



# Trust in God's Strength

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Franklin, Wisconsin

January 29 & 30, 2023

Epiphany 4 – Christian Education

# Welcome to Worship

## The Savior's Sermon

A sermon series on Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" in Matthew 5



One of Jesus' sermons is often called the Sermon on the Mount. It was not delivered while standing in a pulpit but while sitting on a hill. Elevated above the crowd, Jesus' voice would carry through the air. His followers hung on his every word as the Christ talked about living an authentic Christian life.

Our worship the next few weeks will look at this Sermon on the Mount with the following themes:

### **"The Savior's Sermon"**

**Trust in God's Strength** – January 29 & 30

**You Are . . . So Be** – February 5 & 6

**Live a Holy Life** – February 12 & 13

**Love Your Enemies** – February 19 & 21

- † Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- † Our congregation stands at various times throughout the service. If your mobility is limited, please do not feel that you have to stand. You are welcome to remain seated!
- † We love families! Your children are welcome in our service! Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus!
- † Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- † If you want to review or share today's service, you can find it on our website.
- † For upcoming events and activities, "like" us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!



1 God him - self is pres - ent— Let us now a - dore him  
2 God him - self is pres - ent— Hear the harps re - sound - ing;  
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore him.  
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing.  
Trust - ing on - ly in your mer - it.



God is in his tem - ple— All with - in keep si - lence,  
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly"— Hear the hymn as - cend - ing,  
Like the ho - ly an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore you,



Hum - bly kneel in deep - est rev - 'rence.  
Songs of saints and an - gels blend - ing.  
May I cease - less - ly a - dore you.



He a - lone On his throne Is our  
Bow your ear To us here: Hear, O  
Let your will Ev - er still Rule your



God and Sav - ior; Praise his name for - ev - er!  
Christ, the prais - es That your Church now rais - es.  
church ter - res - tial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

*Please Stand*

## INVOCATION

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** *(Spoken)* Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

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

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

**P:** Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C:** **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.**

**P:** 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.

**C:** *(Spoken)* Amen.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

**P:** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** 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.

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C:** Amen.

# GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

TUNE: HYFRYDOL



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he  
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our



loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his  
sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your



grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your glo - ry,  
mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and ho - ly,



might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our joy - ful  
Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the glo - ry



ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.  
of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*Please be Seated*

## THE FIRST LESSON

## ZEPHANIAH 2:3; 3:11-13

*The LORD promises that those who are humble, who trust in his strength rather than their own, will not be put to shame.*

<sup>3</sup> Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land,  
you who do what he commands.  
Seek righteousness, seek humility;  
perhaps you will be sheltered  
on the day of the Lord's anger.

<sup>11</sup> On that day you, Jerusalem, will not be put to shame  
for all the wrongs you have done to me,  
because I will remove from you  
your arrogant boasters.  
Never again will you be haughty  
on my holy hill.

<sup>12</sup> But I will leave within you  
the meek and humble.  
The remnant of Israel  
will trust in the name of the Lord.

<sup>13</sup> They will do no wrong;  
they will tell no lies.  
A deceitful tongue  
will not be found in their mouths.  
They will eat and lie down  
and no one will make them afraid."

## **STUDENT ANTHEM**

## **CONFIDENCE**

*by Matt Armstrong, Chris Rohman  
Dustin Lolli & Ethan Hulse*

I'm not a warrior, I'm too afraid to lose.  
I feel unqualified for what You're callin' me to.  
But Lord, with Your strength, I've got no excuse,  
'cause broken people are exactly who You use.

### **Refrain:**

So, give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den,  
give me hope like Moses in the wilderness.  
Give me a heart like David, Lord, be my defense,  
so I can face my giants with confidence.

You took a shepherd boy and made him a king,  
so I'm gonna trust You and give You everything.  
I'll be a conqueror, 'cause You fight for me;  
I'll be a champion claiming Your victory.

### Refrain

I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls.  
Won't stop until I see 'em fall.  
Gonna stand up, step out when You call,  
Jesus, Jesus, I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls.  
Won't stop until I see 'em fall.  
Gonna stand up, step out when You call, Jesus!

### Refrain (2x)

I'll face my giants with confidence.

