Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ

# **Weekly Announcements**

January 12, 2025



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### **Worship Schedule**

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Church Choir begins again**

Interested in starting a new hobby or getting more involved this year? Church choir begins our 2025 rehearsals on January 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30, in the balcony and continues every Thursday night. Our current focus will be on preparing music for the seasons of Lent and Easter. Come add your voice to our proclamation of the Gospel! For more information, contact Allison Mackie at allison.mackie@splco.org or 262-567-5001 ext. 214.

### **New Music Opportunity - Seasonal Handbell Choir!**

We are starting a seasonal handbell choir! Rehearsals will be February 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, and we will play for the 8:00 service on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Open to all, whether experienced or new ringers. Music reading ability is preferred but not necessary. If interested, please contact Allison Mackie at allison.mackie@splco.org. Registration is required.

### St. Paul's Youth Group

### **January Events**

January 12<sup>th</sup> MS Youth Group (5:30-7pm); HS Youth Group (7-8:30pm)

January 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Boys' Warrior Classic

January 19<sup>th</sup> Tubing at Sunburst (MS and HS) after the 10:30am service

• January 26<sup>th</sup> MS Youth Group (5:30-7pm); HS Youth Group (7-8:30pm)

St. Paul's Youth Group will be going tubing at Sunburst in Kewaskum on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Pizza will be served right after 10:30 Service and we will head out at 12:00. Our reservation at Sunburst is at 1:00. Below is the link to sign up and purchase your ticket at the group rate:

https://shop.skisunburst.com/groups, and use group code PY25 to login. Ticket must be purchased by 1/12 at 11:59 PM. Also, we will be looking for volunteers to help transport the youth group kids to Sunburst. lease let us know if you are willing to drive and how many youths you can transport.

### Yarn request

We have a member who is requesting any color yarn to crochet blankets for low income nursing homes in Waukesha, for the homeless and for women and children shelters in Waukesha and Milwaukee. Please put any yarn into the Lord's Cupboard donation basket that is in the hallway across from the elevator. *Thank you in advance!* 



Word on Wednesday starts this Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. The topic is "Vo-Tech Evangelism". It is about understanding your vocational role in the work of the church's effort of bringing the Good News of the Gospel to our community. We meet at 6:30 pm in room 219. Please come join us!

### **Congregation at Prayer**

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer The Baptism of Our Lord: *Heaven is Open* January 12 – 19, 2025

### Heaven is Open

The Baptism of our Lord is an "Epiphany" of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. In divine mercy, He takes His place with sinners and takes their sin upon Himself. "When all the people were baptized," Jesus submitted Himself to a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:21). He had no sins of His own, but He took the sins of the world upon Himself and so was baptized into His own death. Therefore, "when you pass through the waters," He is with you (Is. 43:2). He created you for His glory, and He has redeemed you with His blood, that you may be His own and live with Him in His kingdom (Is. 43:1, 7). As you are baptized with a Baptism like His, so also are you united with Him in His death and resurrection that you "might walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). For all who are baptized into Christ Jesus receive His anointing of the Holy Spirit and are named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.

### Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

#### Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Apostles' Creed

**Verse:** Mark 10:14-15 "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."

**Psalm:** Psalm 100 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB**, **p. 304** 

# Catechism: Sacrament of Holy Baptism: What is Baptism? Which is that Word of God? What benefits does Baptism give? Which are these words and promises of God?

What is Baptism?	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade +
Baptism is not just plain water;	
but it is the water	
included in God's command	
and combined with God's Word.	
Which is that Word of God?	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade +
Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew:	
Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,	Kindergarten +
baptizing them	
in the name of the Father and of the Son	
and of the Holy Spirit.	
What benefits does baptism give?	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade +
It works forgiveness of sins,	
rescues from death and the devil,	
and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this,	
as the words and promises of God declare.	
Which are these words and promises of God?	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade +
Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark;	
Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved,	
but whoever does not believe will be condemned.	

### The Baptism of Our Lord: Heaven is Open

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
Sun.	Paul's First Missionary Journey: Acts 13-14	Psalm 19, 81, 113	Luke 3:15-22
Mon.	Paul and Timothy: Acts 15-16, 1 Tim. 1; 2 Tim 4	Psalm 136, 97, 112	Nu. 9:1-10:36
Tue.	Lydia: Acts 16, Philippians 1	Psalm 123. 30, 86	Nu. 11:1-12:16
Wed.	Paul and Silas in Prison: Acts 16	Psalm 15, 48, 4	Nu. 13:15-41
Thur.	Paul Writes and Writes: 1 Thess. 1; Romans 1	Psalm 36, 80, 27	Nu. 16:1-18:32
Fri.	Paul Sails for Rome: Acts 27	Psalm 130, 32, 139	Nu. 19:1-20:29
Sat.	Sunday's Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11	Psalm 56, 100, 62	Nu. 21:1-35

Prayers: Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul's
Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved
Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their
calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

### **Daily Themes for Prayer**

**Sunday:** Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the

Word and Sacraments.

