

Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ

# Weekly Announcements

February 2, 2025



St. Paul's

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## Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Ladies Aid

Ladies, have you ever had a question that you would love to ask a police officer? If the answer is yes, you will have the opportunity to ask it at our next Ladies Aid meeting on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Lieutenant Branden Cedarwall of the Oconomowoc Police Department will be our guest speaker that evening and will be open to answering questions about policing here in Oconomowoc. Please join us on February 6<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm for an evening of fun, food and fellowship. Come prepared to ask those questions and as always, it would be great if you brought a friend!

### New Music Opportunity - Seasonal Handbell Choir!

We are starting a seasonal handbell choir! Rehearsals will be February 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, and we will play for the 8:00 service on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Open to all, whether experienced or new ringers. Music reading ability is preferred but not necessary. If interested, please contact Allison Mackie at [allison.mackie@splco.org](mailto:allison.mackie@splco.org). Registration is required.

### St. Paul's Youth Group

#### February Events

- February 2<sup>nd</sup> HS Youth Group (7-8:30pm)
- February 9<sup>th</sup> MS & HS Bowling in Watertown after 10:30am service
- February 16<sup>th</sup> HS Youth Group (7-8:30pm)
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> MS & HS Rollerskating at Skate Express

### St. Paul's 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Church Friends, I have been asked to write a Brief History of St. Paul's from 1865-2025. Most of the "old" history is written, but I have a great need to ask you for your recollections, too. Since Carol Allen and I did a church history book for our 150<sup>th</sup>, that part is pretty well covered. What I need now is member input from 2015 to date. An event, a change, something you really enjoyed...anything is fine. So, please take a piece of paper, grab a pen, and start a list of things you would like to share. If you want to remain anonymous that is fine. I am looking for the facts. If you need to be recognized, please sign your name, include a recent self-photo and see what happens! REALLY! I am serious now...Questions? You may text me at 262-354-4203. Thank you for your help.

-Pat Borgman

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LWML

We meet on **Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**, at **6pm**, in **Room 219**.

THANK YOU for the bake sale donations on Life Sunday totaling \$300 for *A Place of Refuge* ministry!

### Meals Ministry volunteers

We are looking for people who would be interested in preparing meals for our Meals Ministry. This ministry is for those who are having difficulties due to a recent illness, death in the family, etc. If you are interested in helping, please contact Heather in the church office at [heather@splco.org](mailto:heather@splco.org) or 262-567-5001. Thank you.



### Looking for livestream volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help with running the livestream worship services on Sundays at 8am. Teams of two are very helpful. You don't need to be tech savvy or computer literate, just be able to push a button. 😊 Confirmands, this is a wonderful way for you to complete your service requirements. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Heather in the church office at 262.567.5001 or via email at [heather@splco.org](mailto:heather@splco.org).



**Luke 2:24 – “[They went] to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.’”** Throughout the Old and New Testaments, God gives us the pattern of proportional giving. If you look at

Leviticus 12, you'll see that the sacrifice for purification was either a lamb or a pair of birds if the family had no means to buy a lamb. God calls us to give in proportion to how He has blessed us — and of course Jesus sets the pattern by giving not only a portion, but His all.

### Lutherans for Life – Life Thoughts in the Church Year

Ever since sinfulness first afflicted creation, labor and delivery sheds a mother's blood. The Law of the Lord laments that this echo and threat of death operates right where human life emerges from. So He intervenes with atonement to preserve that precious life. And Jesus embodies this opposition to abortion from the very beginning (Luke 2:22-24).

## The Latest and Greatest in 4K and STEM

My name is Sofia Peppel, and I am the 4K homeroom teacher here at St. Paul's. Because 4K is a half day in the morning, I spend my afternoons teaching a wide variety of subjects and grade levels. I teach 5K-6th grade STEM, 7/8 grade Anatomy & Physiology, and 6th grade Spanish. It has been wonderful gaming all this experience and getting to know all the students!



