## Now

## you are the



## of Christ and

 individually members of it.
## 1 Corinthians 12:27, NRSV

10:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022 Sermon: "No 'Lone Ranger' Christians"

1 Corinthians 12:12-21,26-27

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church \& School

- A Family to Whom You Belong Our Mission is to: Make More \& Better Disciples

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY<br>10:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022<br>Servants of God's House Today:<br>Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu DCE: Grace Wolfgram<br>Praise Team Accompanist: Doris Hill<br>Usher: Tim Draube<br>Missionaries: Charles Cortwright, Rev. Tim \& Lisa Beckendorf, Rev. Shauen \& Krista Trump, Rev. Paul Flo<br>Reader: Grace Wolfgram

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.
AS WE GATHER "Each one of us comes into God's house individually, from different backgrounds, families, situations, experiences, challenges, and joys. But here, in God's house, something happens that makes us not just a collection of individuals but joined together as one person, one Body. This unity happens because we have been gathered by one Baptism in one faith in one Lord, our God whose greatness has been shown in our hearts and to the world in His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Here our Lord speaks, and we listen. And in the listening, we are moved to repentance and faith, true repentance of heart over our sins and true faith that knows that the Scriptures, the Word of God, are fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ. May true joy motivate our praise of God here and all our days as God's people scattered throughout the world.
PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Lord God, Your Word clearly shows Your love for the world in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Give to us both heartfelt repentance and faith that we may rejoice together and praise Your goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in bold.)

## The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

## The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

## Opening Song

As morning dawns and evening fades, You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart and glorify Your name.
Your name is a strong and mighty tower; Your name is a shelter like no other.
Your name, let the nations sing it louder,
'Cause nothing has the power to save but Your name.
Jesus, in Your name we pray, come, and fill our hearts today.
Lord, give us strength to live for You and glorify Your name.
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'Cause nothing has the power to save but Your name.
But Your name. But Your name.
(Words \& music by Glen Packlam and Paul Baloche, Integrity's Hosanna! Music, used by permission CCLI \#11440148 and 20162974)

## Apostles' Creed

First Lesson Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (Ezra reads the Law.)
${ }^{1}$ All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel.
${ }^{2}$ So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ${ }^{3}$ And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.
${ }^{5}$ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the
people stood. ${ }^{6}$ And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered,
"Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.
${ }^{8}$ They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.
${ }^{9}$ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ${ }^{10}$ Then he said to them, "Go your way.

Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And
do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a (One Body with many members)
${ }^{12}$ For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ${ }^{13}$ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-and all were made to drink of one Spirit.
${ }^{14}$ For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ${ }^{15}$ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ${ }^{16}$ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ${ }^{17}$ If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ${ }^{18}$ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ${ }^{19}$ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ${ }^{20} \mathrm{As}$ it is, there are many parts, yet one body.
${ }^{21}$ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ${ }^{22} \mathrm{On}$
the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ${ }^{23}$ and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ${ }^{24}$ which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ${ }^{25}$ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ${ }^{26}$ If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.
${ }^{27}$ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ${ }^{28}$ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ${ }^{29}$ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ${ }^{30}$ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ${ }^{31}$ But earnestly desire the higher gifts.
(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

## Holy Gospel Luke 4:16-30 (Jesus rejected at Nazareth)

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And I will show you a still more excellent way.

## Confession and Absolution

P: The law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.
C: For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,
P: but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.
C: Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?
P: Let us confess our sins to God, our merciful Father.
C: To You, O God, we confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and deeds, and also by the good that we have failed to do. Our love for You and for our neighbors has been weak or even dead. By Your Law, You reveal the judgment we rightly deserve. Because Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, has fulfilled Your Law on our behalf, we beg Your forgiveness and grace to restore us to life with You in the fellowship of all believers.
Amen.
P: Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ, our Lord! In the stead and by the command of our Savior, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

## Children's Message

## The Song of Instruction "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.
Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.
My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.
The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.
My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.
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The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun for-bear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.
(Words/music by John Newton, Chris Tomlin \& Louie Giglio, 2006 worshiptogether.com songs, sixsteps Music, Vamos Publishing, CCLI \#11440148 and 20162974)

The Word "No ‘Lone Ranger’ Christians" 1 Corinthians 12:12-21,26-27

## WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.
St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings. Please place your offerings in the box upfront.
To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.
Please put your Welcome Card in the box at the back of the church.
2 Corinthians 9:12-For the ministry of this service (giving) is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

## Offertory "He Knows My Name"

I have a Maker, he formed my heart.
Before even time began, life was in his hand.
He knows my name, He knows my ev'ry thought.
He sees each tear that falls, and hears me when I call.

I have a Father, He calls me His own.
He'll never leave me, no matter where I go.

He knows my name, He knows my ev'ry thought.
He sees each tear that falls, and hears me when I call.
He knows my name, He knows my ev'ry thought.
He sees each tear that falls, and hears me when I call.
He hears me when I call.
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## The Prayer of the Church

## The Lord's Prayer

## The Benediction

The Going Out Song "Shout to the North"
Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness complete.
Chorus: Shout to the north and the south, Sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up, women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts Who can know the healing pow'r of our awesome King of love. (Chorus 2x)
We've been through fire, we've been through rain,
We've been refined by the pow'r of His name.
We've fallen deeper in love with You,
You've burned the truth on our lips. (Chorus)
Rise up, church, with broken wings, fill this place with songs again Of our God who reigns on high.
By His Grace again we'll fly. (Chorus $2 x$ )
Lord of heaven and earth.
He is Lord of heaven and earth.
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## St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)

| Worship Services | Traditional (Sat., 6:00 p.m. \& Sun., 8:15 a.m.) <br> Contemporary Service (10:45 a.m.) |
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| Sunday School: | 9:30 a.m. |
| Youth \& Adult Bible Classes | 9:30 a.m. |

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## National Lutheran Schools Week Colossians I:15-20

