

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

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Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 2025



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PRAYER LIST: Please pray for Roger Blum, Sheyenne Seely, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Dawn Dohn, Pam Dutenhoffer, Dora Lane, Sandy Wolf, Barb Wacholz, Nels Olson, Norma Miller, Kathy Licht, Karen Steichen, Shane Sass, Cheryl Zinter, Roger Drevlow, Stan Sommers, Beverly Schrader, Karen Johnson, Connie Green, and Dennis Stuebner.

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.

Our condolences to the family of Sharon Dixon whose funeral will be held at St. Paul's on Friday, Feb. 28th at 2:00pm. Coffee and bars will be served prior to the funeral.

Camp Minneboji 2025 – June 15 to June 21, 2025. This year's theme is "*Hidden and Revealed*." Please go to their website to register online. Last date to register is May 1, 2025 or when camp is full. Register early to guarantee attendance. Also, a sign-up sheet is on the table in the South Narthex so we know who is going with the bus.

Wed. 10am Bible Study: Luke reading: We will be reading the entire book of Luke February 26th starting at 10. It'll be an hour and a half to two hours, but you can come and go as you please. We will also take one or two quick breaks as well. Hope to see you there!

Thank you, Pastor Smith

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.

Holy Land Tour – Pastor Nabil Nour is planning a Holy Land Tour August 4–16, 2025. Pamphlet information for this trip is on the table in the South Narthex.

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

Ash Wednesday worship services – March 5th – Services at 12:15 and 6:15 pm. Lenten lunches (after the 12:15 service) and dinners (prior to the 6:15pm service). Menu for March 5th is Jan’s homemade Knoefla soup, sausage, cheese, crackers and bars. Come join us.

VBS planning meeting on Friday, March 7 at 5:30. This is during Kids4Christ, so parents can drop kiddos off in the fellowship hall and then stay to help plan VBS. (I will bring a few pizzas or something so we don’t get hungry.)

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!

The Church Administrator/Secretary will be retiring at the end of May. Anyone interested in the position should pick up an application and job description at the church office.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – Mar. 2, 2025 *“It’s Best to Be with Jesus”*
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz. 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.

MAIN STREET LIVING – Mar. 2, 2025 FOX This the Life – **10:00 AM** – *“A Friend in Deed”* **10:30 AM – Worship** – Rev. Norman Wacker presents a message titled *“Listen to Him!”* The sermon is based on Luke 9:28-36. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

Sunday Attendance: Feb. 16, 2025 –

8:00am – 91 Communed - 76 10:45 – 95 Communed - 70

Wed. - 13 Communed - 9

Bible Studies: Sun – 55 Wed: 10am - 6 5:15pm - 5

Organist: Sunday – Cyrece Kono Wed. – Cindy Jung

Offering: Feb. 16, 2025 - \$10,486.00

Coffee - \$113.25 Sunday School - \$25.00

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S: (Feb. 23 – Mar. 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 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Wed 10:00 am Bible Study

5:15 pm Women’s Bible Study (Zoom)

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

Psalm *Psalm 103:1–13; antiphon: v. 8*

P: ¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,

C: bless his holy name!

P: ²Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C: and forget not all his benefits,

P: ³who forgives all your iniquity,

C: who heals all your diseases,

P: ⁴who redeems your life from the pit,

C: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

P: ⁵who satisfies you with good

C: so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

P: ⁶The LORD works righteousness

C: and justice for all who are oppressed.

P: ⁷He made known his ways to Moses,

C: his acts to the people of Israel.

P: ⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious,

C: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P: ⁹He will not always chide,

C: nor will he keep his anger forever.

P: ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,

C: nor repay us according to our iniquities.

P: ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

**C: so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear
him;**

P: ¹²as far as the east is from the west,

C: so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

P: ¹³As a father shows compassion to his children,

C: so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you.

¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.”

¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

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 15:21–26, 30–42*

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

³⁰Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” ³³Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what

kind of body do they come?” ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel *Luke 6:27–38*

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁷[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³²“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in

return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.