



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

February 8, 2026 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany



Jesus Calls You Salt and Light

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.

Personal Preparation for Holy Communion

Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?

A: He says I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.

Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?

A: I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?

Q: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?

A: I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.

Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?

A: His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.

Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?

A: In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.

Q: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?

A: I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: ***“Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.”***

Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?

A: I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose You

CW 581

Christ chose us and calls us to be salt and light to share his name throughout this world.

1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose you; that, I know, could
2 It was grace in Christ that called me, taught my dark - ened
3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion, praise the Fa - ther's

nev - er be, for this heart would still re - fuse you
heart and mind; else the world had yet en - thralled me,
bound - less love. Praise the Lamb, our ex - pi - a - tion,

had your grace not cho - sen me. You re - moved the
to your heav'n - ly glo - ries blind. Now I wor - ship
Priest and King en - throned a - bove. Praise the Spir - it

sin that stained me, cleans-ing me to be your own; for this
none a - bove you; for your grace a - lone I thirst, know-ing
of sal - va - tion, him by whom our spir - its live. Un - di -

pur - pose you or - dained me, that I live for you a - lone.
well that, if I love you, you, O Fa - ther, loved me first.
vid - ed ad - o - ra - tion to the great Je - ho - vah give.

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

Congregation: Amen.

Confession

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.

Glory to God in the Highest

The musical score consists of eight staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the staves. The lyrics are as follows:

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther. We
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his
peo - ple on earth.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on
us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Glo - ry to God, glo - - ry to God.

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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: Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; 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

God made something special out of Israel, a nation that was once enslaved.

Exodus 19:1-8a

Israel at Sinai

¹In the third month after the Israelites had left the land of Egypt, on that same day of the month, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai. ²After they set out from Rephidim and came to the Wilderness of Sinai, they camped in the wilderness. Israel camped there in front of the mountain.

³Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, “This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and to tell the people of Israel: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now if you will carefully listen to my voice and keep my covenant, then you will be my special treasure out of all the nations, although the entire earth is mine. ⁶You will be my kingdom of priests and my holy nation.’ These are the words that you are to speak to the Israelites.”

⁷Moses went and summoned the elders of the people, and he set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together, “Everything that the LORD has said, we will do.”

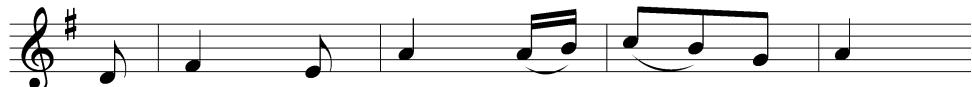
P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

112B Come, Praise the LORD! Hallelujah

Psalm 112B

Refrain



Come, praise the LORD! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Sing out with joy! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Verses



1 How blessed are you who fear the LORD, your joy is
2 How blessed are you who fear the LORD, your faith re -



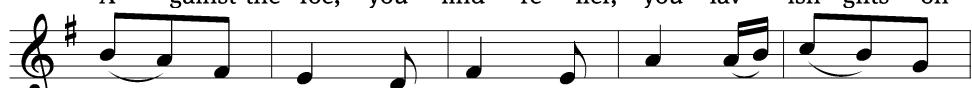
found in his com - mands, your chil - dren shall be
mains se - cure and strong; when trou - ble threat - ens



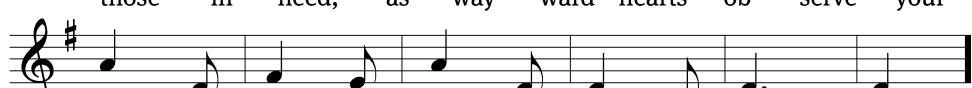
known a - broad, their fame shall spread a - cross the lands;
all a - round, your stead - fast heart to God be - longs.



pros - per - i - ty shall they re - ceive, their good - ness last be -
A - gainst the foe, you find re - lief, you lav - ish gifts on



yond their deeds, God's light e - ter - nal casts its
those in need, as way - ward hearts ob - serve your



beam on acts of gen - er - os - i - ty. Refrain
ways, but leave dis - mayed, with noth - ing gained. Refrain

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:9-12

Peter encourages us to be what God has declared us to be.

