



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

January 18, 2026 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany



Jesus Is the Lamb of God

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: Lord of glory, as the light of your star once led the wise men to Jesus, so the light of your Word has led us to see Jesus. Let your Word so shine in our hearts by your Spirit that each day we see Christ at the center of all we do. With him let us find comfort from sorrows, forgiveness from sins, and rest from turmoil. In his name, cause us to do good to others, to reveal him to the lost, and to praise your holy name. Amen.

Service of the Word 2

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

CW 386 sts. 1–3

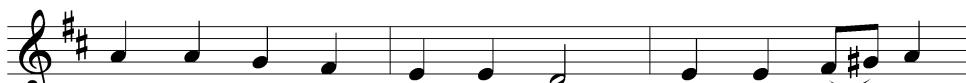
The season of Epiphany shows how God makes himself manifest through signs and miracles.



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph - et, Priest, and
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and



you we raise, man - i - fest - ed by the star
King su - preme, and at Ca - na, wed - ding guest,
faint - ing soul; man - i - fest in val - iant fight,



to the Ma - gi from a - far, branch of roy - al
in your God - head man - i - fest; man - i - fest in
quell - ing all the dev - il's might; man - i - fest in



Da - vid's stem, in your birth at Beth - le - hem.
pow'r di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine.
gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill.



An-thems be to you ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
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Invocation

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

Congregation: Amen.

P: Dear Friends in Christ, the Bible says, “If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, *God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness*” (I John 1:8-9). Therefore, as we gather together for worship in the presence of God, together we pray, humbly confessing our sins and asking for his forgiveness.

C: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

(Taken from various Psalms)

Brief silence for meditation

P: We confess:

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them. I humbly ask for your forgiveness.

Lord, to You I Make Confession

CW 653 st. 1



1 Lord, to you I make con - fes - sion: I have sinned and
gone a - stray; I have mul - ti - plied trans - ges - sion,
cho - sen for my - self my way. Led by you to
see my er - rors, Lord, I trem - ble at your ter - rors.

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P: Jesus says to his people, “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.” His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

Lord, to You I Make Confession

CW 653 st. 4



4 Lord, on you I cast my bur - den— sink it in the
deep - est sea! Let me know your gra - cious par - don,
cleanse me from in - iq - ui - ty. Let your Spir - it
leave me nev - er, make me on - ly yours for - ev - er.

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P: Because of the promise of our Savior, Jesus, I forgive all your sins. Be assured that you are a redeemed child of God, bought with the blood of Jesus Christ. “The blood of Jesus purifies us from all our sins” (I John 1:7). With your sins forgiven, know that you are an heir of eternal life. We pray together:

C: O Lord, my God, I called to you for help, and you answered me. I thank you for the love you have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Through him you have rescued me from the guilt of my sin and given me the peace of forgiveness. Help me fight against temptation, correct whatever wrongs I can, and serve you and those around me with love and good works. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

CW 386 sts. 4-5

In his transfiguration and Word, Christ shines with the light that reveals him and leads us to confess him.



4 Sun and moon shall dark - ened be, stars shall fall, the
5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord, mir - rored in your

heav'n shall flee. Christ will then like light - ning shine;
ho - ly Word. May our lives and all we do

all will see his glo - rious sign. All will then the
im - i - tate and hon - or you that we all like

trum - pet hear, all will see the judge ap - pear.
you may be at your great e - piph - a - ny

You by all will be con-fessed, God in man made man-i - fest.
and may praise you, ev - er blest, God in man made man-i - fest.

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The Word

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-6

God would display his splendor by the suffering of the Servant of the Lord.

¹Listen to me, you coastlands. Pay attention, you faraway peoples! The LORD called me from the womb. When I was inside my mother, he mentioned my name.

²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword. He hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me a polished arrow. He concealed me in his quiver.

³He said to me, "You are my servant Israel, in whom I will display my glory."