**Monday:** Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work;

for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools,

colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.

**Tuesday:** Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the

tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.

Wednesday: Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in

ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children

alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.

**Thursday:** Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other

church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and

salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

**Friday:** Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of

His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the

sick and dying.

**Saturday:** Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith

or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day;

for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.

### In Our Prayers this Week

Those sick or hospitalized: MEMBERS – Jim Braatz; William Kuebler–cancer; Kelly Edwards; Dorothy Duchow; Carole Schmeda–colon cancer; Bruce Bojko–cancer; Ruth Polcha; Bill Anderson; John Lindemann; Gary Flanagan; Virginia Meintz; Belle Romback; Nancy Wolter; Don Meyer–cancer; Ann Duggan; Jim Duggan; Marilyn Marohn–broken hip; Sally Eubanks; Dick Allen; Truman Seifert–acute myeloid leukemia; Carolyn Nagel–Aurora Summit; Don Schmitt; Karen Meyer–cancer; George Menden–prostate cancer; Diane Gartzke; Stan Kuehl; Marian Faltersack; Michael Stollenwerk; Marilyn Runyard; Richard Schultz; Vernon Schilling–cancer; Marcus Pankow–cancer; Linda Leidel; Lucille Campbell–cancer treatment

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer: Lisa Kruk (Hannah Christiansen's mom); Pat Venes (Sue Beles' sister-in-law); Daniel (Bill Merten's brother); Curt Duchow (Dorothy's son)—mantle cell lymphoma; Rhonda—breast cancer; Hailey—13 year-old w/ brain tumor; JoyAnn; Dan Faltersack—COPD; Jeff—stage four colon cancer; Dick Watt; Betty Dow (Linda Uttech's cousin)—Leukemia; Jeff—non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; Jayne Roberts' husband—lymphoma; Cheech Counsell (Dona Thurow's son-in-law); Tyler; Christopher—cancer; Tanner—2 year-old with cancer; Missy (Sheila Ram's niece)—breast cancer; Dawn—lung cancer; Jim (Jackie Meyer's dad); Jim (Laura Grubba's brother-in-law); Phyllis; Mike; Elizabeth—breast cancer; Kayla—thyroid cancer; Kelly Bratz (Bob's daughter-in-law)—breast cancer; Erin (Mileager)—Rayborn—Hodgkins Lymphoma; Mary Sprague—breast cancer; Debra Thurow (Dona's daughter); Kathy Berkbigler (Pat Borgman's cousin)—breast cancer; Ron Rafalski—throat cancer; Nancy—breast cancer

**Other**: Dennis–COPD; Dorothy Steinke–Alzheimer's; Trish Lederer–vision issues; Patricia Eberhardt (Chad's mom); Brent (Barb Allwardt's brother)–Alzheimer's; Cindy Counsell (Dona Thurow's daughter)–massive stroke; Paul; Bob; George; Paul; Liz Peronto (Barb Allwardt's sister); Doug–CCL; Scott Kleist (Jim & Ann Duggan's son)–MS; Paul Fellin

**Those serving in the military-deployed:** Joe; Sam Duggan; Justin Michener; Zach Howard; Theresa; Phil Preston; Casey, Phil, Andy & Steve Koth; Luke; Jacob; Brian; Randy; Kyle; Jake; Jeff; Matt; Brad; Ben; Mike & Rob

**Those serving God as missionaries:** Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump & family; Dennis Denow (Thailand), Bob & Chris Prouty (Australia), Pastor Reinke (Deaf Ministry), Rev. Bud Palmer; Rev. Ted Krey, Deaconess, Tirzah Krey in the Dominican Republic; all seminary students in the Dominican Republic, and all other pastors and missionaries in Latin America

**Those in need:** Our Shut-Ins; the family of Carol Prange (Mark's mom), who passed away; Sam-a young man struggling to make good choices; those struggling with addiction; Jennifer; Brian; David

Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism Hvmn of the Week: To Jordan Came the Christ. Our Lord

**LSB 406** 

Looking forward to the Second Sunday after the Epiphany Hymns: 395, 402 (408, 399, 631) 398

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### Because of Christ, God delights in YOU, His Bride (Pastor Schockman)

When Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding in Cana, it was "the first of his signs" by which He "manifested his glory" (John 2:11). It pointed to His coming "hour," when He was lifted up on the cross for the forgiveness of sins and the life of the world (John 2:4; 12:23–32). The glory of the cross is incomprehensible apart from the Word and Spirit of God, but disciples of Jesus recognize that glory in the Gospel, and so they believe in Him. Jesus does not wait for us to discover Him on our own, but He seeks out the forsaken and the desolate. He unites us to Himself in Baptism. He adorns us with His own beautiful righteousness as a bride, and delights in us "as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride" (Is. 62:4–5). He calls you the church to be His Bride, purified by the washing of water with His Word and bids us the good wine that He pours out in the new testament in His blood.

