



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

January 25, 2026 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany



Jesus Is the 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.

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

CW 517

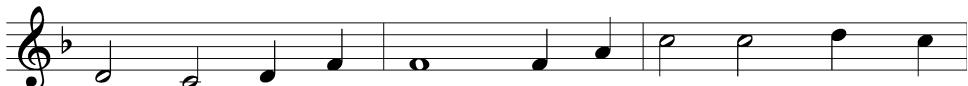
Jesus' miracles of mercy—including his death and rising—show the light of his love and redemption to all.



1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness with a lib - er -
2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren with a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; praise the one who frees the pris - 'ners, turn-ing
gen - tle, word; praise the one who drove out de - mons with the
in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious that we



blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the one who preached the
pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the one who brings cool
may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, calm-ing
wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand; from this
glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done; let us



storms and feed-ing thou-sands with the Fa - ther's word of peace.
well comes liv - ing wa - ter, quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, praise the one who makes us one.

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

Congregation: Amen.

Confession

CW 172

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

CW 174

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

CW 176

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.

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

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we too may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; 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

Isaiah 8:19—9:4

The prophet foretold that people walking in darkness would see a great light.

¹⁹When they tell you, “Consult the mediums and the spiritists, who whisper and mutter,” shouldn’t a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰To the law and to the testimony! If people do not speak according to this word, there will be no dawn for them. ²¹They will pass through the land, distressed and starving, but when this takes place and they are starving, they will be frustrated, and they will curse their king and their God. They will turn their faces upward, ²²and then they will look down to the ground, but I tell you, they will see only distress, darkness, and the gloom that brings anguish. They will be banished into thick darkness.

The Second Description of Immanuel:

The Child Who Is Born to Us

¹Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for the land that was in anguish. In former times, he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will cause it to be glorious, along the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles.

²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

For those living in the land of the shadow of death, the light has dawned.

³You have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy.

They rejoice before you like the joy at harvest time,

like the celebration when people divide the plunder.

⁴For you have shattered the yoke that burdened them.

You have broken the bar on their shoulders and the rod of their oppressor, as you did in the day of Midian.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 27D

The Psalm will be sung by the choir.

*Ref We are singing, for the LORD is our light, we are singing, for the LORD is our light.
We are singing, for the LORD is our light, we are singing, for the LORD is our light.
We are singing, oh, we are singing, for the LORD is our light.
We are singing, oh, we are singing, for the LORD is our light.*

- 1 The LORD is the strength of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?
Though foes may be near to destroy, the LORD will be our light. *Refrain*
- 2 One thing have we asked of the LORD, yes, this is the thing we seek:
to dwell in the house of the LORD, to live with God forever. *Refrain*
- 3 When burdens are heavy to bear, our shelter is God alone.
Our feet are lifted high, yes, high upon a rock. *Refrain*
- 4 We walk in the strength of the LORD; God's love is ever sure.
We shout that the world may hear; we sing a joyful song. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

1 John 2:3-11

God's children walk in the light of Christ by living in love for God and one another.

³This is how we know that we have known him: if we keep his commands. ⁴The one who says, "I know him," but does not keep his commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵If anyone keeps God's word, the love of God is truly made complete in him. This is how we know that we are in him: ⁶The one who says he remains in him should walk as Jesus walked.

⁷Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one that you have had since the beginning. The old command is the message you heard. ⁸At the same time, the command I am writing is new—it is true in Jesus and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. ⁹The one who says he is in the light and yet hates his brother is still in the darkness. ¹⁰The one who loves his brother remains in the light, and nothing causes him to stumble. ¹¹The one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

You Are Mine

Adult Choir

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night I will be your light, come and rest in me.

*Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.*

I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. *Refrain*

I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk, and live! *Refrain*

You are mine.



Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 9:2

Alleluia! The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus preached the light of the gospel to a world in the darkness of unbelief.

Jesus Begins to Preach

¹²When Jesus heard that John was put in prison, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. ¹⁴He did this to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
along the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles,
¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light,
and on those dwelling in the region and the shadow of death a light has dawned.

