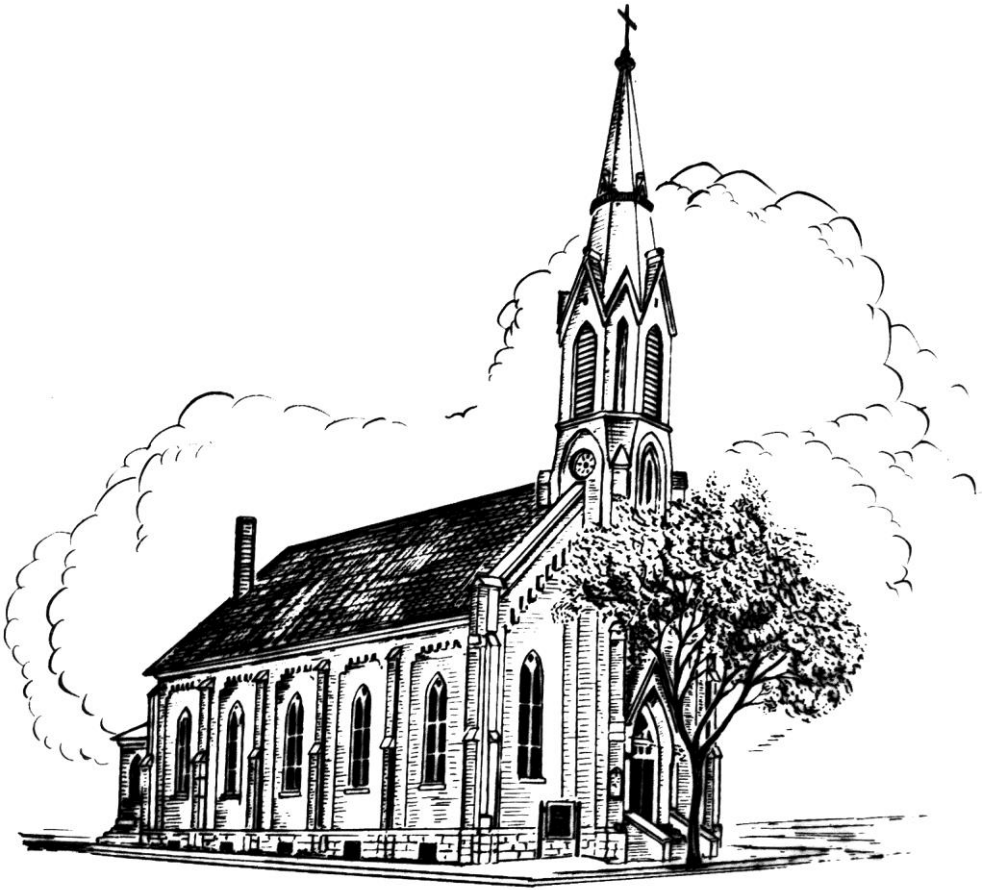


Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Scout Sunday



St. Paul Lutheran Church
February 22 & 23, 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

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

LSB 660



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: George Duffield, Jr., 1818–88, alt. Tune: George J. Webb, 1803–87

Stand as you are able

Kyrie

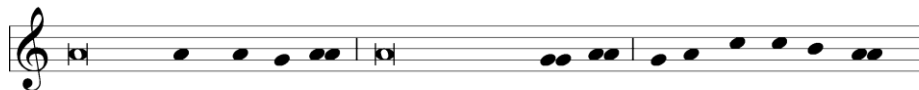
Lord Have Mercy



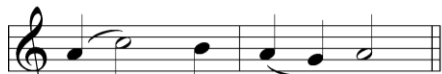
A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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.



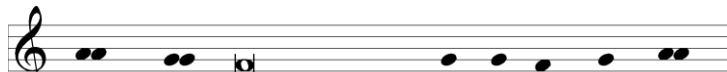
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



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 - mighty 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

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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

Genesis 45:3-15

³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. ⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1-13

- A** Bless the LORD, O my soul,
C and all that is within me, bless his holy name!
A Bless the LORD, O my soul,
C and forget not all his benefits,
A who forgives all your iniquity,
C who heals all your diseases,
A who redeems your life from the pit,
C who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
A who satisfies you with good
C so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
A The LORD works righteousness
C and justice for all who are oppressed.
A He made known his ways to Moses,
C his acts to the people of Israel.
A The LORD is merciful and gracious,
C slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
A He will not always chide,
C nor will he keep his anger forever.
A He does not deal with us according to our sins,
C nor repay us according to our iniquities.
A For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
C so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
A as far as the east is from the west,
C so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
A As a father shows compassion to his children,
C so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . . ³⁰Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." ³³Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some

have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. ³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. ⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

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 6:27-38

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁷[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. ³²“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. ³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

After the reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn Of The Day

“Lord, Whose Love
through Humble Service”

LSB 848



1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of
2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the hun - gry
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -
4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear



hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom;
veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,
name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the
Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com -
Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and
Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and

wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -
 pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
 bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring
 com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your

crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.
 love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
 us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
 ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

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Sermon “The Golden Rule” **Luke 6:27-28**

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.

