

✠ St. Paul's Lutheran Church ✠
Kenesaw, NE

Pastor Paul S. Duffy

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Mrs. LaMoine Fischer, Organist

Bible Class/Sunday School 9:00am

Acolyte: Savannah Williams

Divine Service 10:00am

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 10, 2016

OPENING HYMN p. 400 "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the
Morning"

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Gathered in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, as His
baptized children we make confession of our sins.

People: Heavenly Father, we come into Your presence as Your
children, confessing that each day we fail to live our calling
as Your people. You have called us in our Baptism to be
holy, yet we have lived unholy lives. You have called us to
be separate from sin, yet we sin daily. We ask You Father,
for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ to renew us, forgive us,
and by Your Holy Spirit to empower us to live today and
each day as Your redeemed children. In Jesus' name,
amen.

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I announce to you the grace of
God: as His baptized children God has placed His seal upon
You and you are His beloved children. At His command and
in His stead, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the
Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTROIT

Pastor: Praise to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does
marvelous deeds. Praise be to His glorious name forever.

Men: You are the most excellent of men and Your lips have been
anointed with grace, since God has blessed You forever.

Women: Your throne, O God, will last forever and ever; a scepter of
justice will be the scepter of Your kingdom.

Pastor: Praise to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does
marvelous deeds. Praise be to His glorious name forever.

Men: You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore
God, your God, has set you above your companions by
anointing you with the oil of joy.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
forever. Amen.

Pastor: Praise to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does
marvelous deeds. Praise be to His glorious name forever.

KYRIE AND GLORIA PATRI (To the tune "I love Your kingdom, Lord)

Have mercy on us, Lord,
To You, our voices raise.
Come down and grant to us Your grace,
May we, Your children be!

Glory to God on high!
To You belongs our praise
You give us life and grant us peace.
Our songs, to You we raise!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray. Father in heaven, as at the Baptism in the Jordan
River You once proclaimed Jesus Your beloved Son and
anointed Him with the Holy Spirit, grant that all who are
baptized in His name may faithfully keep the covenant into
which they have been called, boldly confess their Savior, and
with Him be heirs of life eternal; through Jesus Christ, who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring My sons from afar and My daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by My name, whom I created for My glory, whom I formed and made."

GRADUAL

Pastor: Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol Him, all you people.

People: For great is His love toward us and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;

People: bring an offering and come into His courts.

SECOND READING Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL VERSE

All: Alleluia. Alleluia. You are My Son whom I love; with You I am well pleased. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 3:15-22

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but He who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand, to clear His threshing floor and to gather the wheat into His barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire."

So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."

APOSTLES' CREED (*Back of Hymnal*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN p. 405 "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord,"

SERMON

OFFERING AND MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May God the Father who created you, may God the Son who redeemed you by His precious blood, and may God the Holy Spirit who sanctified you to be His temple in the waters of Holy Baptism, bless and abide with you forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN p. 394 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"



St. Paul's Mission Calendar

Today	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class
	☩ 10:00 AM	Divine Worship
	2:00 PM	Annual Voters Meeting - Fellowship Hall
Mon.	9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study Resumes
	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study-"Fatal Distractions"
Wed.	10 AM - 2 PM	OGT Sort & Pack Day
	3:30 PM	Midweek
	7:00 PM	Confirmation
	7:00 PM	Choir
	8:00 PM	Fellowship League
Thurs.	9 AM- 2 PM	Pastors' Conference, Trinity, Campbell
Tues. - Thurs.		Preschool

LWML Officers to meet today after morning worship in the fellowship hall to plan salad supper.

Annual Church Voters Meeting Today January 10th
 2:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall Let us begin the new year with God, doing our Father's business.



Annual Reports Due Tues., January 12th. Please put the report in the box on the desk in the workroom. Thank you

Candidates for Church Offices 2016

- Financial Secretary - Tammy Porterfield
- Elder - Christian Kroos ● Trustee - Myles Ramsey
- Secretary - Jon Denkert ● Board of Education - Brenda Mack
- Board of Evangelism/Stewardship - Debbie Rasberry; Valerie Schirmer & 1 vacancy

It's preferable to have two people running for each vacancy. There is one vacancy on the Board of Evangelism/Stewardship that needs to be filled. If you are so inclined to add your name to any position, please speak to Pastor or an Elder.

Please prayerfully consider using your God given talents and gifts.

February Newsletter Deadline: Monday, January 18th to be in mailboxes Sunday, January 31st. Please place any news items, articles, volunteer lists, etc. on the desk in the work room. *Take note*, Lent begins Feb. 10th with our traditional Ash Wednesday Service with Lenten Suppers preceding the services. A signup sheet for the meals is on the workroom bulletin board or contact Pastor. Thanks for your help in keeping everyone informed of coming events.

OGT Sort & Pack Day, Wed, Jan. 13th 10 AM - 2 PM
 St. Paul's monthly sort and pack day at the Grand Island warehouse. Pool rides from the church at 9:15 AM.

LLL Annual Pancake & Sausage Supper, Sun., Jan. 24th
 5:00 - 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. St. Paul's Lutheran's Layman's League (LLL) will be hosting their pancake supper. Free-will donation for mission projects.



LWML "Surprise" Salad Supper, Tues., Jan. 26th 6:30 PM
 All women of the congregation are invited to attend the salad supper. Save the date and watch the bulletin for more details.

