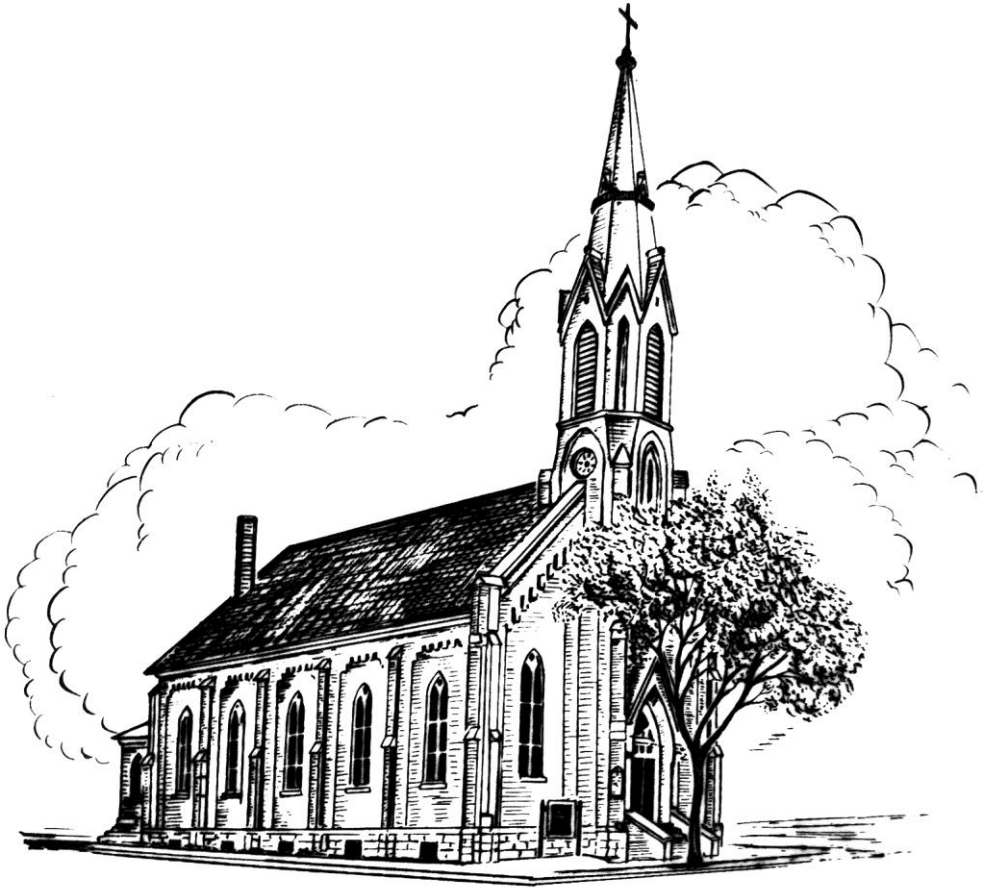


Second Sunday after Epiphany



St. Paul Lutheran Church
January 17 & 18, 2026

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.

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

“Lamb of God”

LSB 550



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Stand as you are able

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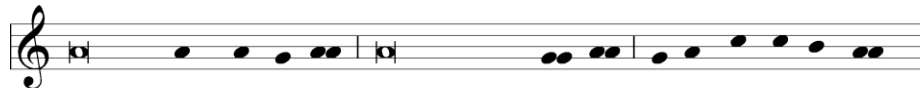
Lord Have Mercy



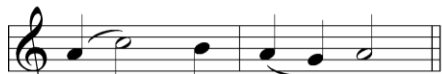
A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



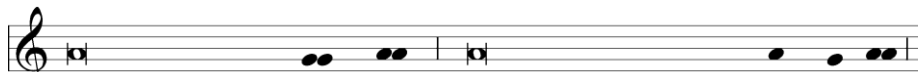
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



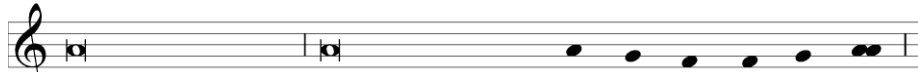
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



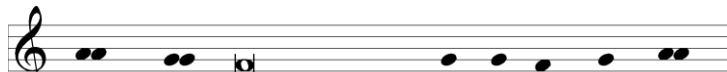
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



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 and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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

Isaiah 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” ⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God.” ⁵And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—⁶he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” ⁷Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 40:1-11

A I waited patiently for the Lord;

C he inclined to me and heard my cry.

