

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



St. Paul Lutheran Church
February 1 & 2, 2025

Welcome to St. Paul

We are **broken** and **blessed** followers of Christ providing a **home** for all who wander the weary road.

We invite you to sign a guest card in the pew rack, noting your attendance and place it in the offering plate as the offering is taken or you may sign the attendance book in the Fellowship Hall.

Our Mission

Gaining and nurturing disciples for Christ through the Word and Sacrament, and proclaiming to all people traditional Biblical truths as a congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

Holy Communion

To Our Guests: We're glad you're here! Lutherans believe this sacrament is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine. Here he gives himself and all that he promises. Receiving the sacrament is also an expression of full unity in faith with those with whom you are communing. Based on this theological principle, if you are a member of a congregation that shares the confession of faith of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have been instructed concerning the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to commune with us today. We continue to pray for the day when all divisions in the body of Christ will cease. Anyone who wishes may receive a pastoral blessing by kneeling at the altar rail with your arms folded across your chest. If you desire to commune at St. Paul and would like to learn more about the Lutheran Church, please speak with the pastor.

To Those Communing Today: God's Word instructs those who come to the Lord's Table to first examine themselves. You may use the "Christian Questions with Their Answers" found on p.329-330 in the hymnal to guide you in self-examination.

The pastor will distribute the body of Christ followed by an usher with a tray of individual cups. The pastor will then follow with the Chalice.

Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the pastor or an usher before the service.

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Two (LSB page 167)

Prelude

Confession and Absolution

Stand as you are able and face the baptismal font

“Repentance, therefore, is nothing else than a return and approach to baptism, to resume and practice what has earlier been begun but abandoned” (Large Catechism)

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**
Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Entrance Hymn

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

LSB 842

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.

Text: Somerset T. C. Lowry, 1855–1932, alt.

Tune: Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse . . . Contredansen, c. 1710, Amsterdam

Stand as you are able

Kyrie

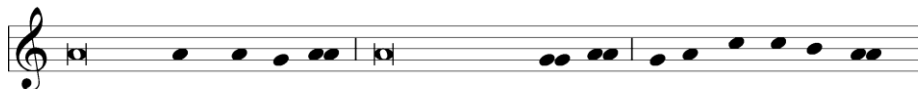
Lord Have Mercy



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



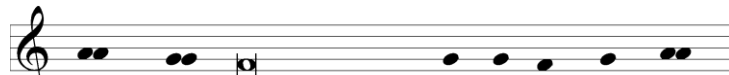
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



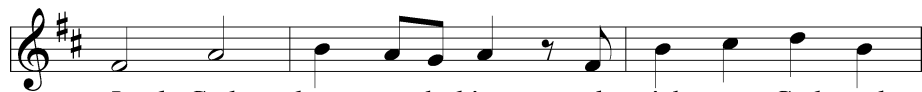
C A - men.

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God in the Highest



A Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a - lone are the
 Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a -
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect Of The Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Silence for individual prayer

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to

support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” ⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” ⁷But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.” ⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant”

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 71:1-6

A In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame!

C In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me, and save me!

A Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;
you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

C Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.

A For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

C Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took
me from my mother’s womb.
My praise is continually of you.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

^{31b}And I will show you a still more excellent way....¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging

cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand as you are able

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel Reading

Luke 4:31-44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the fourth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³¹And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³²and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. ³³And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴“Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I

know who you are—the Holy One of God.”³⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm.³⁶ And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!”³⁷ And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.³⁸ And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf.³⁹ And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.⁴⁰ Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them.⁴¹ And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.⁴² And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them,⁴³ but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.”⁴⁴ And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

After the reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn Of The Day “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” **LSB 770**

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev’rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry Ev’rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.

- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1819–86 Tune: Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

Sermon

“Bring Them to Jesus”

Luke 4:31-44

Stand as you are able

Apostles' Creed

☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Rite of Confirmation *Joseph & Misty Stangl*

We also welcome: JJ Johnson as a baptized member of St. Paul and Gabe Johnson who has professed faith in Christ and is under the spiritual care of our congregation as he prepares for Holy Baptism.

