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# Weekly Announcements

February 8, 2026



St. Paul's

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A member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

## Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Church offering envelopes

If your contributions to St. Paul's are given online or via required minimum distribution and you no longer use the offering envelopes that are mailed to you, please contact Heather in the church office at [heather@splco.org](mailto:heather@splco.org) or 262-567-5001 to let her know. Thank you!

### Upcoming funeral

Our sister in Christ, Jean Fisher, passed away. Her funeral arrangements are as follows:

- ❖ Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at St. Paul's
  - Visitation: 9-11am, service at 11am, committal and then luncheon to follow

### Prayer Service

St. Paul's is hosting the annual Zone 17 LWML Prayer Service on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30pm. Everyone is invited to attend as we prepare our hearts for Lent. Refreshments and fellowship to follow.

### Help us share the story of St. Paul's!

One of the greatest blessings of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School is our families. Time and time again, new families tell us they chose St. Paul's because *someone they trusted* shared their experience. Your voice truly matters.

If you're active on social media, one simple way to help spread the word is by following and engaging with our official pages:

- St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School on Facebook
- @stpaulsoconomowoc on Instagram
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church, School, and Early Childhood Center on LinkedIn

When you see a post from our administrators or staff, please consider sharing the post or leaving a comment. These small actions make a big difference—comments and shares help our message reach more families in our community who may be searching for a Christ-centered school home. Scripture reminds us of the importance of sharing the good things God is doing: *"Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe."* (Psalm 107:2)

Thank you for being ambassadors for St. Paul's. Together, we can share the good things God is doing here and invite others to be part of our school family.

### Easter Food Bags

If you or anyone you know would like an Easter Food bag, please fill out the form that is on the Lord's Cupboard bulletin board that is outside of the Fellowship Hall. The form is yellow. You can drop the form off to the church office or take a photo of it and email it to [lordscupboard@splco.org](mailto:lordscupboard@splco.org) or put it in the offering plate. Please have the form filled out and returned by March 9<sup>th</sup>. The food bags will be given out during the Lord's Cupboard distribution on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!



# REFORMATION TAP SOCIETY

Theology and conversation  
with a bit of hops.

Reformation Tap Society talks are casual and thoughtful adult conversations about important things. *Under the theme, "Lead Me to Christ, the Rock," the 2025-2026*

*Reformation Tap Society season explores the various ways in which Christ is the foundation of a holy and purposeful life.* 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 younger adults. Parents of children under high school age 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 5pm, 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.)

February 15, 2026

*Faith Becoming My Own: Christian Faith in Your 20's*

Presenter: Jonathon Bakker

5-7p.m.

**BrewFinity Brewery**

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## YOUNG ADULTS & YOUTH GROUP INFORMATION

### St. Paul's Young Adults (SPLCO YA)

We provide opportunities at St. Paul's for young adults (18 – 30ish) to be together in community together and build one another up.



Join Our  
Contact List!

#### Upcoming SPLCO YA Events

- The young adults are encouraged to attend the **Biblical Finance for Young Adults**, on Wednesdays, led by Dale Stratil.

### St. Paul's Youth Group

- February 8            ALL YOUTH BOWLING
- February 15          High School Youth Group 7-8:30pm
- February 22          High School Youth Group 7-8:30pm

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A RADIO BROADCAST?

Our radio broadcast over WTKM is a very important outreach for our congregation. Below are the dates open for 2026. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring one of these Sundays. The cost for 2026 has increased to **\$135.00**. We praise God for this valuable community outreach.

