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

***The Lord Manifests His Glory through His Office of the Holy Ministry*** By His coming in the flesh and by His preaching and miracles, the Lord Jesus shines the light of His Gospel upon *"the people who walked in darkness"* and *"who dwelt in a land of deep darkness"* (Is. 9:2). He also has *"multiplied the nation"* and *"increased its joy"* (Is. 9:3) by calling disciples to Himself from the ends of the earth. For this purpose, He calls Peter and Andrew, with James and John, to follow Him and be *"fishers of men"* (Matt. 4:19). As Jesus did, they also go forth *"proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people"* (Matt. 4:23). They preach the foolishness of the cross of Christ as the very power and wisdom of God. This word and preaching of the cross divides *"those who are perishing"* from *"us who are being saved"* (1 Cor. 1:18), but it unites the Church, the one Body of Christ, *"in the same mind and the same judgment"* (1 Cor. 1:10).

**Thanks to those who Served Today**

**Elder:** Steve Gust
**Ushers:** Gary Goslar, John Thies, Landon Meseck
**Altar Care:** Elaine Vogt
**Flowers:** Terri Mohr
**Finance:** Judy & Gary Pohlman
**Organist**: Lynette Thies
**Screen**: Audrey Gust
**Acolytes:** Wyatt Teut, Morgan Teut

**Next Sunday Acolytes**: Daxton Leitz

**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.

**STANDING DURING HYMNS**: An ancient part of Christian piety, honor, and respect has been shown throughout history by standing for God. We continue this tradition standing during the doxological stanzas of a hymn. —those stanzas which specifically state the Triune God's Name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR:**

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|---|---|
| Sun: | 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School |
| | 10:30 a.m. – Divine Service |
| 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 & Bible Study |
| | 10:30 a.m. – Divine Service w/Holy Communion |
| | Short Special Voter's Meeting after service |
| | LCW Potluck, Meeting, Kitchen organizing |

**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..... #856**
"O Christ, Who Called The Twelve"
Δ**Invocation..... p.151**
Δ**Confession & Absolution.... p.151**
Δ**Introit.....** Sheet
Δ**Kyrie..... p.152**
Δ**Gloria in Excelsis.....p. 154**
Δ**Salutation and Collect..... p.156**
**Readings.....** Sheet
**Old:** Isaiah 9:1-4
**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Δ**Gospel:** Matthew 4:12-25
**Children's Message**
**Hymn..... #839**
"O Christ, Our True and Only Light"
**Sermon** "The Great Physician"
Matthew 4:12-25
**Offering**
**Offertory..... p.159**
Δ**Prayer of the Church..... p.159**
Δ**Benediction..... p.166**
Δ**Hymn..... #731**
"O God, Forsake Me Not"

**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

**PASTOR BODE:** Pastor Ed Bode went to be with Jesus on Jan.17 after a long struggle with dementia. He served St. Paul 1989 to 2001. The funeral will be Jan. 29 at 10:30 at Holy Cross Lutheran in Colorado Springs.
If anyone needs it, my address is Helynn Bode 1264 Gumwood Dr., Colorado Springs 80906

**SPECIAL VOTERS MEETINGS:** We will have a short special Voter's Meeting after the service on February 1st 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.

**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.

**LCW MEETING:** The LCW will be having their meeting with a potluck and going through the church kitchen on Sunday, February 1st after the service.

**GIVING TREE:** Thank you to everyone that gave to the Giving Tree. We had a total of 70 items that was delivered to the Charter Oak School.

## COMMUNITY & OTHER INFORMATION

**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/

**REFLECTION**: "Let gratitude guide your choices this year, for every blessing is an opportunity to serve." Verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:18 – "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

**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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## Third Sunday after the Epiphany
## January 25, 2026

***Matthew 4:12-25***

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