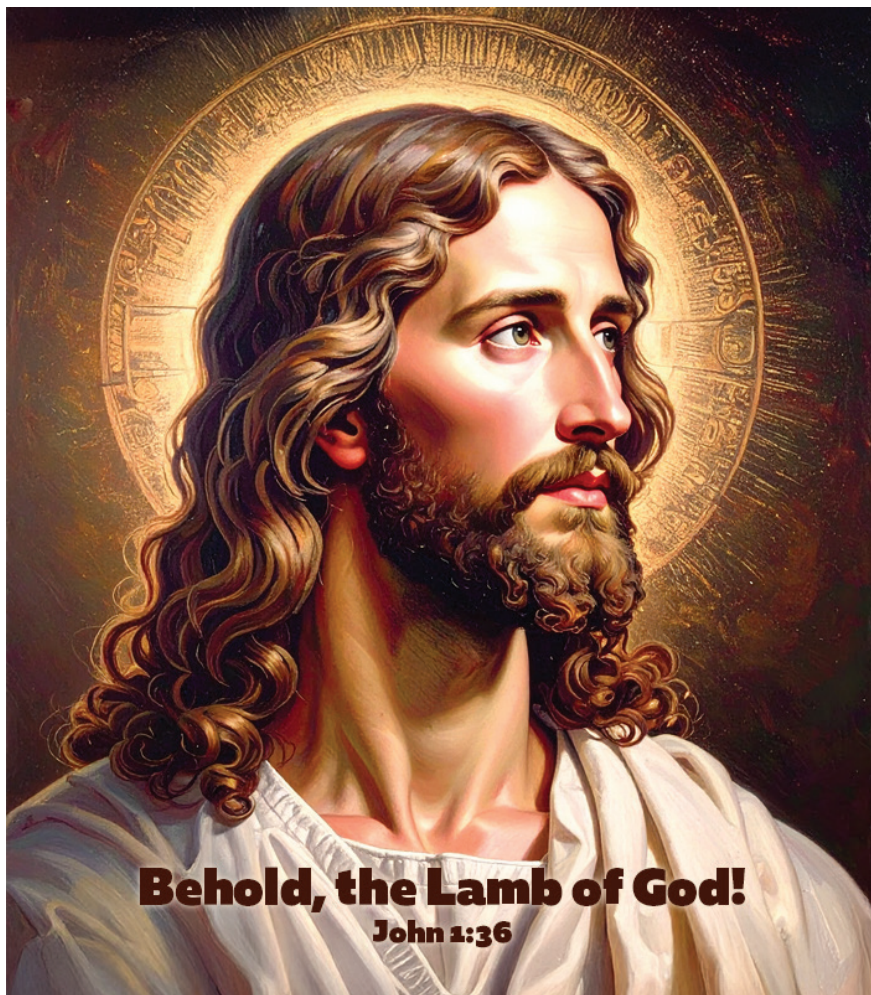




Behold, the Lamb of God!
John 1:36

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 18, 2026 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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This Week's Memory Verse

God is faithful,
by whom you were called
into the fellowship of his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
1 Corinthians 1:9



Memory Verse Aid

GIF
BWYWC
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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light" Wayne Wold

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness *Stand* 56

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

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Reflection and self-examination

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

**²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.**

**³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.**

**⁴Honor your father
and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.**

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.

⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor's house.

¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor's wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor's.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Hymn: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

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Sung to the tune of Ellacombe

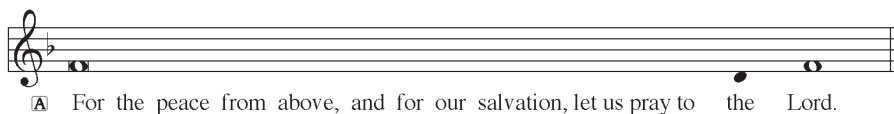
Greeting

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

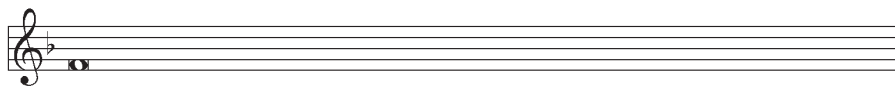
And also with you.

