



**I show you a still
more excellent way.**

1 Corinthians 12:31

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 30, 2022

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

You are invited to stand.

Hymn: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

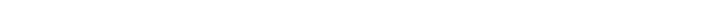
The Kyrie

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

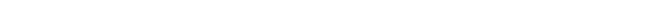
♩ Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.


Lord, have mer - cy.

 **A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.

Hymn of Praise



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men



P The Lord be with you. **B** And al-so with you.

Let us pray. O God, you know the perilous choices we are prone to make that fall short of your desire for human faithfulness and obedience. Without you, our fragile nature cannot survive. Support us with your Word of truth, that we may grow in faith in the midst of our trials. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10, 17-19

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” ⁶Then I said, “Oh, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, because I am a youth.” ⁷But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am a youth,’ because everywhere I send you, you shall go, and all that I command you, you shall speak. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to save you,” declares the Lord. ⁹Then the Lord stretched out His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to tear down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

¹⁷Now, belt your garment around your waist and arise, and speak to them all that I command you. Do not be dismayed before them, or I will make you dismayed before them. ¹⁸Now behold, I have made you today like a fortified city and like a pillar of iron and walls of bronze against the whole land, to the kings of Judah, to its leaders, to its priests, and to the people of the land. ¹⁹And they will fight against you but they will not overcome you, for I am with you to save you,” declares the Lord.

Here ends the lesson.

Psalm 71:1-11

¹In you, O Lord, have I | taken refuge;
let me never | be ashamed.

**²In your righteousness, deliver me and | set me free;
incline your ear to | me and save me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to | keep me safe;
you are my crag | and my stronghold.

**⁴Deliver me, my God, from the hand | of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and | the oppressor.**

⁵For you are my hope, | O Lord God,
my confidence since | I was young.

**⁶I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have | been my strength;
my praise shall be al- | ways of you.**

⁷I have become a por- | tent to many;
but you are my refuge | and my strength.

**⁸Let my mouth be full | of your praise
and your glory all | the day long.**

⁹Do not cast me off in | my old age;
forsake me not when | my strength fails.

**¹⁰For my enemies are talk- | ing against me,
and those who lie in wait for my life take
coun- | sel together.**

¹¹They say, "God has forsaken him; go after | him and seize him;
because there is none | who will save."

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:31b - 13:13

^{31b}And yet, I am going to show you a far better way.

¹If I speak with the tongues of mankind and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

²If I have the gift of prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³And if I give away all my possessions to charity, and if I surrender my body so that I may glory, but do not have love, it does me no good.

⁴Love is patient, love is kind, it is not jealous; love does not brag, it is not arrogant. ⁵It does not act disgracefully, it does not

seek its own benefit; it is not provoked, does not keep an account of a wrong suffered, ⁶it does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; ⁷it keeps every confidence, it believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away with; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away with. ⁹For we know in part and prophesy in part; ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away with. ¹¹When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I also have been fully known. ¹³But now faith, hope, and love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Here ends the lesson.

Please stand for the Gospel.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 4:31-44

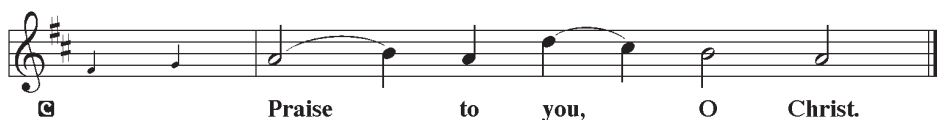
³¹And He came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee; and He was teaching them on the Sabbath; ³²and they were amazed at His teaching, because His message was delivered with authority. ³³In the synagogue there was a man possessed by the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴“Leave us

alone! What business do You have with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!”³⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in the midst of the people, it came out of him without doing him any harm.³⁶ And amazement came upon them all, and they began talking with one another, saying, “What is this message? For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!”