With all this said, there is a lot happening in all the classes I teach! In 4K, we do a lot of centers. Centers are when students work in small groups. Centers help to improve critical thinking skills, problem solving strategies, and allow students to take part in a variety of different aspects. In this picture, you can see the students working on building their names.

When 4K had their Christmas Party, we did Christmas themed centers. For one of the centers, we played Christmas Bingo using M&M's! This was definitely a favorite. There was also stocking decorating, Christmas tree cup building, and snowball toss centers.



Students have been working on a variety of STEM projects during the last few weeks, such as building a free-standing Christmas tree using only paper and tape, turkey cage building, marshmallow snowflake building, and more. The bigger project that the 5th

and 6th graders had was to construct a marble maze. They applied their creativity and thinking strategies to this project which allowed them to come up with some pretty neat mazes. Take a look!

## Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord: *Christ is Able to Help*

February 2 – 9, 2025

### ***Christ is Able to Help***

The Lord opened the barren womb of Hannah and gave her the gift of the son for whom she prayed, and in grateful response she presented and gave the child, Samuel, to the Lord's service. *"As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD"* (1 Sam. 1:28). So, too, did Mary and Joseph present the Child promised from the fall, born of a virgin's womb. The true offering wasn't the turtledoves or young pigeons. It was the Child they carried. This Child has come to *"destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery"* (Heb. 2:14b–15). Set free by His advent in our flesh and the promise of what He would do *"in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people"* (Heb. 2:17b), Simeon and Anna rejoiced. We also rejoice, for we, too, can face temptation and death unafraid and *"depart in peace"* (Luke 2:29) when our time comes.

### ***Order of Meditation and Prayer***

*Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

#### ***Invocation***

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

#### ***Apostles' Creed***

***Christ-Centered Theme:*** God gives the gift of a child to destroy death and topple temptation.

***Verse:*** Psalm 103:1-3 Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases.

***Psalm:*** Psalm 107 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule LSB, p. 304

**Catechism: Confession and the Office of the Keys: What is Confession? What sins should we confess? Which are these?**

<p><i>What is Confession?</i>          Confession has two parts.          First, that we confess our sins          and second, that we receive absolution,          that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself,          not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven          before God in heaven.</p>	<p>Kindergarten +</p>
<p><i>What sins should we confess?</i>          Before God we should plead guilty of all sins,          even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer;          but before the pastor we should confess only those sins          which we know and feel in our hearts.</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> grade+</p>
<p><i>Which are these?</i>          Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments:          Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife of worker?          Have you been disobedient, unfair, or lazy?          Have you ben hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome?          Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds?          Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything,          or done any harm?</p>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> grade+</p>

**The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord: *Christ is Able to Help***

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
<b>Sun.</b>	Abraham's Visitors from Heaven: Genesis 18	Psalm 103, 117. 139	Luke 2.22-32
<b>Mon.</b>	The Birth of Isaac: Genesis 18, 21	Psalm 5, 84, 29	Dt. 7:1-26
<b>Tue.</b>	Abraham and Isaac: Genesis 22	Psalm 42, 102, 133	Dt. 8:1-20
<b>Wed.</b>	Isaac and Rebekah: Genesis 24	Psalm 89.1-18, 1, 33	Dt. 9:1-10:22
<b>Thur.</b>	Jacob and Esau: Genesis 25, 27	Psalm 97, 16, 62	Dt. 11:1-12:32
<b>Fri.</b>	Jacob's Dream: Genesis 27-28	Psalm 51, 142, 65	Dt. 13:1-18
<b>Sat.</b>	Sunday's Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11	Psalm 104, 118, 111	Dt. 14:1-15:23

**Prayers: *Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul's***

Almighty and ever-living God, as Your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our flesh, grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## **Daily Themes for Prayer**

*Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*

**Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*

**Tuesday:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*

**Wednesday:** *Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*

**Thursday:** *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*

**Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*

**Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

## **In Our Prayers this Week**

**Those sick or hospitalized: MEMBERS** – Jesse Phelps–hip replacement; Jim Braatz; William Kuebler–cancer; Dorothy Duchow; Carole Schmeda–colon cancer; Bruce Bojko–cancer; Ruth Polcha; Bill Anderson; John Lindemann; Gary Flanagan; Virginia Meintz; Belle Romback; Nancy Wolter; Don Meyer–cancer; Ann Duggan; Jim Duggan; Marilyn Marohn–broken hip; Sally Eubanks; Dick Allen; Truman Seifert–acute myeloid leukemia; Carolyn Nagel–lung cancer; Don Schmitt; Karen Meyer–cancer; George Menden–prostate cancer; Diane Gartzke; Stan Kuehl; Marian Faltersack; Michael Stollenwerk; Marilyn Runyard; Richard Schultz; Vernon Schilling–cancer; Marcus Pankow–cancer; Linda Leidel; Lucille Campbell–cancer treatment

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer:** Marna–liver cancer; Nancy Phelps (Jesse's mom)–liver cancer; Lisa Kruk (Hannah Christiansen's mom); Pat Venes (Sue Beles' sister-in-law); Daniel (Bill Merten's brother); Curt Duchow (Dorothy's son)–mantle cell lymphoma; Rhonda–breast cancer; Hailey–13 year-old w/ brain tumor; JoyAnn; Dan Faltersack–COPD; Jeff–stage four colon cancer; Dick Watt; Betty Dow (Linda Uttech's cousin)–Leukemia; Jeff–non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; Jayne Roberts' husband–lymphoma; Cheech Counsell (Dona Thurow's son-in-law); Tyler; Christopher–cancer; Tanner–2 year-old with cancer; Missy (Sheila Ram's niece)–breast cancer; Dawn–lung cancer; Jim (Jackie Meyer's dad); Jim (Laura Grubba's brother-in-law); Phyllis; Mike; Elizabeth–breast cancer; Kayla–thyroid cancer; Kelly Bratz (Bob's daughter-in-law)–breast cancer; Erin (Mileager)–Rayborn–Hodgkins Lymphoma; Mary Sprague–breast cancer; Debra Thurow (Dona's daughter); Kathy Berkbigler (Pat Borgman's cousin)–breast cancer; Ron Rafalski–throat cancer; Nancy–breast cancer

**Other:** Tom (Jamie Stache’s boyfriend)—stroke; Dennis—COPD; Dorothy Steinke—Alzheimer’s; Trish Lederer—vision issues; Patricia Eberhardt (Chad’s mom); Brent (Barb Allwardt’s brother)—Alzheimer’s; Cindy Counsell (Dona Thurow’s daughter)—massive stroke; Paul; Bob; George; Paul; Liz Peronto (Barb Allwardt’s sister); Doug—CCL; Scott Kleist (Jim & Ann Duggan’s son)—MS; Paul Fellin

**Those serving in the military-deployed:** Joe; Sam Duggan; Justin Michener; Zach Howard; Theresa; Phil Preston; Casey, Phil, Andy & Steve Koth; Luke; Jacob; Brian; Randy; Kyle; Jake; Jeff; Matt; Brad; Ben; Mike & Rob

**Those serving God as missionaries:** Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump & family; Dennis Denow (Thailand), Bob & Chris Prouty (Australia), Pastor Reinke (Deaf Ministry), Rev. Bud Palmer; Rev. Ted Krey, Deaconess, Tirzah Krey in the Dominican Republic; all seminary students in the Dominican Republic, and all other pastors and missionaries in Latin America

**Those in need:** Our Shut-Ins; the family of Nancy Phelps (Jesse’s mom), who passed away; the family of Fred Scheuer (Bill’s brother), who passed away; Sam—a young man struggling to make good choices; those struggling with addiction; Jennifer; Brian; David

**Anniversary:** Marty & Wendy Frosch—38<sup>th</sup>—February 7<sup>th</sup>

*Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism*  
*Hymn of the Week: In His Temple Now Behold Him*

