



8:00 AM WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN IS A CHURCH WHERE
THOSE LONGING FOR A *DIFFERENT* LIFE
FIND A *GRACE-FILLED* LIFE IN JESUS.

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

906 O DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS

sts. 1, 3-4



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;
△ 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.
At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,
We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,
We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.
From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.
The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation Amen.

EXHORTATION

LSB 151

Pastor If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
Congregation **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.

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 151

Pastor Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
Congregation **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.**

ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

Pastor 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE

Assistant In peace let us pray to the Lord.
Congregation Lord, have mercy.

Assistant For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
Congregation Lord, have mercy.

Assistant 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.
Congregation Lord, have mercy.

Assistant For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
Congregation Lord, have mercy.

Assistant Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Congregation Amen.

THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 155

Refrain

■ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Assistant This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

Assistant This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

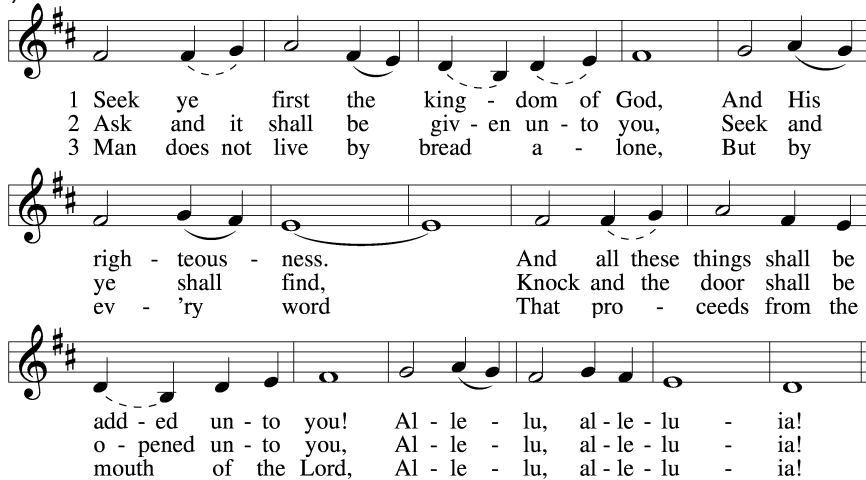
Congregation **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Reading *Luke 4:31-44*

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation **Praise to You, O Christ.**

712 SEEK YE FIRST



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and
 3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by
 righ - teous - ness. And all these things shall be
 ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be
 ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the
 add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 o - pened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 mouth of the Lord, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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Sit

SPL KIDS WORD

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

Congregation **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

LSB 160

Pastor The Lord be with you.
Congregation **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.
Congregation **We lift them to the Lord.**

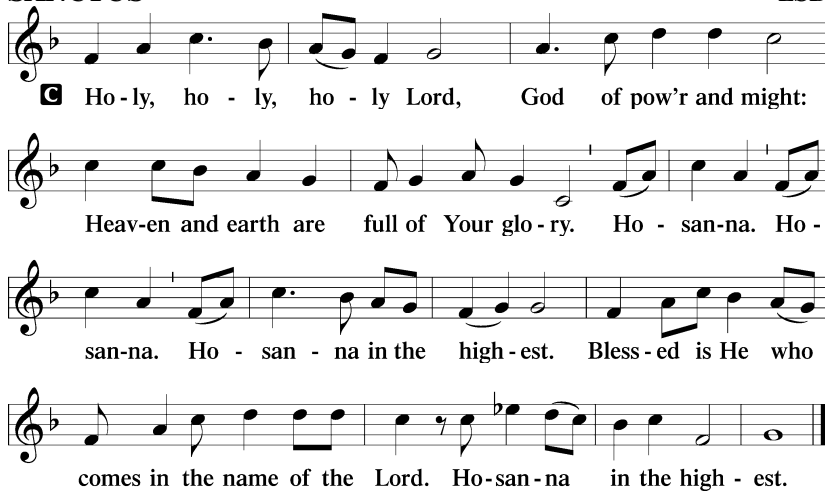
Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE (FULL)

Pastor 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

Pastor Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Congregation **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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

LSB 163

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

783 TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

sts. 1-3, 6



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

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618 I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE

sts. 1, ref, 3, 5



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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Stand

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

Congregation Amen.

733 O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

sts. 1, 3, 6



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
 6 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,

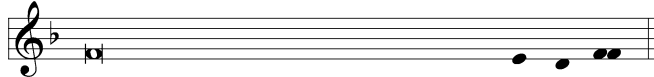


Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
 Be Thou our guard while trou - bles last And our e - ter - nal home!

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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 + give you peace.

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FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR


Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God by Jeff & Sue Entler in celebration and thanksgiving for the 85th birthday of Jeff's mother, Helen Entler.

