



SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE WITH JOY!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

9:00 A.M.

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# *Order of Worship*

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026 † 9:00 a.m.

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## **Prelude**

## **Welcome, Announcements and Prayer Concerns**

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

### **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely. Mighty God, lover of justice, **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

### **Amen.**

## **Gathering Song**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*(hymn) 705 vv. 1-2*

<sup>1</sup>God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

<sup>2</sup>Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days,

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

**Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## First Reading—Psalm 40:1-11 (Read Responsively)

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

<sup>3</sup> The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

<sup>4</sup> **Happy are they who trust in the LORD! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

<sup>5</sup> Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

<sup>6</sup> **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

<sup>7</sup> And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

<sup>8</sup> **'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'**"

<sup>9</sup> I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

<sup>10</sup> **I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.**

<sup>11</sup> You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

## **Second Reading—1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
<sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

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## **Gospel—John 1:29-42**

*The Holy Gospel according to St. John. Glory to you, O Lord.*

<sup>29</sup> [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’” <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.” <sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas”

*The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

**Children's Sermon**  
**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

“Beautiful Savior”

*(hymn) 838 vv. 1-2*

<sup>1</sup>Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

<sup>2</sup>Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

**Reception of New Members**

**Apostles' Creed**

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you!**

**Offering**

**Offering Music**

**Offering Prayer**

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Lord, in your mercy ...

**Hear our prayer.**

## **Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution**

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The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

In the night in which he was betrayed, ...

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

*A member of our prayer team will be available during communion distribution for individual and private prayer. Please meet them at the prayer room to the right of the sanctuary.*

## **Communion Distribution**

## **Communion Blessing**

## **Prayer after Communion**

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Benediction**

<sup>1</sup>Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended.  
Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all. Your grace shall incite us,  
your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

<sup>2</sup>With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face— our faith ever sharing,  
in love ever caring, embracing God's children, the whole human race.  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living  
with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

**Dismissal**

Go in peace! Share Christ's love, with Joy!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**



Welcome & Thank You!

**Thank you for worshipping with us at St. Paul Lutheran today,  
where it is our mission *“To Share Christ’s Love, With Joy!”***

We aim for your time with us to be both enriching and spiritually fulfilling. If you're new, please feel free to introduce yourself to the pastors and fellow worshippers. We value the opportunity to connect with you and hope to see you again soon. At St. Paul Lutheran, everyone is sincerely welcome to partake in Holy Communion. Should you require a gluten-free option, simply inform the pastor when you approach. Worshipers are encouraged to bring a bible to worship. If one is needed there are bibles available in the prayer room in the rear corner of the sanctuary. Additionally, gender-neutral restrooms are accessible in our education/preschool wing, ensuring a comfortable experience for all.

We look forward to seeing you again!

## **Thank You To Those Involved in Worship Leading!**

<b>Pastors:</b>	Dale & Carrie Stiles
<b>Worship Assistant:</b>	Kathie Marabella
<b>Usher:</b>	Marc Marabella
<b>Prayer Corner:</b>	Dee Wilkinson
<b>Organist:</b>	Jeanne Richards
<b>Tech Team:</b>	Chris Timmons
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Jean Reed
<b>Counters:</b>	Jan Taylor, Will & Katie Fetterly

**Please keep in your prayers this week:** Our partners in Tanzania, the Migoli and Mtera parishes, Ruth Koehly, Donald Morency (brother of Lisa Fashner), Jean Enrooth, Jeanne Richards, Josie Peterson, John Peterson, Allan DeWolf, Lois (friend of Janelle Albee), Kathy (sister of Ron Rozeske), Julie (family of Pat Miska), Mick Byl, Doug Miska, Wendy Krona, Emmett Fetterly, Doris Spinler, Mike (Sally Liljedahl uncle), Jeremy and all who serve in the military, Shelby, Tom and all law enforcement.

**Flowers** today are provided by Karen Rozeske in honor of Ron’s birthday, and by Connie Bahnemann in celebration of her and Ruth Iverson joining our church. The flower sign-up sheet is located on the wall in the narthex. Thank you for helping beautify our worship by signing up!

**Refreshments** today are provided by Darlene Petrey. The sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Thank you for signing up!

**TODAY we joyfully welcome our new members, Ruth Iverson and Connie Bahnemann.** Ruth is sponsored by Cindy Gruett, and Connie is sponsored by Zella Oswald. We invite our continuing members to join in officially welcoming Ruth and Connie with joy and thanksgiving as they become part of our church family.

**Come to The Table This Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.** We’ll begin with a shared meal, followed by worship and intergenerational learning. This week we’ll explore Matthew 7:1–14, 24–29, where Jesus calls us to humility, wise choices, and lives built on his words. Children, youth, and adults will gather in age-specific groups. All are welcome. Come as you are and pull up a chair at The Table.

**A Time of Lament & Hope.** In an unsettled world, you are invited to a quiet, contemplative time of prayer and reflection. We will gather on **Thursday nights from 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.** with scripture, music, candle lighting, prayer, and silence, making room for both lament and hope. Whether you are carrying concern for the world or personal grief and uncertainty, you are encouraged to attend as able. Come as you are.

## Weekly Financial Stewardship Update

2026 General Fund Offering Received	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under) Budgeted Giving
YTD Totals	\$10,698.00	\$8,838.74	\$1,859.26
2026 Total Revenue Received	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under) Budgeted Revenue
YTD Totals	\$14,712.75	\$10,817.91	\$3,894.84

*The Total Revenue Received includes ALL revenue received by SPLC . General Fund Revenue is the portion of Total Revenue Received through undesignated offerings from members and guests. Please contact our Church Treasurer, Andy Buccanero or our Church Bookkeeper, Chris Timmons, with any questions.*



# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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Next Sunday, January 25 | 10:30 a.m.

*Written Annual Reports are available in the Narthex.*

*So much to celebrate!*



**Join us next Sunday, January 25, at 10:30 a.m., for our  
Annual Congregational Meeting, with a potluck lunch to follow.**

The Annual Congregational Report is available on our website and on the table in the narthex; please take only one copy per family. All are encouraged to attend as we gather to celebrate God's work among us and look ahead with hope to the year to come.

In accordance with our church constitution, **official voting members of St. Paul Lutheran Church are confirmed members who, during the current or preceding calendar year, have communed in this congregation and have made a financial contribution of record to the church.** Members who meet these criteria have both voice and vote at the Annual Congregational Meeting.



# The Week Ahead

at St. Paul Lutheran

## **Sunday, January 18**

Reception of New Members  
Worship, 9:00 a.m.  
Vocal Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m.  
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.

## **Monday, January 19**

Boy Scouts, 6:30 p.m.

## **Tuesday, January 20**

Adult Bible Study, 1:00 p.m.  
Church Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
Cub Scouts, 6:00 p.m.

## **Wednesday, January 21**

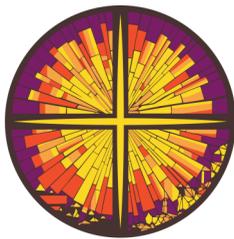
The Table, 5:30 p.m.

## **Thursday, January 22**

Lament & Hope, 6:00 p.m.  
MomCo, 6:30 p.m.

## **Sunday, January 25**

Worship, 9:00 a.m.  
Annual Meeting and Potluck, 10:30 a.m.  
Vocal Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m.  
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.



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