LSB 519

**Looking forward to the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Hymns: 906, 398 (621, 609, 949) 940**

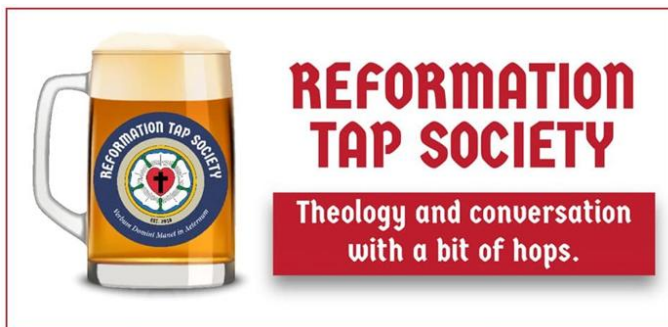
**February 9, 2025**

***Worthy in Christ (Pastor O’Donnell)***

Peter is right. He is “a sinful man,” (Lk 5.8) and so are we. As Isaiah says, we are “men of unclean lips, dwelling in the midst of people of unclean lips.” (Isa 6.5) As Peter and Isaiah confess, in our natural rebellion, we cannot be in God’s presence, but as The Lord taught Peter and Isaiah, he also teaches each of us that we are worthy in Christ. Those of “mature thinking” (1 Cor 14.20) live from this promise of God, not from infantile assumptions based on worldly wisdom. Jesus Christ declares you worthy, and it is so.



## REFORMATION TAP SOCIETY



Reformation Tap Society talks are casual and thoughtful adult conversations about important things. The 2024-2025 RTS season explores many facets of grit and endurance under the theme “Unshakeable Joy in Christ.” Though we welcome adults of any age, topics and language are aimed at those 18-35. Our speakers understand that RTS is a public event, so the conversation won’t be raw, but our speakers are encouraged to practice candor geared towards adults. Parents of young ones should collaborate on a babysitter, then come and enjoy the beverages, food, and conversation. RTS is an opportunity to hear perspectives not regularly heard in popular culture. All are welcome.

RTS is held on the 3rd Sundays, September through May. We gather at 5 p.m., have a “beer talk” from the brewmaster at about 5:25, and at about 5:30 our speaker takes the mic. The speaker will present on a topic of interest, then take questions until 6:15 or so. (BTW, you’re welcome even if you’re not a beer fan. Other beverages are available.) For more information, visit <https://splco.org/church/reformation-tap-society/>.

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**February 16**

**In Your Presence There Is Fullness of Joy:  
How Church Buildings Confess the Joy of Christ**

**Presenter: David Juhl**

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**5-7p.m.**

**BrewFinity Brewery**

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# REGULAR VOTERS' MEETING AGENDA



**Voters' Meeting  
February 2, 2025  
Noon in the Church**

## **AGENDA**

**St. Paul's Mission:**

*"Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ"*

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Devotion
3. Approval of Agenda/Minutes from Previous Voters' Meetings
4. Old Business
5. Committee Reports
  - a. Board of Elders Report
    - i. Pastor's Parish report
  - b. Mission Outreach Committee
    - i. Lord's Cupboard
  - c. Board of Education Report
  - d. Board of Operations Report
  - e. Treasurer's Report
6. Adjournment
7. Closing Prayer

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>MONDAY</b> February 3	Lord's Cupboard Drive-Thru	Parking Lot	5:30 pm
<b>TUESDAY</b> February 4	Circuit Forum LWML	Fellowship Hall Room 219	6:00 pm 6:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> February 5	W.O.W.: Vo-Tech Evangelism	Room 219	6:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b> February 6	Ladies Aid SPLS Open House Church Choir Rehearsal Praise Team Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall Various Rooms Church Church	5:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm
<b>SATURDAY</b> February 8	Journeymen Divine Worship AA Meeting	Maxim's Church Fellowship Hall	7:30 am 5:00 pm 8:30 pm
<b>SUNDAY</b> February 9	Divine Worship Public School Confirmation Sunday School Life Application Bible Study Divine Worship Youth Group Bowling	Church Room 219 Meet in Gym Fellowship Hall Church Meet in Lobby	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm