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy.

Live an Honorable Life

¹¹Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and temporary residents in the world, to abstain from the desires of the sinful flesh, which war against your soul. ¹²Live an honorable life among the Gentiles so that even though they slander you as evildoers, when they observe your noble deeds, they may glorify God on the day he visits us.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:16

P: Alleluia! Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus explains that his disciples are blessings to this dark, decaying world.

Salt and Light

¹³You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its flavor, how will it become salty again? Then it is no good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket. No, they put it on a stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶In the same way let your light shine in people's presence, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Jesus Fulfills the Old Testament

¹⁷Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸Amen I tell you: Until heaven and earth pass away, not even the smallest letter, or even part of a letter, will in any way pass away from the Law until everything is fulfilled. ¹⁹So whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever practices and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰Indeed I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and experts in the law, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

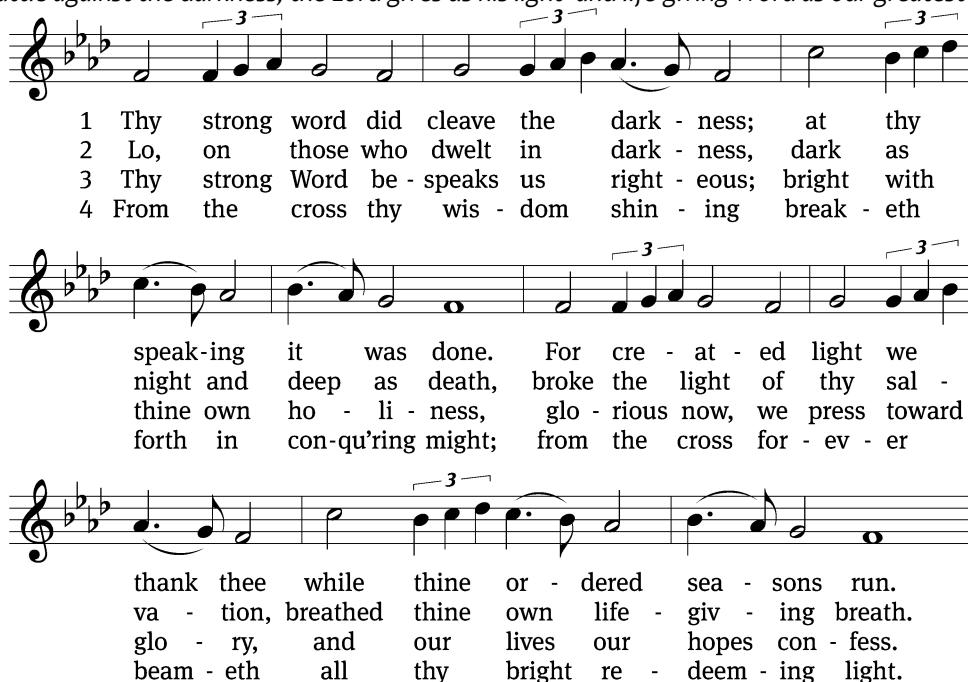
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Thy Strong Word

CW 630

In the battle against the darkness, the Lord gives us his light- and life-giving Word as our greatest weapon.



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth

speak-ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
forth in con-qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er

thank thee while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
va - tion, breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath.
glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to

thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

Give us lips to sing thy glory,
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
 hearts to shout the hope that fills us,
 mouths to speak thy holy name.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the light which thou dost send
 fill our songs with alleluias,
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator
 to thee laud and honor be
 To thee, Light from Light begotten
 praise be sung eternally
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer
 glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 praise the holy Trinity

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Sermon

1 Peter 2:9-12

Who Do You Think You Are?

