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**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS**

**January 26, 2025**

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

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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+  
                   9:30 AM Voter's meeting  
                   10:30 AM Worship Service @ Grace  
                   5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace
- TUE.            9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
- WED.            8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
                   6:30-7:30PM WDS
- SUN.            8:30 AM Worship Service  
                   9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+  
                   10:30 AM Worship Service @ Grace  
                   5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace  
                   6:30 PM Bible Trivia  
                   6:30 PM LYF Meeting @ St. Paul's

**January 19 8:30: 140 Year Ago: 130 Sunday School: 49**

**Welcome** Welcome, dear family in Christ. May you sense the care and guidance of Father, Son and Holy Spirit during worship, faith education and Christian fellowship today. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

**Thank you** LYF would like to thank all who supported us at the Soup Luncheon. Thanks to your generous donations, we had a great fundraiser raising around \$1000 and serving 120 people! We enjoyed serving you lunch and appreciate your continued support!

**LYF Meeting** Join us for the February LYF meeting on Sunday, February 2 at 6:30pm at St. Paul's.

**Voter's Meeting** The voter's meeting will be held this morning immediately following the church service.

**Thank you** Thank you to Mike Pfeiffer for all his help in the transition of the new church software and also with his help with the year end. Mike has spent a lot of time making the transition go smooth. All of your time and hard work has not gone unnoticed. Thank you Mike! Sue

**FOR THE LORD'S WORK**

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
Jan 19	\$ 3,971.00	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 279.00
year-to-date	\$ 11,913.00	\$ 9,262.00	\$ -2,651.00
<b><u>Synod-Offerings</u></b>			
Jan 19	\$ 481.00	\$ 345.00	\$ -136.00
year-to-date	\$ 1,443.00	\$ 790.00	\$ -653.00
<b>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</b>		Total to Date	\$225.00
Building \$615	Seminary Student \$100	Cemetery \$300	LYF \$25
Organ Maint. \$130	LCMS Disaster Relief \$100	Trinity \$225	

**Jan 19 \$ 2,805.00**  
**Jan 20 \$ 3,285.00 (ACH)**

- 2/4 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 2/5 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
- 6:30-7:30 PM WDS
- 2/6 1:30 PM Ladies Aid

**90 Years** Bob Pfeiffer will be celebrating his 90th birthday on February 5<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to send him a card, his address is: Bob Pfeiffer, 1174 N 2900 East Rd, Windsor, IL 61957.

**God's Gifts** God gives everyone various gifts, talents and abilities. Did God give you the gift of singing? If He did, why not use that gift by singing in our adult choir? We are always ready to welcome and help new members! Just come to any rehearsal to get started. Help us reach others and praise God with the gift of singing!

**Congratulations "Walkers"!** We have met our **Goal** of **"WALKING FOR ST. PAUL"** in four months. AWESOME!! Now we need to decide which aspect of our church we want to give the money too. If you have an idea please put it in the envelope on the office door. Thanks for participating and keep walking for yourself now.

**New Bible Class** We are starting a new Bible Class at Grace for St. Paul's and Grace members beginning Sunday, February 2. We will be studying the Book of Jude.



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

28- Jim & Phyllis Weiss  
29- Jim & Sharon Rincker  
1- Jacob & Brittney Gilbert

### **BIRTHDAYS**

27- Jennifer Logan; Melba Kircher  
28- Roger Kessler; Katie Harley  
29- Blake\* Furr  
30- Jeremy Pieper; Maurina Batson  
1- Clay Tabbert

### **HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Mary (Pieper) London, Scott & Lori Pieper,  
Derryl & Sue Pikes, Neil Pikes, Steve  
Polk, Jessica (Hanfland) Polko, John & Judy  
Radloff, Ramona Radloff, Merle Ragan,  
Roy & Mary Reed,

### **Recorded Services**

**Website:** [stpaul-strasburg.com](http://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**

**4<sup>TH</sup> Year Student**  
**Micah Brown (Wife Jen)**  
**6C Founders Way**  
**St. Louis, MO 63105**  
[mrbrown5462@gmail.com](mailto:mrbrown5462@gmail.com)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year Student**  
**Hunter Kinnison (Wife Naomi)**  
**6600 North Clinton St., Box 194**  
**Fort Wayne, IN 46825**

**2024-25 Vicar assignment at**  
**Concordia**  
**Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN**  
**Joshua Gerken (Wife Rachel, son**  
**Callan)**  
**5418 Brighton Dr.**  
**Fort Wayne, IN 46825**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany – Setting Four

#### God Has Spoken by His Prophets

LSB 583

- 1 God has spoken by His prophets, Spoken His unchanging Word;  
Each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord.  
In the world's despair and turmoil, One firm anchor holds us fast:  
God is king, His throne eternal; God the first, and God the last.
  
