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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

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THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN.	8:30 AM	Worship Service-Choir Sings
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College+
	5:30 PM	Worship @ Grace
	6:30 PM	Bible Trivia
	6:30 PM	LYF Meeting @ St. Paul's
TUE.	9:00 AM	Bible Study
WED.	8:30 AM	Chair Yoga
	6:30-7:30 PM	WDS
THURS.	1:30 PM	Ladies Aid
SUN.	8:30 AM	Communion Service
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College+
	5:30 PM	Worship Service @ Grace

January 25 8:30: Year Ago: 121 Sunday School:

Welcome Welcome! We're so glad you're here for worship today. Our prayer is that you experience God's presence in a meaningful way. Take a moment to greet someone nearby — we're a family in Christ, and we're grateful you're part of this gathering. 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 25	\$ 4,191.00	\$ 1,630.00	\$ -5,821.00
year-to-date	16,764.00	\$ 11,199.00	\$ -5,565.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
January 25	\$ 481.00	\$ 510.00	\$ -29.00
year-to-date	\$ 1,924.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ -824.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$190.00

January 18 \$ 3,010

- 2/10 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 PM LFL @ Grace
- 2/11 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
- 2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
- 6:30-7:30 PM WDS
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 2/12 8:30 AM Blanket Making

Congratulations Lucille Diana Daniels was born on January 22, 2026, at 3:34 a.m. to Jill and Luke Daniels. She weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Lucille is the granddaughter of Tina Daniels and the great-granddaughter of Cathern Stremming and the late Richard Stremming.

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

1-Jacob & Brittney Gilbert

BIRTHDAYS

1-Clay Tabbert;
6-Darrell Wirth; Dennis Wirth
7-Elizabeth Funneman;
Emma Verdeyen

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Jonathan & Abby Luce, Mark & Melissa Luce, Sarah Luce, Kathy Manhart, Wes & Rose Manhart, Cassie Schultheis, Dean Schultz, Gary & Johnna Schultz, Alex Shadwell, Brian & Lisa Shelton, Ashley Sherrill

PRAYER

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

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

Joshua Gerken (Wife Rachel, son Callan)
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Fort Wayne, IN 46825

2025-26 Vicar assignment to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Eldora, Iowa
Hunter Kinnison (Wife Naomi)
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4th Sunday After the Epiphany – Setting Four

Praise the Almighty

LSB 797

- 1 Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him! Yes, I will laud Him until death;
With songs and anthems I come before Him As long as He allows me breath.
From Him my life and all things came; Bless, O my soul, His holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal; Earthborn they are and soon decay.
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal, When the dark grave engulfs its prey.
Since mortals can no help afford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!

- 3 Blessèd, oh, blessèd are they forever Whose help is from the Lord Most High,
Whom from salvation can nothing sever, And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.
To all who trust in Him, our Lord Will aid and counsel now afford.
Alleluia, alleluia!

- 4 Penitent sinners, for mercy crying, Pardon and peace from Him obtain;
Ever the wants of the poor supplying, Their faithful God He will remain.
He helps His children in distress, The widows and the fatherless.
Alleluia, alleluia!

- D 5 Praise, all you people, the name so holy Of Him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise Him solely, With happy heart its amen sings.
Children of God, with angel host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Johann Daniel Herrschmidt, 1675–1723; tr. Alfred E. R. Brauer, 1866–1949, 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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 1:1–5; antiphon: v. 6

Kyrie

LSB 204

C ***Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.***

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

C ***1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.***

***2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—***

**3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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

Micah 6:1–8

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Sings "Blessed Are You" (Hayes)

Alleluia and Verse

C ***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Gospel is Read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Children's Message

Son of God, Eternal Savior

LSB 842

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.

- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.

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Sermon 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 "Christ Crucified"

Prayer of the Church

- P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
Lord, You have called us to good work in our various vocations. Give us courage that we might never be ashamed of Christ and Him crucified, but be free to boast in the Lord within our callings. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P God of all wisdom, You tell us plainly that the Word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but it is Your power to all who are being saved. Strengthen the faith of pastors and congregations, that they would not turn to man-made wisdom but boldly proclaim Christ and Him crucified. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son as the Savior of the world, that all the families of the nations might worship before You. Bless the families of this congregation with Your grace and protection, that they might remember You in both joy and trouble and worship before You forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P O Lord of lords, You rescued Your people from Egypt and confounded Balak, king of Moab, for their protection. Guide the decisions and actions of all earthly authorities, that Your people may live in peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, when Christ returns in His glory You promise to wipe away every tear from every eye. Comfort those who mourn. Heal and deliver, according to Your good and gracious will, those troubled by sickness and affliction [*including* _____]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Father, You know the way of the righteous. Preserve Your people from walking in the counsel of the wicked, from standing in the way of sinners and from sitting in the seat of scoffers. By Your grace, cause them to delight in Your Holy Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

Benedicamus

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

LSB 848

- 1 Lord, whose love through humble service Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, Offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, Your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose Ev'ry gift that You impart.
- 2
- 2 Still Your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles Still to save and make us whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision, Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness, Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving, Your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to Your service, Forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom May Your mercy know and live.

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Next Week's Readings – Isaiah 58:3-9a, 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, Matthew 5:13-20

This Week's Memory Verse – 1 Corinthians 1:23 "...but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles..."

Acknowledgments

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