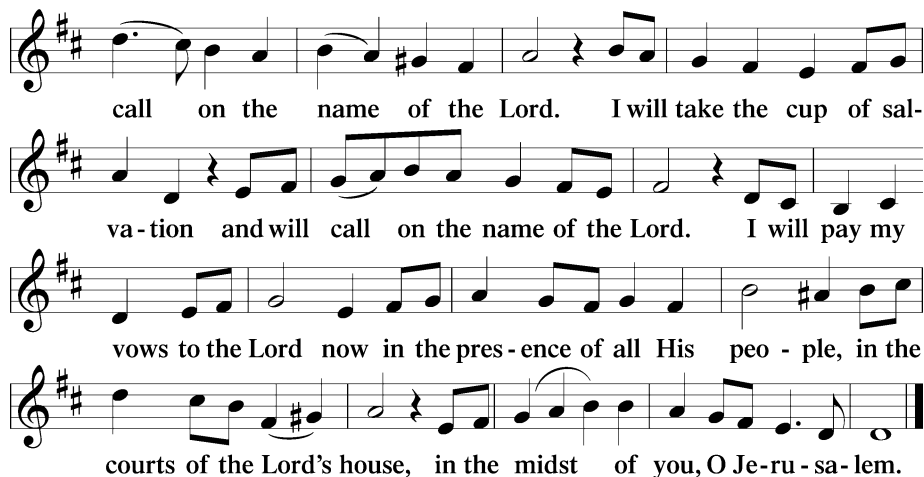
Farewell and Godspeed *Ben & Megan Arndt*

Prayer of The Church

Greeting of Peace

Offertory

☩ What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
 me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
 va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

Offertory Prayer


P Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-- our selves, our time, our income, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LWML Mites will be collected following the service.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

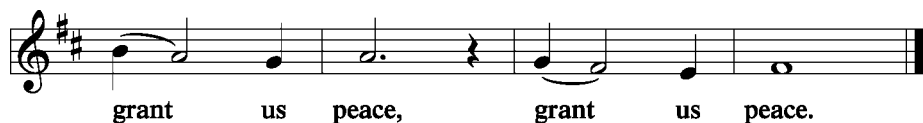
Prayer Of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You...one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.



Sit

For Meditation During The Distribution

Small Catechism – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Second

What benefits does Baptism give?

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?

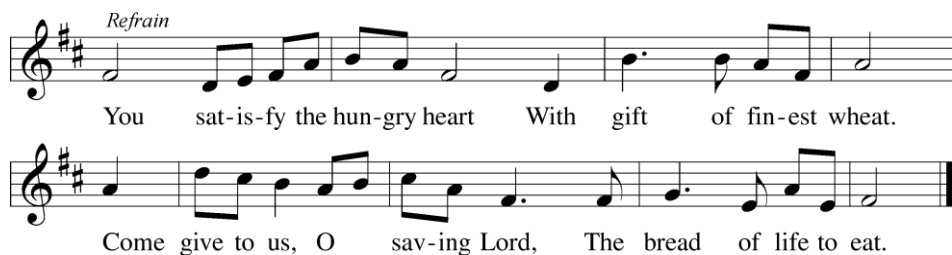
Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” *Matthew 28:19*

Distribution Hymn

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

LSB 641



Text: Omer E. Westendorf, 1916–97 Tune: Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–96

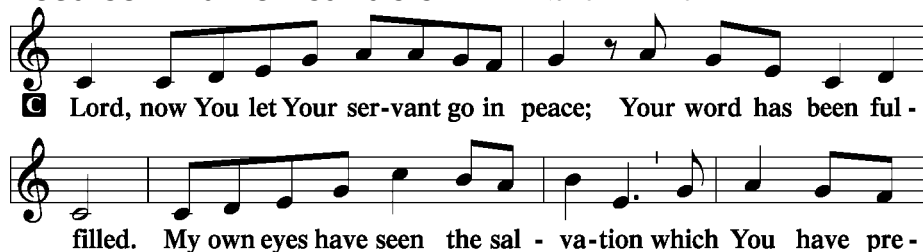
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Stand as you are able

Post-Communion Canticle

Nunc Dimittis



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
 veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
 Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Silence for individual prayer

We give thanks to You, almighty God.....one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C A - men.