The Kyrie





☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



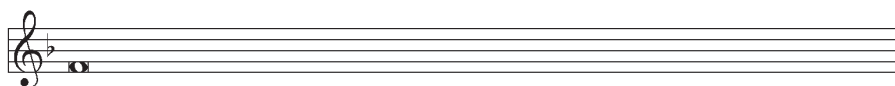
☐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



☐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



☐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. ☐ A - men

Hymn of Praise

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☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,





Almighty and eternal God, you restrain the powers of heaven and earth. Mercifully hear your people’s prayers for peace in our time. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1–7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” ⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.” ⁵And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him — for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength — ⁶he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

The word of the Lord.

¹I waited patiently up- | on the LORD;
he stooped to me and | heard my cry.

²**He lifted me out of the desolate pit,
out of the | mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a high cliff
and made my | footing sure.**

³He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise | to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust | in the LORD.

⁴**Happy are they who trust | in the LORD!
they do not resort to evil spirits
or turn | to false gods.**

⁵Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
How great your wonders and your | plans for us!
there is none who can be com- | pared with you.

⁶**Oh, that I could make them | known and tell them!
but they are more than | I can count.**

⁷In sacrifice and offering you | take no pleasure;
you have given me | ears to hear you;

⁸**Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have | not required,
and so I said, “Be- | hold, I come.**

⁹In the roll of the book it is written con- | cerning me:
‘I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep | in my heart.’”

¹⁰**I proclaimed righteousness in the great | congregation;
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O | LORD, you know.**

¹¹Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and | your deliverance;
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness
from the great | congregation.

¹²**You are the LORD; do not withhold
your com- | passion from me;
let your love and your faithfulness
keep me | safe forever.**

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
The word of the Lord.

Please stand for the Gospel.

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The Holy Gospel according to John, the third chapter.

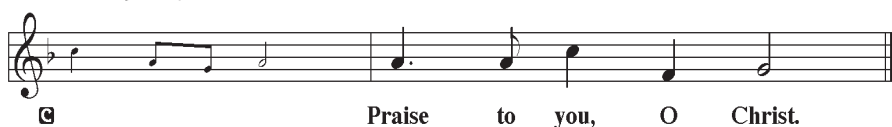


Gospel: John 1:29-42a

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw

the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” ³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ^{42a}He brought him to Jesus.

The Gospel of our Lord.



Confession of Faith

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Let us together profess our faith in God using the words of the Apostles Creed.

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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**

Please be seated.

Children's Chat

Sermon: "Come and See"

Hymn: "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry"

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The Prayers of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people, according to their needs. *Following each prayer:* Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

Offering

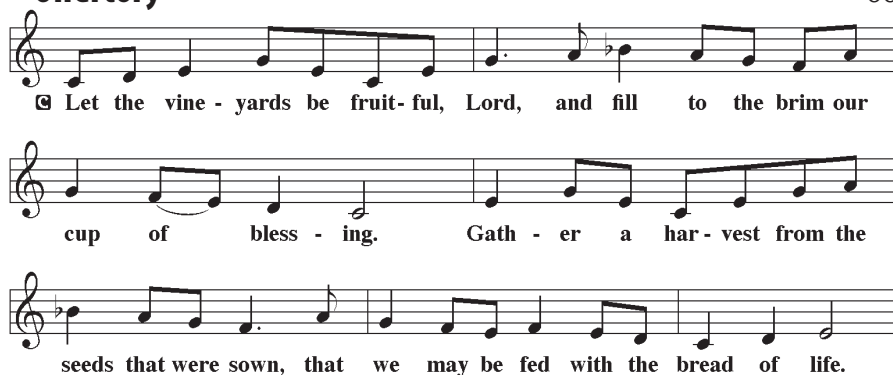
Anthem: "Christ, Be Our Light"