Questions to consider during the sermon:

- 1) Is it most profound to be *chosen people*, a *royal priesthood*, or a *holy nation*?
- 2) In what way(s) are we God's own possession?
- 3) How do the echoes of Hosea help us understand who we are?
- 4) Explain each term Peter used to refer to his recipients.
- 5) A/D – It is good for believers to be slandered as evildoers.
- 6) What is the ultimate goal of being salt and light in the world?

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 freewill offerings are how our St. Paul's family 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

Epiphany Season

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.

C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

P: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

P: Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

P: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer

P: Finally, bring us and all believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

C: Amen.

The Sacrament

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

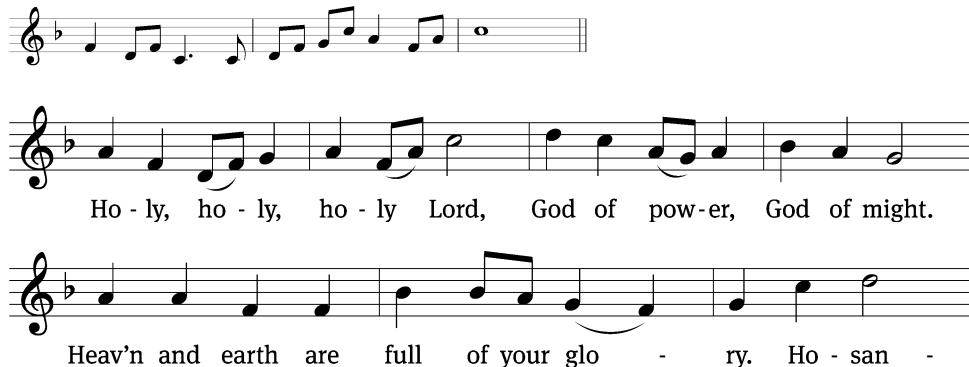
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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 lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



The musical notation consists of three staves of music. The first staff shows a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The second staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth and sixteenth notes. The third staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth and sixteenth notes. Below the music, the lyrics are written in English:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - -

na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
 By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
 By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
 By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

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

O Christ, Lamb of God

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. A - men.

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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.

Before You I Kneel

CW 735

Our lives as salt and light in the world are works reflecting and glorifying the gracious name of our God!



1 Be - fore you I kneel, my Mas - ter and Mak - er, to of - fer the
2 Be - fore you I kneel and ask for your good-ness to cov - er the
3 Be - fore you we kneel, our Mas - ter and Mak - er; es - tab - lish the



work of my hands. For this is the day you've giv - en your
work of my hands, for pa - tience and peace to shape all my
work of our hands, and or - der our steps to seek first your



ser - vant; I will re - joice and be glad
la - bor; your grace for thorns in my path.
king - dom in ev - 'ry small and great task.



for the strength I have to live and breathe, for each
Flow with - in me like a liv - ing stream; wear a -
May we live the gos - pel of your grace, serve your



skill your grace has giv - en me, for the needs and op - por -
way the stones of pride and greed, till your ways are dwell-ing
pur - pose in our fleet - ing days, then our lives will bring e -



tu - ni - ties that will glo - ri - fy your great name.
deep in me and a har - vest of life is grown.
ter - nal praise and all glo - ry to your great name.

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The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

CW 677

Jesus transforms us by his Supper, so we seek to receive it worthily and live as his salt and light always.

1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, we cel - e -
2 He blot - ted out with his own blood the judg-ment
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be he gives a
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve that in this

brate with one ac - cord; it is our com - fort
that a - gainst us stood; he full a - tone - ment
sol - emn guar - an - tee; in this his ho - ly
sup - per we re - ceive his ver - y bod - y,
in dis - tress, our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
for us made, and all our debt he ful - ly paid.
sup - per here we taste his love, so sweet, so near.
as he said, his ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

5 A precious food is this indeed,
it never fails us in our need,
a heav'ly manna for our soul
until we safely reach our goal.

7 They who his Word do not believe
this food unworthily receive,
salvation here will never find—
may we this warning keep in mind!

6 How blest is each believing guest
who in these promises find rest,
for Jesus will in love abide
with those who do in him confide!