Feb. 22	Jun. 14	Sept. 6	Nov. 22	Dec. 20
Apr. 19	Jun. 28	Sept. 20	Nov. 26	Dec. 27
May 3	Aug. 2	Sept. 27	Nov. 29	
May 24	Aug. 9	Oct. 18	Dec. 6	
Jun. 7	Aug. 23	Oct. 25	Dec. 13	

If you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast please fill out the bottom portion of this page and hand it into the church office or place it in the offering plate. Thank you. Any questions please call Heather in the church office 567-5001.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE – 1ST CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_ 2ND CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_

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# Congregation at Prayer

## A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany: *The Difference Between Confidence and Showing Off*  
February 8-15, 2026

### ***The Difference Between Confidence and Showing Off***

The “natural person,” who does not have the Holy Spirit, rejects Christ’s teaching on good works and true repentance (See Mt 5.13-20; Mt 6.1-4; Isa 58.3-9) because they reject Christ and focus on perceived contradictions. But he who has the Holy Spirit, the truly “Spiritual person” who has “the mind of Christ,” has “spiritual discernment” of God’s Word (See 1 Cor 2.1-16) and knows the difference between letting God’s light shine and showing off.)

### ***Order 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:** The Holy Spirit teaches us through the Word of Christ whose is the true glory.

**Verse:** Psalm 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart—these, O God, You will not despise.

**Psalm:** Psalm 112:1-9 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 is the Office of the Keys? Where is this written? What do you believe according to these words?**

<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>	Kindergarten +
<p><i>What is the Office of the Keys?</i>          The Office of the Keys is that special authority          which Christ has given to His church on earth          to forgive the sins of repentant sinners,          but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant          as long as they do not repent.</p>	1 <sup>st</sup> grade+
<p><i>Where is this written?</i>          This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty:  <b>The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said,</b>  <b>“Receive the Holy Spirit.</b>  <b>If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven;</b>  <b>if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”</b></p>	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade+
<p><i>What do you believe according to these words?</i>          I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us          by His divine command,          in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners          from the Christian congregation          and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better,          this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven,          as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.</p>	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade+

**The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany: The Difference Between Confidence and Showing Off**

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
Sun.	God Calls Samuel: 1 Samuel 8-11	Psalm 103, 93, 97	Matt 5:13-20
Mon.	Samuel Anoints David: 1 Samuel 16	Psalm 99, 96, 110	Am 7:1-17
Tue.	David Sees the Army: 1 Samuel 17	Psalm 72, 100, 67	Am 8:1-14
Wed.	David Fights Goliath: 1 Samuel 17	Psalm 89:1-18, 1, 33	Am 9:1-15
Thur.	David & Jonathan Become Friends: 1 Samuel 18	Psalm 97, 16, 62	Ob 1-21
Fri.	God's Great Promise to David: 2 Samuel 7	Psalm 51, 142, 65	Jnh 1:1-2:10
Sat.	Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9	Psalm 104, 118, 111	Jnh 3:1-4:11

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

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

### **Daily Themes for Prayer**

- Sunday:** *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** – Mike Hamilton–knee surgery; Tim Krause– knee surgery; Joe Dentice–heart bypass surgery; Roger Fisher; Barb Star; Dorothy Duchow–pneumonia; Delaney Heffern; Art Schuck; John Wickersham; Joyce Anderson; Carol Lenz–hospice; Tammy Frazier–cancer; Bob Bratz; Ian McMillan; Joanne Kullman; Carol Fellin–cancer care; Jim Braatz; Ruth Polcha; Nancy Wolter; Don Meyer–cancer; Ann Duggan; Jim Duggan; Sally Eubanks; Dick Allen; Truman Seifert–acute myeloid leukemia; Carolyn Nagel–lung cancer; Don Schmitt; Karen Meyer–cancer; Stan Kuehl; Marian Faltersack; Michael Stollenwerk; Marilyn Runyard; Linda Leidel; Lucille Campbell–cancer treatment

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS – Those with cancer:** Lisa (nee Rhodee) Liarokis – breast cancer; Layla Pelnar (Lynn's granddaughter)–thyroid cancer; Bob Duchow (Dorothy's son); Sue Malone (Dan & Brenda Maynard's friend)–brain cancer; daughter of Bill & Sarah Mertens; Janice Mulvaney Krueger–lung cancer; Della–Diana Radtke's sister; Dana; Daniel (Bill Merten's brother); Curt Duchow (Dorothy's son)–mantle cell lymphoma; Rhonda–breast cancer; JoyAnn; Dan Faltersack–COPD; Jeff–stage four colon cancer; Missy (Sheila Ram's niece)–breast cancer; Dawn–lung cancer; Jim (Jackie Meyer's dad)