Adult Choir

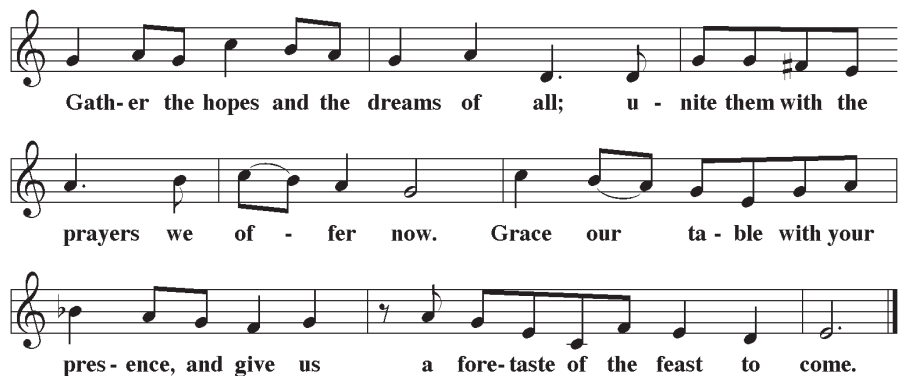
Please stand.

Offertory

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

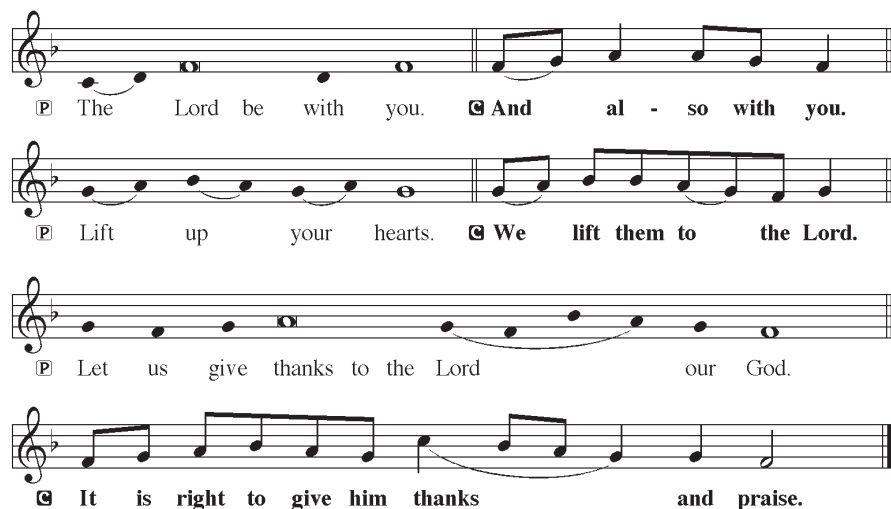
Let us Pray...

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Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

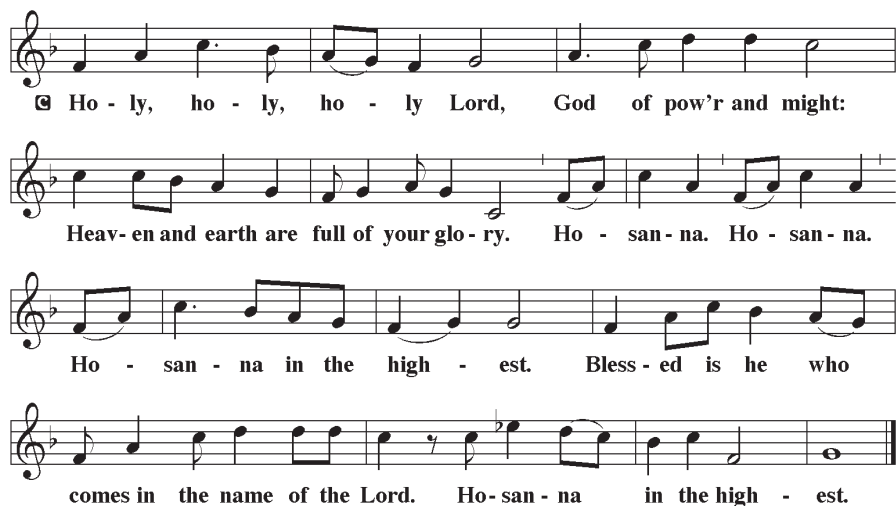
The Great Thanksgiving

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Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.
Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.
Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav - en 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 who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