A He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,

C and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

A He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

C Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

- A** Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust,
C **who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!**
A You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!
C **I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**
A Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear.
C **Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**
A Then I said, “Behold, I have come;
C **in the scroll of the book it is written of me:**
A I desire to do your will, O my God;
C **your law is within my heart.”**
A I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
C **behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.**
A I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
C **I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**
A As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me;
C **your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!**

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

After the reading

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand as you are able

ALLELUIA and VERSE



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

John 1:29-42a

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the first chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” ³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

After the reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"On Galilee's High Mountain"

LSB 835



1 On Gal - i - lee's high moun-tain Christ gave the great com - mand
 2 The Lord who, born of Mar - y, Came down as man and died,
 3 His strength with - in my weak-ness Will make me bold to say
 4 And not a - lone to na - tions In far - a - way re - treats,



In words of strength and prom - ise Which all can un - der-stand:
 Who preached to all who lis-tened, For us was cru - ci - fied—
 How His re - deem - ing pow - er Trans-forms my stub-born clay;
 But ev - 'ry-where I broad-cast His love through crowd-ed streets:



"All pow'r to Me is giv - en To do what I shall choose;
 This Lord, our liv - ing broth - er, In pow'r at God's right hand,
 His touch of fire ig - nites me, With cour - age I am sent,
 The lives that my life touch - es, How - ev - er great or small—



There - fore I send My chil-dren, Their wit - ness I will use."
 Has cho - sen us to car - ry His truth to ev - 'ry land.
 My tongue - tied si - lence bro - ken, With grace made el - o - quent.
 Let them through me see Je - sus, Who served and saved us all.

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SERMON

"Unrestrained"

Psalm 40

Stand as you are able

Apostles' Creed

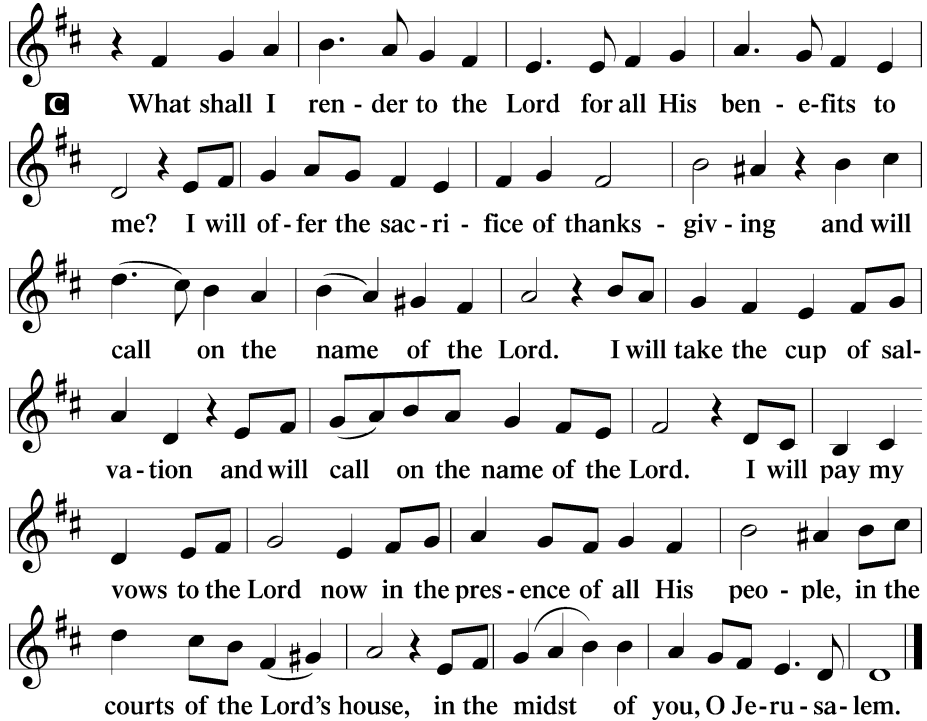
C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

OFFERTORY



C 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.

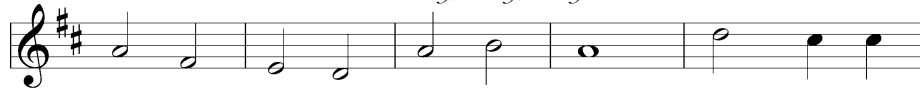


C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

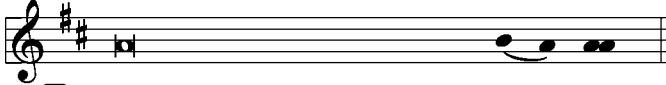
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

The Peace of the Lord



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to His Supper. *John 1:29; Revelation 19:9*

C Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed. *Matthew 8:8*

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
 God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

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.”