**Other:** Kelly—health issues; Dennis & Sue Duffy (Erin Eberhardt's parents)—health issues; Kandy Heckendorf; Gary Barborich; Dean Wilcox (Tina Gartzke's brother); Joe Rohde (Sue Beles' brother)—healing; Mark—heart attack; Beth Dowhen; Todd (Sandy Raben-Roger's cousin)—blood clots; Dorothy—Alzheimer's; Patricia Eberhardt (Chad's mom); Paul; Bob; George; Paul; Doug—CCL; Scott Kleist (Jim & Ann Duggan's son)—MS; Paul Fellin

**Those serving in the military-deployed:** Madelynn Matthews—Air Force; Trevor Thiel—Alaska (Fort JBER); 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 and family; Daniel & Marie Lowitz (Dominican Republic); 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 Marilyn Marohn who passed away; Sam—a young man struggling to make good choices; those struggling with addiction; Jennifer; Brian; David

**Thanksgiving:** † Weston Cherry (born January 18<sup>th</sup>) – Gwen Nicholson's great-grandson  
† Jason & Mandy Duchow (Dorothy's grandson), welcomed twins on February 4<sup>th</sup> –  
Ellie May and Wesley Ray. Mom and the babies are all healthy.

***Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism***

***Hymn of the Week: Thy Strong Word***

**LSB 578**

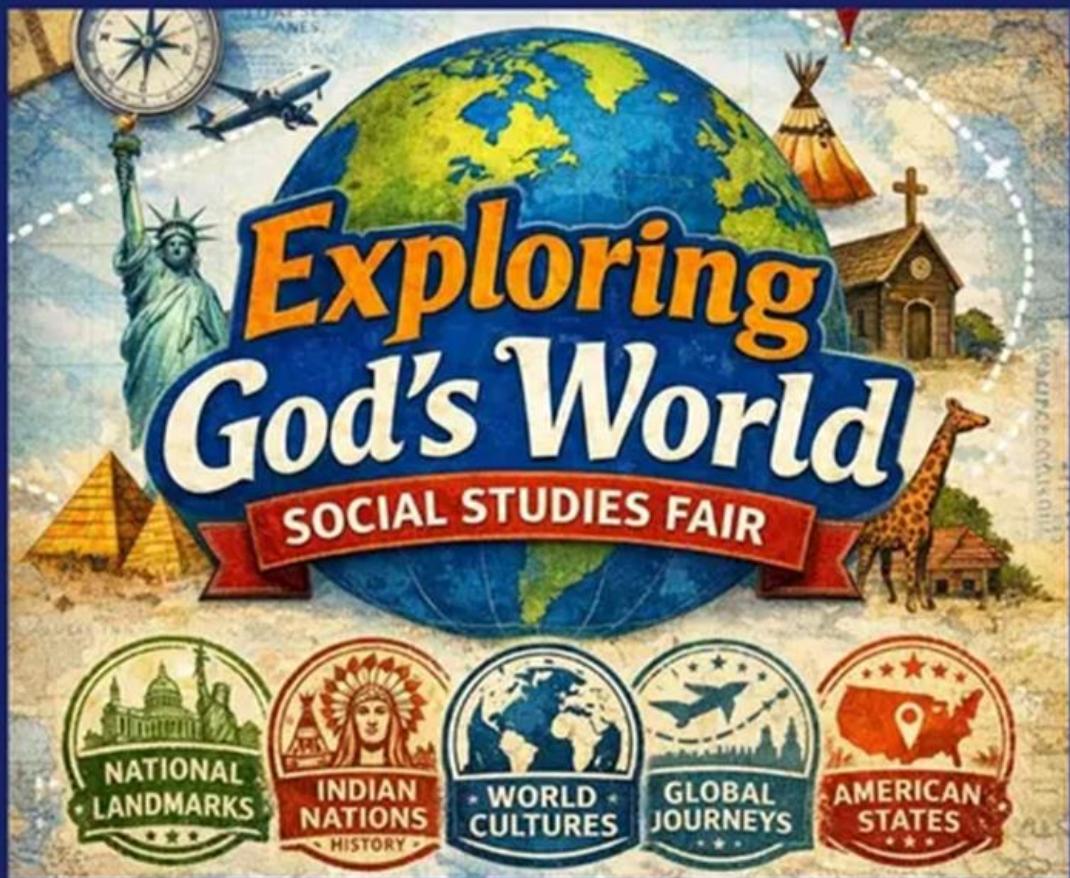
**Looking forward to the Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**February 15, 2026**

