, and it will also provide opportunities for seasoned parents to reflect and develop additional insights into how best to guide and disciple their children. **If interested, please email Christine Thompson ([c.marmor.thompson@gmail.com](mailto:c.marmor.thompson@gmail.com)) this upcoming week, and she will be in touch on possible group meeting times.**

## CONNECT WITH US

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### I'M NEW

- Tell me more about Jesus.
- I'm interested in membership.
- Sign me up for the weekly eLetter.

### I WANT TO SERVE

- At our next service day.
- On Sundays (Ushering, sound, etc.)
- In global & local missions.

### I WANT TO CONNECT

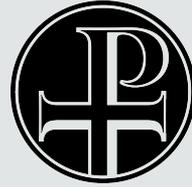
- With a pastor
- With other Christians
- With illumine, the student and young adult community.

### I WANT TO GO DEEPER

- By joining a Bible Foundations class.
- By finding a bible study opportunity.

### PRAYERS or QUESTIONS

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## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

God's grace welcomes you, no matter who you are or where you come from - and so do we. We're so glad we've had the opportunity to share God's grace through Jesus to you. Jesus makes us special people, right with God and ready for life! We learn this from the Bible, God's authentic message of grace and guidance for us.

Whether you are a first time visitor or returning guest, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again. And if there's any way we can serve you, please don't hesitate to let us know.

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**Worship Schedule**  
Sundays at 10:30am  
(Streamed Live)

**Bible Class on Zoom**  
Sundays at 9am  
Thursdays at 7pm