OPERATIONS

ATTENDANCE
 Last weekend attendance in person: 483
 Last weekend attendance online: 139
 Average attendance for the last 4 weeks: 560

GIVING 2025
 2025 Budget Goal: \$2,270,000
 YTD Giving: \$120,789.18 (5.32% of budget goal)
 Last Week's Offering: \$43,557.97
 Amount needed to meet 2025 budget goal: **\$2,149,210.82**
 Amount needed weekly through 12/28: \$46,721.97

FAMILY & FAITH CELEBRATION – BAPTISM
 This weekend we joyfully celebrate the Baptisms of Braelyn Rae (3/13/2020) and Blaine Dean (9/6/2022), children of Anthony & Ashlynn Delaney. Please welcome Braelyn & Blaine to our family of faith and congratulate them and their family as they receive new life in Christ. Blessings!



ONE MORE WEEK TO DONATE WINTER SHOES & BOOTS

Thanks to your donations, St. Paul’s has already helped provide over 20 entire families with winter shoes - kids and parents! Bring your new or gently used shoes and boots and place them in the box in the West Fellowship Area by **next Sunday, February 9**. All sizes will be accepted. Donated shoes and boots will be distributed locally.

CHERISHED: A WOMEN’S VALENTINE GATHERING

Women of St. Paul’s: join your sisters in faith for an event where women of all ages are cherished as we celebrate God’s love and the joy of community. No registration is required - just come and bring your friends to the Dining Room on **February 9** from noon to 1:30 PM.

TRAVEL TOGETHER WITH YOUR SPL FAMILY THIS YEAR

St. Paul’s is sponsoring two trips this year led by Pastor Rob giving you the chance to build relationships with your church family while on the road to interesting places. The first trip is to the **Creation Museum & Ark Encounter** from **July 8-11, 2025**. This tour includes luxury motorcoach transportation, 3 night’s stay at The Drury Hotel in Sharonville, Ohio, 3 dinners and 3 breakfasts, admission to the Ark including lunch voucher, and admission to Creation Museum including lunch voucher.

A trip to **Branson, Missouri** is planned from **September 24-26, 2025**. The tour includes luxury motorcoach transportation, 2 night’s stay at the Holiday Inn Express, 2 dinners at Grand Country Buffet, 2 breakfasts at the hotel, The Clay Cooper Show, lunch and shopping at The Pickin Porch Grill, and the stage show David at the Sight & Sound Theatre.

Look for the flyers around church for pricing details and join other St. Paul’s family members on these great trips. Call Timi’s Tours at 1-800-682-8214 to make your reservations. Be sure and tell them that you are with St. Paul’s!

SPL ADULT MISSION TRIP THIS SUMMER

From **May 31st to June 7th, 2025**, St. Paul’s will be taking a group of adults to Asheville, North Carolina, on mission to work with local families rebuilding their homes. The cost is \$450 per person. If you would like to go but funding is a concern, please talk to Pastor Bill. Scan the code to sign up today. Questions? Contact Pastor Bill or Gene Mueller.



UNITY UPDATE

CELEBRATE WITH UNITY AT THE COUNTRY BOOTS & CHRISTIAN ROOTS DINNER AUCTION

You are cordially invited to join in a special celebration of Unity Christian School at the *Country Boots & Christian Roots Dinner Auction* **Friday, May 2, 2025** at 5:00 PM. Get out your cowboy boots & hat, or maybe a flannel shirt & jeans, & let’s celebrate our school together. This fun night is for you — parents, grandparents, friends, neighbors, teachers, coaches, pastors, alumni, everyone is welcome! Enjoy an evening of hors d’oeuvres, dinner, drinks, dessert & music, as well as silent & live auctions featuring exclusive items & experiences. More information, including ticket sales & childcare, will be available soon at unitydecatour.org/auction. But for now, please

SAVE THE DATE!

JOB OPENINGS

Janitorial staff: part-time position (10-20 hours/week) includes light cleaning duties during athletic events. Evening cleanup (3-8/9 PM) and the occasional Saturday are needed. Willing to be flexible for the right person. If interested contact Mr. Ed Keane, Facilities Manager, 217-853-5923.

Kitchen staff: part-time position for 25-28 hours/week (9-3 PM with some flexibility). It would include some kitchen duties such as cleaning, cooking (with food handlers certificate) and serving lunch. To apply, email Lindsay Dodson, kitchen manager, at ldodson@unitydecatour.org.

SPL is seeking donations of pieces from any board game or card game. Got a game or a deck with missing parts or that you just don't want anymore? We'll take what you have. Items will not be returned. Drop off at the SPL Office by **February 16** or contact Sarah at 217-423-6955. Thank you!

COMING UP AT SPL

FEBRUARY 9 - CHERISHED: Women's Valentine Gathering

FEBRUARY 21 – HEART OF WORSHIP Games & Fellowship

FEBRUARY 23 - ENCOUNTER WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 23 - VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION Lunch

MARCH 5 – ASH WEDNESDAY – Lent begins