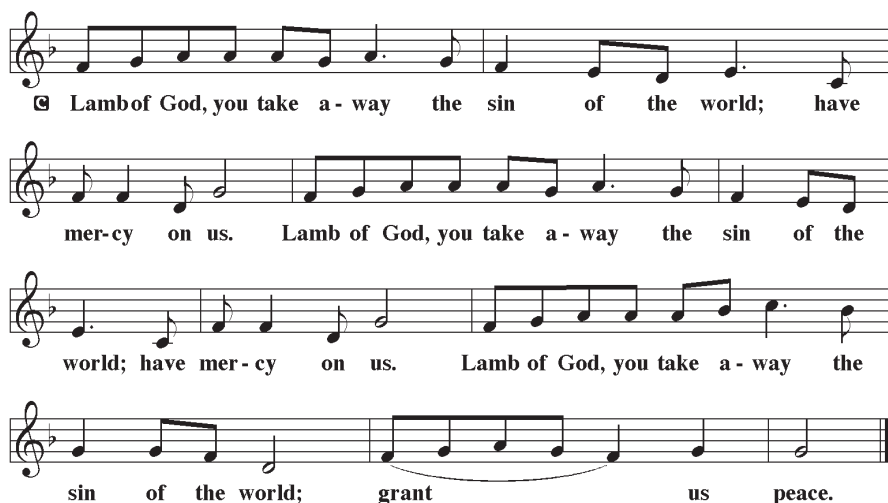
Holy Communion *Please be seated. An usher will direct you to the Table.*

Distribution

If you need a gluten-free wafer or juice, please hold up your index finger in front of you as the server approaches you at the altar rail. A pastor will bring communion to the pews for those who are unable to come to the rail. Please raise your hand so he doesn't miss you.

Agnus Dei

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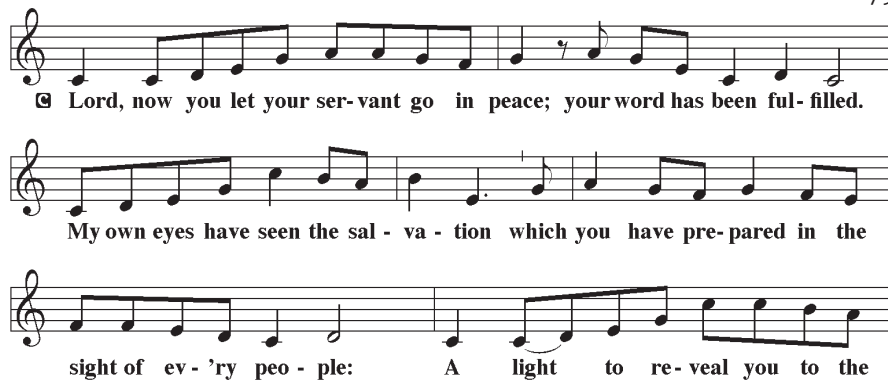


☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

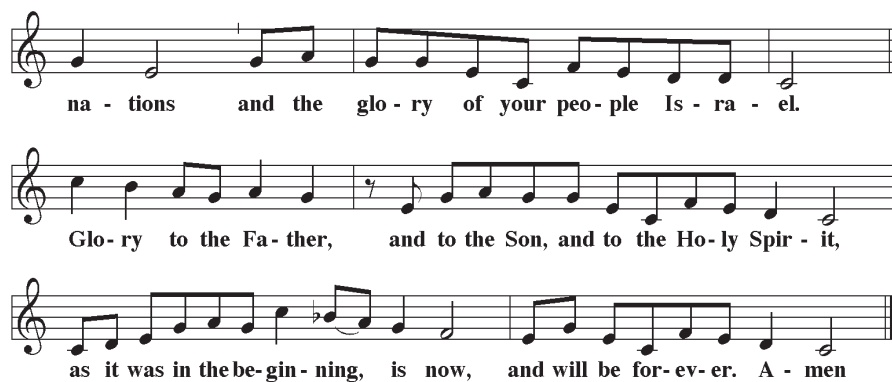
Blessing The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Nunc Dimittis

