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

God Reveals His Glory in Christ and His Cross *"The LORD, the Redeemer of Israel,"* calls forth *"his Holy One"* (Is. 49:7), Jesus, the Christ, *"from the womb"* of His mother (Is. 49:1). The incarnate Son of God is revealed as the Savior, not only for Israel but also *"as a light for the nations,"* whose salvation reaches *"to the end of the earth"* (Is. 49:6). John came *"baptizing with water"* (John 1:31) to reveal Jesus as *"the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world"* (John 1:29), and who glorifies His God and Father by His atoning sacrifice upon the cross. When Jesus was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended *"from heaven like a dove"* and *"remained on him"* (John 1:32). By our Baptism, we are anointed by the same Spirit, adopted by God the Father, and *"called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ"* (1 Cor. 1:9). Therefore, we *"are not lacking in any gift,"* but we can trust Him who promises to sustain us to the end, *"guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Cor. 1:7–8).

Thanks to those who Served Today

Elder: Steve Gust
Ushers: Gary Goslar, John Thies, Landon Meseck
Altar Care: Elaine Vogt
Flowers: Terri Mohr
Finance: Jan. 18: John & Harvey Thies; Jan. 25: Judy & Gary Pohlman
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Acolytes: Daxton Leitz

Next Sunday Acolytes: Wyatt Teut, Morgan Teut

Those Serving in February

Elder: (*Not Scheduled*)
Ushers: Dave Seieroe, Mona Pithan, Matt Leitz
Organist: Lynette Thies
Screen: Audrey Gust
Altar Care: Joan Neddermeyer
Flowers: Danielle Creese
Finance: (*Not Scheduled*)

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!

STANDING: Although it is proper to sit and stand at certain times during the Divine Service, please feel free to sit when needed.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Sun: 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion
LYF Meeting after the service
Voters Meeting after the service
5:00 p.m. – Annual Soup Cook Off
6:30 p.m. – LYF Bible Study
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".

	General Fund	Missions	Special Mission
Projected for the Year	$165,744.84	$4,000.00	$3,000.00
As of 12/31/2025	$141,286.50	$ 3,555.00	$3,032.10
Still Needed	$23,458.34	$445.00	$.00

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(Δ indicates worshipers stand)

Hymn..... #696
vs. 1-4, 6"O God, My Faithful God"
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Δ**Introit..... Sheet**
Δ**Kyrie..... p.152**
Δ**This is the Feast..... p.155**
Δ**Salutation and Collect..... p.156**
Readings..... Sheet
Old: Isaiah 49:1-7
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Δ**Gospel:** John 1:29-42A
Hymn..... #531
"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"
Sermon "As a light"
Isaiah 49:1-7
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Distribution
Δ**Thank the Lord..... p.164**
Δ**Post Communion Collect..... p.166**
Δ**Benediction..... p.166**
Δ**Hymn..... #914**
"Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten"

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 "The Minor Prophets"

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 ENVELOPES: If you signed up to get the 2026 offering envelope, they are on the back table in alphabetical order by last name. Please take yours and any others you could easily distribute. If you not see you name and would like one, we have a couple left.

SUPPORT OUR CATECHISM FAMILIES: We need volunteers to provide a simple meal every Wednesday for our 10 Catechism students from 5:30-6:00 pm. Sign-up sheet is on the back table. This will be for the months of January & February.

SOUP COOK-OFF: The annual Soup cook off is today at 5:00 p.m. All is welcome to bring a soup. Free will donation

LYF: LYF meeting is today after the service. LYF Bible Study is tonight from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the LYF room. Bring a snack to share!

ANNUAL MEETINGS: Today after the service is the Voter's meeting in the overflow room. Main agenda items will be the year end reports and election ballot.

NEW OFFICERS: The newly elected officers will be installed on Sunday, January 25th during the Divine service.

COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

LCW MEETING: The LCW will be having their meeting with a potluck and going through the church kitchen on February 9 after the service.

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.

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.

Reflection: "Stewardship is a journey of trust—start this year by placing your plans in God's hands." Verse: **Proverbs 16:3** – "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."

St. Pauls Lutheran Church—LCMS

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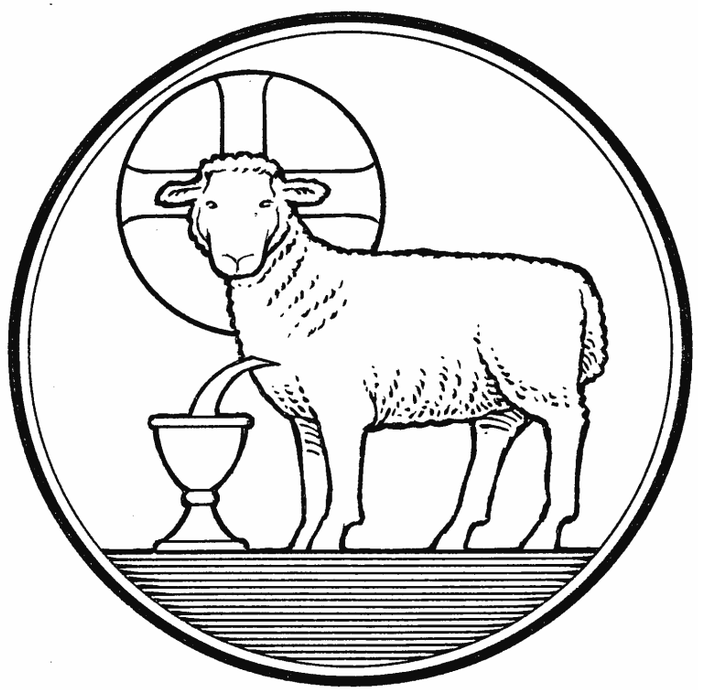
Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 18, 2026



John 1:29-42a

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