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8TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 27, 2011

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WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word in this service. Before you leave, please, take time to sign our guest register in the entrance way, and we hope you will join us every week as we gather as God's family in worship.

BAPTIZED THIS WEEKEND into the Lord's family is Nolan Michael DiBenedetto. As we watch the Lord himself at work in this washing of water through the Word, we are reminded of the gifts given us through this Sacrament, "Repent and be baptized, everyone of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off- for all whom the Lord our God will call." (Acts 2:38,39)

**10:30am**

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

**SONG: "See This Wonder in the Making"**

- 1. See this wonder in the making; God Himself this child is taking  
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping
  - 2. Miracle each time it happens, As the door to heaven opens  
And the Father beams, "Beloved, Heir of gifts a king would covet!"
  - 3. Far more tender than a mother, Far more caring than a father,  
God, into Your arms we place him, With your love and peace embrace him.
  - 4. Here we bring a child of nature; Home we take a newborn creature,  
Now God's precious son or daughter, Born again by Word and water.
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INVOCATION

BAPTISM OF NOLAN MICHAEL DIBENEDETTO

**BAPTISMAL PLEDGE** - Congregation's pledge of support...

We the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church accept Nolan into our Christian family and we also accept the responsibility of Christian love for him. We pledge to the parents our support and aid in that which will enable Nolan to grow in the knowledge and understanding of our Triune God.

**CONFESSIONAL PRAYER:** *(Spoken together)*

Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry for help come to you. Do not hide your face from me when I am in distress. Turn your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly. *(Ps 102:1-2)* I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let his love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. What troubles me especially is...*(silence for personal confession to God.)*

**ABSOLUTION:**

- P. Do you believe the word of Christ's forgiveness I speak to you as His representative and by His command is from the Lord himself, as Jesus said, "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." *(John 20:23)*
- C. YES, I DO.
- P. Receive then the forgiveness Christ won for you by his suffering, death, and resurrection. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. AMEN.

**SONG: "No Condemnation" (Ro 8:1)**

*Chorus:* There is therefore, now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.  
There is therefore, now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.  
*Verse:* For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus will set you free from the law of sin and death. Oh... *(Chorus- Verse-Chorus)*  
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EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 4:1-13

1 So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God. 2 Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. 3 I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. 4 My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. 5 Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God. 6 Now, brothers, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, "Do not go beyond what is written." Then you will not take pride in one man over against another. 7 For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not? 8 Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! You have become kings—and that without us! How I wish that you really had become kings so that we might be kings with you! 9 For it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to men. 10 We are fools for Christ, but you are so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored, we are dishonored! 11 To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless. 12 We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; 13 when we are slandered, we answer kindly. Up to this moment we have become the scum of the earth, the refuse of the world.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:24-34

24 "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. 25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? 28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR (N – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) "*Praise Him, Praise Him*" & "*I Love You Lord*"  
CHILDREN'S LESSON

**SONG: "*Above All*" (Ps 97:9)**

*Verse:* Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things; above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were here before the world began. Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has ever known; above all wealth and treasures of the earth, there's no way to measure what you're worth.

*Chorus:* Crucified, laid behind the stone; You lived to die, rejected and alone. Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall, and thought of me, above all.

*(Repeat verse and chorus x2)* (C. 1999 Integrity's Hosanna! Music. Used by permission. CCLI #1561573)

SERMON: Isaiah 49:13-18 **"You Are Not Forgotten!"**

*(A sermon outline with the Scripture reading is printed in the bulletin to aid your meditation on God's Word)*

**SONG: "*We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*" (Psalm 107:22)**

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy. *(Repeat)*

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**THE OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP:**

*(Please sign fellowship book at end of pew)*

PRAYERS

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** *(Spoken together)*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

**SONG: "Lord Reign In Me"**

Over all the earth You reign on high. Every mountain stream every sunset sky  
But my one request Lord my only aim. Is that You'd reign in me again

*Chorus:* Lord reign in me reign in Your power. Over all my dreams in my darkest hour  
You are the Lord of all I am. So won't You reign in me again

Over every thought over every word. May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord  
'Cause You mean more to me. Than any earthly thing. So won't You reign in me again.  
(*Chorus x2*)

*ending....* won't You reign in me again, won't You reign in me again.  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE**

**PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH:**  
February 27<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 Service

**Isaiah 49:13-18**

**"You Are Not Forgotten!"**

*13 Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice, O earth; burst into song, O mountains! For the LORD comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones. 14 But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me." 15 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! 16 See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me. 17 Your sons hasten back, and those who laid you waste depart from you. 18 Lift up your eyes and look around; all your sons gather and come to you. As surely as I live," declares the LORD, "you will wear them all as ornaments; you will put them on, like a bride.*

1. When might we feel like God has forgotten us?
2. What made the Israelites think God had forgotten them?
3. Why doesn't a mother usually forget her children?
4. Why doesn't Jesus forget us?
5. How are we engraved on God's palms?
6. Who was Jesus remembering as he died on the cross?
7. What would happen if Jesus were to forget us?
8. Because Jesus remembers us \_\_\_\_\_.