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☞ Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful- filled.
My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal you to the



Prayer

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Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food—through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Postlude: “Toccata in F Major”

We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude, standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross, now at the rear of the sanctuary.

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen



Brunswick Stew

Pastor Ryman will be cooking Brunswick Stew the morning of January 31st, in the picnic shelter. Tickets will be sold on the porch again today. Each ticket is \$10, and is good for one quart of stew. Proceeds will go to the Capital Building Fund.

Contact Information

We are gathering information for the 2026 yearbook. If your mailing address, email address, or phone number has changed, please contact the church office right away.

Koontz Elementary Collection

The Lutheran Women are collecting sweat pants and leggings for Koontz Elementary School during the month of January. Small to extra large youth sizes are needed for boys and girls. There are bins in the Narthex and in the hallway outside the conference room. Thanks so much for your continued support.

Youth and Family Museum Trip

The Youth and Family committee is planning a three-day, two-night trip to Kentucky to attend the Creation Museum and the Ark Museum. We will be leaving Friday, March 13th at 4am, and returning Sunday, March 15th in the evening. We will be attending the Creation Museum Friday afternoon, the Ark Museum Saturday, and doing a morning prayer service on Sunday before returning to Salisbury. **At least one parent must go with your child on this trip.** If you are interested in going, please fill out the form in the link or the QR code. <https://forms.gle/6WnaR6whe2QGZXjR8>



Men Invited to James River

All men are invited to a special evening to learn about James River Equipment and John Deere, on **Monday, January 26, at 6:30pm**. With the fellowship hall kitchen unavailable, St. Paul's Men will offer opportunities throughout the year to learn more of other's work, hobbies, and interests. Matt Holland, James River's Marketing/Online Sales Manager, will kick it off sharing information about the company and John Deere equipment as we enjoy sub sandwiches in their conference room, followed by a tour of the facilities. **Meet at the side entrance nearest the animal shelter at 6:30pm**, Monday, January 26th, for an interesting evening learning more about those John Deere green machines, and James River Equipment.

Sunday, January 18

- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Worship, 10:30am
- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Ensemble practice, 5pm
- Vespers in the parsonage, 6pm

Join us at 8:30am, Monday–Friday in the chapel for morning prayer.

Monday, January 19

- Homeschool dance class, 10am
- Newsletter articles are due this week
- No Council tonight—meet Thursday*

Tuesday, January 20

- Bible Study classes, 10am and 6pm
- Staff meeting, 5pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:30pm

Wednesday, January 21

- Classical Conversations Homeschool, 8:30am–3pm
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- No Youth Confirmation Class this week

