# January 21, 2024

# 3 Epiphany



## 'Family'

"You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using us all— irrespective of how we got here—in what He is building." Ephesians 2:19 MSG

Mark 2: C.I.A. ~ Walking Away

# Welcome to St. Paul!

We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. ~1-Thessalonians 1:2

Leader: God is good!

Congregation: All the time and I am a witness!

Opening Song ......"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Prayer

Welcome /Announcements

## Psalm 26:2, 11-12 LSB

<sup>2</sup> Test me, O Yahweh, and try me; **Refine my mind and my heart.**<sup>11</sup> But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; **Redeem me, and be gracious to me.**<sup>12</sup> My foot stands on level ground; **In the congregations I shall bless Yahweh.**

New Testament ...... Romans 4:4-8 ESV

<sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup> And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup> just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; <sup>8</sup> blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

Gospel Mark 2:1-12 LSB
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2 And when He had come back to Capernaum several days afterward, it was heard that He was at home. <sup>2</sup> And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room, not even near the door; and He was speaking the word to them. <sup>3</sup> And they came, bringing to Him a paralytic, carried by four men. <sup>4</sup> And being unable to bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof over where He was; and when they had dug an opening, they let down the mat where the paralytic was lying. <sup>5</sup> And Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." <sup>6</sup>But some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup> "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>8</sup> Immediately Jesus, aware in His spirit that they were reasoning that way within themselves, said to them, "Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts? <sup>9</sup> Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven'; or to say, 'Get up, and pick up your mat and walk'? <sup>10</sup> But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-He said to the paralytic, <sup>11</sup> "I say to you, get up, pick up your mat, and go to your home." <sup>12</sup> And he got up and immediately picked up the mat and went out before everyone, so that they were all amazed and were glorifying God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

### C: Praise to You, O Christ

Children's Message	Laurie Lentz
Message	"Walking Away"
Worship Song	"Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"
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**Prayers / The Lord's Prayer** 

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

## **Confession & Words of Assurance**

P: Most Merciful God,

C: I confess my sins to You. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbor as myself. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

# **Holy Communion**

Communion will be by continuous table for those who want to come up. Others may take communion at their seat by individual cup available at the entrance. Cups at continuous table are filled with **wine (red)** or **grape juice (white)**. We welcome all believers in Jesus Christ who are baptized into Him. We usually commune children from fifth grade on. Other children will receive a blessing.

Distribution Music: ...... "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" ...... "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" ...... "Rock of Ages"

Closing Song ..... Doxology

# Benediction

A: Choose this day whom you will serve.

C: As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

# Postlude

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### Serving Today

Minister	Pastor Beverly Kelling
Ushers	Stuart Franke & Lynda Halbardier
Lector	Janice Wright
Acolytes	Joseph Weimer & Laken Deleon
Music Ministry Coordinator	& Violinist Jeanette Rath
Pianist	Rhiannon Lynn
Guitarists	Jody Jacobs & Ben Rath
Organist	Grace Reed
Drummer	Rick Brickles
Vocals	Kathy Carrigan, Lynda Halbardier,
	Becky Burton, Jan Sprenger & David Hershberger

Altar flowers are given in appreciation of our Church Council for their leadership & dedication with thanks from Paul & Faye Honig.

Sanctuary Lamp shines brightly for the Glory of God.

## **Responsibilities – January 28<sup>th</sup> :**

Flowers: Paul & Faye Honig Sanctuary Lamp: OPEN Ushers: Robin Green & Pam Westbrook Lector: Paulette Pyron Acolytes: Emma Callis & Brooklyn Saathoff



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## "And never stop praying."~ 1Thessalonians 5:17

#### Healing & Comfort:

Margaret Reus, Buffie Rogge, Sharon Becksted, Chris Porter, Patricia Welch, Sandi Schweers, Jean Krenmueller, Dorothy Wells, Victor Rene Ortiz, Henry Nietenhoefer, Helen Ann Jones, Cindy Sprenger, Ailyn Fernandez, Doug Newtwich, Maricella Frausto and Lance Brucks.

#### Homebound and Nursing Homes:

Brian Boehle, Marian Lindeburg, Gladys Feller, Kathy Feller, Cindy Sprenger & Elaine Eccles.

#### Active Military:

Ben Rath, Larry & Teresa Sullivan, Adriel Schoenhals, Kelly Driskill, Rebecca Bryant, Patrick Green, Riley Lynch, Collin Bezely, Clayton Reed, Jimmy "Sawyer" Rhodes, Briana Jernigan, Kephren Adams, Kendle Adams, Les Armstrong, Ethan Kammer, Desiree (Warner) Pointer, Joshua Fair, Andy Lynch, Heath Runnels, Sean Constante & Jessie Philip.

#### This Week's Birthdays:

Peggy Schildt, Grace Reed, Montie Mumme, Robert Reed, Erin Guenther, MJ Neuman and Matt Hook.

\*Please help us to update, if we need to add or remove someone from the lists above please contact the office.

## "COME AS YOU ARE" 6pm Worship Service

January 24<sup>th</sup> – Cynthia Patterson

January 31st - Open Mic

February 7<sup>th</sup> – David Herschberger

February 13<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday Pastor Beverly

#### **Prayer Ministry**

Email– Don Krumrey: <u>dkrum45@att.net</u>

Contact: Don Krumrey (830-741-9991)

Shirley Krumrey (830-931-4311)

Kathy Carrigan (210-360-0868)

One – on – One Prayer – offered at the end of service



Are you interested in is becoming a member? Contact Pastor Beverly or call the church office.



#### Sunday, January 21st

9:00am Worship \*Annual Meeting following Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 2:00pm - 6:00pm Confirmation Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1:30-3:00pm Friends In Faith 6:00pm Women's Bible Study <u>Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup></u> 7:00am Prayer Warriors 7:00pm Journaling Bible Study

#### Wednesday, January 24th

9:30am Tacking Quilters 11:00pm BSF 4:00-5:15pm Kinder-3<sup>rd</sup> Bible Study 6:00pm CAYA Worship Service Youth following the worship service 7:00pm Bible Study (A/C) David Hershberger

Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> Office Closed Highschool BSF 1:00 pm Hand Quilters

Friday, January 26th

#### Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00am Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School



Our condolences to Jan & Ronnie Sprenger and the Sprenger families on the loss of their son Dillon Reyes and also on the loss of Ronnie's mother Jessie Schievelbein. We love you and are lifting you up in prayer. Services pending.

#### ALTAR FLOWERS & SANCTUARY LAMP 2024

Calendar charts are located in the Education Bldg. if you would like to sponsor the Altar Flowers (\$60) or Sanctuary Lamp (\$4). If you sponsored the flowers for that Sunday they are yours to take after the worship service. You may also call the office to sign-up.

## **REMINDER**

Mark & Pastor Beverly Kelling will be off January 29<sup>th</sup> – February 4<sup>th</sup> for some much-needed rest and renewal. Please be mindful of this and contact Joann or Laurie in the office with any needs you may have during this time.

# *Question: Is what you think you need truly your greatest need?* In this story we see the stubborn, Savior, skeptic & stunned.

# Our faith must

... to bring him to Jesus - they removed the roof - dug an opening - let down the mat...' Mark 2:4

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Jesus_	
	, "Child, your sins are forgiven.' Mark 2:5
	'And Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic' Mark 2:5
	'he got up - picked up the mat & went out –' Mark 2:12

'he got up - picked up the mat & went out - so that they were glorifying God....' Mark 2:12

Memory verse: 'Everyone whom the Father gives to Me will come to Me, & I won't send away anyone who comes to Me.' John 6:37