



**St. Paul's**  
Missouri Synod Lutheran

***Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany - February 8, 2026***

## Welcome!

**Service Setting Four** Hymnal - LSB 203

**Bold face type** - *read by the congregation*

## Opening Hymn - 848

**Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service**

*Please stand*

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

## Invocation

**Exhortation** LSB 203

*Please Kneel/Stand/Sit*

**Confession of Sins** LSB 203

**Absolution** LSB 203

*Please stand*

## Introit

Psalm 119:9–16;

antiphon: v. 12

Blessèd are you, O Lord;

**teach me your statutes!**

How can a young man keep his way pure?

**By guarding it according to your word.**

With my whole heart I seek you;

**let me not wander from your  
commandments!**

I have stored up your word in my heart,

**that I might not sin against you.**

Blessèd are you, O Lord;

**teach me your statutes!**

With my lips I declare

**all the just decrees of your mouth.**

In the way of your testimonies I delight  
**as much as in all riches.**

I will meditate on your precepts

**and fix my eyes on your ways.**

I will delight in your statutes;

**I will not forget your word.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Blessèd are you, O Lord;

**teach me your statutes!**

## Kyrie

LSB 204

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church  
continually in the true faith that, relying on  
the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever  
be defended by Your mighty power; through  
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please sit*

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58:3–9a

<sup>3</sup>“Why have we fasted, and you see it not?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you  
take no knowledge of it?”

Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your  
own pleasure,

and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to hit with a wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day

will not make your voice to be heard on high.

<sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day for a person to humble himself?

Is it to bow down his head like a reed,  
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?

Will you call this a fast,  
and a day acceptable to the Lord?

<sup>6</sup>“Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of wickedness,  
to undo the straps of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover him,  
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

<sup>8</sup>Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up speedily;  
your righteousness shall go before you;  
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual**

Ps 117:1–2a; 96:8

Praise the Lord, all nations!

**Extol him, all peoples!**

For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
**and the faithfulness of the Lord  
endures forever.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
**bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

### **Epistle**

1 Cor 2:1–16

<sup>1</sup>And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup>and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. <sup>7</sup>But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the heart of man imagined,  
what God has prepared for those who  
love him” —

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. <sup>13</sup>And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

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<sup>14</sup>The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup>“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

LSB 205

**Verse**

Matthew 5:16b

Alleluia. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel**

Matthew 5:13–20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to

abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup>For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed**

LSB 206

**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.**

*Please sit*

### **Sermons Hymn - 578 - Thy Strong Word**

#### **Sermon**

*Please stand*

#### **Prayer of the Church**

*Please sit*

#### **Offering**

#### **Offertory Prayer**

#### **Service of the Sacrament**

*Please stand*

**Preface** LSB 208

**Sanctus** LSB 208

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Lord's Prayer** LSB 209

**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**

**Agnus Dei** LSB 210

*Please sit*

#### **Distribution**

**Communion Hymn - 623  
Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray**

*Please stand*

**Nunc Dimittis** LSB 211

# Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

**Benedicamus**

LSB 212

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn - 782**

**Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings**

***Your talent is God's gift to you.  
What you do with  
it is your gift back to God.***

Dr. Leo Buscaglia

## Church Events

**Meet with Pastor Josh** - Sign-up sheet  
in narthex

**Youth Activities** - Please contact  
Liz Stackhouse 570-833-5971

## Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Join us for Wednesday evening Bible Study  
on **February 4, and 11** as we look briefly  
at the Church Year calendar and why using  
it is important.

## Those Who Serve

Date	Reader	Ushers	Acolyte
Feb 8	Donna W	Willy F & Jack W	Kayla S
Feb 15	Karen M	Willy F & Keith M	Nate J
Feb 22	Nancy P	Don S & Bill Y	Nate J
Mar 1	Donna W	Willy F & Kevin D	Kayla S
Mar 8	Bill Y	Kevin D & Don S	Kayla S

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## Prayer Concerns

**Ashley Forba** – Ongoing health issues

**Mary Ellen Mills** – Eye issues

**Janet Finn** – Continued rehab after knee replacement

**Elaine Decker** – Ongoing health issues

**Vladimir and Marie Dutko** – Healing and well-being – Marina Yarasavage’s parents

**Keith Mitchell’s father** – Kendall Health issues

**All those in the armed forces, including Kyle Stackhouse**

**All those suffering due to natural disasters**

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## Business cards and bookmarks are available for everyone to use!

Please pick-up a handful and give them out as you invite friends and neighbors to church. I would love for us to run out and I have to reprint! – *Diane*

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## Officers for St. Paul’s Church 2026

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## February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Bible Study 5 pm	5	6	7
8 Communion	9	10	11 Bible Study 5 pm	12	13	14
15 Communion	16	17	18 Ash Wednesday Worship 7 pm	19	20	21
22 Communion	23	24	25	26	27	28

### Birthdays

Feb 1 Regina Forba  
Elizabeth Elliot

Feb 2 Nancy Pease

Feb 9 Karen Mitchell

Feb 12 Deb Joyce  
Anya Tyler

Feb 13 Sarah Makey

Feb 14 Nancy Loch  
Love Tyler

Feb 15 Kevin Durland

Feb 17 Jack Waldenberger

### Please join us for Sunday services at 10 am

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#### Sermons are posted here:

[youtube.com/@StPaulsLutheranTunkhannock/streams](https://youtube.com/@StPaulsLutheranTunkhannock/streams)

#### Offering - Monthly offering needs are \$10,888.75

January offering total \$4137 (three weeks).