## THE SECOND LESSON

## 1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-31

*Paul points the Corinthians to themselves as an example of how  
God's strength is made perfect in weakness.*

<sup>26</sup> Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup> It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

## STUDENT ANTHEM

## THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

*by Mark Patterson*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it.....  
Shine, shine, shine. Shine, shine, shine. Take this little light.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

I'm gonna let it shine 'til Jesus comes. I'm gonna let it shine.  
Shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, oh, let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, oh, let it.....  
Shine, shine, shine. Shine, shine, shine.  
Take this little light and let it shine, shine, shine!

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

## MATTHEW 5:1-12

*In the Beatitudes Jesus shows us the outcome of a life that is lived trusting in God's strength.*

<sup>5:1</sup> Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them. He said:

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,



for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

CONGREGATION HYMN

O CHURCH, ARISE  
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP #870 (CW21)



1 O Church, a - rise and put your ar - mor on; hear the  
2 Our call to war - to love the cap - tive soul, but to  
3 Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the  
4 So Spir - it come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give



call of Christ our cap - tain. For now the weak can say that  
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; and with the sword that makes the  
Son of God is strick - en; then see his foes lie crushed be -  
grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has giv - en.  
wound - ed whole we will fight with faith and val - or.  
neath his feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en!  
win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful.



With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand a -  
When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the  
And as the stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e -  
As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing

*Hymn continues on next page*



gainst the dev - il's lies; an ar - my bold whose bat - tle  
 out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for  
 merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues  
 triumphs of his grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
 which he died— an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.  
 till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see him.  
 for the day when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.

SERMON

MATTHEW 5:1-12

The Savior's Sermon..... Trust in God's Strength

CONGREGATION HYMN

BLEST ARE THEY

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP #690 (CW21)



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it, theirs is the  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones, they shall in -  
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy, mer - cy  
 4 Blest are they who seek peace, they are the  
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate all be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,  
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who  
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the  
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who  
 cause of me. Re - joice and be glad,

*Hymn continues on next page*



full \_\_\_ of sor - row, they \_\_\_ shall be con - soled.  
hun - ger and thirst, \_\_\_ they \_\_\_ shall have their fill.  
pure \_\_\_ of heart, \_\_\_ they \_\_\_ shall see God!  
suf - fer in faith, \_\_\_ the glo - ry of God is theirs.  
yours is the king - dom; \_\_\_ shine \_\_\_ for all to see.



*Refrain*  
Re - jice and be glad! Bless - ed are



you, ho - ly are you! Re - jice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

## PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## THE BLESSING

**P:** 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 favor and give you peace.

**C:** *(Spoken)* Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMN #331



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah,  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan,



Pil - grim through this bar - ren land.  
 Whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;  
 Bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;



I am weak, but thou art might - y; Hold me  
 Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar Lead me  
 Death of death and hell's De - struc - tion, Land me



with thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong De - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es



Feed me till I want no more.  
 Be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TEACHER CALL:** Last Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> we called Ms. Alison Wiedmann to serve as our 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher. She is currently teaching 1<sup>st</sup> grade in Florida. We've received this letter from Ms. Wiedmann: Dear Members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, This past week I received the Divine Call you have extended me to teach first grade (and part of 2nd grade) at your school. It is humbling to receive a call and I have begun to consider where God would have me best serve Him and his little lambs – in my current call here in Florida or serve at St. Paul's Lutheran School. I look forward to speaking with you and learning more about your ministry in Franklin. I have appreciated already learning a little about your ministry. I ask that you keep me in your prayers as I deliberate over the coming weeks. In His Service, Ali Wiedmann

Please keep Ms. Wiedmann in your prayers as she deliberates these two calls. If you'd like to contact her, she can be reached by email at - [awiedmann@gsatigers.com](mailto:awiedmann@gsatigers.com) or by phone at (920) 248-1774.

**SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:** Today, Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM we are having an Open House. Spread the word to anyone you know who may be looking for a great school!

**BEDTIME BLESSINGS:** On Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-7:15 we are going on a Zoofari Adventure for Bedtime Blessings - a fun event geared towards our littlest students! Join us in the gym for a zoofari experience including stories, snacks, crafts, scavenger hunt and songs. Don't forget to wear your favorite pajamas! This event is recommended for children through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Bring your family and friends! Please register online [here](#) or scan the QR Code on the flyer that came home last week. We look forward to seeing you!

**2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** The 2022 Contribution Statements are in your church mailboxes.

**2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** There is a delay on our 2023 offering envelopes due to printing press issues at the manufacturing company. As soon as they arrive we will distribute them. In the meantime, you can continue to use your 2022 envelope number. Thank you for your patience!

