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**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS**

**February 2, 2025      The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord**

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**THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD**

SUN.            8:30 AM Worship Service  
                   9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+  
                   10:30 AM Worship Service @ Grace  
                   5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace  
                   6:30 PM Bible Trivia  
                   6:30 PM LYF Meeting @ St. Paul's

TUE.            9:00 AM Morning Bible Study  
                   7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

WED.            8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
                   6:30-7:30PM WDS

THURS.        1:30 PM Ladies Aid

SUN.            8:30 AM Communion Service  
                   9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+  
                   10:30 AM Worship Service @ Grace  
                   5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace

**January 26 8:30: 96 Year Ago: 106 Sunday School: N/A**

**Welcome** Traditionally, the church on this day remembers the presentation of Jesus by his parents in the temple. We too present ourselves to God: our praise, petitions, sorrows and joys. Welcome. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

**Thank you** LYF would like to thank all who supported us at the Soup Luncheon. Thanks to your generous donations, we had a great fundraiser raising around \$1000 and serving 120 people! We enjoyed serving you lunch and appreciate your continued support!

**LYF Meeting** Join us for the February LYF meeting Sunday, February 2 at 6:30pm at St. Paul's.

**Thank you** Thank you to Mike Pfeiffer for all his help in the transition of the new church software and also with his help with the year end. Mike has spent a lot of time making the transition go smooth. All of your time and hard work has not gone unnoticed. Thank you Mike! Sue

**FOR THE LORD'S WORK**

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
Jan 26	\$ 3,971.00	\$ 1,554.00	\$-2,417.00
year-to-date	\$ 15,884.00	\$ 10,816.00	\$-5,068.00
<b><u>Synod-Offerings</u></b>			
Jan 26	\$ 481.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 19.00
year-to-date	\$ 1,924.00	\$ 1,290.00	\$ -634.00
<b>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</b>		Total to Date	\$300.00
Building \$110 Seminary Student \$45 Cemetery \$100 Rev. Alex Gordon \$75			
The Lutheran Hour \$40 Trinity \$75			

**Jan 26 \$ 2,499.00**

- 2/11 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 PM LFL @ Bob & Cindy Roley's house
- 2/12 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
- 2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
- 6:30-7:30 PM WDS
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 2/13 8:30 AM Blanket Making

**90 Years** Bob Pfeiffer will be celebrating his 90th birthday on February 5<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to send him a card, his address is: Bob Pfeiffer, 1174 N 2900 East Rd, Windsor, IL 61957.

**God's Gifts** God gives everyone various gifts, talents and abilities. Did God give you the gift of singing? If He did, why not use that gift by singing in our adult choir? We are always ready to welcome and help new members! Just come to any rehearsal to get started. Help us reach others and praise God with the gift of singing!

**New Bible Class** We are starting a new Bible Class at Grace for St. Paul's and Grace members beginning Sunday, February 2. We will be studying the Book of Jude.

**Christmas Shoe Boxes** The items we are collecting for the Christmas shoe boxes for the month of February are wash cloths, gloves, mittens, and sock caps. Thank you for your help!

**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 9<sup>th</sup>. They will be serving hamburgers, pork burgers, chili soup, oyster soup, potato soup, dessert and drinks. The luncheon is a free will donation.



### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 2-Millie Wirth
- 3-Zachary Moomaw
- 5-Bob Pfeiffer
- 6-Darrell Wirth; Dennis Wirth
- 7-Elizabeth Funneman
- 8-Linda Orr

### **HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Dusty & Claudia Rincker, Gary Rincker, Jim & Sharon Rincker, Luke & Kalei Rincker, Michael & Laurie Rincker, Mildred Rincker, Otis & Donna Rincker, Otto & Lisa Rincker, Maxine Ruff,

### **Recorded Services**

**Website:** [stpaul-strasburg.com](http://stpaul-strasburg.com)  
**YouTube:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church Strasburg Illinois  
**Facebook:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church

### **PRAYER**

Dianna Gibson	Anna Schlechte
Nick Hanfland	Kendall Fulk
Frances York	Wayne Wirth
Robert Pfeiffer	Ronda Schlechte
Margaret Swank	Nick Oller
Beulah Ulmer	Clay Tabbert
Karla Tabbert	

