

+++ THE GUIDE +++
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

Pastor	Kene Whybrew	Secretary	Sue Bowers
Pastor's Cell	815-383-1148	Secretary HRS	M-W 4-7PM TH 12-4PM
Pastor's Home		Church Office	217-644-2661
Pastor's E-mail	chebrev@yahoo.com	E-mail	stpaulsstrasburg@gmail.com
Pastor's Address	512 S Walnut St Strasburg	Address	511 S Walnut St Strasburg
Education Supt	Diane Jack	Website	stpaul-strasburg.com
Altar Flowers	Sharon Rincker	YouTube	St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Organist	Muriel Merriman		Strasburg Illinois
Choir Director	Karen Rentfro	Pause for Peace	217-644-3124
Accompanist	Sheryl Vonderheide	Prayer Chain	217-821-3038
Greeter	Dean Schultz		

THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

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

TUE. 9:00 AM Bible Study
 7:00 PM LFL @ Grace

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

THURS. 8:30 AM Blanket Making

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

February 1 8:30: 126 Year Ago: 215 Sunday School: 19

Welcome We're thankful you've joined us in worship. As the psalmist says, "How good it is to sing praises to our God" (Psalm 147:1, NRSV). Let's open our hearts and minds to the One who loves us, sustains us and blesses us beyond measure. 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.

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.

Save the Date Thursday, February 26, 5-8 pm, Trinity 7th & 8th graders are receiving 10% of all sales at Culver's in Effingham. Please come and help support my students. Doreen Whybrew

Lutheran Witness The February edition of the Lutheran Witness is available in the narthex.

THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
February 1	\$ 4,191.00	\$ 5,010.00	\$ 819.00
year-to-date	20,955.00	\$ 16,209.00	\$ -4,746.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
February 1	\$ 481.00	\$ 830.00	\$ 349.00
year-to-date	\$ 2,405.00	\$ 2,440.00	\$ 35.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$450.00
Building \$580 Sem Student \$285 Trinity \$260 Playground Equip \$100			
Rev Gordon Alex \$150 \$For Missions \$211			

February 1 \$ 7,215
February 1 \$ 211

2/17 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
2/18 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
10:30 AM Ash Wed. Service @ Grace
6:30 PM Ash Wed. Service @ St. Paul's
7-8 PM WDS

Thank You The Ladies Aid wants to thank everyone for helping in anyway with the funeral luncheon for the William Orr family and friends.

Thank You Doreen and I would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of generosity and well-wishes over the Christmas season. The Lord truly has blessed us.

Shoe Boxes: We are collecting gloves, mittens, sock caps and wash cloths for the month of February. Put them in the box marked shoe boxes in the narthex. Thank you for caring!

WDS Correction Weekday School will change to 7:00-8:00 PM after Ash Wednesday service (2-18-26) and continue that schedule until April 1 when they go back to 6:30-7:30PM

Lenten Schedule/Theme (Set Free: The Gospel in Exodus)

Grace -10:30 AM (With Communion), St. Paul - 6:30 PM

February

18th Ash Wednesday - The Good News of a God Who Hears and Answers Cries {Exodus 2:23-25}
25th The Good News of a God Who Reveals Himself to Us (Exodus 3:1-15)

March

4th The Good News of a God Who Sends a Deliver (Exodus 4:1-20)
11th The Good News of a God Who Passes Over us in Mercy (Exodus 12:1-14)
18th The Good News of a God Who Makes a Way for Us (Exodus 14:5-31)
25th The Good News of a God Who Sustains on Our Journey (Exodus 16:1-18, 35)



ANNIVERSARIES

14-Will* & Kathy Eckstein;
Tanner & Caroline* Bowers

BIRTHDAYS

8-Linda Orr
9-Brian Kessler; Judy Wittenberg
10-Linda Newell
11-Cathy Reel
12-Gary Wirth; Diane Jack
Grant* Merriman
13-Kathy Manhart; Max Kull;
Michelle Knop; Eloise Parisien

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Lori & Kevin Mathis, Arlene McCormick,
Heath & Autumn McCormick, Nick & Kelly
McCormick, Ellen & Matthew McCoy,
Allison & Jacob McIlwain, Troy & Carol
Salazar,
Bob & Ronda Schlechte, Gerry & Dawn
Schlechte, Whitney & Blake Furr

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)
5418 Brighton Dr.
Fort Wayne, IN 46825**

**2025-26 Vicar assignment to St. Paul
Lutheran Church, Eldora, Iowa
Hunter Kinnison (Wife Naomi)
1105 Washington St.
Eldora, IA 50627**

**Benjamin Wagner
801 Seminary Place
St. Louis, MO 63105**

5th Sunday After the Epiphany – Setting One

Hail, O Source of Every Blessing

LSB 409

- 1 Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing, Father of our human race!
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing, In Your courts obtain a place.
Grateful now, we fall before You, In Your Church rejoice to live,
See Your glory and adore You, Thankful for the grace You give.

