

RADISSON-LANGHAM LUTHERAN PARISH

First Saskatchewan Lutheran Church
Langham, SK

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Radisson, SK

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
January 24, 2021

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Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Prayer of the Day:
Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD
First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalms 62:5-12

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Reflection: Sermon and short prayers for this Sunday, January 24:

This Sunday’s sermon from the ELCIC Bishops is by Bishop Greg Mohr (British Columbia Synod) and based on Mark 1: 14-20. The sermon is this week’s contribution to a series of worship resources developed by the ELCIC in response to the current pandemic and the forced shut-down of many of our Lutheran churches. Here is the “live” sermon:

<https://app.box.com/file/763600047794?s=vsc0785850dqedgg7euejif0wsjd35fx>
For those who prefer to read the sermon, it is here in .pdf:
<https://app.box.com/file/763599780219>

Prayers of Intercession:
Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A Brief Silence
For the church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and for musicians and servers, that all proclaim the good news of God’s reconciling love, let us pray.
Have mercy, O God.

For skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water, and for the well-being of creation, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth, let us pray.
Have mercy, O God.

For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, for planning commissions and homeless advocates, that God inspire all people in the just use of wealth, let us pray.
Have mercy, O God.

For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving: for the outcast and all who await relief (especially...), that in the midst of suffering, God’s peace and mercy surround them, let us pray.
Have mercy, O God.

For our congregation and community, for families big and small, that God’s steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships, let us pray.
Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living, that they point us to salvation through Christ, let us pray.
Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

Blessing: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter keep you in peace. Amen.

Third Sunday after Epiphany:
As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

Let us remember in our prayers: Andrew Nosterud, Harry Meister, Edwin Loessin, Darren Wilkie, Susan Wonko, Genie Thompson, Linda Hartshorn, Logan Kane, Roger Wilkie

This week:
WEDNESDAY, January 27: 1:30p – Cotton Pickin’ Quilters at St. Paul
7:00p – First Sask Council Meeting

For at-home worship services/devotions you could check out the following:
– Several Lutheran churches in Saskatoon have set up a website where you can easily view live-streamed or taped services each week:
<https://saskatoonelcic.com/>. A full list of churches with streamed services across Canada can be found here:
<https://elcic.ca/publichealth/livestreaming.cfm>

– You can catch Rev. Rick Chappell on YouTube at Trinity Lutheran Church, Westlock, AB
– You can check out Trinity Lutheran Church Estevan FaceBook as Sharon (Schreiner) Kane is interning there
– Pastor Randy Fiege is back on Facebook, 10:30a from Sundre, AB

Upcoming:
Sunday, Feb 7: 10:00a – First Sask Annual Meeting
Sunday, Feb 7: 1:00p – St. Paul Annual Meeting
Both meetings will be held via Zoom/telephone

Annual reports – will be in your mailbox at the church by Tuesday, January 26 for your pickup. It is available on PDF if you so request. St. Paul – if you don’t have a key to the church, the church will be open on Wednesdays 1:30-5:00p and Friday mornings.

The Radisson-Langham Parish Council met (via Zoom) on January 20. The proposed 2021 budget was approved and Council executive members were elected:
Chairperson: Eric Anderson
Recording Secretary: Cathy Flath
Vice-Chairperson: Peter Kingsmill
Treasurer: Roxanne Elke

Council agreed that the Parish will rely on supply pastors (when we are able to resume in-person worship) and set June 16 for a parish council meeting to review the (then current) realities and to consider the possibility of holding a joint Parish Picnic this summer.

First Sask Secret Sisters – please contact either Janice Brown 306-283-4925, or Roxanne Elke 306-384-9930 with some feedback regarding Secret Sisters for 2021.

First Sask is accepting donations in the form of e-transfers. The email address to transfer the funds to is firstsasklutheranchurch@gmail.com. If you have a special designation for the money – missions, LTS, CLWR, etc., include it in the message space on the e-transfer. This is also where you can include information given in memory of someone. If you have any questions call Roxanne at 306-384-9930. You can also still mail your cheque to Roxanne Elke, P.O. Box 272, Grandora, SK S0K 1V0

St. Paul – Your financial donation receipt is in your church mailbox.

A daily Bible study on the theme of the 2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, **Sunday, January**

24 at 1:00p and Monday January 25 at 12:15p. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/wpcu-bible-study-2021-tickets-135920448721> Hosted by the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism and the Regina Council of Churches, this study is free and open to all. A different Christian leader will guide each day as we explore the theme "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (John 15:5-9).

Donations to St. Paul – You could send your cheque to Darlene Kindt, Box 97, Radisson or drop it off at the church.

Happy Birthday this week: Hailey Farthing, Tyler Chappell, Cheryl Waldner, Karly Pederson, Janice Brown, Reezan Flath

FIRST READING: JONAH 3:1-5, 10

3 The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, 2“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” 3So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. 4Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” 5And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

10When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

29I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, 30and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they

had no possessions, 31and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

GOSPEL: MARK 1:14-20

14Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

16As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. 17And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” 18And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Next Sunday’s Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28
Scriptures taken from New Revised Standard Version