### **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

MONDAY January 13	Lord's Lambs Giveaway	Fellowship Hall	6:00 pm
TUESDAY January 14	Board of Operations' Meeting Room 20 Board of Elders' Meeting Room 20		5:30 pm 6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY January 15	Girls' Warrior Classic W.O.W.: Vo-Tech Evangelism	Gym Room 219	TBD 6:30 pm
THURSDAY January 16	New Member Sponsor Committee Meeting Girls' Warrior Classic Church Choir Rehearsal Praise Team Rehearsal	Teachers' Lounge Gym Church Church	1:00 pm TBD 6:30 pm 7:30 pm
FRIDAY January 17	Girls' Warrior Classic	Gym	TBD
SATURDAY January 18	Women of Joy Girls' Warrior Classic Divine Worship AA Meeting	Whelan's Gym Church Fellowship Hall	8:00 am TBD 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
SUNDAY January 19	Divine Worship Public School Confirmation Sunday School Life Application Bible Study Divine Worship MS & HS Youth Group Lunch/Tubing Reformation Tap Society	Church Room 219 Meet in Gym Fellowship Hall Church Meet in FH Brewfinity	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30am 11:30 am 5:00 pm

### **BIBLE STUDIES**

<u>Life Application Bible Study</u> Sunday: 9:15 am – Fellowship Hall

262-567-5001

<u>Journeymen</u>

Saturday (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>) - 7:30 am

Maxim's

Women of Joy

Saturday (1st & 3rd) - 8:00 am

Whelan's

W.O.W. Vo-Tech

Wednesday: 6:30 pm - Room 219

262-567-5001

**Sunday School** 

Sunday: 9:15 am - Meet in Gym

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**Forever Food** 

Bible Truth: Jesus loves and forgives us.

Luke 22:7-23

### **NEXT WEEKEND**

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Readings	Is 62.1-5	1 Cor 12.1-11	Jn 2.1-11
Acolytes	TBD	Caleb Meyer	Nolan Petri
Altar Guild	Jamie Stache	Wendy Tesch Cindy Fredrickson (train)	Karen Gotthardt
Elders	Jim Juneau	Chuck Laabs	John Nelson
Greeters	Char Binney	Bruce & Mary Bojko Duane & Sharon Peterson	Al Mueller
Live-Stream	N/A	Grace Schockman Brenainn O'Donnell	N/A
Radio	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A
Ushering Team	Mark Baganz	Bob Bratz	Erik Benes

# JANUARY 19, 2025 THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Pastor: Jason Schockman

Theme: Because of Christ, God delights in YOU, His Bride

5pm & 8am Worship

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10:30am Worship

**Special Order** 

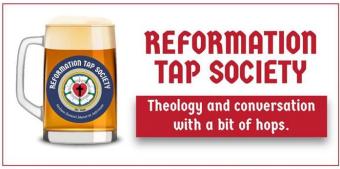
# WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A RADIO BROADCAST?

Our radio broadcast over WTKM is a very important outreach for our congregation. Below are the dates open for 2025. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring one of these Sundays. The cost is \$125.00 (please note the nominal price increase). We praise God for this valuable community outreach.

Jan. 26	Apr. 6	Aug. 10	Nov. 23
Feb. 2	Apr. 27	Aug. 24	Nov. 27
Feb. 9	May 18	Sept. 7	Nov. 30
Feb. 16	Jun. 1	Sept. 21	Dec.7
Mar. 2	Jun. 22	Oct. 19	Dec. 28
Mar. 9	Jun. 29	Oct. 26	
Mar. 16	Jul. 13	Nov. 2	
Mar. 30	Jul. 20	Nov. 16	

If you are interested in sponsoring a Broadcast please fill out the bottom portion of this page and hand it into the church office or place it in the offering plate. Thank you. Any questions please call Heather in the church office 567-5001.

NAME	
DATE- 1ST CHOICE	2ND CHOICE
Please dedicate to (i.e. in memory	of, wedding anniversary, to
the Glory of God, in honor ofetc.)	



Reformation Tap Society talks are casual and thoughtful adult conversations about important things. The 2024-2025 RTS season explores many facets of grit and endurance under the theme "Unshakeable Joy in Christ." Though we welcome adults of any age, topics and language are aimed at those 18-35. Our speakers understand that RTS is a public event, so the conversation won't be raw, but our speakers are encouraged to practice candor geared towards adults. Parents of young ones should collaborate on a babysitter, then come and enjoy the beverages, food, and conversation. RTS is an opportunity to hear perspectives not regularly heard in popular culture. All are welcome.

