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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

February 23, 2025

Seventh 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+
	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
	2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
	6:30-7:30PM WDS
	7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
THURS.	8:30 AM Blanket making
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 LYF @ Trinity
	6:30 PM Bible Trivia

February 16 8:30: N/A Year Ago: 118 Sunday School: N/A

Welcome Friends and friends-to-be, we welcome you to this time of worship, faith education and Christian fellowship. May the Word of God nourish you for your life and ministry in the days to come. *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 25th. If you would like to send her a card, her address is: Beulah Ulmer, 956 N 2700 E RD, Strasburg, IL 62465.

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!

Really? You won't believe this, but Virginia Vogel will turn 90 on March 9. If you would like to send Virginia a card, her address is: 14 Woolery Dr, Neoga IL 62447.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
Feb 16	\$ 3,971.00	\$ 0	\$-3,971.00
year-to-date	\$ 27,797.00	\$ 19,194.00	\$-8,603.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Feb 16	\$ 481.00	\$ 0	\$ -481.00
year-to-date	\$ 3,367.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ -1,317.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000			Total to Date \$555.00

Feb 16 \$ 0

- 3/4 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
- 3/5 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
- 10:30 AM Lent Service @ Grace
- 6:30 PM Lent Service @ St. Paul
- 7:00-8:00 PM WDS
- 3/6 1:30 PM Ladies Aid`

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.

Young Adult Bible Study The Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont would like to invite young adults (18-35) to join them for bible study. Join us Friday, February 28th at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont, Il 6:30-8:00. Gather with other young adults to learn different tactics on how to read the Bible. For questions please contact Violet at 618.704.6114.

- 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.

Communion Cards Please make sure you are filling out communion cards on communion Sunday's so that your attendance can be recorded. Thank you!



ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

25-Beulah Ulmer; Shanna Kessler
26-Kim Vogel
27-Karen Kull; Emily Funneman
28-Tyler Wetherell

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Kim & Brad Storm, Kurt Storm, Ryan & Sonia Storm, Brad & Kim Stremming, David & Deb Stremming, Doris Stremming, Doug & Amy Stremming, Gaylord & Dixie Stremming,

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

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St. Louis, MO 63105

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2024-25 Vicar assignment at

Concordia

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**Joshua Gerken (Wife Rachel, son
Callan)**

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7th Sunday After the Epiphany – Setting One

O Love, How Deep

LSB 544

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!

- 2 He sent no angel to our race,
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
And to this world Himself He came.

- 3 For us baptized, for us He bore
His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp He knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.

- 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;
For us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus
Still seeking not Himself but us.

- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.

- 6 For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

D 7 All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

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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 37:1–5; antiphon: vv. 7a, b

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.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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

Genesis 45:3–15

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

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 6:27–38

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.***

Children's Message

My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker

LSB 820

- 1 My soul, now praise your Maker! Let all within me bless His name
Who makes you full partaker Of mercies more than you dare claim.
Forget Him not whose meekness Still bears with all your sin,
Who heals your ev'ry weakness, Renews your life within;
Whose grace and care are endless And saved you through the past;
Who leaves no suff'rer friendless But rights the wronged at last.

- 2 He offers all His treasure Of justice, truth, and righteousness,
His love beyond all measure, His yearning pity o'er distress;
Nor treats us as we merit But sets His anger by.
The poor and contrite spirit Finds His compassion nigh;
And high as heav'n above us, As dawn from close of day,
So far, since He has loved us, He puts our sins away.

- 3 For as a tender father Has pity on his children here,
God in His arms will gather All who are His in childlike fear.
He knows how frail our powers, Who but from dust are made.
We flourish like the flowers, And even so we fade;
The wind but through them passes, And all their bloom is o'er.
We wither like the grasses; Our place knows us no more.
- 4 His grace remains forever, And children's children yet shall prove
That God forsakes them never Who in true fear shall seek His love.
In heav'n is fixed His dwelling, His rule is over all;
O hosts with might excelling, With praise before Him fall.
Praise Him forever reigning, All you who hear His Word—
Our life and all sustaining. My soul, O praise the Lord!

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Sermon Genesis 45:3-15 "God Sent Me"

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 what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

LSB 819

- 1 Sing praise to God, the highest good,
The author of creation,
The God of love who understood
Our need for His salvation.
With healing balm our souls He fills
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!
- 2 What God's almighty pow'r has made,
In mercy He is keeping.
By morning glow or evening shade
His eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of His might
All things are just and good and right:
To God all praise and glory!
- 3 We sought the Lord in our distress;
O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness
And came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord,
Who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!
- 4 He never shall forsake His flock,
His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock,
Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand,
He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

- 5 All who confess Christ's holy name,
 Give God the praise and glory.
 Let all who know His pow'r proclaim
 Aloud the wondrous story.
 Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,
 For God is God, and He alone:
 To God all praise and glory!

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"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

LSB 688

- 1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake, "All in My way abiding;
 Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.
 O bear the cross, whate'er betide, Take My example for your guide.
- 2 "I am the light, I light the way, A godly life displaying;
 I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
 I am the way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.
- 3 "My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing;
 And gracious words My lips express, With meekness overflowing.
 My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
- 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul's salvation,
 Your heart from ev'ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
 I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav'nly goal."
- 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed
 And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff'ring be undaunted.
 For those who bear the battle's strain The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

Text: tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96; (sts. 1–3, 5): Johann Scheffler, 1624–77; (st. 4): Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge, 1695
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Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

LSB 811

- 1 Oh, that I had a thousand voices To praise my God with thousand tongues!
 My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, Would then proclaim in grateful songs
 To all, wherever I might be, What great things God has done for me.

- 2 O all you pow'rs that He implanted, Arise, keep silence now no more;
Put forth the strength that God has granted! Your noblest work is to adore.
O soul and body, join to raise With heartfelt joy our Maker's praise.
- 3 You forest leaves so green and tender That dance for joy in summer air,
You meadow grasses, bright and slender, You flow'rs so fragrant and so fair,
You live to show God's praise alone. Join me to make His glory known.
- 4 All creatures that have breath and motion, That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,
Come, share with me my heart's devotion, Help me to sing God's praises high.
My utmost pow'rs can never quite Declare the wonders of His might.
- 5 Creator, humbly I implore You To listen to my earthly song
Until that day when I adore You, Together with the angel throng
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing Eternal anthems to my King.

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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

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.

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.

Praise to You and Adoration

- 1 Praise to You and adoration,
 Blessèd Jesus, Son of God,
 Who, to serve Your own creation,
 Came to share our flesh and blood.
 Guide me that I never may
 From Your fold or pastures stray,
 But with zeal and joy exceeding
 Follow where Your steps are leading.

- 2 Hold me ever in Your keeping;
 Comfort me in pain and strife.
 In my laughter and my weeping
 Be with me throughout my life.
 Give me greater love for You,
 And my faith and hope renew
 In Your birth, Your life, and passion,
 In Your death and resurrection.

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; (st. 1): tr. Kristen Kvamme, 1866–1938, alt.; (st. 2): tr. Christian Worship, 1993
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Next Week's Readings – Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Hebrews 3:1-6, Luke 9:28-36

This Week's Memory Verse – Genesis 45:7 "And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors."

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