³⁷And the news about Him was spreading into every locality of the surrounding region. ³⁸Then He got up and left the synagogue, and entered Simon’s home. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Him to help her. ³⁹And standing over her, He rebuked the fever, and it left her; and she immediately got up and served them. ⁴⁰Now while the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He was laying His hands on each one of them and healing them. ⁴¹Demons also were coming out of many, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” And yet He was rebuking them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that He was the Christ.

⁴²Now when day came, Jesus left and went to a secluded place; and the crowds were searching for Him, and they came to Him and tried to keep Him from leaving them. ⁴³But He said to them, “I must also preach the kingdom of God to the other cities, because I was sent for this purpose.” ⁴⁴So He kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

Children’s Chat

Sermon: “The Excellent Way”

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn: “Jesus, the Very Thought of You”

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The 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 into hell.

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**

Please be seated.

Offering and Offertory

Please stand as you are able.

**Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you
have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions,
signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him
who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
 it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
 not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
 joy of your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

Prayers of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people, according to their needs.

Following each of 4 prayers:

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

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

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray,

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

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

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

Amen

Postlude: "As with Gladness Men of Old"

M. Burkhardt

Announcements

Our sympathy is extended to George Reese, whose brother, Richard Reese, died Friday, January 21, 2022, in Maryland. Please keep the Reese family in your prayers.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of D.W. and Judi Honbarger. Their daughter-in-law, Talena, wife of Byron Honbarger, died Thursday, January 27, 2022, in Taylors, SC. Please keep the Honbarger family in your prayers.

We are collecting **blankets for disaster relief**. Please bring blankets and deposit in box in narthex by February 20th.

Be sure to fill out a volunteer form for the 2022 Cruise'n BBQ and leave it with Tim Deal, or in the narthex. We need all forms in by next Sunday please.

Acolyte/Crucifer Training for youth currently in 4th grade and up will be February 6th at 3pm. Please contact Bethany Whisnant at 704-640-2402 if your child will be attending this training.

There will be no Confirmation Class and no Bible Study classes this week. Pastor Ryman will be out of town.

Upcoming Events

- Breakfast before Sunday School, Feb. 6th, 8:30am
- Acolyte/Crucifer Training, Sun., Feb. 6th, 3pm
- Youth & Family Committee, Sun., Feb. 6th, 3pm
- Cruise'n BBQ Steering Committee, Mon., Feb. 7th, 7pm
- Men's Choir, Sundays, 3pm (*note time change*)
- Handbell practice, Sundays, 4pm
- Girl Scouts, Tuesdays at 6:45pm
- Adult Choir, Wednesdays, 6:30pm
- No Confirmation Class this week
- No Thursday Bible Study this week
- Vespers at the Parsonage *each Sunday* – finger foods at 6pm, Vespers at 6:30pm will also be livestreamed.

Inclement Weather Procedures

If there is inclement weather on the weekend, Pastor Ryman will always offer worship services as they are scheduled. If you are willing and able to come safely, please do. If you are unsure about driving or walking into the church, please do not put yourself at risk. Stay home.

Please keep in mind that the church parking lot and walkways may not be totally clear of snow and ice. Our Property Committee will work hard to make the walkways and parking lot safe.

If there is inclement weather during the week, we follow the judgment of the Rowan County School System on road conditions. If they close schools, then church activities and events will be cancelled. Notifications will be posted on our website.