### BIBLE STUDIES

**Life Application Bible Study**

Sunday: 9:15 am – Fellowship Hall  
262-567-5001

**Women of Joy**

Saturday (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) - 8:00 am  
Whelan's

**Journeymen**

Saturday (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>) - 7:30 am  
Maxim's

**W.O.W. Vo-Tech**

Wednesday: 6:30 pm – Room 219  
262-567-5001

**Sunday School**

Sunday: 9:15 am – Meet in Gym  
February 2, 2025

**The Living Wonder**

Bible Truth: Jesus' Death and Resurrection  
Mark 15:16-16:8

## NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Readings</b>	Is 6.1-8	1 Cor 14.12b-20	Lk. 5.1-11
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jackie Meyer	Megan Miller	Stacey Balistreri
<b>Elders</b>	Dave Meyer	Chuck Laabs	John Nelson
<b>Greeters</b>	Elaine Schmeda Carole Schmeda	Chris & Pam Kroupa Jim & Judy Braatz	Tom Miller
<b>Live-Stream</b>	N/A	Hefferns	N/A
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Tom Krenzke	N/A
<b>Ushering Team</b>	Dave Meyer	Bob Bratz	Dan Lennington

**FEBRUARY 9, 2025**

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**Pastor:** Lance Armstrong O'Donnell

**Theme:** *Worthy in Christ*

**5pm & 8am Worship**

LSB, Divine Service, Setting 1, pg. 151

**10:30am Worship**

Special Order

## ST. PAUL'S STAFF

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor  
Allison Mackie, Director of Parish Music  
Jill George, Principal

Rev. Jason Schockman, Associate Pastor  
Christine Flores, ECC Director

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 3:30 pm (Monday-Friday)

### ***The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord***

#### **Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 1:21–28**

The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the Lord and dwell there forever." Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the Lord establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. And the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord."

And he worshiped the Lord there.

#### **Epistle: Hebrews 2:14-18**

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

#### **Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-32**

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

February 2, 2025

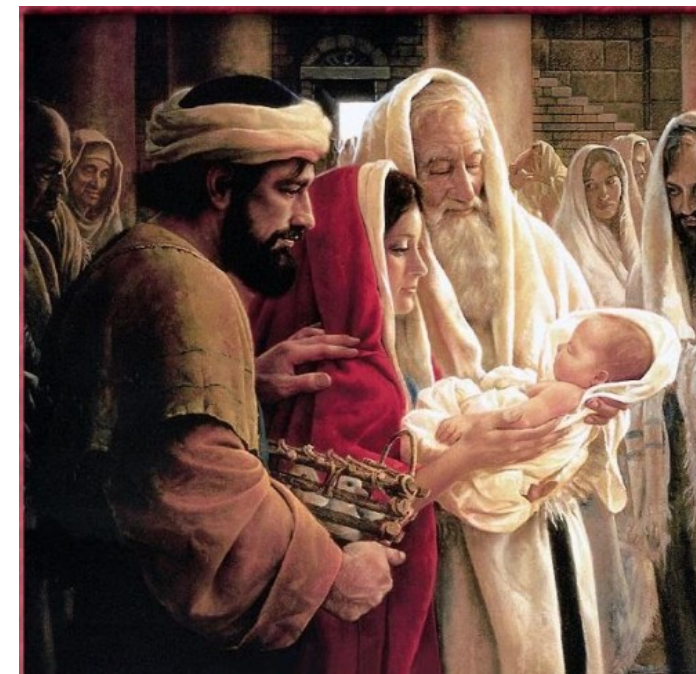


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# Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, School, & Early Childhood Center

- + Please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate.
- + *As the prelude begins, worshipers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare for worship.*

## GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome! We're delighted that you've joined us for worship.

If you have questions, or would like more information about St. Paul's, a greeter, elder, or pastor will be happy to help you.

Please fill out an attendance card, located on the pew in front of you, and place it in the offering plate.

