***ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT*:**
*"Be faithfully obedient to the living Christ in making disciples of all people."*

***God Manifests His Glory in the Humility and Weakness of Christ Crucified*** The Lord tells His people, *"I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery"* (Micah 6:4). By the sacrifice of His beloved Son, He has redeemed us from our slavery of sin and death; He has forgiven our transgressions by the shedding of His blood. His great mercy and salvation lead us *"to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly"* with our God (Micah 6:8). We boast only in the incarnate and crucified Lord Jesus. He is *"the power of God and the wisdom of God"* (1 Cor. 1:24). He is our life and salvation, our *"wisdom"* and *"righteousness and sanctification and redemption"* (1 Cor. 1:30). Now He opens His mouth and teaches us His wisdom. By His cross and Passion, the kingdom of heaven is ours. We receive mercy and are satisfied; we see God and are called sons of God in Christ. *"Blessed are you,"* therefore, *"when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely"* on account of Christ (Matt. 5:11).

**Thanks to those who Served Today**

**Elder:** Bruce Mohr
**Ushers:** Dave Seieroe, Mona Pithan, Matt Leitz
**Organist**: Lynette Thies
**Screen**: Audrey Gust
**Altar Care:** Joan Neddermeyer
**Flowers:** Danielle Creese
**Finance:** Denny Mordhorst, Elaine Vogt
**Acolytes:** Daxton Leitz

**Next Sunday Acolytes**:

**Those Serving in March**

**Elder:** (*Not Scheduled*)
**Ushers:** Steve Gust, Andy Kuhlmann
**Organist**: Lynette Thies
**Screen**: Audrey Gust
**Altar Care:** Linda Riddle, Deanna Sorensen
**Finance:** Lyle & Tammy Bramley, Raylyn Kelm, Becky Mordhorst

**ABOUT THE SERVICE**

**WELCOME:** We welcome you to St Paul's! It is a joy to have you here to worship with us. In Jesus Christ our Risen Savior we have reason for hope and joy and so we gather together to receive His good gifts and offer Him our prayers and praises. May God bless us all as we worship together in His house and grow as His children!

**ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER**: By celebrating the Lord's Supper we care for Christ's people, Christ's Supper, and Christ's teachings. What Jesus gives us in the Lord's Supper is His true body and blood under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. God's Word also teaches that receiving the Lord's Supper together implies that we share the same beliefs. Therefore, we kindly ask that guests who desire to receive the Lord's Supper today speak to the Pastor prior to the beginning of the service.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:**

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|---|---|
| Sun: | 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School & Bible Study |
| | 10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion |
| | Short Special Voter's Meeting after service |
| | LCW Potluck, Meeting, Kitchen organizing |
| Tues: | Pastor in Mapleton |
| Wed: | 11:00 a.m. – Bible Class |
| | 4:30 p.m. – 5th - 6th Grades Class |
| | 5:30 p.m. - Memory Work / Meal |
| | 6:00 p.m. – 7th – 8th Grade Class |
| Fri: | Pastor Family Day |
| Sun: | 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School |
| | 10:30 a.m. – Divine Service |

**Updates will be done the second Sunday of each month**
**Next update will be February 8, 2026**
2 Corinthians 9:7 For God loves a cheerful giver".

| 2026 | General Fund | Missions | Special Mission |
|---|---|---|---|
| Projected for the Year | $172,954.26 | $4,000.00 | $3,000.00 |
| As of 1-1-2026 | $ 0 | $ 0 | $0 |
| Still Needed | $172,954.26 | $4,000.00 | $3,000.00 |

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(Δ indicates worshipers stand)

**Hymn..... #904**
"Blessed Jesus, At Your Word"
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**Readings..... Sheet**
**Old:** Micah 6:1-8
**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Δ**Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12
**Hymn..... #848**
"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"
**Sermon** "What God Wants"
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Δ**Hymn..... #851**
"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

**CURRENT BIBLE CLASSES:**

- Wednesday Morning Bible Class (Meets in the LYF Room- 11am) topic "Genesis"
- Sunday Bible Class (Meet in the LYF Room – 9:30 am on 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays) topic "Micah"

## ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SPECIAL VOTERS MEETINGS:** We will have a short special Voter's Meeting after the service today to have our election for the 2026 officers.

**NEW OFFICERS:** The newly elected officers will be installed on Sunday, February 8th during the Divine service.

**LCW MEETING:** The LCW will be having their meeting with a potluck and going through the church kitchen today after the service.

**MEETINGS:** On Tuesday, February 10th the Elder's Meeting will meet at 5:30 p.m. and Church Council will meet at 7 p.m.

**IOWA PRAYER RALLY FOR LIFE:** You're invited to attend the 2026 Iowa Prayer Rally for Life on Thursday, February 5, at 12:00 PM at the Iowa State Capitol. In addition to the Prayer Rally at Noon, attendees are invited to attend additional scheduled events from 10:30 AM 2:00 PM. Invited Prayer Rally speakers include Gov. Kim Keynolds, AG Brenna Bird, Rep. Jon Dunwell, and Rev. Alex Post (LCMS District Life Coordinators for Iowa District East). Join fellow Iowans who care about God's truth for life as we gather in prayer, encouragement, and hope to continue to give a voice to those without. Learn more at https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/events/

## COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

**LENTEN SUPPER:** We need volunteers to provide Lenten suppers. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church.

**ASH WED SERVICE:** Ash Wed. Service is Wednesday February 18th at 7:00 p.m. with supper at 5:30 p.m.

**MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES:** Mid-week Lenten Services will be at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday starting February 25th with supper at 5:30 p.m.

**WEATHER CANCELLATIONS:** If the weather is so severe that services are cancelled, it will be posted on our church facebook and website. We will also use Call Multiplier in the event of a cancellation. Please make sure we have your current phone number.

**NORTH PARKING LOT:** Be cautious of the north parking lot for ice, especially on mornings after a thaw and refreezing.

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## Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
## February 1, 2026

***Matthew 5:1-12***


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