

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

Pastor Paul S. Duffy

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Bible Class/Sunday School 9:00am

Divine Service 10:00am

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 31, 2016

As We Gather

The love of God reaches to the heavens and allows us to find refuge in Him. It is fully manifested in Christ and is witnessed in the Gospel today, where Jesus delivers souls from demonic powers and heals various diseases. St. Paul also speaks of such love when he points out all its various facets in today's epistle reading. We see God's love in action as He calls a young person, Jeremiah, to serve as prophet and spokesperson for Him. As God promised to be faithful to Jeremiah, He also promises to be faithful to His people today.

A Service of Prayer and Preaching

From CPH Worship Supplement

Hymn

p. 412 "The People That in Darkness Sat"

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

The Sentence for the Service

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting My name is great among the nations, and in every place incense is offered to My name, and a pure offering, for My name is great among the nations, says the LORD of Hosts.

An Act of Adoration

P: Let us adore our heavenly Father, who created us, who sustains us, who loves us with an everlasting love and gives us the light of the knowledge of His glory in the face of Christ.

C: We praise You, O God. We acknowledge You to be the Lord.

P: Let us glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, though He

was rich, yet for our sakes became poor; who in every respect was tempted as we are, yet without sinning; who went about doing good and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom; who became obedient unto death, even death on a cross; who died and is alive forevermore; who has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers; who is seated at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father; who will come again, as Judge and King.

C: You are the King of glory, O Christ.

P: Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, by whom we are born into the family of God, and made members of the body of Christ; whose witness confirms us, whose wisdom teaches us, whose power enables us to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think.

C: All praise to You, O Holy Spirit.

An Act of Confession

P: O God, our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, our reluctance to bear the cross.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P: Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibility in Your service, our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.

P: Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

C: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

All: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 1:4-10

New Testament Lessons

I Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

St. Paul's Choir Selection "He Will Be My God"

Luke 4: 31-44

Hymn

p. 842 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

The Sermon

The Offering and Musical Offering

An Act of Thanksgiving

P: Almighty God, we lift up our hearts in gratitude to You, and for all Your lovingkindness we bless Your holy name. For life and health, for love and friendship, and for the goodness and mercy that have followed us all the days of our life.

C: We praise You, O God.

P: For the wonder and beauty of the world; and for all things true and honorable, just and pure, lovely and gracious.

C: We praise You, O God.

P: For the gift of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son; for the grace and truth which came by Him; and for His obedience unto death, even death on a cross.

C: We praise You, O God.

P: For His glorious resurrection and ascension to Your right hand, and for His kingdom and glory and everlasting dominion.

C: We praise You, O God.

P: For the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, the Lord and Giver of Life; for Your holy Church throughout the world; for all the means of grace; and for the fellowship of the redeemed in heaven and on earth.

C: We praise You, O God.

All: Glory, thanksgiving, and praise be to You, O Father almighty, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

An Act of Supplication

P: Almighty God, because You have committed to Your people the ministry of intercession, hear us as we pray for others, and grant that our hearts may be filled with peace and love.

For Your holy Church throughout all the world, that You would bestow on the ministers of Your Word and Sacraments the abundance of Your grace and truth and confirm Your people in the faith of the Gospel, that Christ may be exalted as head over all,

C: We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

P: For Your people here and in every place, that You would inspire them with love for Your house, zeal in Your service, and joy in the advancement of Your kingdom,

C: We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

P: For the nations, that You would breathe on them the spirit of peace; and for those in authority, that You would inspire in them a true desire for peace and a love for unity.

C: We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

P: For all our schools and colleges, and for all who teach in them and all who learn, that in humility of heart they may ever look to You, the fountain of all wisdom,

C: We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

P: For all in sickness and distress, that You would give strength to the weary, relief to the suffering and comfort to the dying,

C: We beseech You to hear us, good Lord.

P: For all Your servants who have departed this life in faith we give You hearty thanks, and we pray You to give us grace to follow them as they followed Christ. Bring us, with them, to those things which eye has not seen, nor ear heard, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

All: Our Father...

