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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

**February 16, 2025**

**Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

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**THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD**

SUN.            8:30 AM Worship Service-Choir sings  
                  9:30 AM SS,Alpha,W.L.S.,H.S.,College+  
                  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 CommunionService  
                  9:30 AM SS,Alpha,W.L.S.,H.S.,College+  
                  10:30 AM Worship Service @ Grace  
                  5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace

**February 9 8:30: 111 Year Ago: 123 Sunday School: 36**

**Welcome** Welcome to worship. God plants us like trees beside streams of living water, provided by Jesus himself (Psalm 1:3; John 4:14). All who are thirsty, come and drink! *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

**New Bible Class** The new Bible Class at Grace for St. Paul's and Grace members will be on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. We will be studying the Book of Jude. Donuts and coffee will be available.

**Thank you** We want to thank all for the beautiful cards, birthday wishes, visits and gifts. Bob had a wonderful birthday. Thanks for letting him have a wonderful celebration. The Pfeiffer's

**Card Shower** Beulah Ulmer will be celebrating her 90th birthday on February 25<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to send her a card, her address is: Beulah Ulmer, 956 N 2700 E RD, Strasburg, IL 62465.

**Newsletter** If you have articles for the March newsletter, please get those in to the church secretary by Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**Christmas Shoe Boxes** The items we are collecting for the Christmas shoe boxes for the month of February are wash cloths, gloves, mittens, and sock caps. Thank you for your help!

### FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
Feb 9	\$ 3,971.00	\$ 3,460.00	\$ -511.00
year-to-date	\$ 23,826.00	\$ 19,194.00	\$ -4,632.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Feb 9	\$ 481.00	\$ 470.00	\$ -11.00
year-to-date	\$ 2,886.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ -836.00
<b>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</b>		Total to Date	\$555.00
Building \$175 Trinity \$25 LYF \$225 Cemetery \$100			

**Feb 5 \$ 785.00 (ACH)**  
**Feb 9 \$3,670.00**

2/25 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study  
2/26 8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
2:30 PM Social Hall Communion  
6:30-7:30 PM WDS  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal  
2/27 8:30 AM Blanket making

**Annual Report** The Annual Report has been mailed out. Please review the church directory for any errors, including any changes to addresses, phone numbers, cell numbers, and e-mail addresses. If there are changes that need made, please call the church office at 217.644.2661 or you can e-mail the corrections to [stpaulsstrsburg@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsstrsburg@gmail.com).

**Young Adult Bible Study** The Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont would like to invite young adults (18-35) to join them for bible study. The first topic is Reliability of the Bible and will begin on February 14 at 6:30PM at Pastor Burdick's house: 717 S First St., Effingham.

**Lenten Series** - Good News from the Beginning: The Gospel in Genesis

**Ash Wednesday** March 5 The Good News of a Savior Who Covers Our Sin, Genesis 3:1-13, 21

**Lenten Midweek 2:** March 12 The Good News of a Savior Who Conquers Evil, Genesis 3:14-15

**Lenten Midweek 3:** March 19 The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Us a New Beginning, Genesis 6

**Lenten Midweek 4:** March 26 The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Himself in Our Place, Genesis 22:1-18

**Lenten Midweek 5:** April 2 The Good News of a Savior Who Unites Heaven and Earth, Genesis 28:10-22

**Lenten Midweek 6:** April 9 The Good News of a Savior Who Brings Good from Evil, Genesis 50:15-21

**Lenten Services are at 10:30AM at Grace and 6:30PM at St. Paul's.**



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

14-Will\* & Kathy Eckstein;  
Tanner & Caroline\* Bowers

### **BIRTHDAYS**

9-Brian Kessler; Judy Wittenberg  
10-Linda Newell  
11-Cathy Reel  
12-Gary Wirth; Diane Jack;  
Grant\* Merriman  
13-Kathy Manhart; Max Kull;  
Michelle Knop; Eloise Parisien  
15-Debra Richards