¹⁷From that time, Jesus began to preach: “Repent, because the kingdom of heaven is near.”

“Come, Follow Me”

¹⁸As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. ¹⁹He said to them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

²⁰They immediately left their nets and followed him. ²¹Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. Jesus called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus Preaches in Galilee

²³Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

CW 384

As the anointed Messiah, Jesus shines his light against oppression, over kings, and throughout the ages!



- 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
- 2 He comes with rescue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
- 3 Kings shall bow down be - fore him and gold and in - cense bring;
- 4 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest,



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
to help the poor and need - y and bid the weak be strong,
all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing.
from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light
To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend,
The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in his sight.
his king - dom still in - crea - sing, a king - dom with - out end.
his name shall stand for - ev - er - that name to us is Love.

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Sermon

Matthew 4:12-23

Light Moves in.

Take-home thoughts:

- When am I most tempted to look for alternate light sources?
- Where did the light affect my life this past week?
- Looking at my week ahead, what are some times I anticipate I'll especially need the Light of the world in my life?

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 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.

Profession of Faith

Richard & Ann Schaeffer

Preface

CW 183

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

CW 184

Music notation for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" in G major, common time. The lyrics are as follows:

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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 \pm 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 \pm 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.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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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.

Take and Eat

CW 676

Jesus is the Word, Way, Lamb, Cornerstone, Light, & Lord who gave himself for us and gives himself to us.

Refrain



Take and eat, take and eat, this is my body



given up for you. Take and drink, take and drink,



this is my blood given up for you.



1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made;

2 I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;

3 I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;

4 I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid;



I am the seed that died to be re - born;

I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;

I am the gate that guards you night and day;

a cho - sen stone and pre - cious in his eyes;



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I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;
I am the life that rais - es up the dead;
you are my flock: you know the shep-herd's voice;
You are God's dwell - ing - place, on me you rest;



I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.
you are my own: your ran - som is my blood.
like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.

Refrain

5 I am the light that came into the world;
I am the light that darkness cannot hide;
I am the Morning Star that never sets;
lift up your face, in you my light will shine. ***Refrain***

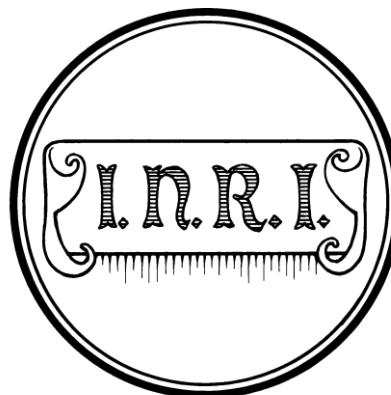
6 I am the first and last, the Living One;
I am the Lord who died that you might live;
I am the bridegroom, this my wedding song;
you are my bride, come to the marriage feast. ***Refrain***

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Good News of God Above

CW 905

We get to shine the Light of the world into the world to bring love, peace, life, and guidance to all.



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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 you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

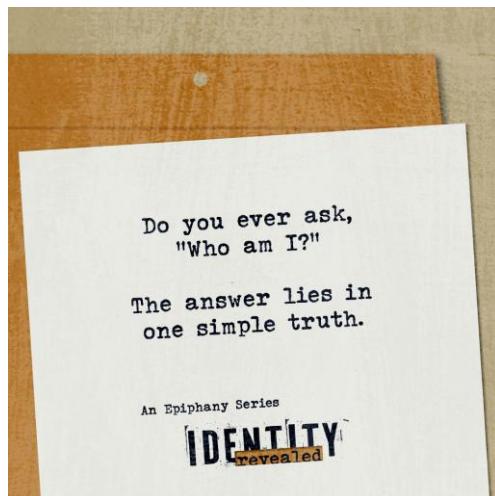
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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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May the Peace of God

CW 929

Through the Light of the world, we have the blessing of peace with God both now and forever.

1 May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther,
2 May this peace which pass - es un - der - stand - ing,
and the grace of Christ the ris - en Son,
and this grace which makes us what we are,
and the fel - low - ship of God the Spir - it
and this fel - low - ship of his com - mun - ion
keep our hearts and minds with - in his love.
make us one in spir - it and in heart.