We welcome young children to the service. Try sitting closer to the front by a side aisle. There are activity bags located behind the back pews, and a simulcast downstairs if necessary.

## HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is not a private meal, but a body-and-soul communion with Christ and His body, the Church. In keeping with the Lord's instruction (cf. 1 Corinthians 11.17-34) and with the common historical practice of the church, St. Paul's welcomes only those who are in full confessional agreement to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. If you hold a confession differing from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or are not yet confirmed in our confession of faith, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing (Please indicate by folding your hands over your heart.). If you are physically unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will come to you and give you communion. Those communing should mark this on the attendance card. If you have questions, our pastors will be pleased to speak with you.

### Distribution and Communion Wine

Please place open hands out to receive the Body of Christ and also to indicate whether you are receiving the Blood of Christ from the common cup or the individual cup. The wine glasses in the center of each tray contain **one drop** of communion wine. The glasses that contain more wine are dark in color.

## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

5:00 pm – 93      **Total: 381**  
 8:00 am – 141  
 10:30 am – 147

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## THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND

	5pm	8am	10:30am
<b>Liturgist</b>	Ps. O'Donnell	Ps. O'Donnell	Ps. O'Donnell
<b>Preacher</b>	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman
<b>Musicians</b>	Allison Mackie	Allison Mackie	Praise Team
<b>Anthem</b>	N/A	Church Choir	N/A
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	Ryan Edwards	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Michelle Wilson	Pam Kroupa	Barb Star
<b>Elders</b>	Rick Zastrow	Arno Kirchenwitz	Jon Schmeling
<b>Greeters</b>	Dan Maynard	Rick Zastrow Dave & Bonnie Schliewe	Anne Fait
<b>Live Stream</b>	N/A	Edwards	N/A
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
<b>Ushering Team</b>	Rick Zastrow	Gary Flanagan	Jon Schmeling

### Prayer before communing:

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Radio Broadcast:** Marty & Wendy Frosch in praise to God for their 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on February 7<sup>th</sup>

## ST. PAUL'S MEDIA

- + **Radio: LIVE Sunday at 8am on WTKM (104.9 FM)**
- + **YouTube: LIVE Sundays at 8am (stpaulsev.lutheranchurch7279 )**
- + **Web: Anytime at [www.splco.org](http://www.splco.org) or YouTube**

## DIVINE SERVICE

Lutheran Service Book  
 Setting 3, pg. 184

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# **Sermon Outline:**

## *Christ is Able to Help*

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The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord  
2 February, A.D. 2025  
1 Sam 1.21-28; Heb 2.14-18; Lk 2.22-32

We all know what it's like to be tempted. What temptation seems to overtake you most?

Where does our text tell us to go?

### **1 Corinthians 10:13**

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation **he will also provide the way of escape**, that you may be able to endure it.

### **2 Corinthians 1:3-5**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so **through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.**

How has Jesus already helped us?

How does Hebrews say it?

What is it that the disciples believed and we will receive because He is Risen in FLESH and BLOOD?

Where can we look for Jesus help now?

How does He offer His help to you?



# **8am Offering Anthem:**

## *We Will Rejoice and Be Glad*

Words and music by Mark Patterson

Based on Psalm 118:24

This is the day the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice and be glad!  
Let us give thanks, let us exalt Him,  
Let us rejoice in the things He has done.  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice, rejoice and be glad.

This is the day the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice and sing to the Lord, the Lord of creation.  
Lift up your praises to heaven above.  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice, rejoice and be glad!

Sing alleluia to the Lord.  
Praise Him with ev'ry voice.  
Come give Him praise, come give Him glory,  
Sing alleluia forevermore!  
Sing alleluia to the Lord.  
Sing to the Lord, come sing and rejoice.

This is the day, this is the day.  
We will rejoice and be glad,  
We will rejoice!



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# SCIENCE FAIR OPEN HOUSE

**6 FEBRUARY**  
**5:00 PM - 6:30 PM**

**+Students in grades 4K-8 will showcase  
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