### **HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Troy & Carol Salazar, Bob & Ronda Schlechte, Rosemary Schlechte, Gerry & Dawn Schlechte, Whitney & Blake Furr, Cassie Schultheis, Dean Schultz, Gary & Johnna Schultz, Alex Shadwell, Brian & Lisa Shelton, Ashley Sherrill,

### **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**

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#### **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**

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany – Setting Four

### Renew Me, O Eternal Light

LSB 704

- 1 Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright,  
Illumined with the light of grace That issues from Your holy face.
- 2 Remove the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all my impurity  
That I may have the strength and will Temptations of the flesh to still.
- 3 Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey Your Word.  
Let what You will be my desire, And with new life my soul inspire.
- 4 Grant that I only You may love And seek those things which are above  
Till I behold You face to face, O Light eternal, through Your grace.

Text: Johann Friedrich Ruopp, 1672–1708; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Text: Public domain

*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 119:1–2, 4–5; antiphon: v. 7

**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.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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**

Jeremiah 17:5–8

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle**

1 Corinthians 15:12–20

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Choir Sings** “Blessed Are You” (Hayes)

### **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 6:17–26

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

### **Apostles’ Creed**

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from**

**the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.**

## **Children's Message**

Blest Are They

LSB 982

- 1   Blest are they, the poor in spirit; Theirs is the kingdom of God.  
    Blest are they, full of sorrow; They shall be consoled. Refrain
  
- ref Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you.  
    Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.
  
- 2   Blest are they, the lowly ones; They shall inherit the earth.  
    Blest are they who hunger and thirst; They shall have their fill. Refrain
  
- 3   Blest are they who show mercy; Mercy shall be theirs.  
    Blest are they, the pure of heart; They shall see God! Refrain
  
- 4   Blest are they who seek peace; They are the children of God.  
    Blest are they who suffer in faith; The glory of God is theirs. Refrain
  
- 5   Blest are you who suffer hate, All because of Me.  
    Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; Shine for all to see. Refrain

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**Sermon** "Blessings and Woes" Luke 6:17-26

## **Prayer of the Church**

- P   In peace, let us pray to the Lord:  
C   **Lord, have mercy.**

- P For the spread of God's kingdom, made manifest in the preaching and miracles of Jesus Christ, that a great multitude from every Gentile nation and from Judea's remnant may be gathered to know true Wisdom come in our flesh, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For all people among whom the Gospel is preached, that they would hold fast to God's Word and not believe it in vain, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For parents and those who teach children the Word of God, that generations to come may love God's promises, walk in His truth and dwell in His house, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For all who bear office in our land, that they would be a blessing to those they serve; for the callings God has given us, that we would render service to Him in our works of love toward our neighbor; and for those in need of honest labor and daily bread, that they would receive gainful employment according to His good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For those troubled by any unclean spirit, memory or thought; for the sick; and for all who need healing, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that they would receive the power of Christ in the hearing of His Word and be cured, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For hope that reaches beyond this life, confident in the risen Christ who is the firstfruits from among those who sleep; for all who mourn, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that they may have comfort in His life; and that we may live confidently in our expectation of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**



- P Lord God, heavenly Father, plant us as trees by the stream of Christ, our Savior. Root us securely in His Word and wisdom. Do not let us turn from You, nor put our trust in man and this flesh, which fail. Preserve us from all anxiety, and take our fears away through right fear of You. Cause us, by Your Holy Spirit, to bear much fruit and, when affliction and persecution come, to stand firm and rejoice at the great reward that is laid up for those who trust in You; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

### **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.**

### **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.**

### **On What Has Now Been Sown**

LSB 921

- 1 On what has now been sown Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;  
The pow'r is Thine alone To make it sprout and grow.  
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise, And Thou alone shalt have the praise!
- 2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
Accept what is Thine own And pardon what is ours.  
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive, And to Thy Word a blessing give.

3 O grant that each of us, Now met before Thee here,  
May meet together thus When Thou and Thine appear  
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

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Next Week's Readings – Genesis 45:3-15, 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42, Luke 6:27-38

This Week's Memory Verse - Luke 6:23 "Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; so their fathers did to the prophets."

### **Acknowledgments**

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