⁴But I said to myself, "I have labored in vain. I spent my strength and came up empty, with nothing. Yet a just verdict for me rests with the LORD, and my reward is with my God."

⁵But now the LORD, who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to turn Jacob back to him, so that Israel might be gathered to him, so that I will be honored in the eyes of the LORD, because my God has been my strength—⁶the LORD said:

It is too small a thing that you should just be my servant to raise up only the tribes of Jacob and to restore the ones I have preserved in Israel, so I will appoint you to be a light for the nations, so that my salvation will be known to the end of the earth.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day - Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

Psalm 119C CW 632

1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, and through your
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; your Word grants
3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the
Word to me draw near. Let me your Word e'er pure re -
heal - ing from my sin. Your Word has pow'r to guide and
Spir - it, Three in One, shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or
tain; let me your child and heir re - main.
bless; your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
be now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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Colossians 2:6–15

The Lamb of God was flesh and blood so he could be sacrificed to win forgiveness of all our sins.

⁶Therefore, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷by being rooted and built up in him, and strengthened in the faith just as you were taught, while you overflow in faith with thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, which are in accord with human tradition, namely, the basic principles of the world, but not in accord with Christ. ⁹For all the fullness of God's being dwells bodily in Christ. ¹⁰And you have been brought to fullness in him. Christ is the head over every ruler and authority. ¹¹You were also circumcised in him, with a circumcision not done by human hands, in the putting off of the body of flesh, in the circumcision of Christ, ¹²when you were buried with Christ in baptism. And in baptism you were also raised with him through the faith worked by the God who raised Christ from the dead.

¹³Even when you were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ by forgiving us all our trespasses. ¹⁴God erased the record of our debt brought against us by his legal demands. This record stood against us, but he took it away by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵After disarming the rulers and authorities, he made a public display of them by triumphing over them in Christ.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

1 John 2:2

P: Alleluia! Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:29–41

John beautifully summarizes God's plan of salvation pointing to Jesus as the Lamb of God.

The Lamb of God

²⁹The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘The one coming after me outranks me because he existed before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know who he was, but I came baptizing with water so that he would be revealed to Israel.”

³²John also testified, “I saw the Spirit descend like a dove from heaven and remain on him. ³³I myself did not recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴I saw this myself and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The First Disciples

³⁵The next day, John was standing there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When John saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look! The Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

³⁸When Jesus turned around and saw them following him, he asked, “What are you looking for?”

They said to him, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹He told them, “Come, and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying. They stayed with him that day. It was about the tenth hour.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his own brother Simon and say to him, “We have found the Messiah!” (which is translated “the Christ”).

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Arise and Shine in Splendor

CW 375

Christ reveals himself in glorious wonder especially in setting us free by his sacrifice as the Lamb of God.



1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; let night to
2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, the hea - then
3 Lift up your eyes in won - der— see, na - tions
4 Your heart will leap for glad - ness when from the

day sur - ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near.
na - tions dy - ing in hope - less gloom and night.
gath - er yon - der from sin to be set free.
realms of sad - ness they come from near and far.

A - bove, the day is beam - ing, in match-less beau - ty
To you the Lord of heav - en— your life, your hope— has
The world has heard your sto - ry; her sons come to your
Your eyes will wake from slum - ber as peo - ple with - out

gleam - ing; the glo - ry of the Lord is here.
giv - en great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.
glo - ry, her daugh - ters haste your light to see.
num - ber re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.

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Sermon

John 1:29-41

A Lamb-Led Life

Questions to consider during the sermon:

- 1) What did Jesus' baptism reveal about John's work?
- 2) Explain how the Lamb was understood at the time.
- 3) A/D – A lamb perfectly pictures the Christian life.
- 4) Why did Jesus' first disciples already address him as "Rabbi"?
- 5) Explain why this is such a fitting place for John to begin his Gospel account.
- 6) What can we learn from Andrew about living our Lamb-led life.

Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated 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.

Offering

To our guests: 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. Please do not feel obligated to contribute. We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you.