A Time For Prayer

Following the service today, the pastor and other prayer partners will be available to pray for you for any needs or concerns you may have. You are also welcome to stay in the sanctuary and pray individually.

If you have not had a chance to fill out an attendance card today, please do so and place it in the offering plate near the back of the center aisle. Thank you.

Postlude

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Flowers On The Altar Are For

Sue & Cindy Hass
in memory of their father

Preparing Yourself For Worship

In order to help prepare your selves for our worship services, we are listing below the scripture readings for the coming week.

February 8 & 9 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13), 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20, Luke 5:1-11

Worship Assistants

	Sat. Feb 1 – 5:30pm	Sun, Feb 2 – 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Mark Litka
Organist:	David Pitt	David Pitt

Anniversaries This Week

None

Baptismal Birthdays

5-Alex Calonder 6-Jane Kalvelage

Birthdays This Week

3-Jill Adams 3-Rod Henry

- **Salvation Army Food Pantry** - For the month of February, we are collecting the following items for the Food Pantry:

Crackers *Soup* *Spaghetti O's*
Liquid Hand Soap *Chili* *Ravioli*

- **Update:** Your 2024 year end church reports are in your mailboxes.

January 25 & 26 Statistics

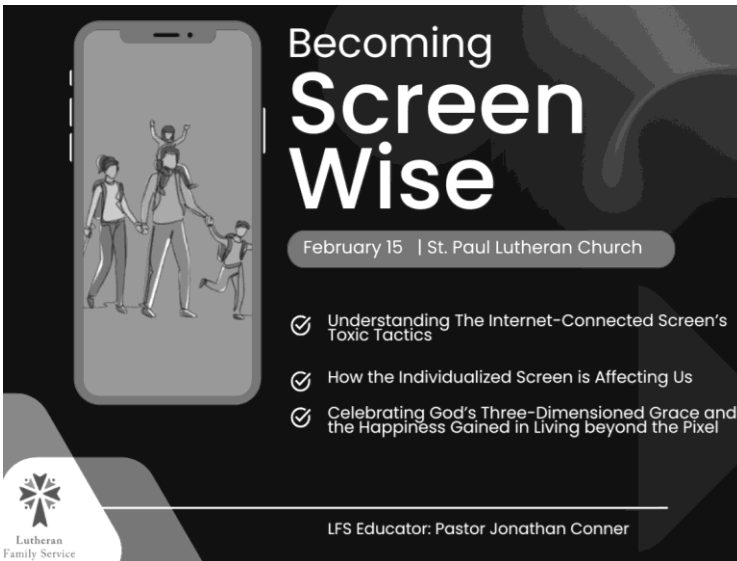
In-Person Attendance:	86
Views* on Facebook:	14
Overall Participation:	100

*The number of devices playing our service for one minute or longer. This does not account for groups who watched together on the same screen.

68%

\$110,000 / \$161,500 needed by August 2025

Fund raising for the organ project began in 2023 with a target budget of \$130,000 by the end of 2024. To date, the organ fund has accumulated \$110,000 while the organ project expanded to approximately \$165,000 as approved by voters in November. God has blessed us with talented organists that demonstrate the wonderful capabilities and the necessity of upkeep of this blessing after 28 years at St. Paul. We ask you to prayerfully consider extending your gifts and pledges into 2025 to meet the new goal. We also ask you to consider sharing your Christmas blessings.



