

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Sunday, February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Divine Service Setting Three, LSB page 184 and on screens

Hymns: 578, 560, 563, 622, 583, 825

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:3-9a, Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

Welcome to St. Paul, a people walking together in the life of Jesus. We're glad you're here! Today, Jesus meets us in Word and Sacrament. His gifts are for you and for your children! If you are caring for little ones, don't worry about noises and squirming; we rejoice in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16)

This morning we joyfully receive Holy Communion, in which our Lord Jesus Christ gives us a great blessing: His true body and blood in, with, and under ordinary bread and wine. If you are a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod who has been instructed and has confessed this reality, we invite you to participate in the Holy Supper. Other guests interested in joining our confession and life are asked to meet with Pastor Newton in the weeks before communing for the first time. We encourage you still to come to the altar and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

Altar Flowers — Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Joy and Ken Wehmas in honor of their 15th wedding anniversary on February 12.

Voters Meeting — There will be a voters meeting **today** between services (approximately 9:30am) in the FLC to discuss the Associate Pastor call and process. There will be a copy of the candidate profiles in the church office for review. If you have any questions please see Jeff Fahrman.

LWML — Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, February 10** at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for our monthly get-together! We'll have some fellowship time along with a hands-on mission project and



discussion on upcoming ways to serve in the church and community. Attend when you can - we'd love to have you - no previous experience necessary!

Baby Shower in a Basket — Lauren and Kyle Stephens welcomed Holden on November 16, 2025. Let's shower them with gifts! You can find the basket in the Narthex. Place cards and gifts in the basket and we'll deliver it to them after February 15.

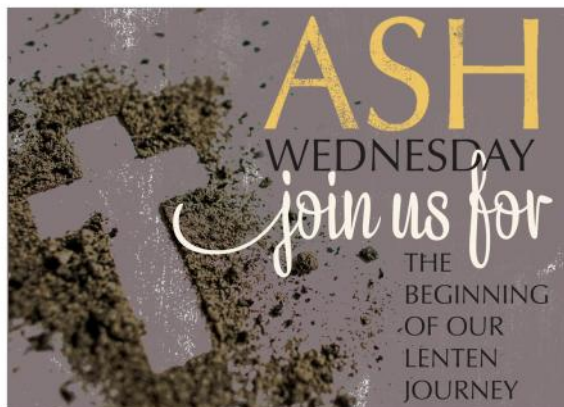
Lutheran Witness Subscription — If you would like to continue receiving the *Lutheran Witness* magazine, please contact Kathy in the church office. Cost is \$31.10 per year. There is an envelope in your offering box for payment or you can leave a check in the church office. If you no longer want to receive the magazine or want to start a new subscription please contact Kathy. Deadline is February 15.

Name Tags — If you are interested in a name tag there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please make sure to write down exactly how you want your name printed. If you've lost yours and would like another the cost is around \$10. Name tags are free (unless you need a replacement), as Evangelism is covering the cost. Deadline to sign up is February 15.

Ezekiel Grabau Updates — Check out the nice letter from Ezekiel Grabau posted in the FLC hallway. He gives updates on his academic progress and future plans.

Church Mailboxes — Please make sure to check your church mailbox! There are still some offering envelopes and 2025 contribution statements waiting to be picked up.

Bible Trivia — Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 28! Stewardship is hosting a night of Bible trivia at 6:30pm. Treats and beverages served.



February 18
Services at
Noon, 5pm & 7pm
Imposition of ashes at all services.

There are no Midweek Bible studies or classes.
There will not be a meal served on Ash Wednesday.



Sunday Adult Bible Study — Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the FLC. *The Who, What, When, Where, Why of It All*. Join us as we explore all that it means that Jesus descends from heaven to be with us in the Divine Liturgy, why we do what we do, say what we say, sing what we sing, and even dress how we dress!

Sunday Youth Bible Study — Sundays at 9:30am. Join Dave Brunelle and Laura Nelson on an engaging journey through God's Word as we look into the lectionary and see how it points us to Jesus and our identity in Him. Each Sunday from 9:30–10:30am, junior youth gather with Dave and senior youth with Laura for conversational Bible study. Together we'll explore Christ's teachings and rejoice in the many wonders of God's grace!

Monday Night Women's Bible Study — They'll be walking through the first several chapters of the Gospel of Matthew, using their usual format of prayer, reading/meditating on the Scripture passage for the night, and discussion. Join them on Mondays at 6:30pm.