RTS is held on the 3rd Sundays, September through May. We gather at 5 p.m., have a "beer talk" from the brewmaster at about 5:25, and at about 5:30 our speaker takes the mic. The speaker will present on a topic of interest, then take questions until 6:15 or so. (BTW, you're welcome even if you're not a beer fan. Other beverages are available.)

For more information, visit

https://splco.org/church/reformation-tap-society/.

# January 19 Singing for Joy– Even When It's Hard

Presenter: Jason Schockman

### 5-7p.m.

BrewFinity Brewery
N58W38900 Industrial Rd. Suite D
Oconomowoc, WI 53066
www.brewfinitybrewing.com

First time guests get a free beer or soda on us!

### ST. PAUL'S STAFF

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor Allison Mackie, Director of Parish Music Jill George, Principal Rev. Jason Schockman, Associate Pastor Christine Flores, ECC Director

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 3:30 pm (Monday-Friday)

### The Baptism of Our Lord

### Old Testament Reading: 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.

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.

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."

### **Epistle: 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.

### Holy 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."



# St. Paul's LUTHERAN CHURCH A member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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### **Worship Schedule**

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

210 E. Pleasant St., Oconomowoc, WI 53066 262-567-5001 www.splco.org

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### Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, School, & Early Childhood Center

- card and place it in the offering plate.
- † Please fill out an attendance † As the prelude begins, worshipers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare for worship.

#### GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome! We're delighted that you've joined us for worship.

If you have questions, or would like more information about St. Paul's, a greeter, elder, or pastor will be happy to help you.

Please fill out an attendance card, located on the pew in front of you, and place it in the offering plate.

We welcome young children to the service. Try sitting closer to the front by a side aisle. There are activity bags located behind the back pews, and a simulcast downstairs if necessary.

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord's Supper is not a private meal, but a body-and-soul communion with Christ and His body, the Church. In keeping with the Lord's instruction (cf. 1 Corinthians 11.17-34) and with the common historical practice of the church, St. Paul's welcomes only those who are in full confessional agreement to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. If you hold a confession differing from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or are not yet confirmed in our confession of faith, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing (Please indicate by folding your hands over your heart.). If you are physically unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will come to you and give you communion. Those communing should mark this on the attendance card. If you have questions, our pastors will be pleased to speak with you.

#### **Distribution and Communion Wine**

Please place open hands out to receive the Body of Christ and also to indicate whether you are receiving the Blood of Christ from the common cup or the individual cup. The wine glasses in the center of each tray contain **one drop** of communion wine. The glasses that contain more wine are dark in color.

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

5:00 pm - 102

**Total: 371** 

8:00 am - 158

10:30 am - 111

Scan the QR code and give electronically. This is a safe and easy way to offer your gifts to God.



### THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND

	5pm	8am	10:30am
Liturgist	Ps. Schroeder	Ps. Schroeder	Ps. Schroeder
Preacher	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman
Musicians	Allison Mackie	Allison Mackie	Praise Team
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Margie Hertneky	Jackie Meyer	Karen Dentice
Elders	Arno Kirchenwitz	Dan Eifert	Ryan Schneider
Greeters	Margie Hertneky Roxie Gerlach	Jim & Judy Braatz Chris & Pam Kroupa	Gary & Leah Johnson
Live Stream	N/A	Hefferns	N/A
Radio	N/A	Chuck Laabs	N/A
Ushering Team	Gary Flanagan	Dave Meyer	Dan Lennington

### **Prayer before communing:**

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Radio Broadcast: Members of St. Paul's for blessings received

### ST. PAUL'S MEDIA

- + Radio: LIVE Sunday at 8am on WTKM (104.9 FM)
- **+ YouTube:** *LIVE* **Sundays at 8am** (stpaulsev.lutheranchurch7279)
- + Web: Anytime at www.splco.org or YouTube

### **DIVINE SERVICE Lutheran Service Book Setting 1, pg. 151**

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## **Heaven is Open**

by Rev. Jason A. Schockman, Associate Pastor St. Paul's Lutheran Church Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

> The Baptism of Our Lord 12 January, A.D. 2025 Is 43.1-7; Rom 6.1-11.; Lk 3.15-22

When God is silent, what are we left to speculate?
What are two things people often conclude when God is silent and hidden?
What does God speak as heaven is open in Jesus' Baptism?

Why is Jesus baptized?
What (or better who) is revealed to use where heaven is open?
How does Luther put it? Ever since that time Where does God open heaven to you?
Whether you believe it based on your circumstances or not, what is God always doing for you?