



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

February 22, 2026 – First Sunday in Lent A



Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word, and through the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Restrooms and a drinking fountain are located on the right in the hallway outside the sanctuary. We have **personal hearing devices**. If you need one, please let an usher know before the service. If you are a parent with young children, we want you to know that we love having children worship with us since worship includes them, too. At the same time, we know that children sometimes like to make their presence known in spite of the best efforts to keep them quiet. For your convenience and in consideration of those seated near you, we have a **Family Room** located through the door in the back of the Fellowship Hall. The facility includes a TV, a window, and speakers so that you can still follow along with the worship service. **Busy bags** are also available near the central sanctuary doors.

Prayer before worship: Suffering Servant of the Lord, we approach this season with mixed feelings. We feel crushed, knowing that our sins have caused your pains and suffering. We see your tortured body and know it was because of the sinful actions we did, the wicked words we said, and the evil thoughts that crossed our minds. We are deeply sorry for our sins, and we are deeply grateful to know that it was your undeserved love that led you to save us. If, in that love, you see fit to allow suffering in our lives, grant us the strength to bear it well and to glorify you through it all. Amen.

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

CW 535 sts. 1-2

Jesus' work as our Champion is a wondrous mystery as the frail King and Substitute for hell-bound man.



1 Come, be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, in the dawn - ing of the King,
2 Come, be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, he the per - fect Son of Man;



he the theme of heav - en's prais - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty.
in his liv - ing, in his suf - f'ring nev - er trace nor stain of sin.



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come.
See the true and bet - ter Ad - am, come to save the hell - bound man.



Look to Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
Christ the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in him we stand.

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Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Confession

CW 154

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

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.

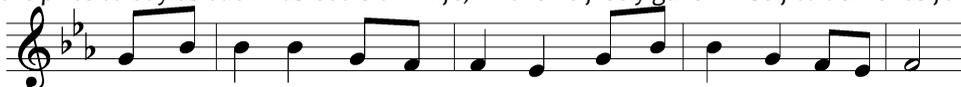
P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

CW 535 sts. 3-4

Though the price to buy us back was God's own life, in love he freely gave himself to deliver us forever!



3 Come, be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, Christ the Lord up - on the tree;
4 Come, be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, slain by death the God of life;



in the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry.
but no grave could e'er re - strain him; praise the Lord; he is a - live!



See the price of our re-demp-tion, see the Fa-ther's plan un - fold,
What a fore-taste of de - liv-'rance; how un - wa - ver - ing our hope.



bring-ing man - y sons to glo - ry, grace un - mea-sured, love un - told.
Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed as will we be when he comes.

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The Word

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray: Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 3:1–15

God promised to send a Champion to do what we could not, defeating our greatest enemies.

¹Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Has God really said, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, ³but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, 'You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.'"

⁴The serpent said to the woman, “You certainly will not die. ⁵In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

⁷The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists. ⁸They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹The LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

¹⁰The man said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.”

¹¹God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?”

¹²The man said, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³The LORD God said to the woman, “What have you done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all the livestock, and more than every wild animal.

You shall crawl on your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed.

He will crush your head, and you will crush his heel.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day - 46

Adult Choir

God is our refuge and our strength, a present help in time of trouble, so we shall not fear. God is our strength!

Even if the oceans roar and foam and the mountains tremble as the waters surge.

God is our strength!

There is a river whose streams bring joy to the city of God.

It is the holy dwelling place of the Most High God.

God dwells in that city. It can't be destroyed. God will help when the morning comes.

Nations rage! Kingdoms fall, but at the voice of God the earth itself dissolves!

The Lord of hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our fortress.

Be still and know that I am God.

I will be praised in all the nations and praised throughout the earth.

The universe will echo with my praise.

God is our refuge and our strength, a present help in time of trouble, so we shall not fear.

God is our strength! God is our refuge and our strength!

Second Reading

Romans 5:12–19

Adam's defeat meant death for us. Christ's victory as our Champion means life for us!

¹²So then, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, so also death spread to all people because all sinned. ¹³For even before the law was given, sin was in the world. Now, sin is not charged to one's account if there is no law, ¹⁴and yet death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those whose sin was not like the transgression of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the gracious gift is not like Adam's trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of this one man, it is even more certain that God's grace, and the gift given by the grace of the one man Jesus Christ, overflowed to the many!