**Hymns: 415, 413 (416, 631, 395) 417**

***Transfiguration (Pastor Schockman)***

The Transfiguration confirms “*the prophetic word ... to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place*” (2 Peter 1:19). The divine glory of Jesus is manifested in the word of His apostles, who were “*eyewitnesses of his majesty*” (2 Peter 1:16). “*He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun*” (Matt. 17:2). Moses and Elijah witnessed the fulfillment of the Old Testament in this Lord Jesus, and the Father testified concerning Him: “*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased*” (Matt. 17:5). By His own blood, shed on the cross, Jesus makes and seals the new covenant with us. Hence, “*the appearance of the glory of the Lord*” is no longer “*like a devouring fire*” (Ex. 24:17), but it is graciously revealed in His own body. As “*Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel*” went up the mountain with Moses and “*beheld God, and ate and drank*” (Ex. 24:9, 11), we also behold the Lord our God in Christ Jesus, and we abide with Him as we eat and drink His body and blood at the altar. United with Christ by Baptism, abiding in Him, you are sons, daughters, children of God in whom He is well pleased.



Join Us For an Open House  
February 11<sup>th</sup> | 5:30-6:30 PM



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## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL FUNDRAISER NIGHT

Wednesday, February 11

4:00 pm - 8:30 pm

To benefit the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup> Graders  
going to Camp Luther

Join the crew for burgers and custard  
before and after the  
Social Studies Fair



1177 Summit Ave, Oconomowoc



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY February 10	Seasonal Handbell Choir Rehearsal Board of Operations' Meeting Board of Elders' Meeting	Music Room Room 201 Room 202	5:30 pm 5:30 pm 6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY February 11	Caring Through Sharing Biblical Finance for Young Adults Learning Christian Meditation	Room 219 Room 135 Room 219	11:00 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm
THURSDAY February 12	Church Choir Rehearsal Praise Team Rehearsal	Balcony Church	6:30 pm 7:30 pm
SATURDAY February 14	Journeymen Divine Worship	Maxim's Church	7:30 am 5:00 pm
SUNDAY February 15	Divine Worship Coffee Fellowship Hour Public School Confirmation Sunday School Life Application Bible Study Divine Worship Reformation Tap Society High School Youth Group	Church Fellowship Hall Meet in F.H. Meet in F.H. Fellowship Hall Church Brewfinity Room 219Y/Gym	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm

## BIBLE STUDIES

### Life Application Bible Study

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

### Sunday School

**Sunday: 9:15 am - Gym**  
February 8, 2026  
Claimed and Tested  
**Bible Truth: God's beloved Son  
was baptized and tempted for us.**  
Luke 3:15-22; 4:1-13

### Women of Joy

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

### Journeymen

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

## NEXT WEEKEND

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Readings</b>	Ex 24.8-18	2 Pt 1.16-21	Mt 17.1-9
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Michelle Wilson	Cindy Fredrickson	Karen Gotthardt
<b>Elders</b>	Rick Zastrow	Neil Anderson	Tom Showen
<b>Greeters</b>	Larry & Bonnie Vasatko	Matt & Leah Wawrzyn	Anne Fait
<b>Live-Stream</b>	N/A	Granzin	N/A
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Cheryl Tesch	N/A
<b>Ushering Team</b>	Rick Zastrow	Neil Anderson	Tom Showen

**FEBRUARY 15, 2026**  
**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

**Pastor:** Jason A. Schockman

**5pm & 8am Worship**  
LSB, Divine Service, Setting 1, pg. 151

**10:30am Worship**  
Special Order



## **Love golf?**

We are reaching out to all golfers with the opportunity to create a new Golf League for members and friends of St. Paul's.