- 2 God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son,  
Brightness of the Father's glory, With the Father ever one;  
Spoken by the Word Incarnate, God of God, before time was;  
Light of Light, to earth descending, He reveals our God to us.
  
- 3 God is speaking by His Spirit, Speaking to our hearts again,  
In the ageless Word declaring His own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations One sure faith yet standing fast;  
God abides, His Word unchanging; God the first, and God the last.

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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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of

God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 102:18–22; antiphon: v. 13

### **Kyrie**

LSB 204

**C *Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.***

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

LSB 204

**C *1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.***

***2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—***

***3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.***

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading**

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle**

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Alleluia and Verse**

C ***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

### **Holy Gospel**

Luke 4:16–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth 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.**

### **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.**

### **O Christ, Our True and Only Light**

LSB 839

- 1 O Christ, our true and only light, Enlighten those who sit in night;  
Let those afar now hear Your voice And in Your fold with us rejoice.
- 2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace The souls now lost in error's maze;  
Enlighten those whose inmost minds Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
- 3 O gently call those gone astray That they may find the saving way!  
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed In You find peace and heav'nly rest.
- 4 Shine on the darkened and the cold; Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.  
Unite all those who walk apart; Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
- 5 That they with us may evermore Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore  
And endless praise to You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

**Sermon** "Amen, Amen" Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

### **Prayer of the Church**

#### **Preface**

LSB 208

- 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 208

C ***Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!***

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.  
Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### **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.**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

### **Pax Domini**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

### **Agnus Dei**

LSB 210

C **1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## **Distribution**

### **O God, My Faithful God**

LSB 696

1 O God, my faithful God, True fountain ever flowing,  
Without whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing:  
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within  
A conscience free from blame, A soul unstained by sin.

2 Grant me the strength to do With ready heart and willing  
Whatever You command, My calling here fulfilling;  
That I do what I should While trusting You to bless  
The outcome for my good, For You must give success.

- 3 Keep me from saying words That later need recalling;  
Guard me lest idle speech May from my lips be falling;  
But when within my place I must and ought to speak,  
Then to my words give grace Lest I offend the weak.
- 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kindly words and actions,  
And let me find good friends For counsel and correction.  
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small  
And by Your Spirit's might To live in peace with all.
- 5 Let me depart this life Confiding in my Savior;  
By grace receive my soul That it may live forever;  
And let my body have A quiet resting place  
Within a Christian grave; And let it sleep in peace.
- 6 And on that final day When all the dead are waking,  
Stretch out Your mighty hand, My deathly slumber breaking.  
Then let me hear Your voice, Redeem this earthly frame,  
And bid me to rejoice With those who love Your name.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

### **Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness**

LSB 563

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,  
Which at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty,  
Was also shed in love for me.

- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,  
For all a full atonement made.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.  
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### **The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord**

LSB 634

- 1 The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
We celebrate with one accord;  
It is our comfort in distress,  
Our heart's sweet joy and happiness.
- 2 He blotted out with His own blood  
The judgment that against us stood;  
For us He full atonement made,  
And all our debt He fully paid.
- 3 That this forever true shall be  
He gives a solemn guarantee:  
In this His holy Supper here  
We taste His love so sweet, so near.
- 4 His Word proclaims and we believe  
That in this Supper we receive  
His very body, as He said,  
His very blood for sinners shed.

5 We dare not ask how this can be,  
But simply hold the mystery  
And trust this word where life begins:  
"Given and shed for all your sins."

6 They who this word do not believe  
This food unworthily receive,  
Salvation here will never find—  
May we this warning keep in mind!

7 But blest is each believing guest  
Who in these promises finds rest;  
For Jesus shall in love remain  
With all who here His grace obtain.

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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## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

**C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

## **Post-Communion Collect**

P 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.**

## **Benedicamus**

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Benediction**

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.**

## **O Word of God Incarnate**

LSB 523

1 O Word of God incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise You for the radiance  
That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps,  
Shines on from age to age.

2 The Church from You, dear Master,  
Received the gift divine;  
And still that light is lifted  
O'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass  
That, all life's voyage through,  
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands  
Still guides, O Christ, to You.

3 O make Your Church, dear Savior,  
A lamp of burnished gold  
To bear before the nations  
Your true light as of old!  
O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims  
By this their path to trace  
Till, clouds and darkness ended,  
They see You face to face!

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Next Week's Readings – 1 Samuel 1:21-28, Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:22-32

This Week's Memory Verse – “<sup>6</sup> And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.”

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