8 Help us sincerely to believe
that we may worthily receive
your supper and in you find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest

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Tune: Sammlung alter und neuer ... Melodien, 1742

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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.

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God of Grace and God of Glory

CW 770

We pray for the wisdom and courage to be salt and light, and rejoice that God gives that gift so freely!



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient Church's sto - ry,
sail his ways. From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age for the fac - ing of this
grant us cour - age for the liv - ing of these
grant us cour - age lest we miss your king - dom's
grant us cour - age, serv - ing you whom we a -



hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
days, for the liv - ing of these days.
goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969, abr., alt.

Tune: John Hughes, 1873–1932

Text and tune: Public domain

+ 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 our adult Bible study will meet in the Fellowship Hall to continue the Sermon Time Well-Spent study led by Pastor James, BIC will meet in the choir area of the sanctuary for their next lesson, and Sunday school for the children will be at the same time as both.

Call Meeting

With Miss Lendlt accepting her call to the Asia-Oceania Team, we will need a call meeting. Please attend this special meeting next Sunday, February 15th, following the service.

Midweek Meal and Meditations

Following the pattern we began last year, for the following midweek Lent services (**February 25-March 25**), we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a meal. These services will go through the articles of the Apostles' Creed and several prophecies from Zechariah that show how in Christ **It Is Finished**. Pastor Luke Miller from Abiding Hope in Ocala will join our pastors for a preaching rotation. Those who would like to help plan and provide those meals may use the signup sheet in the gathering area (In case you'd prefer not to host a meal for 40-50 people solo, two or three families are encouraged to team up).

Wine and Cheese Night



On **Saturday, February 21**, St. Paul's FEAT (Fellowship Event Action Team) will be hosting a wine and cheese night. The event itself will be 21+, there may be childcare available (for children 2+), if there is enough interest in that option. Please indicate that interest as well as how many will be attending on the signup sheet in the gathering area.

Mow, Mow, Mow (Y)our Lawn

We are looking for volunteers to help assist with the lawn mowing rotation. During the winter months we will only need to mow about once each month, but during the summer it's much more frequent. If you want to participate and help out, please call the office.

Synod Publications (February)

Pick up your copy of the February Forward in Christ, and the Meditations devotions that begin at the end of the month from the display table in the gathering area.



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3-22	Life

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we don't
know what
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Jesus does.



exactly
what i need

A Lent Series

Our Christian Stewardship of God's Gifts

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

ATTENDANCE: 130

PREACHER: Tim Rosenow

ACCOMPANIST: Cindy Lendl

USHERS: Bill Hoeltke and Bruce Salzmann

OFFERING: \$3,862

PRESIDING MINISTER: James Saatkamp

STREAMING: Josh Plum

FLOWERS: Lorene Seidenstucker

(in memory of loved ones)

Let's pray this week!

birthdays | **Leon Johnson** (2-8); **Brady Elder** (2-9); **Aimee Marchbanks** (2-9); **Bill Hoeltke** (2-10); **Tom Colwell** (2-12); **Kay Hubbard** (2-12)

anniversaries | **Dan & Kay Hubbard** (2-14 – 21 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 recovery); **James Dykes** (recovering from surgery, son-in-law of Mike & Lynn Young); **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)

Serving in worship next week

Streaming: 2/15 Bill Hoeltke

Ushers: 2/15 Paul Althoff and Tom Leinberger

This Week | February 8th – 14th

FEB 9-17 – Pastor Tim on vacation

MON – Kingsway Birthday Celebration 1:00 PM

WED – Isaiah Bible study 10 AM

THU – Choir 6:30 PM

FRI – NO SCHOOL (Teacher Inservice)

SAT - Women's Growth Group 10:00 AM

Upcoming Events

February 16 – NO SCHOOL (Presidents' Day)

February 18 – Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 PM

February 21 – Wine & Cheese Party 6:00 PM

February 27 – Kindergarten Roundup

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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Noah Uhlenbrauck *5th and 6th grade teacher*

Justin Siegler *7th and 8th grade teacher*

Dorothy Draeger *Administrative assistant*