

COLLECT: Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. AMEN

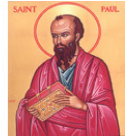
THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 3:15-16 & 21-22

¹⁵ Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ *or* not, ¹⁶ John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ²¹ When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. ²² And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "**You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.**" (NKJV)



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Sunday January 13th, Second Sunday of Epiphany

Be persistent, don't give up, continue to pray for healing and good continued health for Ralph Kalian, Elton Blair, Jack Gilmour, Bill Ruth, Pat Bird, Kevin Helms, and Bettye Gilmour.

Please join us every Wednesday night for a mid-week refreshing time of worship and Bible study. 7:00 PM
The text for this Wednesday is I Timothy, chapter 2

Next Sunday, January 20th, 2013 will be our monthly Pot Trust, please sign up on the board in the Narthex.

Feel free to join in ministry to Gay Haven on Monday nights at 6:00 PM. All are welcome.

IN TWO WEEKS, JANUARY 27TH - ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING.
WE WILL DISCUSS THE VISION AND FUTURE OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH - RIGHT AFTER THE SUNDAY SERVICE.

GROWING KIDS GOD'S WAY WILL BEGIN THE SERIES AGAIN AT THE END OF JANUARY. IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING THE COURSE, PLEASE CONTACT NICK OR ROBYN PALSGROVE.

RECTOR'S COUNCIL WILL MEET THIS WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 16TH AT 7:00 PM.

FIRST READING Isaiah 42:1-9 (NIV)

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. ² He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. ³ A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope." ⁵ This is what God the LORD says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: ⁶ "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, ⁷ to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. ⁸ "I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you"

THE PSALM 89 (NIV)

I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

***I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, 'I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.'"

***The heavens praise your wonders, LORD, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.**

For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD? Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings?

***In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him.**

Who is like you, LORD God Almighty?

You, LORD, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

***You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, you still them. The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it.**

Your arm is endowed with power;
your hand is strong, your right hand exalted.

***Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
Love and faithfulness go before you.**

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,
who walk in the light of your presence, LORD.

***They rejoice in your name all day long;
they celebrate your righteousness.**

For you are their glory and strength, and by your favor you exalt our horn.

***Indeed, our shield belongs to the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

SECOND READING Acts 10:34-38 (NIV)

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.