General Fund Offering (1/16 & 1/23)	\$16,534
Other Offering (1/16 & 1/23)	\$1,772
Worship Attendance (1/23)	101
General Fund YTD Receipts as of 1/23	\$28,024
General Fund YTD Budget as of 1/23	\$30,605

Special Prayers for members of St. Paul's:

- Franklin and Ashley Bowles - loss of home
- Grady Earnhardt - Health concerns
- Sonya Eller - Health concerns
- Terry Eller - Recovering at home
- Bishop Goodman - Aplastic anemia
- Peyton Holland - Blood disorder
- Emerson Holder - Health concerns
- Shirley Hoosier - Health concerns
- Alan Lyerly - Recovering at home
- James Lyerly - Recovering at home
- Mike Morris - Health concerns
- Teresa Peeler - Health concerns
- Jane Wilhelm - Health concerns
- Steve Yost - Health concerns

Homebound and Long-Term Care:

Autumn Care: Walter Smith; *Citadel:* Mary Sherrill;

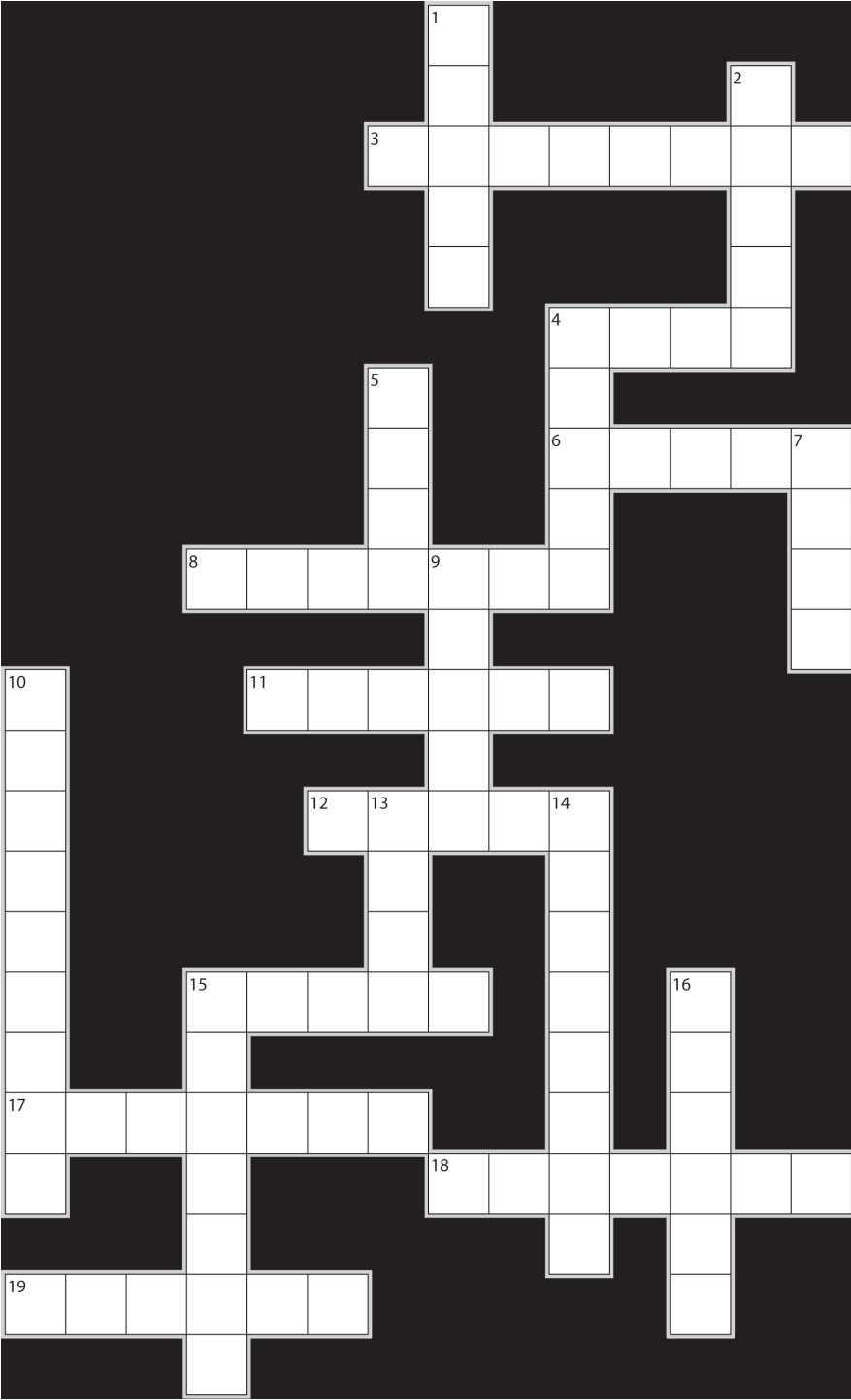
Elmcroft: Helen Howe; *Trinity Oaks:* Barbara Whisnant

