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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

January 25, 2026

Third Sunday After the Epiphany

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THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service
 9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College+
 9:30 Voter's Meeting
 5:30 PM Worship @ Grace

TUE. 9:00 AM Bible Study

WED. 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
 2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
 6:30-7:30 PM WDS
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College+
 5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace
 6:30 PM LYF @ St. Paul's

January 18 8:30: 115 Year Ago: 121 Sunday School: 45

Welcome Today we celebrate the precious gift of life — each person wonderfully made and deeply loved by God. Whether you are young or old, joyful or weary, know that your life has purpose and value in His eyes. May we honor the Creator by cherishing the lives He has created. If you are a *visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please fill out the visitor connection card listing your information on both sides and depositing the card in the box in the narthex.*

Thank you The Weekday teachers and Sunday School teachers want to thank the Board of Education for our Christmas gifts. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Windsor Harvest Picnic Will be hosting their annual "Soup-er" Bowl Luncheon at the Windsor Community Center from 10:30-1:00 on Sunday, February 8th. They will be serving hamburgers, pork burgers, chili soup, oyster soup, potato soup, dessert and drinks. The luncheon is a free will donation.

THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
January 18	\$ 4,191.00	\$ 2,890.00	\$ -1,301.00
year-to-date	12,573.00	\$ 9,569.00	\$ -3,004.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
January 18	\$ 481.00	\$ 195.00	\$ -286.00
year-to-date	\$ 1,443.00	\$ 590.00	\$ -853.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000			Total to Date \$190.00
Building \$225 Sem.Student \$100 LYF \$25 Trinity \$50			

January 20 \$ 3,485

- 2/3 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
- 2/4 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
- 6:30-7:30 PM WDS
- 2/5 1:30 PM Ladies Aid

Sympathy Please keep the family of William Orr in your thoughts and prayers. William passed away on January 18, 2026. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 30, 2026 in St. Paul Lutheran Church, Strasburg, IL with Pastor Kene Whybrew officiating. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 19, 2026 and on hour before service time on Friday, both in the church. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery, Strasburg, IL.

Thank you A special thanks to Pastor Whybrew for his wonderful service, The Ladies Aid for providing a comforting meal, and Murriel Merriman's special music for making Rosemary's funeral very special. We are so very blessed to have a church family that gathers around those that need support and care during times like these. We love and appreciate every text, phone call, cards, hugs and gifts of food. All of these bring comfort to our broken hearts. The Family of Rosemary Schlechte

Thank you LYF would like to thank all who supported us at the Soup Luncheon. Thanks to your generous donations, we had a successful fundraiser raising nearly \$1500 and serving 125 people! We enjoyed serving you lunch and appreciate your continued support!



ANNIVERSARIES

28-Jim & Phyllis Weiss
29-Jim & Sharon Rincker

BIRTHDAYS

25-Gerald* Hanfland
27-Jennifer Logan; Melba Kircher;
28-Roger Kessler
29-Blake* Furr
30-Jeremy Pieper; Maurina Batson

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Steve & Jill Layton, Patsy Lenz, Tim & Delreen Lenz, Jennifer (Rosine) Logan, Claire & Cody Logue, Bob Sporleder, Gary Sporleder, Ron Sporleder, Rosemary Sporleder

PRAYER

Dianna Gibson Cathern Stremming
Nick Hanfland Clay Tabbert
Frances York Wayne Wirth
Nick Oller
John Wittenberg

LIMITED MOBILITY

Ramona Radloff (Shelby Rehab & Healthcare)
Chris Storm (Lutheran Care Center RM#31)
Beulah Ulmer (The Manor-Shelbyville)
Robert Stremming
Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone Mattoon
Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga
Doris Stremming – Willowbrook, Effingham
Margaret Swank – Willowbrook Effingham

FRIENDS & FAMILY
(non-members)

Walton Foster (medical-Chris Kramer nephew)
Trevor Roy (accident, Grace Vonderheide friend)
Ken Daily (Karen Pfeiffer’s father) stroke
Walker Warden (cancer)
Christie Dust (Howard & Kay’s daughter) (Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis)

Adopted Seminary Students 2025-26
4th Year Student

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Third Sunday After the Epiphany – Setting Three

The People That in Darkness Sat

LSB 412

- 1 The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been,
In shades of death have been.

- 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness,
The gath'ring nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear
Their harvest treasures home,
Their harvest treasures home.

- 3 To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is giv'n,
And on His shoulder ever rests
All pow'r in earth and heav'n,
All pow'r in earth and heav'n.

- 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The God by all adored,
The God by all adored.

- 5 His righteous government and pow'r
Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end,
His reign shall have no end.

D 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art
And Holy Spirit, one,
And Holy Spirit, one.

Text: John Morison, 1749–98, alt. Text: Public domain

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 22:27–31; antiphon: v. 22

Gloria Patri

C ***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

Kyrie

LSB 186

C ***Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

C ***Glory be to God on high:
and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And with thy spirit.***

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

Isaiah 9:1–4

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

LSB 190

C ***Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12–25

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

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

The Gospel is Read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

**and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

LSB 839

- 1 O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice
And in Your fold with us rejoice.

- 2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace
The souls now lost in error's maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.

- 3 O gently call those gone astray
That they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed
In You find peace and heav'nly rest.

- 4 Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart;
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,

- 5 That they with us may evermore
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv'n
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

Sermon 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 "The Power of God"

Offertory

LSB 192

- C** ***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.***

Prayer of the Church

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And with thy spirit.***

P Lift up your hearts.

C ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C ***It is meet and right so to do.***

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

C ***Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.***

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

P **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C ***O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.***

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution**Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness**

LSB 563

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.
Text: Public domain

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

LSB 610

1 Lord Jesus, think on me And purge away my sin;
From worldly passions set me free And make me pure within.

2 Lord Jesus, think on me, By anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me Your loving servant be And taste Your promised rest.

3 Lord Jesus, think on me Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery, O be my health and life!

4 Lord Jesus, think on me Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity Point out Your chosen way.

5 Lord Jesus, think on me That, when this life is past,
I may the_ eternal brightness see And share Your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, c. 365–c. 414; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–96, alt. Text: Public domain

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

LSB 590

1 Baptized into Your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Your Spirit now shall live within.

2 My loving Father, here You take me
To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here You make me
The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see.

3 My faithful God, You fail me never;
Your promise surely will endure.
O cast me not away forever
If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.

4 All that I am and love most dearly—
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely;
Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but Yours alone.

Text: Johann Jacob Rambach, 1693–1735, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C ***Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C ***and His mercy endureth forever.***

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ***Amen.***

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And with thy spirit.***

Benedicamus

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.

C ***Thanks be to God.***

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C ***Amen, amen, amen.***

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

LSB 826

1 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,
 "Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
 Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth;
 Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
 "Here am I, send me, send me"?

2 If you cannot speak like angels,
 If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
 You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
 With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
 To the Savior's waiting arms.

- 3 If you cannot be a watchman,
 Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
 Off'ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties
 You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron,
 Holding up the prophet's hands.
- 4 Let none hear you idly saying,
 "There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying
 And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
 Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
 "Here am I, send me, send me!"

Text (sts. 1-2, 4): Daniel March, 1816-1909, alt.; (st. 3): unknown, alt. Text: Public domain

Next Week's Readings – Isaiah 9:1-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-25

This Week's Memory Verse – 1 Corinthians 1:18 "For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

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