### **LIMITED MOBILITY**

Rose Schlechte- StoneBridge  
Robert Stremming  
Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook  
Bill Orr  
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone  
Mattoon  
Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga  
Doris Stremming – Willowbrook,  
Effingham  
Margaret Swank – Willowbrook  
Effingham

### **FRIENDS & FAMILY** **(non-members)**

Cody Chasteen (Sue's nephew; ATV Accident)  
Ken Daily (Karen Pfeiffer's father) stroke  
Zona Doty ( Health)  
Walker Warden (cancer)  
Christie Dust ( Howard & Kay's daughter) (Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis)  
Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)  
Matt Durbin  
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's uncle)

### **Adopted Seminary Students 2024-25**

**4<sup>TH</sup> Year Student**  
**Micah Brown (Wife Jen)**  
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**St. Louis, MO 63105**  
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**Fort Wayne, IN 46825**

**2024-25 Vicar assignment at**  
**Concordia**  
**Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN**  
**Joshua Gerken (Wife Rachel, son**  
**Callan)**  
**5418 Brighton Dr.**  
**Fort Wayne, IN 46825**

## The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord – Setting One

### God Moves in a Mysterious Way

LSB 765

- 1 God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform;  
He plants His footsteps in the sea And rides upon the storm.
- 2 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, But trust Him for His grace;  
Behind a frowning providence Faith sees a smiling face.
- 3 His purposes will ripen fast, Unfolding ev'ry hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste, But sweet will be the flow'r.
- 4 Blind unbelief is sure to err And scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter, And He will make it plain.
- 5 You fearful saints, fresh courage take; The clouds you so much dread  
Are big with mercy and will break In blessings on your head.

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*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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have**

**mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 48:1–3, 8; antiphon: v. 9

### **Kyrie**

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

### **This Is the Feast**

LSB 155

C **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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.

C **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

1 Samuel 1:21–28

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**

Hebrews 2:14–18

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse**

LSB 156

C **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel**

Luke 2:22–32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second 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.**

## 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!

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**Sermon** 1 Samuel 1:21-28 "Lent to the Lord"

## 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.**

### **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.

Everlasting God, we remember how Simeon faithfully trusted Your promise that he would not die until he had seen the Savior. Grant us the same trust in Christ for the forgiveness of our sins, that having received His body and blood and beholding Him by faith, we would be prepared for the day we meet Him face to face. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, in the depth of love for creation, You brought Your Son to the temple and placed Him in the hands of blessed St. Simeon. Abide with those placed in the Office of the Holy Ministry, that their hands would be ever ready to deliver Your gifts to Your people and their lips bold to speak Your Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Father, You placed Your Son into the home of Mary and Joseph. Bless our homes, that they would be places where truth is taught and confessed. Like Joseph took Mary to be his wife, make all husbands courageous and compassionate in their love for their wives. As Mary submitted to Joseph, grant all wives grace for respectful submission to their husbands. Bless the work of parents as they instruct their children in Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Ruler of the nations, bless those placed in authority over us. Grant that they would serve with integrity and honor, having the welfare of all in mind. Look favorably on our country, that division, conflict and strife would give way to unity, peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, as Your Son has become our faithful High Priest, making propitiation for the sins of all people, hear His intercession for His Bride, the Church.



Grant that the suffering, sick and sorrowful [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_] would be blessed by Your loving visitation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Join these, our prayers and praises, with those of Your faithful people of all times and places, and unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, until He comes again in glory as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

### **Offertory**

LSB 159

C **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

### **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.**

### **Benediction**

LSB 166

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, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing**

LSB 924

1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us; O refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness.

- 2 Thanks we give and adoration For Your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful To Your truth may we be found.
- 3 Savior, when Your love shall call us From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let not fear of death appall us, Glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever Reign with You in endless day.

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Next Sunday's Readings – Isaiah 6:1-8, 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20, Luke 5:1-11

This Sunday's Memory Verse – 1 Samuel 1:28 ""Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord." And he worshipped the Lord there.""

## **Acknowledgments**

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