¹⁶And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin, for the judgment that followed the one trespass resulted in a verdict of condemnation, but the gracious gift that followed many trespasses resulted in a verdict of justification.

¹⁷Indeed, if by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through the one man, it is even more certain that those who receive the overflowing grace of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ!

¹⁸So then, just as one trespass led to a verdict of condemnation for all people, so also one righteous verdict led to life-giving justification for all people. ¹⁹For just as through the disobedience of one man the many became sinners, so also through the obedience of one man the many will become righteous.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 4:15

P: It is written: We do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses; we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

Gospel

Matthew 4:1–11

The champion of demons and our Champion do battle. Spoiler alert: Jesus wins.

¹Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. ²After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The Tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread.”

⁴But Jesus answered, “It is written:

Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.”

⁵Then the Devil took him into the holy city. He placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶and he said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you.
And they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again, it is written:

You shall not test the Lord your God.”

⁸Again the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹He said to him, “I will give you all of these things, if you will bow down and worship me.”

¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Go away, Satan! For it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

¹¹Then the Devil left him, and just then angels came and served him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CW 863

Against all our greatest foes, Christ is our shield, Champion, mighty fortress and eternal victory.



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y shield
2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger to
4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry need
ef - fect - ed; but for us fights the val - iant one
de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
have for it; he's by our side up - on the plain



that has us now o'er - tak - en. The old
whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,
they shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's
with his good gifts and Spir - it. And take



e - vil foe now means dead - ly woe;
"Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,
prince may still scowl fierce as he will,
they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife,



deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight;
the al - might - y Lord, and there's no oth - er God;
he can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
though all may be gone, our vic - to - ry is won;



on earth is not his e - qual.
he holds the field for - ev - er.
one lit - tle word can fell him.
the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

An Unlikely Champion

Questions to consider during the sermon:

- 1) Why did Paul take the Romans back to the Book of Beginnings?
- 2) How was Adam's pattern proven, even before the law was given?
- 3) Compare and contrast the gift and the trespass.
- 4) Explain the importance of Jesus' active obedience.
- 5) A/D – On Judgment Day only one verdict is possible because of Jesus.
- 6) Who is the unlikely champion Paul reveals here?

Nicene Creed

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

To our honored guests: We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you today! Our offering is not a debt we owe God but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation but love for God. Our offerings are how St. Paul's funds our Gospel mission work. As our honored guests, please do not feel obligated to contribute.

*If you would like to support our Gospel ministry with an offering, you have options! Place your offering in **the offering plate** in our gathering space as you leave worship today, **mail an offering** to our church anytime, or go to **stpauls.edu** or **scan this QR** code to give an offering online.*



Prayer of the Church

Lent

P: Now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus that, through repentance and faith in the gospel, they may remain secure in your love. Lord God, gracious Father, we thank you for setting your Son's sacrifice between us and sin's reward. By your Spirit work in us through the gospel, give us repentant hearts, make our faith firm in Christ, and enliven us to serve you faithfully.

C: Have mercy upon us, Lord, according to your unfailing love.

P: Lord God, almighty Father, renew your Church throughout the world that it may constantly look to Jesus, who began our faith and brings it to completion. Bless us with faithful ministers who always proclaim Christ's cross and resurrection for the salvation of the world.

C: Have mercy upon us, Lord, according to your unfailing love.

P: Lord God, loving Father, in your mercy you abundantly supply our needs of body and soul. Create in us the mind of Christ, that in humility and generosity—considering not only our own interests, but also the interests of others—we may be merciful to those in need. Direct our efforts to help poor, lonely, troubled, and afflicted people.

C: Have mercy upon us, Lord, according to your unfailing love.

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, comfort all who are mourning the death of people they love. Lift their eyes to the cross where your Son, our Champion, who defeated death and to his empty tomb where he assured us that we will live with him forever. Teach us to number our days so that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

C: Have mercy upon us, Lord, according to your unfailing love.

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, look with favor upon all sick, injured, and recovering people. If it be your will deliver them from their infirmities. Let them hear of your unfailing love.

C: Have mercy upon us, Lord, according to your unfailing love.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

P: Lord God, eternal Father, we praise you that you have delivered the Christian souls who have gone before us from this world of dust and ashes to paradise. As their prayers continually ascend before your throne, join our prayers to theirs as fragrant incense. Hear us for the sake of him who was crucified for us and always intercedes on our behalf, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Sacrament

Preface

CW 165

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up 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 and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en-ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -
san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he,
bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - - - men." The final note of the fifth staff is a double bar line.

