

+++THE GUIDE +++
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

January 12, 2025

The Baptism of Our Lord

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THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN.	8:30 AM Communion Service
	9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+
	11-12:30 PM LYF Soup Luncheon @ Trinity
	5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace
TUE.	9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
WED.	8:30 AM Chair Yoga
	6:30-7:30PM WDS
	7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
THURS.	1:00 PM St. Paul's Cemetery Meeting
SUN.	8:30 AM Worship Service-Choir Sings
	9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+
	5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace

January 5 8:30: 53 Year Ago: 128 Sunday School: 19

Welcome Welcome to worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. May you experience the love of Jesus in the midst of this congregation. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

Pause For Peace We are making the new calendar for Pause for Peace for 2025. We have a couple of empty days that we need people to fill. It just requires a few minutes one day each month. Talk to Patsy Lenz for more information and to volunteer.

Christmas Shoe Boxes We sent 122 shoe boxes to children around the world in November. It takes many items to fill that many boxes so it is time to start collecting items for next year. The items we are collecting for January are small toys for either boys or girls ages 2 to 16. Thank you for helping.

Lutheran Witness The January Edition of the Lutheran Witness is available in the Narthex.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
Jan 5	\$ 3,971.00	\$ 2,248.00	\$-1,723.00
year-to-date	\$ 3,971.00	\$ 2,248.00	\$-1,723.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Jan 5	\$ 481.00	\$ 130.00	\$ -351.00
year-to-date	\$ 481.00	\$ 130.00	\$ -351.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000			Total to Date \$0

Building \$285 Seminary Student \$100 LYF \$25 LCMS World Relief \$40

Jan 1 \$ 645.00

Jan 5 \$1,398.00

Jan 5 \$ 785.00 (ACH)

- 1/21 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
- 1/22 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
- 2:30 PM Social Hall communion
- 6:30-7:30 PM WDS
- 1/23 8:30 AM Blanket making

LYF Soup Luncheon The Joint LYF of Grace, St. Paul's, and Trinity will be hosting a Soup Luncheon on today, Sunday, January 12 at Trinity Lutheran Church. The youth will begin serving homemade chili and chicken noodle soup, hot dogs, potato chips and desserts from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Dine-in and To-go available! Proceeds from your freewill donations will go toward local youth group activities and trips. We appreciate your support and hope to see you after church on the 12th!

Annual Report Please have your annual report turned in to the church office by January 23, 2025.

Thank you Thank you to Sarah Luce, Sara Hayes, Shanna Kessler, Karen Kull, and St. Paul's Education for supplying treats in December to the WDS children. It is much appreciated.

Seminary Student News Gifts of \$1,000 each were sent to adopted seminary students Michah Brown, and Hunter Kinnison in November. Thank you for your financial support of our future pastors. Please keep both students and their families in your prayers. They would love to hear from you with a card or note.

Thank you Thank you to all for your cards and gifts this Christmas season. Doreen and I are truly blessed.

Congratulation Congratulations to Tanner & Caroline Bowers on the birth of their son, Beau Weber Bowers, born on Sunday, January 5, 2025. Grandparents are Chris & Sue Bowers, and John & Eileen Janecki. God's blessings to Beau and his family.

Council Meeting The Council meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, January 12th at 6:30PM.



ANNIVERSARIES

12-Mac & Lois Ogle
13-Matthew* & Ellen McCoy
15-Gerald* & Susan Hanfland

BIRTHDAYS

14-Michael Orr; Shelby Beltz
15-Derryl Pikes; Gary Schultz;
Tyler* Vonderheide; Dusty Rincker
16-Debra Glasscock
17-Tori Daniels; Mark Richards;
Kathy Pieper; Lori Mathis
18-Dean Rentfro

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Bill & Linda Orr, Tom Patrick, Stephanie & Jared Petri, Dan & Karen Pfeiffer, Jacob Pfeiffer, James & Claire Hortenstine, Mark & Deb Richards, Chris Rincker, Doug & Marla Rincker

Recorded Services

Website: stpaul-strasburg.com

YouTube: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Strasburg Illinois

Facebook: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

PRAYER

Dianna Gibson	Anna Schlechte
Nick Hanfland	Kendall Fulk
Frances York	Wayne Wirth
Robert Pfeiffer	Ronda Schlechte
Margaret Swank	Nick Oller
Beulah Ulmer	Clay Tabbert
Karla Tabbert	

LIMITED MOBILITY

Rose Schlechte- StoneBridge
Robert Stremming
Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook
Bill Orr
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone Mattoon
Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga
Doris Stremming – Willowbrook, Effingham
Margaret Swank – Willowbrook Effingham

FRIENDS & FAMILY **(non-members)**

Cody Chasteen (Sue's nephew; ATV Accident)
Ken Daily (Karen Pfeiffer's father) stroke
Zona Doty (Health)
Walker Warden (cancer)
Christie Dust (Howard & Kay's daughter) (Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis)
Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)
Matt Durbin
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's uncle)

Adopted Seminary Students 2024-25

4TH Year Student

Micah Brown (Wife Jen)

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2nd Year Student

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Fort Wayne, IN 46825**

**2024-25 Vicar assignment at Concordia Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN
Joshua Gerken (Wife Rachel, son Callan)
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The Baptism of Our Lord – Setting One

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

LSB 590

- 1 Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin, Your Spirit now shall live within.
- 2 My loving Father, here You take me To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here You make me The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me When threat'ning clouds around I see.
- 3 My faithful God, You fail me never; Your promise surely will endure.
O cast me not away forever If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.
- 4 All that I am and love most dearly—Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely; Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own Serve any will but Yours alone.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your**

present and eternal punishment. 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.