Thank You: On January 5th a check was sent to Lutheran World Relief for Emergency Water systems. We were able to supply 3 of the filter systems which cost \$190.00 each. So thank you to all Sunday School children and anyone who supported this project to reach out to the less fortunate with aid and the Good News of God's love.

Please remember these people in your prayers -

Pastor Paul Duffy and family

Birthdays:

- Jan. 10 Chloe Uden
- 11 Zach Adams
- 14 Charlene Heckenlively; Pamela Jameson
- 15 Katie Shelton; Chad Uden
- 16 Zane Woodman

In the Service: Austin Applegate, Alec Applegate, Trevor Stickels, Julian Tucker, Hannah Panwitz, Danielle Burr, Darren Woodside

Our Expression of Love

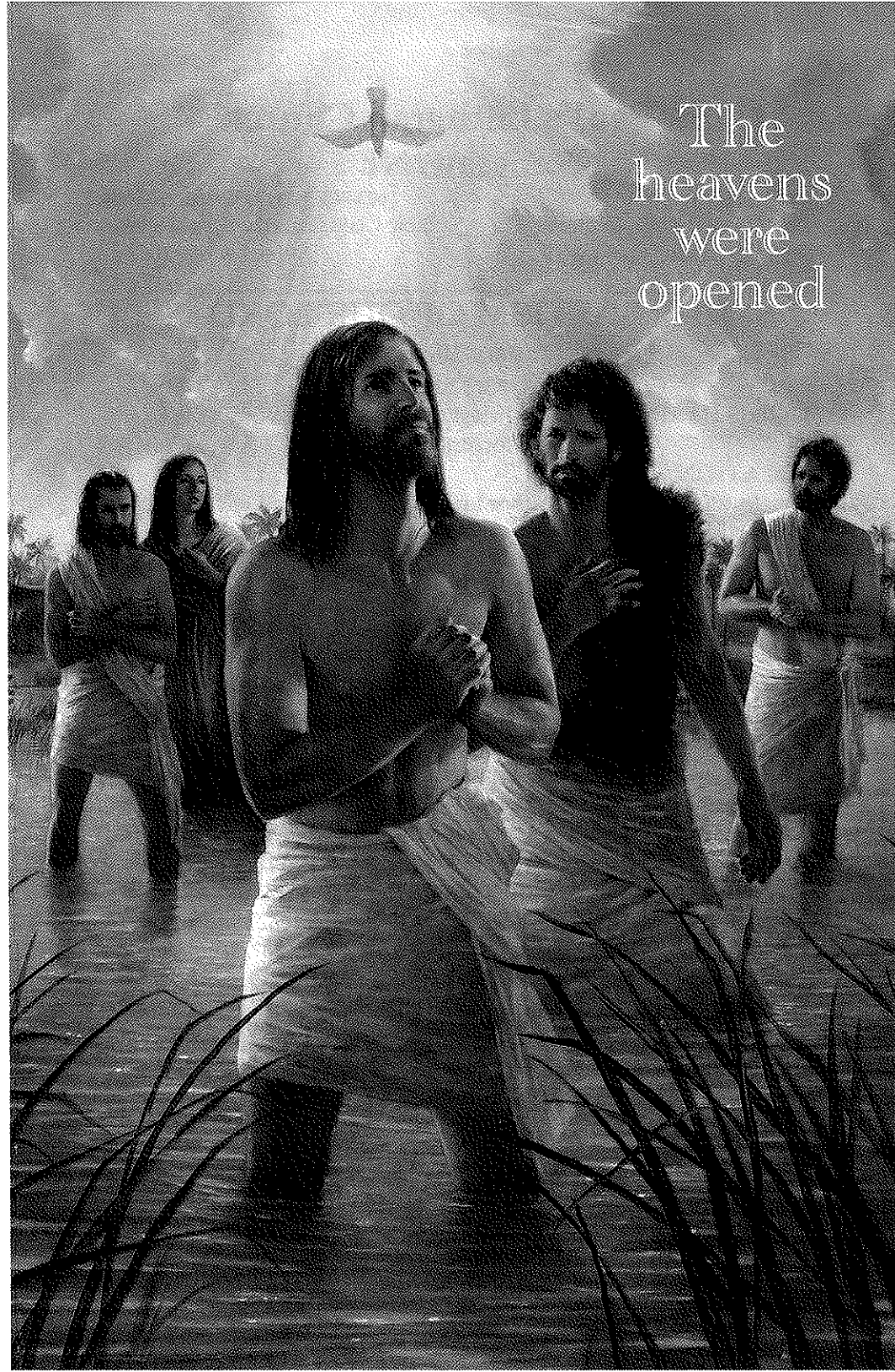
January 3, 2016	Attendance 130	
Current Envelope		\$1,722.00
Current Plate		640.00
Russian Orphanage		58.00
Church Scholarship Fund		<u>500.00</u>
Total		\$2,350.00

January 6, 2016	Attendance 47	
Current Plate		215.00
Mission Envelope		<u>30.00</u>
Total		\$245.00



Epiphany

About the Cover: Jesus left the water after John baptized Him, having fulfilled God's Law. Scripture tells us that "the heavens were opened," the Father spoke, and the Holy Spirit appeared as a dove. These events give us the assurance that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise for our salvation. Jesus has opened heaven for us with His life, death, and resurrection. We rejoice in His salvation and love for us.



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