Thursday, January 22

- Rowan Smart Start, 10am–12pm
- Council meeting, 6:30pm*

Friday, January 23

- Doris Goodman Swartzenberg funeral, 3pm

Sunday, January 25

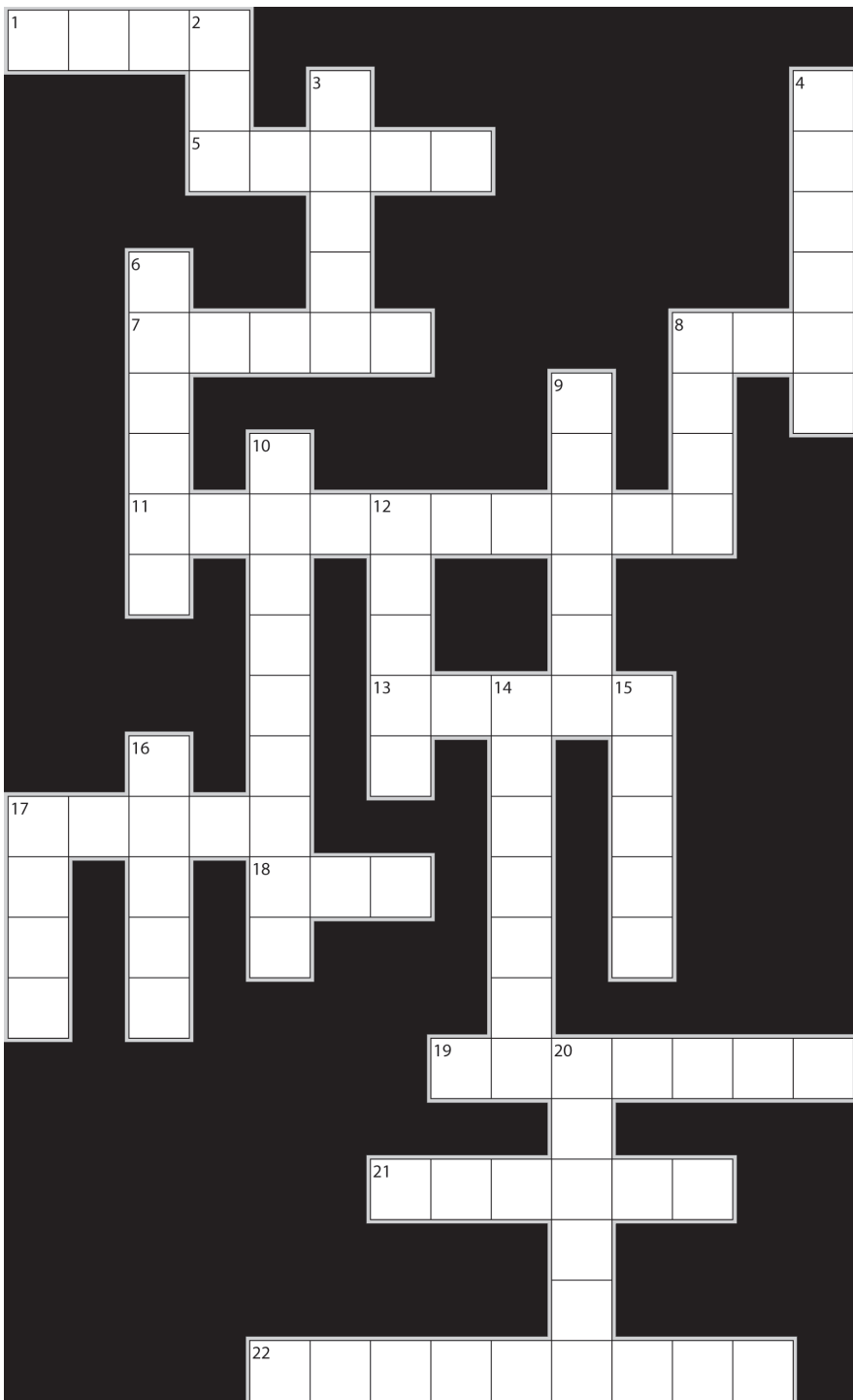
- Sunday School, 9:30am
- Worship, 10:30am
- Cruise 'n Barbecue Volunteer forms will be available today
- Acolyte/Crucifer training, 3pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Ensemble practice, 5pm
- Vespers in the parsonage, 6pm

Thanksgiving to God

Find the 24 bold words from 1 Corinthians 1:1–9 KJV.

O F F Y O B L A M E L E S S E
O D W Y S R Y T K F Y C M V G
P I H S W O L L E F E A E B D
D E I F I T C N A S C R M A E
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Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and **Sosthenes** our **brother**, Unto the church of God which is at **Corinth**, to them that are **sanctified** in **Christ** Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in **every** place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: Grace be unto you, and **peace**, from God our **Father**, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God **always** on your **behalf**, for the **Grace** of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; That in every thing ye are **enriched** by him, in all **utterance**, and in all **knowledge**; Even as the **testimony** of Christ was **confirmed** in you: So that ye come behind in no **gift**; **waiting** for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also **confirm** you unto the end, that ye may be **blameless** in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is **faithful**, by whom ye were called unto the **fellowship** of his Son **Jesus** Christ our Lord.



