

# Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

321 N 10th, Beatrice, NE 68310

Sunday, January 18

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

## ***"Following Jesus – Heart & Mind"***

Hymns and order of worship Divine Service Setting 1 are in the Lutheran Service Book, page 151 in the front section of the hymnal. (Jdenotes responses that are to be sung.)

### **CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTiON**

#### **Opening Hymn 809: *Great is Thy Faithfulness***

##### **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.**

##### ***Silence for 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 19:1-4a ,b; antiphon: v. 14**

P: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be  
acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

**C: The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.**

P: Day to day pours out speech,  
and night to night reveals knowledge.

**C: There is no speech, nor are there words,  
whose voice is not heard.**

P: Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their  
words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the  
sun.

**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: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be  
acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

**♪ 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.**

**♪ Salutation and Collect** pg 156

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: 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.**

*Be seated*

**First Reading: Isaiah 49:5-6**

And 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 –

He 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.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:4-9**

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our 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: John 1:35-42a**

**P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the first chapter.**

**♪C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus 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?” <sup>39</sup>He 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. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

**P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

**♪C: Praise 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 402: The Only Son from Heaven**

### **Sermon: “Following Jesus – Heart & Mind”**

Text: John 1

## **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....**

**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 702: My Faith Looks up to Thee**

**Hymn 550: Your Only Son, no Sin to Hide**

**Hymn 619: Thy Body, Given for me, O Savior**

## ♪ 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....

**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 606: I Lay my Sins on Jesus

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### Serving Today:

Elder: David Oltmans

Pastor: Luke Schnake

Organist: Arvid Wiest

Reader: Carla Loemker

Acolytes: Chloe Oltmans, Sophia Eisele Greeter: Lois Podendorf

Today's radio broadcast and bulletin are sponsored by **John & Carolyn Bartels** in celebration of their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 26.

**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.

**Available Sundays in 2026** are Feb 8; March 22; 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. Payments to be made at time of scheduling.

**Thank you to Pastor Luke Schnake** for being with us this morning!

\***Church office hours** vary. Please leave a message at 402-228-1540 or email [stpaulbeatrice@gmail.com](mailto: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** for kids are in the narthex under the bulletin board.

\***Large print bulletins** are available from an usher.

**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.

**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); Pat Nave; Merle Kuhlman, Michelle Baker (surgery); and Olivia Hatzenbuehler and William Kelley (military). \*\*Please contact the church by Thursday morning with additions or corrections to this prayer list.

**Birthdays this week:** (we know names are missing, please let us know!)

Jan 18 Laura Munn, Bronson Smith, Steven Stark  
19 Kenneth Loemker, Christine Rix, Shana Ruskamp  
20 Donald Pack  
21 Linda Oestreich, Braedyn Poling  
22 Barb Tiemann, Lufei Young  
23 David Meyer, Chelsea Rogge  
24 Tena Meyer, Roger Mohling, Melody Philippi-Aden

**Anniversaries this week:** None. (if yours is missing, let us know!)

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, Jan 18      8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week  
                          9:00 am Divine Service  
                          10:15 am Children's Sunday School  
                          No Adult Bible Study  
Wednesday, Jan 21 6:30 pm Confirmation Class  
Sunday, Jan 25      8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week  
                          9:00 am Divine Service with Boards Installed  
                          10:30 am Regular Voter's Meeting so No Children's Sunday School  
                          or Adult Bible Study

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Regular Voter's Meeting** will be Sunday, January 25, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary following the worship service. There will be no Adult or Children's Sunday School that morning due to the meeting.

There is **no Adult Bible Study** today due to prior commitments by Pastor Schnake or next Sunday due to the voter's meeting.

**Installation** of new Church Board and Committee members will be January 25. Please plan to attend worship that day if you are newly elected.

St. Paul's students will be **packing Mercy Meals on Monday, January 26** starting at 8:45 in the morning. Any one 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 go to Lutheran Hour Ministries. Chapel is held each Wednesday morning at 8:20 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

**Applications are being accepted for a part-time church secretary** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Set daytime hours in the church office will be required, not to exceed 15 hours per week. Pay is \$15 per hour. No benefits are paid for this position. Must be proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel; will work closely with the Pastor. Duties include, but not limited to, creating bulletins for services, monthly newsletters & calendars, keeping the church member data base current. No financial tasks are included in this position. Letter of interest and resume may be submitted to [stpaulbeatrice@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulbeatrice@gmail.com). Applications received until the position is filled.

**Thank You** from the family of Carline Mencl: My Mom loved this church not just the building, but especially the people that make the building a church. Thank you for your thoughts, cards and flowers, visits, prayers and for serving communion to my Mom. Thank you to Nikki & Andrew Landon and Dave Doering for their care and fellowship. Thank you to Pastor Hollibaugh and his ministry, and his thoughtful message and service. Your compassion and understanding is greatly appreciated. Thank you to the ladies who prepared and served the meal for the luncheon, it was perfect. We find comfort in knowing that my Mom has eternal life in Heaven.-Dave Mencl

The church will not be taking group subscriptions for the LCMS magazine ***Lutheran Witness*** in 2026. Current subscriptions will end with the May 2026 issue. Members may subscribe to ***Lutheran Witness***, (hardcopy or digital), by calling the Magazine Department of Concordia Publishing House at 1-800-325-3040 and pressing option 2. You will have the option to pay by debit or credit card. You may also place an order at [cph.org](http://cph.org) or by emailing [lwsSubscriptions@cph.org](mailto:lwsSubscriptions@cph.org).

**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.

**Confirmation Class Pictures wanted!** We are looking for group pictures of the confirmation classes of 2010, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2022, 2023, and 2024 for the display in the basement. If you have any of these, please contact the church office so we can make a 5 x7 copy of the picture and return yours to you. Please name those in the picture. Thank you!

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 \$200,087.07.

**Youth Group (Middle and High School age)** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at school, 5-7 pm, for a meal, Bible Study, and some fun activities! Questions? Contact leaders Joanna Gellerman-Long (425-591-5318) or Jessica Leseberg (402-230-0988).

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.

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