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a

Kyrie

LSB 152

- 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.**

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

- C ***This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

***For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And also with you.***

P Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ***Amen.***

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1–7

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 6:1–11

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C ***Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.***

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

C ***Glory to You, O Lord.***

The Gospel is Read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C ***Praise to You, O Christ.***

To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

LSB 407

- 1 To Jordan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His Father's pleasure;
Baptized by John, the Father's Word Was given us to treasure.
This heav'nly washing now shall be A cleansing from transgression
And by His blood and agony Release from death's oppression.
A new life now awaits us.
- 2 O hear and mark the message well, For God Himself has spoken.
Let faith, not doubt, among us dwell And so receive this token.
Our Lord here with His Word endows Pure water, freely flowing.
God's Holy Spirit here avows Our kinship while bestowing
The Baptism of His blessing.
- 3 These truths on Jordan's banks were shown By mighty word and wonder.
The Father's voice from heav'n came down, Which we do well to ponder:
"This man is My beloved Son, In whom My heart has pleasure.
Him you must hear, and Him alone, And trust in fullest measure
The word that He has spoken."
- 4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to us extending;
The Holy Spirit like a dove Upon the scene descending;
The triune God assuring us, With promises compelling,
That in our Baptism He will thus Among us find a dwelling
To comfort and sustain us.
- 5 To His disciples spoke the Lord, "Go out to ev'ry nation,
And bring to them the living Word And this My invitation:
Let ev'ryone abandon sin And come in true contrition
To be baptized and thereby win Full pardon and remission
And heav'nly bliss inherit."

- 6 But woe to those who cast aside This grace so freely given;
 They shall in sin and shame abide And to despair be driven.
 For born in sin, their works must fail, Their striving saves them never;
 Their pious acts do not avail, And they are lost forever,
 Eternal death their portion.
- 7 All that the mortal eye beholds Is water as we pour it.
 Before the eye of faith unfolds The pow'r of Jesus' merit.
 For here it sees the crimson flood To all our ills bring healing;
 The wonders of His precious blood The love of God revealing,
 Assuring His own pardon.

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Sermon Romans 6:1-11 "Newness of Life"

Nicene Creed

- C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**
- And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**
- And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.**
- Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Offertory

LSB 159

- C** *What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

Preface

LSB 160

- P** The Lord be with you.
C *And also with you.*
P Lift up your hearts.
C *We lift them 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, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

- C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C ***Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.***

Distribution

The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

LSB 602

- 1 The gifts Christ freely gives He gives to you and me
To be His Church, His bride, His chosen, saved and free!
Saints blest with these rich gifts Are children who proclaim
That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
- 2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
New life He gives that makes Us His and His alone.
Here He forgives our sins With water and His Word;
The triune God Himself Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
- 3 The gifts of grace and peace From absolution flow;
The pastor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
Forgiveness that we need Is granted to us there;
The Lord of mercy sends Us forth in His blest care.
- 4 The gifts are there each day The holy Word is read;
God's children listen, hear, Receive, and they are fed.
Christ fills them with Himself, Blest words that give them life,
Restoring and refreshing Them for this world's strife.
- 5 The gifts are in the feast, Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in His peace, renewed again.
- 6 All glory to the One Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!

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Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB 394

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest In Thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 4 Sun and moon shall darkened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine, All will see His glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear, All will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confessed, God in man made manifest.
- 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy holy Word—
Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee At Thy great epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

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O Blessed Spring

LSB 595

- 1 O blessèd spring, where Word and sign Embrace us into Christ the Vine:
Here Christ enjoins each one to be A branch of this life-giving Tree.
- 2 Through summer heat of youthful years, Uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
Sustained by Christ's infusing rain, The boughs will shout for joy again.
- 3 When autumn cools and youth is cold, When limbs their heavy harvest hold,
Then through us, warm, the Christ will move With gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.

4 As winter comes, as winters must, We breathe our last, return to dust;
Still held in Christ, our souls take wing And trust the promise of the spring.

5 Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, Be praised for this blest mystery:
That Word and water thus revive And join us to Your Tree of Life.

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Thank the Lord

LSB 164

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ***Amen.***

Benediction

LSB 166

P 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 T give you peace.

C ***Amen.***

All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

LSB 596

1 All Christians who have been baptized, Who know the God of heaven,
And in whose daily life is prized The name of Christ once given:
Consider now what God has done, The gifts He gives to ev'ryone
Baptized into Christ Jesus!

- 2 You were before your day of birth, Indeed, from your conception,
Condemned and lost with all the earth, None good, without exception.
For like your parents' flesh and blood, Turned inward from the highest good,
You constantly denied Him.
- 3 But all of that was washed away—Immersed and drowned forever.
The water of your Baptism day Restored again whatever
Old Adam and his sin destroyed And all our sinful selves employed
According to our nature.
- 4 In Baptism we now put on Christ—Our shame is fully covered
With all that He once sacrificed And freely for us suffered.
For here the flood of His own blood Now makes us holy, right, and good
Before our heav'nly Father.
- 5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul, Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you.
- 6 So use it well! You are made new—In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians, live and do Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess His glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on you forever!

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Next Week's Readings – Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

This Week's Memory Verse – Romans 6:4 "We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the Glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

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