Refrain

And to him be praise for his glo - rious reign
from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.
We de -clare the name of the Lamb once slain -
Christ e - ter - nal, the King of kings.

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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 our adult Bible study will meet in the Fellowship Hall to conclude our *Hidden Acts* study, examining the lives of Julius and Publius. Bible Information Class will meet in the sanctuary cover lesson 2, and Sunday school for the children will be at the same time as both.

Welcome Our Newest Members

Congratulations to **Richard and Ann Schaeffer**, who joined St. Paul's by profession of faith this morning. May the Lord richly bless them as a part of this congregation and may we be a blessing to them.

Thank You

Thanks to the members of our adult choir for enriching the service today!

Fellowship Treat Signup

If you didn't know, the snacks and treats available after the service are provided by volunteers. If you would like to assist for an upcoming week, please check that sheet.

Bible Presentation Sunday

Next **Sunday, February 1**, the students of our 1st Grade classroom will be receiving their first Bibles. As they are beginning to develop their reading skills and discovering the joy of reading, we pray that these Bibles will keep their faith growing stronger day by day.

Next Bible Study Series

"I didn't get anything out of that sermon." Have we all thought that at some point? Probably. Is that good? Nope, definitely not ideal. So let's do something about it--or rather, let's have God work through his Word to do something about that and make our **SERMON TIME WELL-SPENT!** What is a five-star sermon? How is the sermon sausage made? What about when a sermon puts us to sleep? Are we remembering our sermon doggie bags? Coming this **February**, we will talk all things sermon in our next Sunday morning adult Bible study series!

Did You Know...

St Paul's has several special funds established to assist in various areas of ministry. Below is a description of some of the most-needed and used special funds:

- + *Helping Hands Fund* – Through this we can offer help to local people in need (often our own church and school families).
- + *Capital Fund* – Over time this fund builds up and is used for major repairs and replacements around the church & school campus.
- + *Synodical Scholarship Fund* – For congregation member children and young adults attending Luther Preparatory School (LPS), Michigan Lutheran Seminary (MLS), Martin Luther College (MLC), Wisconsin Lutheran College (WLC), Bethany Lutheran College (BLC), or Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS).
- + *Keyboard & Organ Fund* – With this fund we maintain and repair our keyboard instruments (pianos and organ) at church and in the school classrooms.
- + *Technology Fund* – These funds are used for purchasing and improving the technology tools of our faculty and staff, as well as providing the hardware and software that allow for our services to be livestreamed and projected.
- + *Member Assistance Program (MAP)* – Christian Family Solutions provides mental health care to members of our congregation at a reduced rate through this program. Donations toward this fund go to anonymously supporting congregation members receiving these counseling sessions.

Our Christian Stewardship of God's Gifts

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

ATTENDANCE: 123

PREACHER: James Saatkamp

ACCOMPANIST: Cindy Lendt

USHERS: Bruce Salzmann and Gary Warren

OFFERING: \$4,484

PRESIDING MINISTER: Tim Rosenow

STREAMING: Josh Plum

Let's pray this week!

birthdays | Sheri Montag (1-26); Ricky Bolger (1-31); Cayden Williamson (1-31 – 4 years old!)

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: 2/1 Tony Moore

Ushers: 2/1 Dan Cerney and Newton Trimmer

This Week | January 25th – 31st

TODAY – BIC after the service

WED – Isaiah Bible study 10 AM

THU – Choir 6:30 PM

FRI – Chapel 8:30 AM; PreK Chapel 12:30 PM

Upcoming Events

February 1 – 1st grade Bible Presentation

February 2-12 – Food Drive for Citrus County Blessings

February 9-17 – Pastor Tim on vacation

February 12 – Early dismissal & Parent/Teacher Conferences

February 13 – NO SCHOOL (Teacher Inservice)

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 after



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Cindy Lentd *2nd grade teacher*

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Noah Uhlenbrauck *5th and 6th grade teacher*

Justin Siegler *7th and 8th grade teacher*

Dorothy Draeger *Administrative assistant*