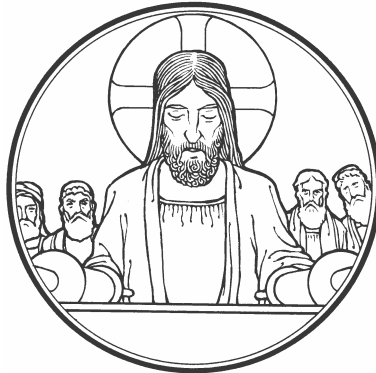


# **St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)**

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## **Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 26, 2025**



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**PRAYER LIST:** Please pray for Roger Blum, Sheyenne Seely, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Dawn Dohn, Baelyn Schwab, Pam Dutenhoffer, Dora Lane, Sandy Wolf, Barb Wacholz, Nels Olson, Norma Miller, Eric Gerth, Hunter Wilkie, Kathy Licht, Karen Steichen, Shane Sass, Pastor Laue, Joyce Dahme, Cheryl Zinter, Marylou Hieb, Roger Drevlow, and Beverly Schrader.

**Please inform the Pastor** or the church office when you or a loved one is hospitalized. If you would like to add your name or remove a name to the above prayer list, please contact the church office.

**Looking for a VBS Director** – Please contact the church office or a Pastor if you are interested being the Director.

**No coffee or juices** in carpeted areas or in the Sanctuary please.

**Soup/Dessert Cook-off** – The soup/dessert cook-off will be held on Sunday, Feb. 2 after the late service. Contact Pastor Smith to register your food item. Free will offering for the youth.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Feb. 2, 2025** *“Do the Things That Make for Unity”* Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYZ at 7:30 am on Sundays.

We are blessed! Consider the **Rural Gospel Initiative** (LCMS) when...allocating Thrivent Choice Dollars in 2025; Estate Planning; deciding on tax-free Qualified Charitable Contributions; or planning a tax-deductible donation. Go to [www.RuralGospel.org](http://www.RuralGospel.org) for more information on the RGI. *Thank you.*

**Camp Minneboji 2025** – June 15 to June 21, 2025. This year's theme is “Hidden and Revealed.” Please go to their website to register on-line. Last date to register is May 1, 2025 or when camp is full. Register early to guarantee attendance.

**Church Directory** – Please contact the church office for a copy of St. Paul's directory.

**A Town Hall** informational meeting regarding the Lighthouse Preschool is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. All leaders and any members of St. Paul's are encouraged to attend this meeting.

**Lighthouse Preschool/Jr. Kindergarten** - Registration for our NEW full-day Jr. Kindergarten program is now open! This new Jr. Kindergarten program is designed to help students transition for the needs and demands of a full-day Kindergarten lifestyle. We have purchased a new, faith-based, Jr. Kindergarten Classical Education curriculum, that will help students grow academically, physically, socially, and spiritually. Please note that **our new program will be limited to 12 students, ages 4-5. Turning in your application and deposit in a timely manner is essential to guarantee your child a spot!** Applications can be picked up in the narthex. Please reach out to the preschool with any questions about our new program and I will be happy to answer them for you!

**Organist:** Sunday – Cyrece Kono Wed. – Cyrece Kono

**Donations for Journey Home** – On the fourth Sunday of each month, the grocery card will be in the Narthex to collect donations of non-perishable items for the Journey Home. There will also be a collection box in the North entrance. Thank you for helping the less fortunate.

**MAIN STREET LIVING – Jan. 26, 2025** FOX This the Life – **10:00 AM** – “If God Be For Us” **10:30 AM – Worship** – Rev. Gary Schulte presents a message titled “Life is a Pooped Party.” For more information go to the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

**Sunday Attendance: Jan. 19, 2025** – 8:00am - 76 Communed – 66  
10:45 – 100 Communed – 74 Wed. - ?? Communed - ??  
Bible Studies: Sun – 45 Wed: 10am - 8 5:15pm - 6

**Offering: Jan. 19, 2025** - \$9,462.00  
Coffee - \$79.25 Sunday School - \$8.00 Missions - \$200.00

**Amount to meet budget:** \$12,824.00 per week

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (Jan. 26 – Feb. 2)**

**Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**

9:30 am Donuts and Coffee

9:30 am Bible Study

9:30 am Sunday School

**10:45 am Worship Service**

**Tue 6:30 pm** Preschool Town Hall Meeting

**Wed 10:00 am** Bible Study

5:15 pm Women's Bible Study

**6:15 pm Worship Service**

7:00 pm Confirmation

**Thurs 9:00 am** Quilting

6:30 pm Choir Practice

7:30 pm Bell Practice

**Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**

9:30 am Donuts and Coffee

9:30 am Bible Study

9:30 am Sunday School

**10:45 am Worship Service**

Noon Soup/dessert Cook-off

**Psalm 19** *Psalm 19:7–14; antiphon: v. 14*

P: <sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect,

**C: reviving the soul;**

P: the testimony of the LORD is sure,

**C: making wise the simple;**

P: <sup>8</sup>the precepts of the LORD are right,

**C: rejoicing the heart;**

P: the commandment of the LORD is pure,

**C: enlightening the eyes;**

P: <sup>9</sup>the fear of the LORD is clean,

**C: enduring forever;**

P: the just decrees of the LORD are true,

**C: and righteous altogether.**

P: <sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold,

**C: even much fine gold;**

P: sweeter also than honey

**C: and drippings of the honeycomb.**

P: <sup>11</sup>Moreover, by them is your servant warned;

**C: in keeping them there is great reward.**

P: <sup>12</sup>Who can discern his errors?

**C: Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**

P: <sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;

**C: let them not have dominion over me!**

P: Then I shall be blameless,

**C: and innocent of great transgression.**

P: <sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,

**C: O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**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*

<sup>1</sup> All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup> So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> And 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 above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <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 worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. . . .

<sup>8</sup> They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and 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 as 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 to anyone who has nothing

ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

P: Praise the LORD, all nations!

**C: Extol him, all peoples!**

P: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**C: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

P: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

**C: bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

**Epistle** *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 one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot should 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 should 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 be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <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 parts, 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 parts of the body that seem to be weaker are

indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup>which our more representable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

<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 miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and 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 with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Holy Gospel *Luke 4:16–30*

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>16</sup>[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and 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 proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,



<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup>And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup>And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup>But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup>and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup>And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup>And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But passing through their midst, he went away.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.