

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

(LCMS)

321 N 10th, Beatrice, NE 68310

Sunday, February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome! We're glad you're here and hope to see you again soon! Please sign the guest book at the entrance of the church. If you do not have a church home, are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, or interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's, please speak to the Pastor, Elder, Usher, or the church office.

Communion Guidance: Visitors wanting to commune should speak to the pastor or an elder prior to the service. Our summary of faith is available on our webpage and in print in the pews to help you determine if you share in our confession of faith. LCMS members and those from congregations in fellowship with LCMS are always welcome to participate in communion.

Hymns and order of worship Divine Service Setting 1 are in the Lutheran Service Book, page 151 in the front section of the hymnal if you prefer to follow along there. (♫denotes responses that are to be sung.)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Opening Hymn 915: Today Your Mercy Calls us

Holy Baptism of Henry James Schultze. Please follow along on page 268 in the hymnal.

Please stand

Invocation (page 151 in the front of the hymnal)

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

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.**

Silent reflection

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.

Introit: Psalm 1:1-5; antiphon: v.6

P: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

**C: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

P: but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

**C: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit
in its season, and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.**

P: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives
away.

**C: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

♪ Kyrie page 152-153

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

♪ Gloria in Excelsis

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord, God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

In the glory of God the Father, Amen.

♪ Salutation and Collect pg 156

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: 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.

Be seated

First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has an indictment against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Please stand

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

✠C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn,

for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for

righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

✠C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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 there 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. *Be seated*

Hymn of the Day 842: Son of God, Eternal Savior

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Please stand

Congregation responds “hear our prayer” after each petition.
“Amen” after final petition. *Be seated*

Offering

♪ Offertory

Please stand

**C: What shall I render to the Lord
for all his benefits to me.
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation
and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now
in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord’s house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT page 160

♪ Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

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

♪ Sanctus

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth.....one God, now and forever,

C: Amen.

The Words of Our Lord page 162

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."

Proclamation of Christ

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion. Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven,

and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

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.**

♪ Pax Domini page 163

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

♪ Agnus Dei

**C: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

Be seated

Distribution

Hymn 782: Gracious God, You Sent Great Blessing

Hymn 570: Just as I am Without One Plea

Hymn 623: Lord Jesus Christ, we Humbly Pray

♪ Thank the Lord pg 164 *Please stand*

**C: Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
tell ev'ry one what He has done.**

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

**He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Post-Communion Collect

P: Let us pray.....one God, now and forever,

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Be seated

Departing Hymn 932: Jesus Sat with His Disciples

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Serving Today:

Elder: Andrew Landon

Pastor: Rev. Karl Hollibaugh

Organist: Bev Duensing

Reader & Worship Helper: Dave Doering

Acolytes: Travis & Asher Landon

Greeters: Vaughn & Tena Wright

Ushers: Dale Hagemeier, Cliff Kumm, Rod Aden, Steve Schmidt

The radio broadcast and bulletin are sponsored in **celebration of Henry Schultze's Baptism today by grandparents, David & Peggy Doering.**

Next Sunday's radio broadcast, Feb 8, is available for sponsorship. Other Sunday's available in 2026 are Feb 8; May 17, 24; July 12, 19, 26; August 2, 9, 23, 30; Sept 20; October 4, 11; Nov 15, 29, and Dec 6, 13, 27. A scheduling book is outside the office on the table. Payment should be made at time of scheduling.

Sponsorships of radio broadcasts are now \$125, beginning January 1, 2026 (this includes bulletin sponsorship). Call the church office to schedule. We will still have children's bulletins but no longer need sponsorships for those. If you have already sponsored a date in 2026 **and paid** for that date, you will not be charged the extra \$25.

Please remember with prayers, cards, texts, or calls, our sisters- and brothers-in-Christ who are hospitalized or ill at home: Mary Scheve, Angie Fossler, Mike Holthus, Cheri McConnell, Cindy Weise (all with cancer); Duane Daubendiek, Pat Nave; Merle Kuhlman, Michelle Baker (surgery), Beverly Daubendiek (stroke), Melva Jurgens, our School

Grandma; and Olivia Hatzenbuehler and William Kelley (military). **Please contact the church by Thursday morning with additions or corrections to this prayer list.