Whether you're a scratch golfer chasing a club championship or a weekend warrior, this league is designed for anyone who loves the game. Our goal is simple: to create a league where competitive spirit meets great fellowship and camaraderie.

End your week, or start your weekend with our Friday 9-Hole League at Kettle Moraine Golf Club.

League rounds start after 5:00 p.m. beginning Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>, and concluding Friday August 28th.

Sign-up fee is \$125.00 per person for the season, with weekly League rate at \$16.00 walking, additional \$10.00 per person with a cart, per round.

To start this league, we will need a minimum of 24 players. If we field enough players, we will have an intro league meeting in mid – April.

If interested, or with questions, please contact Kevin Osterndorf [kosterndorf@wi.rr.com](mailto:kosterndorf@wi.rr.com)

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FEBRUARY 23-25, 2026

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## ST. PAUL'S STAFF

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

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

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

## The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:3–9a

“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.

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.

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?

“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?

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?

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.

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

### Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:1–16

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. 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. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before

the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 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”—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 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. 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. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

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. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

### Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:13–20

[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.

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 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. 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.

“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. 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. 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. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

February 8, 2026



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

### Worship Schedule

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Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

210 E. Pleasant St., Oconomowoc, WI 53066

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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 – 94      Total: 404  
8:00 am – 150  
10:30 am – 160

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## THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND

	5pm	8am	10:30am
Celebrant	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman
Preacher	Ps. O'Donnell	Ps. O'Donnell	Ps. O'Donnell
Musicians	Sheri Fleischfresser	Allison Mackie	Praise Team
Acolytes	TBD	Jackson Etzel	TBD
Anthem	N/A	LCL Clarinet Choir	LCL Clarinet Choir
Altar Guild	Jackie Smith	Jackie Meyer	Stacey Balistreri
Elders	Pat Smith	Dave Meyer	Ryan Schneider
Greeters	Margie Hertneky Char Binney	Duane & Sharon Peterson Bruce & Mary Bojko	Tom & Denise Showen
Live Stream	N/A	Hertneky	N/A
Radio	N/A	Tom Krenzke	N/A
Ushering Team	Dave Meyer	Joel Tesch	Mike Neff

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## 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 1, pg. 151

8am: Pre-Service Anthem  
† *Salvation is Created*  
(LCL Clarinet Choir)

### Greeting

**Hymn of Invocation** 728

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### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**Kyrie** 152

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*Isaiah 58:3-9a*

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**8am: Offering Anthem**  
† *Meditation from Two Moods*  
(LCL Clarinet Choir)

### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

**Distribution Hymns**

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† *Prayer*  
(LCL Clarinet Choir)

† **563, 411, 580**

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**Announcements**

**8am: Postlude**

† *Allegro Assai*  
(LCL Clarinet Choir)

# **Sermon Outline:**

## *The Difference Between Confidence and Showing Off*

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Isa 58.3-9; 1 Cor 2.1-16; Mt 5.13-20

### **Introduction**

CCT: The Holy Spirit teaches us through the Word of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ is the true glory.

What do you think is the difference between confidence and showing off?

### **I. Holy Spirit vs. "Spirit of the World"**

What is the difference between "the spirit of the world" and Holy Spirit? Of what are we to beware?  
(See 1 Cor 2.1-16; 1 Pet 5.8)

### **II. The Difference between Confidence and Showing Off**

What is Jesus' perceived contradiction in Matthew 5.14-16 and 6.1-4?

How does “the world” deal with this?

How did Jesus *both* “let His light shine before others” *and* not “show off”? How does He “fulfill the Law and Prophets”? (See Mt 5.17-18; Lk 5.25-26, Lk 23.47; Lk 8.56; Jn 20.21)

## **Conclusion**

If you’re “showing off,” what are you seeking?

How is “confidence” different?