Distribution

To our guests: Scripture teaches us that those who commune together are expressing a unity in faith and in all of Scripture's teachings. This is called close communion. If you are not a member of St. Paul's, the Wisconsin Synod, or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, you will want to learn what we teach and have the opportunity to express that unity at your confirmation before you commune with us. If you are interested in taking a class to learn more about our teachings, or if you have any questions, please speak with our pastors.

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

CW 663 sts. 1-4

When we humbly receive the gift God gives at the Supper, we find a treasure beyond measure!



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness; leave be -
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, and with
3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure nei - ther
4 Now I kneel be - fore you low - ly, filled with



hind all gloom and sad - ness. Come in - to the day-light's
lov - ing rev - 'rence greet him, for with words of life im -
cost nor pain will mea - sure, but the price - less gifts of
joy most deep and ho - ly, as with trem - bling awe and



splen - dor; there with joy your prais - es ren - der
mor - tal he is knock - ing at your por - tal.
heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
won - der on your might - y work I pon - der,



un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed has this won - drous
O - pen wide the gates be - fore him, say - ing, as you
Though the wealth of earth were prof - ered, naught would buy the
by such mys - ter - y sur - round - ed, depths that no one



sup - per found - ed. He, though reign - ing high and
there a - dore him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
ev - er sound - ed. None may dare to pierce un -



ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
ceive you, that I nev - er - more will leave you.
riv - en, and his blood, for you once giv - en.
bid - den se - crets that with you are hid - den.

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

CW 663 sts. 5–8

We cannot understand how God can give his very self, but receive this mystery with faith and trust in him!



5 Hu - man rea - son, though it pon - ders, can - not
6 Lord, by love and mer - cy driv - en, you have
7 Je - sus, sun of life, my splen - dor, Je - sus,
8 Je - sus, Lord of life in heav - en, help me



fath - om these great won - ders, that Christ's bod - y must be
left your throne in heav - en on the cross for me to
friend of friends most ten - der, Je - sus, joy of my de -
when this meal is giv - en to re - ceive it for my



bound - less since the souls it feeds are count - less,
lan - guish and to die in bit - ter an - guish,
sir - ing, fount of life, my soul in - spir - ing:
bless - ing as I come, my sins con - fess - ing.



and that he his blood is giv - ing with the wine we
to for - go all joy and glad - ness and to shed your
at your feet I cry, my mak - er, let me be a
In this sup - per let me mea - sure, Lord, how deep is



are re - ceiv - ing. These great mys - ter - ies un -
blood in sad - ness. By this blood re - deemed and
fit par - tak - er of this bless - ed food from
your love's trea - sure, that, as I on earth have



sound - ed are by God a - lone ex - pound - ed.
liv - ing, Lord, I praise you with thanks - giv - ing.
heav - en for our good, your glo - ry, giv - en.
eat - en, I may be your guest in heav - en.

In Adam We Have All Been One

CW 565

Just as Adam brought death and ruin to all, so Christ's redeeming work is to bring rescue and life to all.



1 In Ad - am we have all been one, one
2 We fled our God, and, los - ing him, we
3 But your strong love, it sought us still and
4 O Sav - ior, when we loved you not, you



huge re - bel - lious man; we all have fled that
lost our broth - er too; each sin - gly sought and
sent your on - ly Son that we might hear his
loved and saved us all; O great Good Shep - herd



eve - ning voice that sought us as we ran.
claimed his own, each man his broth - er slew.
shep - herd - voice and, hear - ing him, be one.
of man - kind, now hear us when we call.

5 Send us your Spirit, teach us truth
to purge our vanity;
from fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,
O Savior, set us free.

6 Then shall our song united rise
to your eternal throne,
where with the Father evermore
and Spirit you are one.

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P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
C: his mercy endures forever.

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

Jesus, Still Lead On

CW 842

We follow in the footsteps of Christ our Champion, trusting that his way leads to peace and rest forever.



1 Je - sus, still lead on till our rest is won; and al - though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let not faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on till our rest is won. Heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less.
fears o'er - take us; let not faith and hope for - sake us,
come al - lur - ing, make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us



Guide us by your hand to our fa - ther - land.
for through man - y a woe to our home we go.
Show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in our fa - ther - land.

