

## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:13-17

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

## PSALM 29

A Psalm of David.

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor. <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters. <sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. <sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. <sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. <sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, “Glory!” <sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. <sup>11</sup>May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

### Pray for these we know to be in need of resolution, healing, support and comfort:



The Cisneros family; Ivy & John Conklin; Austin Marsh; Ewalani Odachi; Brian Kurihara; Rick Kurihara; George Aspeitia; Jim Gagne; Shanna Childers; Rosita Fabia; Ed Sais; Celia Torres; Bjorn Landberg; Carol & Larry Sullivan; Maxine Miller & her son, Leonard; Aki Fukui; Lilly Fukui; Pastor David Berkedal & Rev. Sally Welch; Susan & Gene Ramirez; Margarete Schwall; Millie Powell; for Stephen’s recovery; Ron Sahara and his family; Moises Alvarado for the safe return of his dog, Charlie; Rolf Kurrle & family; baby Ivy; In Paris, Elizabeth and her family; Ray Chavira; Ray Chavira’s daughter Cristina and son-in-law Troy Hamblet; Meher Montessori School; for churches, may our hearts and doors remain open for those who wish to share the Good News; for our country, our military and first responders; watch over those who are affected by the war in Ukraine; for those who are being wrongfully persecuted in Iran; for those struggling with anxiety and mental illness.

# The Baptism of Our Lord January 8, 2023

## St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Sunday Service at 9:30 AM

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## Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Join us for worship on Sundays at 9:30 am

While LA County has formally rescinded the masking order as of 3/4/22, masks are still being recommended for use in public settings, such as our worship space. For the safety of our at-risk members and our current visiting pastor, we ask that you consider wearing a mask and maintain social distancing for the time being.

If you have forgotten a mask, we do have extras, in both adult and kid sizes, in the Narthex.

### News and Needs

- **These pages continue our approach to bringing information to those who gather here.** We are committed to communicating effectively and regularly with all, newcomers and long-time worshippers, regular or occasional, and especially those who can't be here. Each week a copy is sent by email or postal mail to each member and friend who were unable to attend worship on Sunday.
- **The Lord's Supper**, our sharing of the bread and wine as Jesus invites us to do, is open to all who accept the presence of Jesus in this simple meal. We continue to use pre-filled communion chalices for a sanitary, safe, and traditional communion experience. We rejoice in our opportunity to join together in praise and thanksgiving to God. Newcomers among us are invited to participate in every aspect of our worship. Any questions? Please ask.
- **We welcome Pastor David Berkedal as regular preacher and worship leader at St. Paul's.** Pastor Berkedal will be working on **Thursdays, from 10:00 am. to 4:00 pm.** in Monterey Park to help us develop the congregation's ministry and outreach as we move out of the global pandemic. He and his wife, Rev. Sally Welch began a Youtube Channel, "Streams of Living Waters" at the beginning of the pandemic to provide connection and encouragement and an opportunity to reflect on what it means to be Christian during times of isolation. Each video has been matched with a podcast on their "Living Water Radio" channel and a blog entry on "Words of Living Water." You may send an email to Pastor Berkedal at [dberkedal@gmail.com](mailto:dberkedal@gmail.com) for links to all three or visit our website ([stpaulsmpk.org](http://stpaulsmpk.org)).
- **Coffee Hour & Fellowship will be held in the lounge following today's service.** To get to the lounge from the sanctuary, please exit the glass doors at the back, go through the glass doors on the right and straight ahead to the open door of the lounge. Today's refreshments are provided by Linda Wilson & Marian Hanson.
- **Envelope boxes for 2023 are here and on the back table. Some of the boxes have been assigned so please look for your name.** There are extra boxes if you would like to take one.
- **Christ in Our Homes for January, February, and March of 2023 are available and are located on the back table in both pocket-sized and large print editions.**
- **Sierra Mar will be having their meeting on Saturday January 28th in the lounge.** Please contact Linda Wilson for details.

## FIRST READING: ISAIAH 42:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

## SECOND READING: ACTS 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

## Prayer of the Day

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be our daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



**On January 29th immediately after service, we will be having our Annual Congregation Meeting in the lounge. Please bring any questions, concerns, comments, or committee nominations. Light refreshments will be served.**