Epiphany 2A

*Find the answers in today's lectionary readings from
Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42a.
The English Standard Version is used to build this puzzle.
Solve online: <https://tinyurl.com/epiphany2Acrossword>*

ACROSS

1. John said, "Behold, the..."
5. Paul always gave thanks because this had been given to the Corinthians.
7. The psalmist said God's law was there.
8. Blessed is the man who does not turn to those who go astray after a...
11. Paul wrote to them in Corinth.
13. The Lord made the servant's mouth like this kind of sword.
17. The Lamb of God came to take away its sin.
18. He has become the servant's strength.
19. Andrew said that they had found this person.
21. John saw him descending from heaven like a dove.
22. God will sustain you to the end, and in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ you will be found...

DOWN

2. God drew up David from the pit of destruction, out of the miry...
3. John came baptizing with this.
4. The name of the Lord's servant
6. Messiah means this.
8. The one who is faithful
9. Where the Lord hid his servant
10. In every way you were enriched in Christ Jesus in all speech and all...
12. Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his...
14. Paul was called by the will of God to be an...
15. Grace to you and...
16. Blessed is the man who does not turn to them.
17. The Lord called his servant from there.
20. David said his delight to do God's will was written there.

Recent Prayer Needs

Please notify the church office when a prayer request should be removed from this list or updated.

- Don Camerlin – recovering from surgery
- Samantha Clark – health concerns (*friend of Cottingham family*)
- Kelly Gainey – health concerns
- Dot Goodman – health concerns
- Jerry Hilliard – health concerns
- Bill Kief – health concerns (*cousin of Carolyn Canup*)
- Gary Hinson – recovering from surgery (*Bonnie and Wayne Hinson's son*)
- Shirley Hoosier – Autumn Care
- Sharon McBride – health concerns
- Robin McKnight – recovering from surgery (*Julie Johnson's sister-in-law*)
- Irene Miller – health concerns
- Melinda Redding – recovering surgery
- Carol Reese – health concerns (*George Reese's brother*)
- Lottie Simpson – health concerns
- Jenny Smith – health concerns (*Bonnie Hinson's sister-in-law*)
- Johnsie Taylor – health concerns
- Greg Wilhelm – health concerns
- Family of Charlotte Police Officer, Michael Miles, who died January 4

For a longer list of prayer needs, please consult The Monthly Epistle.

This page in the bulletin is to make you aware of the most recent prayer needs.

Typically, after one month on this list the name and request will have migrated to The Monthly Epistle.

*He will not leave you
or forsake you.*

Deuteronomy 31:6

Stats

General Fund offering 1/11	\$5,864
Other offering 1/11	\$1,324
Worship attendance 1/11	170
Sunday School attendance reported 1/11	63

Children's Change Collection

Last week's total: \$175.50 Total so far: \$352.00

Children's change collections this quarter
will support the Small Catechism Project.

In the last two+ years, the children have collected
\$24,058.12 for missions.

The total collected for
Lutheran Military Veterans and Families
during the fourth quarter of 2025 was \$2,396.

The total collected for Friends of Madagascar Mission
during the third quarter of 2025 was \$2,248.50.

The total collected for The Table Ministry
during the second quarter of 2025 was \$2,022.

The total collected for Lutherans for Life
during the first quarter of 2025 was \$1,951.00.

More information about
St. Paul's Missions may be found at
StPaulsLutheran.Church/Missionaries



Reminder: Information for weekly bulletins should be turned in to the church office by Wednesday morning before Noon. Information for monthly newsletters needs to be in during the 3rd week of each month or earlier. You may email, call, or bring information. **Also, please be sure your and your family member's names are written in the friendship register each Sunday.**



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Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

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Next weeks lessons: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-25

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