The Benediction

Hymn

p. 924 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"



Please remember these people in your prayers -

Pastor Paul Duffy and family

Birthdays:

- Feb. 1 Steve Campbell
- 2 Linden Kimle; Doug Klusman
- 4 Angie Harmon
- 5 Janae (Ramsey) Dreher; Bailey Streff
- 6 Hattie Schirmer

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

Missionaries: Pastor John Reehl, Russia and the Baltics

A "Life Quote" . . .

"Since the fetus is a creature already alive and in the process of development, to kill it is to choose death over life. At what point shall we allow this choice? For me the answer is--at no point, once life has begun. At no point, I repeat either as life begins or ends, for we who are human beings cannot, for our own safety, be allowed to choose death, life being all we know." *Pearl S. Buck, author of The Good Earth and recipient of the 1938 Nobel Prize in literature.* www.lutheransforlife.org

Our Expression of Love

January 24, 2016	Attendance 119	
Current Envelope		\$ 660.00
Current Plate		319.40
Mission Envelope		<u>70.00</u>
Total		\$1,049.40

*Thank You to the church board and congregation for the gift card in recognition of my service to St. Paul's. It's truly a blessing to use my talents and gifts to serve you.
Serving the Lord in Gladness,
Debbie Rasberry*

St. Paul's Mission Calendar

Today	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Fellowship Coffee
	9:45 AM	Hymn Sing
	⚡ 10:00 AM	Divine Worship
Mon.	9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study-"Fatal Distractions"
Wed.	10:00 AM	Worship at Premier Estates ⚡
	3:30 PM	Midweek
	7:00 PM	Confirmation
	7:00 PM	Choir
Thurs.	2:00 PM	Ladies Aid
Tues. - Thurs.		Preschool

St. Paul's Lowell - Soup & Sandwich Supper, Sun., January 31st

5:00-6:30 PM. Come and enjoy a sandwich, a bowl of soup (eight varieties to choose from) and dessert. Free-will offering.

☞ **Luke 8:11** "The seed is the word of God." The plant begins as a seed - and everything in the Church begins with the Word. "In the beginning the Word was with God. . ." "He saved us by the regeneration of water and the Word. . ." "The Word of the Lord stands forever." We never out grow our need to hear the Word of God. We never achieve greatness that we don't need the blessings of God's Word. Rather the Christian life is one of always striving to conform our lives to God's word - to live out the truth of our Baptisms, that we are God's children by the power of his Word.

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Lent Begins February 10th with our traditional **Ash Wednesday Service and Imposition of the Ashes at 7:30 pm.** The Ladies Aid Soup and Dessert Supper will precede the service 5:30 - 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Free-will offering will be used to fund mission projects of the Ladies Aid.



Annual Woodcutter's Retreat at Camp Luther - Feb. 26-27

Calling all Men! Camp Luther of Nebraska has become overgrown with trees and bushes! We need your help to remove dead trees, clear overgrown areas, clear hiking trails and paths, trim trees, and create burn piles. Please consider joining us Friday evening for warm fellowship by the fire and some Bible study time. We will begin work after a hot breakfast Saturday morning about 9 AM and we'll call it a day around 5 PM. If you'd like to participate in this event, please call 402-352-5655 or email campluther@campluther.org to let them know, especially if you'll be staying Friday night for planning housing arrangements and meal numbers. Please feel free to attend the entire event or come when you can. Please bring chainsaws, safety gear and any other equipment you think would be beneficial in helping to clean up camp. High school boys can attend with a parent or guardian. Thanks so much! Hope to see you at Camp this winter!



Kenesaw Midget Football Annual Super Bowl Soup Lunch

February 7th

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Kenesaw Fire Hall



RFKC/TRAC 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off

February 7th 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Adams County Fairgrounds

Come Eat, Compete or Give to the Silent Auction

Adults: \$7; Children 5-11: \$4; Children under 4: Free

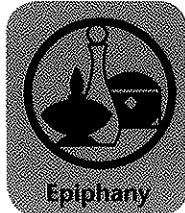
To enter the cook-off call Joni at 308-380-7502