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+ Ministry Notes +

Our good day in God's house continues after worship, too.

Our after-worship adult Bible Class time is a great time for good Christian encouragement as we **grow** in the Word together and take time to pray for one another. Today Pastor James and Jim Teller will lead our next call meeting following the service in the Fellowship Hall, while Pastor Tim leads the BIC in the choir area of the sanctuary. Sunday school for the children will be at the same time.

Call Meeting

With Miss Lendt accepting her call to the Asia-Oceania Team, we will need to call a new 2nd grade teacher. We are also calling for the 5-6th grade classroom, allowing Mr. U to move to 3rd grade and increasing our ability to enroll more students in both 3rd and 4th grade. Please attend the special call meeting to issue two divine calls **today, February 22**.

Upcoming Midweek Services

Midweek Meal & Meditations – It Is Finished

2-25 What's He Worth to You?

3-4 Scattered Sheep

3-11 The Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing But the Truth

3-18 The Kingly Priest

3-25 Look at the One Who Was Pierced

Holy Week – Look Up!

4-2 To Catch a Glimpse of Heaven (Holy Thursday)

4-3 To Find the Source of Salvation (Good Friday)

YouTube, too

Did you know that we are now live and streaming services on a YouTube channel? Find us by searching @StPaulsBeverlyHills on YouTube!

Our Christian Stewardship of God's Gifts

Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. – 1 Cor. 4:2

ATTENDANCE: 120 (Wed: 71)

PREACHER: Tim Rosenow

ACCOMPANIST: Justin Siegler

USHERS: Bruce Salzmann and Rick Freihofer

OFFERING: \$2,799

PRESIDING MINISTER: James Saatkamp

STREAMING: Bill Hartman

FLOWERS: Cerneys

Let's pray this week!

birthdays | **Delene Snell** (2-25 – 11 years old!); **Logan Naber** (2-26 – 7 years old!)

anniversaries | **Chris & Tina Grant** (2-25 – 31 years!)

homebound members | **Dave Brandt, Bee Grunig, John Hambel, Leon and Barbara Johnson, Susan Rammel, Kathy Saracione, Josephine Throo, and Paula Vitolo**

health | **Tom Colwell** (recovering from surgery); **Sharon Cummons** (health and strength); **Bee Grunig** (hospice care); **Heidi Meyer** (recovering from surgery after a fall); **Rick Robinson** (continued recovery); **Barbara Sadler, Kathy Babcock** (Barbara's daughter), and **Kathy's daughters** (genetic health issues)

Serving in worship next week

Streaming: (Wed) 2/25 Bill Hartman; (Sun) 3/1 Tony Moore

Ushers: 3/1 Dan Cerney and Bruce Salzmann

This Week | February 22nd – 28th

WED – Isaiah Bible study 10:00 AM; Midweek Meal & Meditation 6:00 PM

THU – Choir 6:30 PM

FRI – Morning chapel 8:30 AM; Kindergarten Roundup

SAT - Women's Growth Group 10:00 AM

Upcoming Events

March 4, 11, 18, 25 – Midweek Meal & Meditation 6:00 PM

March 9 – Kingsway Birthday Celebration 1:00 PM

March 10 – Council of Ministry 5:15 PM

March 13 – PreK-K Field Trip

March 23-27 – NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)

Who We Are

(Our Mission)

*St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a family. Like any family, we have our strengths and we have our weaknesses. We experience successes and we experience struggles. These are the things which unite us. For we know that we aren't perfect, but our Heavenly Father is; and he has loved us with a perfect love, sending his Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins and to give us eternal life in heaven. With that same love, he comes to us through his Word, the Bible, to equip us and encourage us as we live in a world which can leave us feeling discouraged and hopeless at times. So, as a family, we **gather** together around God's Word in church and in Bible classes. We have a school where children can **grow** in their relationship with our Heavenly Father and where we can **go** to share the love of Jesus with them. We want as many people as possible to know the joy and hope which we have as members of God's family.*

If you would like to learn more about our church family or the ministries we offer through our church, school, and preschool, please speak with our pastor, principal, preschool director, faculty, or one of our members.

Thank you for being a part of our church family today!



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Sunday School & Bible Class: 10 minutes
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Cindy Lendt *2nd grade teacher*

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Noah Uhlenbrauck *5th and 6th grade teacher*

Justin Siegler *7th and 8th grade teacher*

Donna Draeger *Administrative assistant*