



## 8:00 AM WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 23, 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

### 700 LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

sts. 1, 3-4



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us  
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy  
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -  
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.  
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -  
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee  
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee  
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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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.**

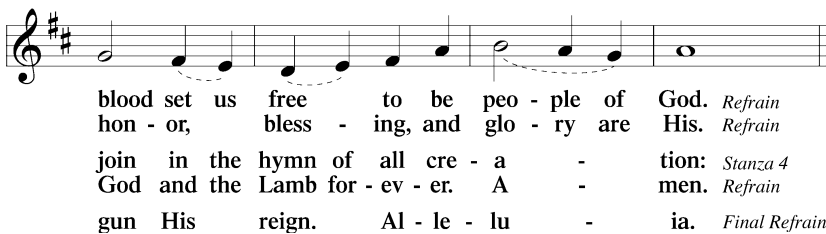
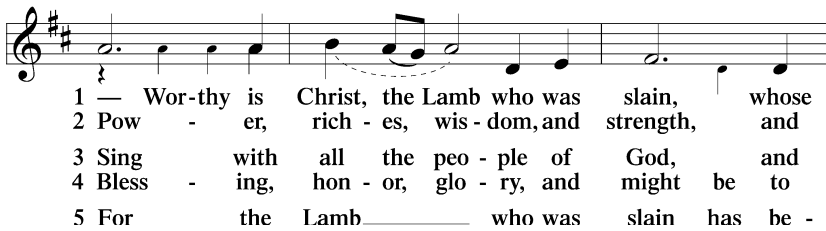
Assistant For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.  
Congregation **Lord, have mercy.**

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



## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 45:3-15

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

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 15:21-26;30-42

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

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.

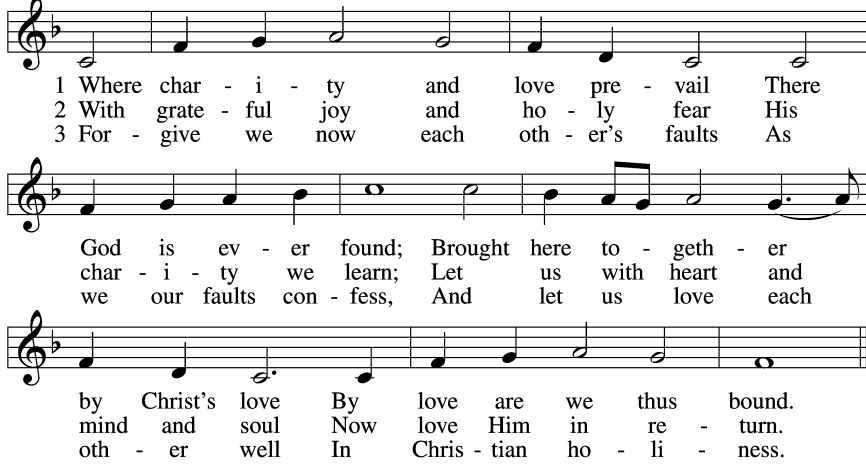
GOSPEL READING

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.  
**Congregation Glory to You, O Lord.**

Reading Luke 6:27-38

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.**

845 WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There  
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His  
 3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As

God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er  
 char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and  
 we our faults con - fess, And let us love each

by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.  
 mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.  
 oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.

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OFFERING

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  $\dagger$  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  $\dagger$  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.

## LORD PREPARE ME TO BE A SANCTUARY

Lord prepare me  
To be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy  
Tried and true  
With thanksgiving  
I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You

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## 813 REJOICE, O PILGRIM THROG

*sts. 1, ref, 3, 5, 7*



1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give  
3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the  
5 Still lift your stan - dard high, Still march in  
△ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner  
saints on earth Pour out the strains of  
firm ar - ray, As pil - grims through the  
we a - dore: The Fa - ther, Son, and



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.  
joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
dark - ness wend Till dawns the gold - en day.  
Ho - ly Ghost, One God for - ev - er - more.

### Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

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Tune: Arthur H. Messier, 1834-1916

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## 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.**

## 660 STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS

*sts. 1-2, 4*



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.  
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;  
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.  
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.  
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead  
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;  
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.  
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.  
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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Tune: George J. Webb, 1809-87

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## BENEDICTION

LSB 166

Pastor

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.

Congregation

**Amen.**

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### ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP: MARCH 5

12:00 pm & 6:30 PM (Dinner at 5:30 PM in Dining Room)

## CALL FOR BOARD OF ELDERS CANDIDATES

The Nominating Committee for the Board of Elders is accepting candidate names for the 2025-2026 Board. Please submit your suggestions for Elder-at-Large and Chair Elect to Committee Chair Ian Rhode [ianrhode@yahoo.com](mailto:ianrhode@yahoo.com) by **March 10, 2025**.

## THANK A VOLUNTEER

We set aside this weekend to give thanks for our volunteers. What do St. Paul's volunteers do? They are greeters, choir members, food preparers/servers at F3/Lent/Advent, ushers, lay ministers, SPL Kids leaders, SPL Youth leaders, Upward coaches - and that's just to name a few. They are a blessing and without these servant-hearted people the ministry of St. Paul's would not be possible. When you see a St. Paul's volunteer this weekend, give them a sincere thank you. Let them know they are appreciated!

## ENJOY SOME PIZZA FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Set yourself a reminder: pizza from Papa Murphy's this Thursday! Members of SPL Youth are heading to New Orleans this summer for the LCMS National Youth Gathering (NYG). Order pizza from Papa Murphy's Mound Road location on **Thursday, February 27**, from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM and they will donate 20% of your total towards expenses for the trip. Order online at [PapaMurphys.com](http://PapaMurphys.com) and enter code: Support at checkout, or order by phone (217-875-1700) and be sure to mention the fundraiser to the cashier.

## AWAKEN: A JOURNEY TO SHARING JESUS

During this 2-session workshop, you will be equipped to share Jesus with others in a relational way as the Multipli team, one of our partners in ministry, leads you through an overview of *3 Essentials for Sharing Jesus*. We will dive deeper into these key concepts of responsibility, permission, and access, receiving practical tools along the way. You will also be challenged to put them into practice as you journey through the weeks ahead. Join in on **Friday, March 14**, from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM and **Saturday, March 15**, from 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM. Sign up in the Fellowship Area outside the Family Room.

## THE HUNT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

This Easter, SPL invites you to join us in Loving 217 by hosting neighborhood Easter Egg Hunts all throughout Decatur. We will provide the eggs, the support, and know-how; you provide the home and the heart. We will be holding all our hunts on Saturday, **April 12th!**

Prayerfully consider hosting a Neighborhood Hunt of your own or in collaboration with friends/other families. Sign up in the Fellowship Area outside the Family Room.

## 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 after the devastating hurricanes of the past year. 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 register or sign up at the table in the Fellowship Area. Please register by March 15. Questions? Contact Pastor Bill or Gene Mueller.



**LEAVE THE DRIVING TO US**

St. Paul’s is sponsoring two motorcoach 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 *Creation Museum & Ark Encounter* July 8-11, and *Branson, Missouri* September 24-26, 2025. 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!

**MEN OF ST. PAUL’S**

The Act Like Men Woodcutters’ Retreat is back **February 28-March 1** at Camp CILCA. Hard work, good food, fellowship, and Biblical encouragement to act like men included! To register, scan the code or visit [cilca.org/act-like-men-woodcutters-retreat](http://cilca.org/act-like-men-woodcutters-retreat)



**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God by  
Barry Bombal & Tuyen Bui.

**OPERATIONS**

**ATTENDANCE**

Last weekend attendance in person:	424
Last weekend attendance online:	164
Average attendance for the last 4 weeks:	590

**GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY FEB. 2025**

	2/9 to 2/15	Feb. Total	2025 YTD
NEEDED	\$43,654	\$87,308	\$305,577
RECEIVED	\$65,308	\$129,514	\$251,875
DIFFERENCE	\$21,654	\$42,206	(\$53,702)

General Fund Giving Through 2/15/25

305,577	251,875	(53,702)
■ NEEDED	■ RECEIVED	■ DIFFERENCE