Don Schmidt Soup & Pie Benefit, Sun., Feb 7th 2016 4:30-7:00 PM

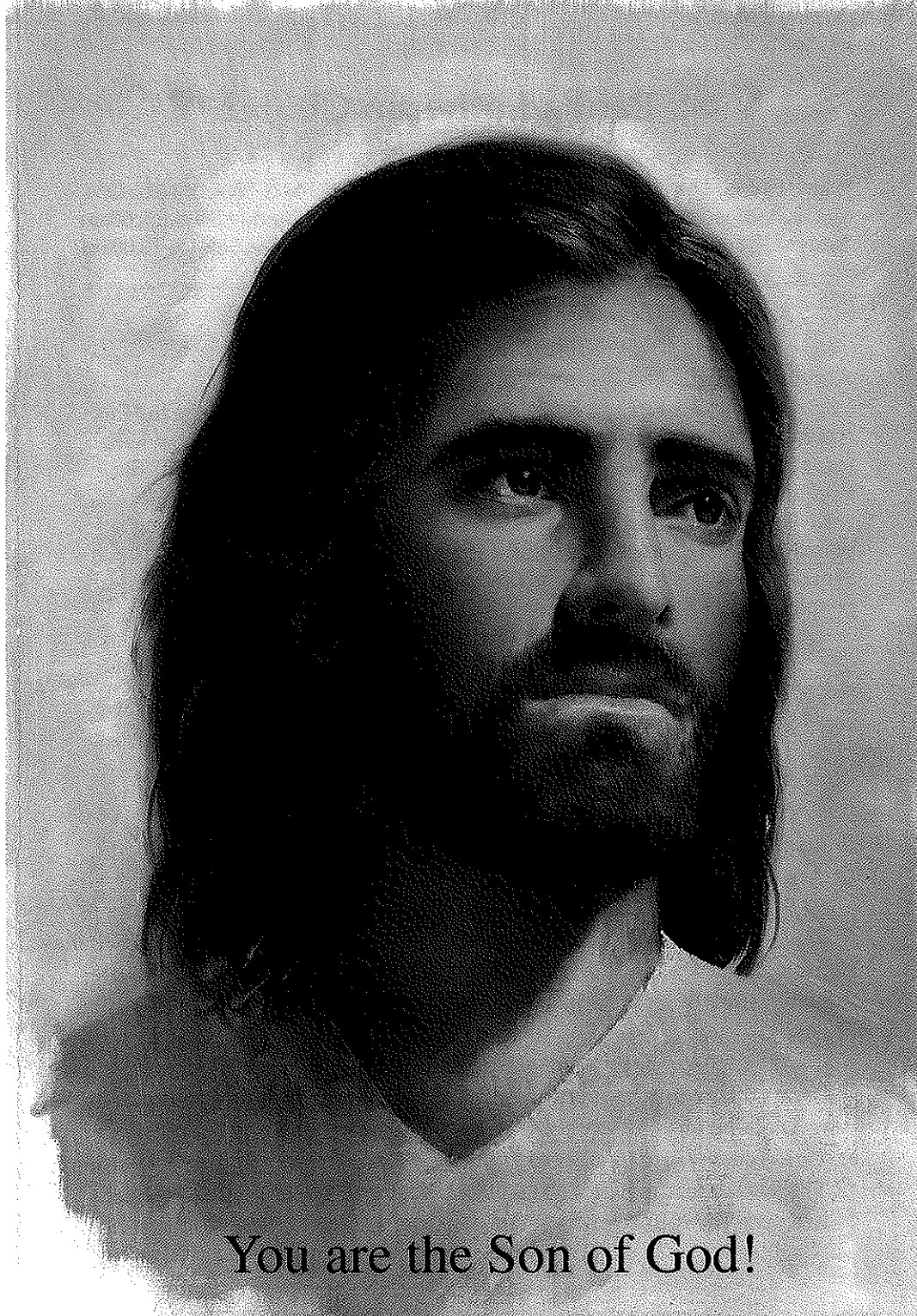
Soup & pie to be served at the Red Cloud Community Center. Funds raised will be used to help Don with medical expenses and medications.

Sponsored by Thrivent Little Blue River Chapter.

About the Cover: When we look at the portrait of the Christ, we have so many thoughts. Our Lord, our Savior. The One who suffered willingly to save us from our sinfulness, so that we may live with Him and with our heavenly Father for eternity. "You are the Son of God!" is a profound confession of just exactly who this Jesus is: the one and only Son of God the Father. Our Lord and Savior!



Epiphany



You are the Son of God!