The Call Committee received a list of **potential candidates** for our Pastoral vacancy from District President Snow. The Committee has met to begin the process of contacting the potential candidates and will meet again next Monday to work as a group. The confidential information on candidates is in the church office. Congregational members may review the information in the church office. The notebook may not leave the office. The survey results have all been shared with our Circuit Counselor, Pastor Paul Warneke. A summary of those survey results were shared with Pastor Snow.

A door collection will be taken today, February 1, to support our members Kenny and Dawn Crosier during a challenging time. Kenny and Dawn Crosier do not want to ask for assistance, but they need us to help them. Dawn is a stroke victim who requires Kenny's assistance with her daily needs. Kenny recently had back surgery so is unable to assist her and is unable to work for a few months. Their sons help out as they can with one taking leave from his job. They are in a tough spot with medical bills and no work income. If you can find it in your heart to help them through the door collection, it would be greatly appreciated.

God's Blessings on the Baptism of Henry James Schultze this morning. Henry's parents are Jarrett and Natalie Schultze. His sponsors are Carissa Daubendiek and Caleb McKernan.

An informational insert is Included in the bulletin on **Nebraska's nonrefundable Child Care Tax Credit Act**. This tax credit is for taxpaying individuals or organizations who make qualifying contributions to help improve the availability of childcare options in our state, both now and in the future. It especially helps families and communities facing serious economic challenges. To claim the credit on your 2025 state income tax return, your contribution must have been made during the 2025 calendar year and the contributing individual or organization must have a state tax liability. Please note, **this is not the Child and Dependent Care Credit** that allows working parents to deduct childcare expenses. The bulletin insert QR code takes you to forms needed for the Child Care Tax Credit. Information is also available at this link: [Child Care Nonrefundable Tax Credit | Nebraska Department of Revenue](#). Bob Zeigler, Nebraska LCMS Nebraska District, Education Office, will be at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on February 2 at 6:00 p.m. to explain the CCTC and answer any questions you may have. **The meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.** with Mr. Zeigler explaining the program,

allowing a short time for questions, **and must be over by 6:30 p.m.** for another meeting. School and Childcare parents have been invited to this meeting. Bob Zeigler's email is bobz@ndlcms.org if you have further questions.

St. Paul's students will be **packing Mercy Meals at the school Tuesday, February 17** starting at 8:45. The original date in January was cancelled due to a late start for school. Anyone from church who would like to join us is welcome and your help would be appreciated! The students raised the money for this during their August and September chapel offerings.

Chapel offerings at school for the month of January are for Lutheran Hour Ministries. Total so far is \$61.93. Chapel is held each Wednesday morning at 8:20 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

We are **accepting applications for new students** in Pre-School, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten through 5th grade for the next school year, 2026-2027. Please contact the school office if you need an application. **The Board of Education and Finance Committee are still finalizing 2026-27 tuition rates.

School's Ongoing Scrip Card Fundraiser: Order pre-paid shopping cards through St. Paul's Lutheran School "Script Card" Program and our school automatically gets money in return at no extra cost to you! Please contact the school office to order for your own use or for gifts.

Please save **Russ's Register Receipts** (through March), **Our Family and Best Choice UPC** codes. They can be put in the box in the narthex. Our current Russ's receipts total is \$217,097.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church invites you to attend their **annual soup luncheon** on Sunday, February 1, 2026, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Chili, chicken noodle soup, and vegetable beef soup will be served, as well as desserts and a beverage. Free will offering.

The Homestead Early Risers Kiwanis Club will be hosting a Pancake Feed Sunday, February 1st to help the Beatrice High School's Family Consumer Science (FCS) Program. Kiwanis will be donating the first \$1000 of the profits plus all tips & donations to FCS. Students will be participating and learning our secrets! When we as volunteers succeed in our fund raisers for our youth, the whole community benefits. Your help has always been an important part of our success. Adults \$10.00, children (to age 12) \$5.00 at the door. Children 3 & under eat free.

***Church office hours** vary. Please leave a message at 402-228-1540 or email stpaulbeatrice@gmail.com.

***For immediate assistance**, contact Church Chair Rod Aden 402- 239-5305; Head Elder Chuck Baker 714-232-2794; or Finance Committee member Dave Doering 402-806-1015.

***To reserve school gym or church**, call Wayne Oestreich (402-440-5054.

***Busy Bags and books** for kids are in the narthex by the bulletin board.

***Large print bulletins with large print hymns attached** are available from an usher.

SHUT-IN LIST (January 2025) **(If you know of someone who should be on this list, please contact the church office at 402-228-1540.)**

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- Berniece Pfingsten 402-223-3369
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