



St. Paul  
Lutheran

Third Sunday  
After  
Epiphany

January 26, 2025  
9:00 am

## Announcements

Opening Song: “Come Now Is The Time To Worship”

**PSALM: Psalm 19**  
(Please read responsively.)

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker’s handiwork.

<sup>2</sup> **One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup> Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup> **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the  
world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup> It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

<sup>6</sup> **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the  
end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup> The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup> **The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup> **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup> By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup> **Who can detect one’s own offenses?  
Cleans me from my secret faults.**

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<sup>13</sup> Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup> **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

### **Confession and Forgiveness—P. 94**

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

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive 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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Let us pray.

**Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Hymns of Praise: “Everybody’s Got Something to Offer”**

## Word

### Children's Sermon

#### First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

<sup>1</sup> All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup> Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup> Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup> So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this.

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But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup> But strive for the greater gifts.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel: Luke 4:14-21**

The holy gospel according to Luke the 4th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: “Cornerstone”**

## **Apostles' Creed (ELW 104)**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

**Response: God of grace, Hear our prayer.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

**Offering** (We invite the children to gather dollar bills and change for the mission jug.)

**Offering: "Let It Rise"**

## **Meal**

### **"IN CHRIST ALONE" / WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***Congregation sings:* In Christ alone, our hope is found, He is our light, our strength, our song; this cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! Our Comforter, our All in All, here in the love of Christ we stand.**

***Congregation sings:* In Christ alone! Who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones he came to save. Till on that cross as Jesus died, the love of God was magnified - for every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ we live.**

***Pastor:* 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 the my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.**

***Congregation sings:* There in the ground, His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain: then bursting forth in glorious Day. Up from the grave he rose again! And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me, for we are His and He is ours - bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

***Pastor:* 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 in the remembrance of me.**

***Congregation sings:* No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in us; from life's first cry to final breath. Jesus commands our destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck us from His hand; till He returns and calls us home, here in the power of Christ we stand.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER - p. 112**

**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.**

## **Communion Distribution**

## **Post Communion Blessing and Prayer**

## **Sending**

### **Blessing “The Blessing”**

### **Sending Hymn: “Praise”**

### **Dismissal**

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## **Announcements**

**The radio broadcast is sponsored by Nancy Showalter in memory of John Showalter. We thank her for this ministry gift.**

**Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Meeting.**

**Thank you to the Youth for providing a delicious meal after the meeting.**

**We are in need of people to help with coffee hour. There is a new sign up sheet out. Please help the youth.**

**There are a few opportunities to support the radio broadcasts on KLMJ in February. The cost is \$40.00. The sign up sheet is in the fellowship hall.**

**Wanna think summer...EWALU and Riverside Bible Camps registrations will be out soon!**

**The back door of the church will be locked on Sundays at 9:00 am.**

**The church office hours will vary.**

**Caitlin will be in the office in the afternoon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays.**

**Ady's office hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday -9:00am to 12:00pm.**

**The deadline for Sunday, Feb. 2 bulletin is 9:00 am on January 31**

**The deadline for the February Newsletter will be Tuesday, January 28 at 9:00 am.**

## This Week at St. Paul

Sunday, January 26, 2025

Worship Services - 9:00 a.m.  
 Coffee and Fellowship—10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School— 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

Quilting Group @ 9:00 a.m.  
 Coffee Hour @ 10:00 a.m.

<b>01/26/25</b>	9:00 am
<b>Presiding Pastor</b>	Vicar Caitlin Tauro caitlin.splc@outlook.com 641-494-6989
<b>Reader</b>	Sally Van Wert
<b>Praise and Worship Team</b>	Pam DeVries, Paul Krull, Robin Wagner, Katie Hilton, Mari Cramer, Robyn Kofoot
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Jacob Donnenwerth and Don and Marilyn Latham
<b>Greeters</b>	Jay and Sally Van Wert

Offering 1/19/25	
General:	\$ 955.00
Building:	\$ 100.00
Radio	\$ 200.00
Automated Giving General Building	\$ 450.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,705.00</b>

<b>2/2/25</b>	9:00 am
<b>Reader</b>	Sandy Pralle
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Adam Tauro and NEED
<b>Greeters</b>	Larry and Darlene Spear



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### Prayer List:



Toni Groven, Doug Cross, Josh Miller,  
 John Sandvig, Leona Meyer, Joy Christensen, Leland Dhondt,  
 Kelly Bouchard (Robyn Kofoot's sister), Bob Abendschein,  
 Isaiah Griemann, Justin Mejia, Terry Wheeler, Verna Humburg,  
 Mike Harmon, (son-in law of Terry and Karen Wheeler)  
 Jo Klein, and Judy Holbrook.

Scan the QR code to add a name to the prayer list.



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