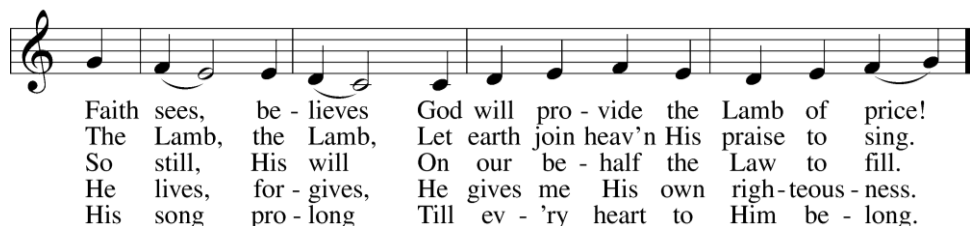
DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“The Lamb”

LSB 547



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa-ther, where's the sac-ri-fice?
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per-fect fi-nal of-fer-ing.
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way-ward sheep their shep-herd kill
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch-ed-ness.
 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o-ver-flows.



Faith sees, be-lieves God will pro-vide the Lamb of price!
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
 So still, His will On our be-half the Law to fill.
 He lives, for-gives, He gives me His own right-teous-ness.
 His song pro-long Till ev-'ry heart to Him be-long.

Refrain

Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His
 own! The Lamb is reign-ing on His throne!

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Stand as you are able

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-
 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

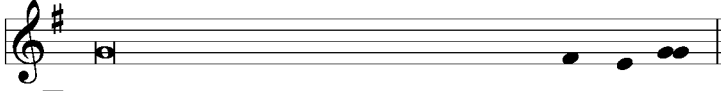
P Let us pray.

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.

POSTLUDE

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Flowers On The Altar

Sue & Cindy Hass
in memory of their mother

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.

January 24 & 25 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Isaiah 9:1-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-25

Worship Assistants

	Sat. Jan 17 – 5:30pm	Sun, Jan 18 – 9:00am
Head Usher:	Jon Barz	Mark Litka
Organist:	David Pitt	David Pitt

Anniversaries This Week

23-Bob & Jane Kalvelage

Baptismal Birthdays

21-Mary Ann McGeough 22-Merlin Bartels

22-Vicky Schap

Birthdays This Week

20-Angie Kelley

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

Hot Chocolate Ramen Noodles Peanut Butter & Jelly
Laundry Soap Canned Meats Shampoo

January 10 & 11 Statistics

In-Person Attendance:	78
Views* on Facebook:	15
Overall Participation:	93

*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.

Text Message Alerts: You may have received an email recently asking you to opt-in to receive urgent text message alerts from St. Paul regarding important things like weather-related cancellations and time changes. This is not spam. It is really from the church. If you did not receive an email and would like to opt-in to text alerts please send Pastor Jon a message at revjcrowford@gmail.com from your email address with your mobile number so we can add you.

GriefShare: We will again be holding a GriefShare grief support group for people grieving the death of a loved one. Please join us and/or share this information with someone you know who could benefit: Tuesday evenings, February 24 - May 19, 2026 from 6-8 PM at St. Paul Lutheran, 2025 Jackson St.

At GriefShare you'll watch a weekly video with counsel and insights from respected grief experts and relatable personal stories—followed by a time of sharing and support. Session topics include what's normal in grief; how to handle difficult emotions; and what to do with regrets, questions, and worries.

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)
Dan Pergande, Debra Spear, Richard Weed, Jill Adams

For our members who are homebound:

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

Additional Prayer Requests

- Joseph May - (co-worker friend of Teri Riechmann & Nicole Oliver)
- Tina Helbing – (mother of Nicole Oliver and friend of Teri Riechmann)

**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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**KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE**
+ + +



What is a "creed"?

The Explanation of the Small Catechism says a creed "is a statement of what we believe, teach and confess." The word "creed" comes from the Latin word "credo" which means "I believe." Many organizations have and use creeds. The Church uses three creeds: the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed and the Athanasian Creed. The creeds of the Church are different from all other creeds because they proclaim a living and wonderful faith that comes from God!

Why do we speak the creed in the Divine Service?

What if I told you that when you speak the creed, you are telling the whole world what you believe? It's true! When you speak the creed in the Divine Service you are responding in faith to what God has done for you through Jesus, and you are confessing the very Gospel message that saves all who believe. What a great thing to do every Sunday!



Parents:

Before or after the Divine Service, show your children where they can find the creeds of the Church in the hymnal. Utilize these wonderful gifts from God in your family devotions at home. Speaking the Apostles' Creed together in the morning is a great way to start the day.



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Schedule For The Week

2nd Sun aft Epiphany Sat. Jan 17	5:30pm	Divine Service
2nd Sun aft Epiphany Sun. Jan 18	8:00am 9:00am 10:30am 10:30am	Choir Practice Divine Service Voters Meeting Sunday School
Mon. Jan 19		
Tues. Jan 20		
Wed. Jan 21	8:30am	TOPS
Thur. Jan 22	12pm – 1:30pm 4pm – 5:30pm	Brown Bag Bible Study Confirmation
Fri. Jan 23		
3rd Sun aft Epiphany Sat Jan 24	5:30pm	Divine Service
3rd Sun aft Epiphany Sun. Jan 25	8:00am 9:00am 10:30am	Choir Practice Divine Service Bible Study/Sunday School