**Becoming
Screen
Wise**

February 15 | St. Paul Lutheran Church

- ✓ Understanding The Internet-Connected Screen's Toxic Tactics
- ✓ How the Individualized Screen is Affecting Us
- ✓ Celebrating God's Three-Dimensional Grace and the Happiness Gained in Living beyond the Pixel

Lutheran Family Service

LFS Educator: Pastor Jonathan Conner

**In preparation for Lent, please join us for a seminar presented by
Pastor Jonathan Conner from Lutheran Family Service**

February 15 – 9AM – 12PM

Becoming Screen Wise: Understanding The Internet-Connected Screen's Toxic Tactics

A message from your internet-connected screen:

You are being conditioned. Your imagination is being manipulated. Your eyes are being monetized. And it's worse for your children. In Session 1 Pastor Jonathan Conner will help you understand my toxic tactics even as he introduces you to the importance of the world beyond the screen, what he calls "The Un-pixelated Three-dimensional World." He will give special emphasis to how God works in three dimensions in His Church and why it's so important for you and your children.

Becoming Screen Wise: How the Individualized Screen is Affecting Us

Another message from your internet-connected screen:

The more time you spend with me (the individualized screen), the more your mental health suffers. And it's worse for your kids. In Session 2 Pastor Conner will lay out the litany of adverse effects that spending large quantities of time with me can bring into your life and your children's lives (at home, at school, and in the community). Prepare to be surprised and sobered.

Becoming Screen Wise: Celebrating God's Three-Dimensioned Grace and the Happiness Gained in Living beyond the Pixel

In Session 3 as Pastor Conner lays out a wise way forward that focuses on the significance of the un-pixelated three dimensional world (reading real books, learning instruments, family walks, games, meals, etc.). He will share resources, scalable devotional plans, child/family-friendly devices, ideas for arranging your living spaces to prioritize three-dimensioned interactions, and encouragement for parents, grandparents, youth, and singles. He will return to where he began: the power of Christ's acting in three dimensions in His church for you and your children.

Prayer Requests

Mindful of the Father's great mercy shown to us in Jesus, we pray on behalf of those who are in need.

For those undergoing cancer treatment:

Roger Riechmann (father of Teri Riechmann & Sheila Zasada)
Jayme Niemeier (nephew of Dave & Sue Krause)
Raymond Kruser (brother-in-law of Dave & Sue Krause)
Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)
Mark Goetschius (brother of A.J. Osterkamp)
Toni Jo Stelpflug (niece of Doris Pergande)
Matthew Kittle (brother to Greg Kittle)
Rhonda Kittle (sister-in-law to Greg Kittle)
Brittini Strege (niece of Richard & Kim Weed)
Jerry (family friend of Richard & Kim Weed)
Heidi Zimmer & Pat Zimmer her caregiver (friends of Misty Lutz)
Sandy Bush (aunt of Charlie Wehrspann)
Dan Pergande, Debra Spear, Richard Weed, Jill Adams

For our members who are homebound:

Laverne Ball (Ennoble Manor), Nancy Clark, Jean Henningsen
(Sunnycrest Manor), Judy Pergande, Doris Pergande, Dusty Colby,
Anne Prisk (Care Initiatives), Jayson Eichman (Harmony),
Jan Anderson, Elaine Rohde, Tom Puls (Sunnycrest Manor),
Bruce & Annabelle Schaal

Additional Prayer Requests

- Lori Ollendick (daughter of Charlotte Tigges)
- the Walker family
- Donetta Spohr
- Trudy Clark
- Marlene Weber

**Note: The "additional" section of the prayer list will be cleared at the beginning of each month. If you would like a name to remain on the list into the next month, please contact the church office and we would be happy to continue praying for your intention.*

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Schedule For The Week

4th Sun aft Epiphany Sat. Feb 1	5:30pm	Divine Service
4th Sun aft Epiphany Sun. Feb 2	8:00am	Choir Practice
	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Bible Study/Sunday School
Mon. Feb 3		
Tues. Feb 4	9am – 11am	Cover Girls
	5:30pm	Board of Elders Meeting
Wed. Feb 5	8:00am	TOPS
Thur. Feb 6	10:00am	Ruth Circle
	4pm – 5:30pm	Confirmation (Year 3 & 4)
Fri. Feb 7	4pm – 5:30pm	Confirmation (Year 1 & 2)
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