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Our Adult Bible Class continues today at 9:15 in the Bible classroom, led by retired Pastor Andy Backus. All are welcome, including young people! We'll be studying an overview of the Scripture Lessons in this Weekend's Worship Services. They are: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:11-13; I Corinthians 1:26-31; and Matthew 5:1-12. A handout is available if you want to take notes. Join us, won't you?

**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED:** The refreshment committee (donut crew) is asking for your help. We are in need of one or two people to clean up the donut and coffee area after second service. We currently have two teams handling the clean up for the month. It would be great to add two more people so you would only have to do it once a month. More people would be even better! The task is not difficult; it just requires you to hang around a bit longer after service. Duties include: packing up left over donuts, dumping out left over coffee and rinsing out carafes, tidying up the area and taking out the trash.

We have six teams for set up before first service, which means they set up every six weeks. We would love to get more people to set up as well. Our current groups have been doing this for several years now. Please consider this simple opportunity for service to the church. Any help would be greatly appreciated! Contact Tony Tripoli at 414-232-5817 if you are interested in helping!

**FRANKLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT GUEST SPEAKER::** Please join us on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM for a crime/fraud awareness/prevention presentation by Franklin Police Community Resource Officer, Gary Wallace. All are invited to attend.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Vacation Bible Camp is scheduled for Monday, June 26th – Friday, June 30th. Camp Phillip will be joining us again this year for full days of activities! Registration will take place later this spring.

**TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND:** St. Paul's has offered assistance to families through a "forgiveness program" in which the congregation has taken on the debt for part of their tuition. On average we have been able to help 10-12 families seek Christian Education here at St. Paul's through this method. What a great gift to share the love of Christ with others using the gifts God has granted us. We have a need and an opportunity to help families and we are asking you to help financially. In addition to your offerings, these additional funds will help support the education for families that may not otherwise be

able to afford it. We thank you for considering and remind you of the words recorded in Matthew 25:40 *“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”* If you would like to give, please fill out the envelopes provided on the narthex counter and place in the offering tower.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Children ages 3 – Grade 6 are invited to join our Sunday School class, which meets each Sunday at 9:15 AM! Class is located in the After School Care room of the school.

**GREAT OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR SCHOOL - K4 Aide - Classroom Aide - After School Care:** St. Paul's is blessed to have a great PreK program! We are looking for a teacher's aide to support our growing enrollment numbers. There are also other classrooms that would benefit from a part-time aide.

We are also looking for an individual or individuals that could help with our After School Care program. If you are available for a single day, a few days, or all days please get in touch with us. It is a great opportunity to connect with some of our students and help our families that are unable to pick their children up right away after school.

If you are interested in supporting your school by giving us a hand, please reach out to Principal Schulmeister by email at [nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org](mailto:nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org) or by phone at 414-421-1930.

#### **USHERS FOR JANUARY**

**8:00 AM** – TEAM #1 – Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Brandon Wirtz, Gary Boldt

**10:30 AM** – TEAM #5 – Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Gary Eickhorst, Dan Mertz

**6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

#### **USHERS FOR FEBRUARY**

**8:00 AM** – TEAM #2 – Tony Tripoli, Larry McKee, Steve Mess, Micah Milhans

**10:30 AM** – TEAM #6 – Bob Duchesneau, Nathan Riel, Randy LaPorte

**6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

January 25-31 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Renate Nazimek

February 1-7 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Renate Nazimek

**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE**

January 29: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Beverly Garves

February 5: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Carl & Carolyn Streeter

**THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, January 29**

- Worship Service.....8:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study/Bible Information Class/Sunday School ..... 9:15 AM
- Worship Service..... 10:30 AM
- School Open House ..... 11:30 AM

**Monday, January 30**

- Public School Confirmation Class ..... 5:00 PM
- Worship Service..... 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, January 31**

- Women’s Bible Study ..... 9:00 AM

**Wednesday, February 1**

- Bedtime Blessings..... 6:00 PM

**Thursday, February 2**

- Men’s Open Gym..... 7:30 PM

**Friday, February 3**

No School – Winter Break

**Sunday, February 5**

- Worship Service with Communion.....8:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study/Bible Information Class/Sunday School ..... 9:15 AM
- Worship Service with Communion..... 10:30 AM

**Statistics – Last Week**

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 70, 10:30 AM – 77, 6:30 PM – 32

Total Attendance – 179