BASIC Bible Study — Pastor Kottlowski continues the study of Romans, following the Apostle Paul on a course through the context of the doctrine of justification and its joyous outflow in the life of the Christian. They meet on Thursday, February 12 at 10:00am.

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study — Pastor Kottlowski leads, working through a book study of *Unfailing: God's Assurance for Times of Change*. They meet February 19 at 10:00am.

Thursday Night Men's Fellowship and Bible Study — Men of all ages are invited to join in fellowship time and a Bible study each Thursday night at 7:00pm. They are doing a study of *The Augsburg Confession*.

Homebuilders — *The Sanctuary Is Our Home*. This year Homebuilders (a group for those interested in following Jesus as a household) will delve into the Sacrament of the Altar as the center of life for the Christian family. They meet the first Sunday of each month at 4:00pm.

New Men's Program — Looking for men to join! Please take a minute and take a look at this program for men developed by Lutheran pastors, professors, and leaders who have given their lives to forming men of faith and discipline. If you have interest in joining this Lenten season, please go to memento70.com and reach out to Jeff Fahrmann or Shawn Thomas.

Lost & Found Cabinet — There are some scarves, sunglasses, and a winter coat in the cabinet in the FLC hallway. If you're missing something please check it out!



Happening This Week at St. Paul

<u>Today</u>	8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Voters Meeting in FLC 10:45am Worship Service 12-2:00pm Sr. Youth Sunday Funday
<u>Monday</u>	9:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Property Board Meeting
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30pm LWML 6:30pm Elders Meeting
<u>Wednesday</u>	10:00am Moms Group 5:00pm Meal 5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:00-7:00pm Midweek 7:00pm Service 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursday</u>	9:30am Chapel 10:00am BASIC Bible Study 7:00pm Men's Fellowship Bible Study

February Altar Committee

Vicki Sickels, Mary Suhr

Altar Flowers

February 8 — Joy & Ken Wehmas

February 15 —

Elder

February 8 — Tim Krehbiel

February 15 — Dan Pottratz

Offering Counters February 8

Kevin Kisker, David Reddel

Ushers February 8

8:00am — Mike Hayden, Gary Hauge

10:45am — Jeff Strothcamp, Kristin Strothcamp

Attendance Sunday, February 1

8:00am — 159 10:45am — 166

St. Paul Prayer List

Marie Van Beek, cancer, friend of the Glenns
David Glenn, Alzheimer's, Tim Glenn's father
Nicole and Aaron, surgeries, grandchildren of
Ken and Betty McConnell
Joel Ausan, health issues
Terry Moehnke, health issues
Yann and Gwendolyn, relatives of Viviane K.
Bob, brain tumor, friend of Kottlowskis
Kathy and Cindy, Char Shaw's sisters, lung cancer
Bill, brother-in-law of Char Shaw, cancer
Conrad, Tony Miller's brother, cancer
Chad Keeling, cancer, Joyce Keeling's son
Zayden Cornick, car accident, friend of Behrens
Savannah, ovarian cancer, friend of Stephanie Hilchen
Abby, leukemia, friend of Marley Anderson
Gabrielle, Tori Hilchen's friend, breast cancer
Jimmy, cirrhosis, and Jodi, cancer, friends of Paula
Wehmas and Jeremy Selen
Summer, broken foot, teammate of Emma Thompson
Ken Wehmas, Leukemia
Kyler Hess, cancer, friend of the Wielenga family
Kalyne, hip surgery, friend of Hannah Haselhuhn
Stephanie Hilchen, recovering from influenza A
Lola Eastman, recovering from hip surgery
Jim Harvey, recovering from a stroke
Zoey, friend of Tori Hilchen, birth of a daughter
Rev. Paul Egger, our District President
Pastor Kevin Johnson, our Circuit Visitor

For those who mourn

Dave and Jane Thompson, at the passing of their daughter, Lori

Family of Carol Jeske, who passed away Feb. 1

For those deployed & active military

Chris Madsen, Drake Johnson, TJ Krehbiel, Joshua Krehbiel, William Krehbiel, Jayden Krehbiel, Tim Fairchild

For those preparing for the Holy Ministry

Ezekiel Grabau, Jarrod Thomas

For our shut-in members

Cookie Brown, Doris Olson, Kathy Witt, Pat Livingston, Mark Mueller, Marcia Hora, Phil Eshelman, Kevin Wesack