NOTE: At this time we are not passing the offering plates. You can place your offering in the plate in the Gathering Area as you leave today.

Prayer of the Church

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.

In Christ Alone

CW 510

Our hope and help is found in Christ, the Lamb of God, alone, whose power enables us to stand forever.

1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my
2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner-stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe; this gift of love and right-eous-
world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal

ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er

stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in
God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was
lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is
pluck me from his hand; till he re - turns or calls me

all; here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Prayer

C: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

P: May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ...The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. (I Thessalonians 5:23, 28)

C: And also with you. Amen.

Christ Begins

CW 385

Throughout Epiphany, Jesus reveals himself as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

1 We stand and we watch on the bank, wide-eyed.
2 Mar - y's whis - per - ing, but it's not the time.
3 See the sun out - shined on the hill and hide.
4 We stand, gath - ered round on the moun - tain - side.

Wa - ter runs and all heav - en
Yet six jars are filled with the
Clothes like light - ning white,
Watch the clos - ing clouds heav - en
hide him

o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.
fin - est wine. Tell me, who is this by our side?
o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.
from our eyes; with a voice u - nit - ed we cry:

Refrain

Here's my Prophet - et, my Priest, my King, a
 light in the dark, Christ steps in; here's my Savior, my
 God, my King, the time has come, Christ begins.

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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 we will continue our *Hidden Acts* study, briefly examining the lives of Eutychus and Claudius Lysias. Our next semiannual voters' meeting will follow the study. Sunday school for the children will be at the same time.

Bible Information Class

This past week, our Bible Information Class began. It's not too late to join and all are welcome to learn/review the basic teachings of Scripture together. Whether you're just curious about what the Bible teaches, have questions, would like to become a member, or have been one for decades, all are encouraged to attend this class that gathers us around God's Word on **Sundays after worship** (at the same time as adult Bible Study).

New Flower Chart Available

The flower signup chart is available for the Sundays in 2026! Please sign up on the chart in the Gathering Area.

Offering Envelopes for 2026

Our financial secretary has placed the offering envelopes for 2026 on a table at the back of the Fellowship Hall. Please pick yours up at your earliest opportunity.

Our Christian Stewardship of God's Gifts

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

ATTENDANCE: 137

PREACHER: Tim Rosenow

ACCOMPANIST: Justin Siegler

USHERS: Rick Freihofer and Gary Warren

OFFERING: \$2,330

PRESIDING MINISTER: James Saatkamp

STREAMING: Mark Meyer

Let's pray this week!

birthdays | Connie Althoff (1-19); Nancy Scruton (1-24)

anniversaries | (None this week)

at home with the Lord | Leona Harms (prayers of comfort for family and friends)

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

health | Linda Bond (continue recovery); Tom Colwell (recovering from surgery); Madison Duncan (Becky Ramsey's daughter, ongoing autoimmune issues); Richard Floyd (heart issues); Naomi Kohrs (daughter of Jim and Nancy, hospitalized); Rick Robinson (continued recovery); Barbara Sadler, Kathy Babcock (Barbara's daughter), and Kathy's daughters (genetic health issues); Nancy Scruton (recovering from medical procedure)

divine call | Cindy Lendt (Asia-Oceania Team, Women's Ministry Coordinator *new position*)

Serving in worship next week

Streaming: 1/25 Josh Plum

Ushers: 1/25 Bruce Salzmann and Gary Warren

This Week | January 18th – 24th

TODAY – Midyear Voters' Meeting

MON – NO SCHOOL (MLK Day); Bible Information Class (BIC) 6 PM

TUE-FRI – Spirit Week at school!

WED – Isaiah Bible study 10 AM

THU – Choir 6:30 PM

FRI – Chapel 8:30 AM

Upcoming Events

February 1 – 1st grade Bible Presentation

February 9-17 – Pastor Tim on vacation

February 12 – Early dismissal & Parent/Teacher Conferences

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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