- 2 Once far off but now invited, We approach Your sacred throne,
In Your covenant united, Reconciled, redeemed, made one.
Now revealed to eastern sages, See the Star of Mercy shine,
Myst'ry hid in former ages, Myst'ry great of love divine.

- 3 Hail, O all-inviting Savior! Gentiles now their off'rings bring,
In Your temples seek Your favor, Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.
May we, body, soul, and spirit, Live devoted to Your praise,
Glorious realms of bliss inherit, Grateful anthems ever raise.

Text: Basil Woodd, 1760–1831, 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 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 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 12

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.

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.

C ***Amen.***

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58:3–9a

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 2:1–16

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

Matthew 5:13–20

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.***

Thy Strong Word

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!
- D 6 God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-76 Text: © 1969 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001500

Sermon Matthew 5:13-20 "Let Your Light Shine"

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.

Prayer of the Church

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.*

Preface

LSB 160

- P The Lord be with you.
- C ***And also with you.***
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C ***We lift them to the Lord.***
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C ***It is right to give Him thanks and praise.***

P It is truly good, 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 161

C ***Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C ***Amen.***

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C ***Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.***

Distribution

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

LSB 398

1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,
Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free,
To take away transgression
And rule in equity.

2 He comes with rescue speedy
To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in His sight.

3 He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
Spring in His path to birth.
Before Him on the mountains
Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness in fountains
From hill to valley flow.

4 Kings shall fall down before Him
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him,
His praise all people sing.
To Him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.

5 O'er ev'ry foe victorious,
He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever—
That name to us is Love.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.
Text: Public domain

The Law of God Is Good and Wise

LSB 579

- 1 The Law of God is good and wise And sets His will before our eyes,
Shows us the way of righteousness, And dooms to death when we transgress.
- 2 Its light of holiness imparts The knowledge of our sinful hearts
That we may see our lost estate And turn from sin before too late.
- 3 To those who help in Christ have found And would in works of love abound
It shows what deeds are His delight And should be done as good and right.
- 4 But those who scornfully disdain God's Law shall then in sin remain;
Its terror in their ear resounds And keeps their wickedness in bounds.
- 5 The Law is good; but since the fall Its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sin to die And has no pow'r to justify.
- 6 To Jesus we for refuge flee, Who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne, Saved by His grace through faith alone.

Text: Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt. Text: Public domain

To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All

LSB 613

- 1 To Thee, omniscient Lord of all, In grief and shame I humbly call;
I see my sins against Thee, Lord, The sins of thought and deed and word.
They press me sore; I cry to Thee: O God, be merciful to me!
- 2 O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray: O cast me not in wrath away!
Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart, But let Him draw to Thee my heart
That truly penitent I be: O God, be merciful to me!
- 3 O Jesus, let Thy precious blood Be to my soul a cleansing flood.
Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest away, But grant that justified I may
Go to my house at peace with Thee: O God, be merciful to me!

Text: Magnus Brostrup Landstad, 1802–80; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt.
Text: Public domain

Thank the Lord

LSB 164

- C ***Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.***

Post-Communion Collect

- A 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.***

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.***

God, Whose Almighty Word

LSB 979

- 1 God, whose almighty word Chaos and darkness heard
And took their flight: Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the Gospel day Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!
- 2 Lord, who once came to bring, On Your redeeming wing,
Healing and sight, Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind: Oh, now to humankind
Let there be light!
- 3 Spirit of truth and love, Life-giving, holy dove,
Speed forth Your flight; Move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace, And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!

D 4 Holy and blessèd Three, Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, love, might! Boundless as ocean's tide,
Rolling in fullest pride, Through the earth, far and wide,
Let there be light!

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825 Text: Public domain

Next Week's Readings – Matthew 5:16 “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.”

This Week's Memory Verse – Exodus 24:8-18, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2026 Concordia Publishing House.