Home: Ray Beattie, Judy Bernhardt, Iverson and Gayle Brendle, John and Louise Cornelison, Barbara Deese, Ruby Heilig, Chuck and Linda Hess, Shirley Hoosier, Susan Lyerly, Carrie Reavis, Dottie Stancil, Barbara Upright, Polly Webb

Friends of St. Paul's:

- Catie Critchfield - Great-granddaughter of Ed and Betty Niedens, health concerns
- Ashley Fink - granddaughter of Larry and Leilani Watson, health concerns
- Linda Jaramillo - Mother of Julie Jaramillo, health concerns
- Chad, Terri, Maddy and Ella McConnell - Son, daughter-in-law, grandchildren of Stan McConnell, health concerns
- Elizabeth Tancordo - Niece of Bill and Linda Behrendt, health concerns
- Leslie Ryman - Sister of Pastor Ryman, cancer

Please let us know if any corrections to this list of concerns are needed. In an effort to keep the list current, we will try to update/remove prayer requests on a monthly basis, with the exception of known, prolonged issues.



Two Year Daily Lectionary

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, Year 2

Sunday – Genesis 18:16–33; Galatians 5:13–25; Mark 8:22–30

Monday – Genesis 19:1–29; Hebrews 11:1–12; John 6:27–40

Tuesday – Genesis 21:1–21; Hebrews 11:13–22; John 6:41–51

Wednesday – Genesis 22:1–18; Hebrews 11:23–31; John 6:52–59

Thursday – Genesis 23:1–20; Hebrews 11:32–12:2; John 6:60–71

Friday – Genesis 24:1–27; Hebrews 12:3–11; John 7:1–13

Saturday – Genesis 24:28–38, 49–51; Heb 12:12–29; John 7:14–36

ACROSS

3. Who did not believe in Jesus? (John 7:1–13)
4. Jesus told the Pharisees that they will seek him but not...
(John 7:14–36)
6. Whom did Abe circumcize on his eighth day? (Genesis 21:1–21)
8. Before Abe's servant finished praying, who appeared?
(Genesis 24:28–38, 49–51)
11. What kind of bread did Jesus say he is? (John 6:41–51)
12. What is no help? (John 6:60–71)
15. Who would God send before Abe's servant? (Genesis 24:1–27)
17. If you eat Christ's flesh and blood you have this life.
(John 6:52–59)
18. What did Abe's sons-in-law think he was doing? (Genesis 19:1–29)
19. What was Moses looking toward? (Hebrews 11:23–31)

DOWN

1. Who lived 127 years? (Genesis 23:1–20)
2. Jesus said he was this life-giving food. (John 6:27–40)
4. What is the conviction of things not seen? (Hebrews 11:1–12)
5. Our God is a consuming... (Hebrews 12:12–29)
7. God has prepared this for all who have died in him.
(Hebrews 11:13–22)
9. Abraham took Isaac, wood, fire, and what else for the sacrifice?
(Genesis 22:1–18)
10. What are we surrounded by? (Hebrews 11:32–12:2)
13. The whole law is fulfilled in this one word. (Galatians 5:13–25)
14. We are disciplined so we may share in God's... (Hebrews 12:3–11)
15. Who stood before the Lord? (Genesis 18:16–33)
16. Who did Peter say Jesus is? (Mark 8:22–30)



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