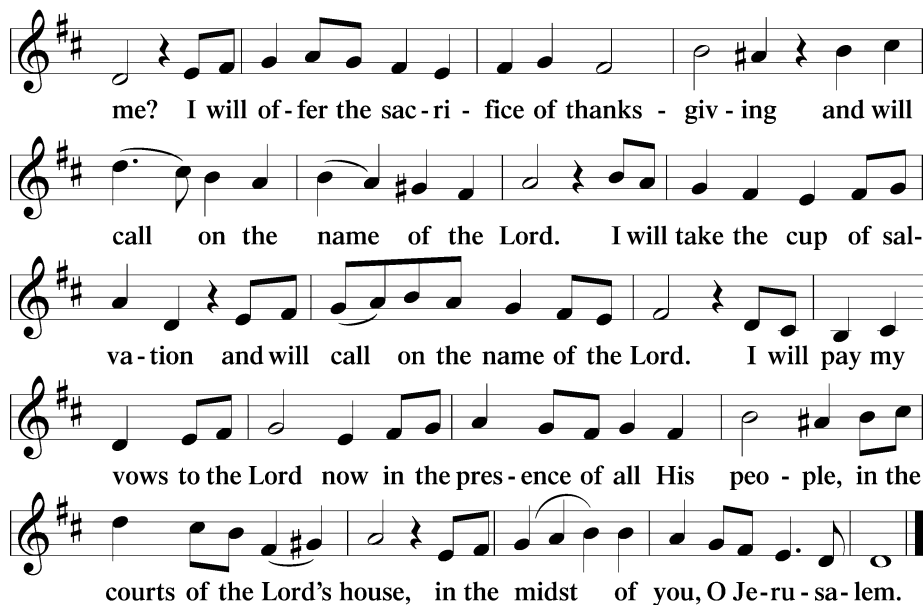
Recognition of Troop 48 and Pack 15

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.

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 – Confession

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord’s Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Distribution Hymn

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

LSB 641



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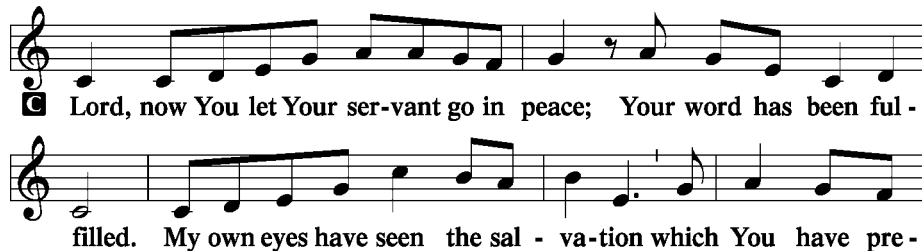
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Stand as you are able

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.

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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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.

March 1 & 2 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Hebrew 3:1-6, Luke 9:28-36

Worship Assistants

	Sat. Feb 22 – 5:30pm	Sun, Feb 23 – 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dennis Fry	Jon Lutz
Lector:		Jeff Zasada
Organist:	David Pitt	David Pitt



Flowers On The Altar Are For

The Fry Family

in loving memory of Richard “Papa” Tigges

- **GriefShare:** Our next GriefShare grief support group begins March 11th. This group is for anyone who is grieving a loved one’s death. At the weekly GriefShare meeting, group participants will view a video featuring respected counselors, teachers, and healthcare professionals on grief-related topics. After that is a small-group discussion to allow people a time of sharing, support, and personal application of what they learned on the video. Group participants will receive a book to take home filled with valuable exercises for navigating their personal grieving process. Please join us: Tuesday evenings, March 11- June 3, 2025 from 6-8 PM at St. Paul Lutheran, 2025 Jackson St. For more information and to register visit: www.griefshare.org/groups/253268.
- **Building Healthy Families:** Husbands, want to have a great relationship with your wife, even during times of stress and conflict? Don’t try harder to convince her of your point. Don’t speak louder. Don’t walk away. Love her. Listen harder. Research supports what Scripture has already told us: During an argument, 72% of wives feel unloved. “Each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself...” (Ephesians 5:33) It’s not just a good idea; it’s a clear directive from the creator of marriage Himself. And it works!
Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

- **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*

February 15 & 16 Statistics

In-Person Attendance:	100
Views* on Facebook:	32
Overall Participation:	132

*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.

Anniversaries This Week

None

Baptismal Birthdays

22-Jack Thibadeau 26-Rod Henry 27-Dave Kelley

Birthdays This Week

27-Marlene Weber



\$114,500 / \$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.

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)
Brittni 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

7th Sun aft Epiphany Sat. Feb 22	5:30pm	Divine Service
7th Sun aft Epiphany Scout Sunday Sun. Feb 23	8:00am	Choir Practice
	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Bible Study/Sunday School
Mon. Feb 24	1:00pm	Golden Age Euchre Club
Tues. Feb 25		
Wed. Feb 26	8:00am	TOPS
Thur. Feb 27	12pm – 1:30pm 4pm – 5:30pm	Brown Bag Bible Study Confirmation (Year 3 & 4)
Fri. Feb 28	4pm – 5:30pm	Confirmation (Year 1 & 2)
The Transfiguration of Our Lord Sat Mar 1	5:30pm	Divine Service
The Transfiguration of Our Lord Sun. Feb 23	8:00am	Choir Practice
	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Bible study/Sunday School