

THE WORD OF GOD

(Sunday Take-home Insert – Third Sunday after Epiphany IRCL)

Collect

Presider: The Lord is with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray. I will say it first, and then you repeat each line.

God of Light and Wisdom:

In Jesus of Nazareth,

You have caused a great light to shine –

On those living in the shadow of fear;

On those living in the shadow of deceit;

On those living in the shadow of anger;

Soften the hardness of our hearts;

Release the doors of our minds;

So that we know the kingdom of heaven

Is at hand;

And filled with the Spirit,

We come and follow the way of Jesus. Amen

A period of silence for reflection follows each lesson and the sermon.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Reader: A reading from Paul to the Community at Corinth.

I beg you, sisters and brothers, in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, to agree in your message. Let there be no factions; rather, be united in mind and judgment. I have been informed, my sisters and brothers, by certain members of Chloe's household, that you are quarreling among yourselves. What I mean is, one of you is saying, "I belong to Paul," another, "I belong to Apollos," still another, "I belong to Cephas," still another, "I belong to Christ." What – has Christ been divided into parts? Was it Paul who was crucified for you? Was it in Paul's name that you were baptized? Frankly, I'm thankful I didn't baptize any of you, except Crispus and Gaius, so that none of you can say you were baptized in my name! Oh yes, I did baptize the household of Stephanas, but no one else as far as I can remember. The point is, Christ didn't send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel – not with human rhetoric, however, lest the cross of Christ be rendered void of its meaning! For the message of the cross is complete absurdity to those who are headed for ruin, but to us who are experiencing salvation, it is the power of God.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27: The Lord is My Light

David Haas

Hymn (see hymn board)

We stand as able.

The Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Assembly: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he went back to Galilee. He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town near the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, the way to the sea on the far side of the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: the people who lived in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” From that time on, Jesus began proclaiming the message, “Change your hearts and minds, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” As Jesus was walking along the Sea of Galilee, he watched two brothers – Simon, who was called Peter, and Andrew – casting a net into the sea. They fished by trade. Jesus said to them, “Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of humankind.” They immediately abandoned their nets and began to follow Jesus. Jesus walked along further and caught sight of a second pair of brothers – James and John, begot of Zebedee. They too were in their boat, mending their nets with their father. Jesus called them, and immediately they abandoned both boat and father to follow him. Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in the synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom of heaven and healing all kinds of diseases and sicknesses among the people.

Deacon: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

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WELCOME!

We welcome all visitors and guests this morning. After the service, you are invited to the Great Room on the Lower Level for coffee and conversation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY AND WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Presider:	Rise Thew Forrester
Preacher:	Rise Thew Forrester
Deacon:	Pat Micklow
Organist:	Jan Brodersen
Reader:	Lindsey Baldwin
Ushers:	Jo and Claude De Young
Bread Server:	Liam Thew Forrester
Altar Guild:	Jayne McQuaid and Cathy Cole
Coffee Hour Hosts:	The Edwards and Karen Benstrom
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THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Sunday 27 th	All Parish Breakfast	9:30am
	Holy Eucharist	10:30am
	Discerning Episcopal Ministry	Noon-2:00pm
Tuesday 29 th	Mindfulness Meditation	8:00am
	Evening Meditation	5:30pm
Wednesday 30 th	Evening Prayer	5:30pm
	Soup Supper	6:00pm
	Choir Practice	7:00pm
Thursday 31 st	Mindfulness Meditation	8:00am
Saturday 2 nd	Holy Eucharist: Presentation of Our Lord	5:30pm

PLEDGE BOOKLETS ARE AVAILABLE

Pledge booklets have arrived and are available. Ushers will be distributing the booklets on Sundays or the booklet can be pick-up in the church office. *Please put your name and number on the envelopes.*

OLD COMPUTER PRINTER INK CARTRIDGE COLLECTION

St. Paul's is collecting used ink cartridges, which will be used to help defray the cost of paper and other office supplies. Used ink cartridges can be dropped off at the church office between 8:00 am and 12:00 pm, Monday through Friday or placed in the collection box in the north entrance of the church (near the elevator). Thank you for your support.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Food bank items requested this month: spaghetti, sauce (with meat), beans. Bring them in any Sunday in January. Other items are fine too. If you have questions; call Larry Shell: 906-250-8214 or larry@shell-family.com

2008 ALTAR FLOWER CHART NOW POSTED

Through an oversight, the 2008 Altar Flower chart was not done at its usual time. It is now posted in its usual place on the "bulletin board on wheels" in the atrium. I apologize for any inconvenience this might have caused.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers in memory of Ruth, Richard, and Louis Robinson given by their family

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

The first Conversation for Discerning Episcopal Ministry in the Diocese of Northern Michigan will be on Sunday January 27, from noon - 2:00 p.m. in the Morgan Chapel. Kevin Thew Forrester MD/R will help facilitate the conversations. The conversations will be aided by materials developed by the diocese, which include a DVD presentation as well as guidelines for table discussions. The results of the congregational conversations will be submitted to the Episcopal Ministry Discernment Team. A modest lunch will be provided.

SEASON OF LENT: ANNOUNCEMENT

During the Season of Lent we gather in silence, our souls becoming centered in the abiding presence of God who sets us free. As sounds, thoughts, memories, and plans, inevitably arise and capture our attention; we simply notice and return our attention to God – known in each breath we receive. **In order to support our gathering in silence, we will be making announcements after communion during Lent.**

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