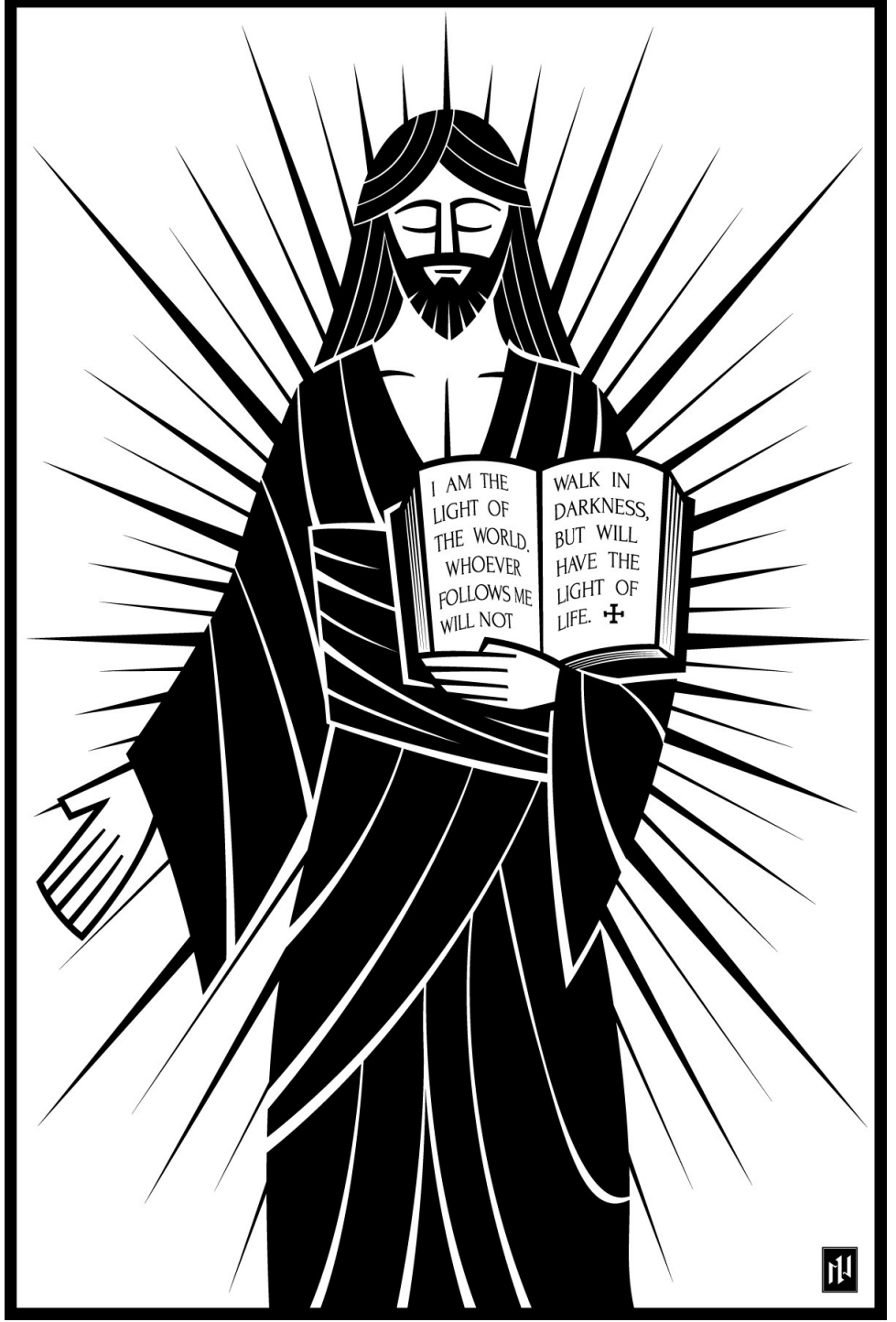




St. Paul Lutheran Church

The Third Sunday of Epiphany — January 22, 2023





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Welcome Guests...

We are honored to have you with us here at St. Paul in Clintonville!

- **Guest Book:** Please sign our guest book near the doors to the worship area.
- **Restrooms:** If you need them, there are bathrooms just to the sides of the main entrance doors.
- **Children:** We are grateful and glad that they are here! If you feel the need to, you can take them to the parent's room or to the back gathering area. Let us know if there are other ways we can help you focus on the Word.
- **Changing Table:** If needed these are in the parent's room and downstairs restrooms.
- **Communion:** guests, please talk with our pastor before coming up for communion so that we can talk about what we believe about it first.

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Our focus...

JESUS APPEARS AS THE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

The prophet Isaiah vividly described humanity as “people walking in darkness.” We are completely enveloped by sin and suffering and death. Worse, when we honestly assess the content of our minds and hearts, we find darkness there too. However, the prophet also foretold that within this deep darkness, a light would shine. The light would be so brilliant that it would be impossible to miss. As Jesus began his teaching and preaching ministry, that prophecy was fulfilled.

Today Jesus continues to shine his light by preaching repentance and the good news of the nearing kingdom. He invites us to live a life that is illuminated by him. He calls us to walk in the light of love for God and for the brothers and sisters around us. Our Savior is the Light of the world, and so we shine his reflected light onto everyone around us.



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Hymn 702

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake



1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spake, "all in my
 2 "I am the light, I light the way, a god - ly
 3 "I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your
 4 Then let us fol - low Christ our Lord and take the



way a - bid - ing; de - ny your-selves, the world for-sake,
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day,
 soul's sal - va - tion, your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,
 cross ap - point - ed and, firm - ly cling - ing to his Word,



o - bey my call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what-
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
 from sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
 in suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, take my ex - am - ple for your guide.
 well I show how you must so - journ here be - low.
 of the soul and lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
 bat-tle's strain the crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

Ἐγὼ εἶμι
 τὸ Λῶς τοῦ Κόσμου

Invocation *Call to Worship*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Group: **Amen**

Confession and Absolution

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination

We humbly join together...

**I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed
by my fault,
by my own fault,
by my own grievous fault;
wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins,
and bring me to everlasting life.**

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness,
and remission of all your sins.

Amen.

Kyrie Eleison *Lord Have Mercy*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all
they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are
lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of
heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

Amen.

Glory to God

Christ is the World's Light

- 1 **Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other;
born in our darkness, he became our brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high!**

- 2 **Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other;
no one can serve him and despise another.
Who else unites us, one with God the Father?
Glory to God on high!**

- 3 **Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other;
sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother.
He who redeemed us reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high!**

- 4 **Give God the glory, God and none other;
give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father;
give God the glory, God with us, our brother:
Glory to God on high!**

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we too may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

First Reading *Isaiah 8:19-9:4*

The prophet foretold that the people walking in darkness would see a great light.

¹⁹When someone tells you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰Consult God's instruction and the testimony of warning. If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. ²¹Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. ²²Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.

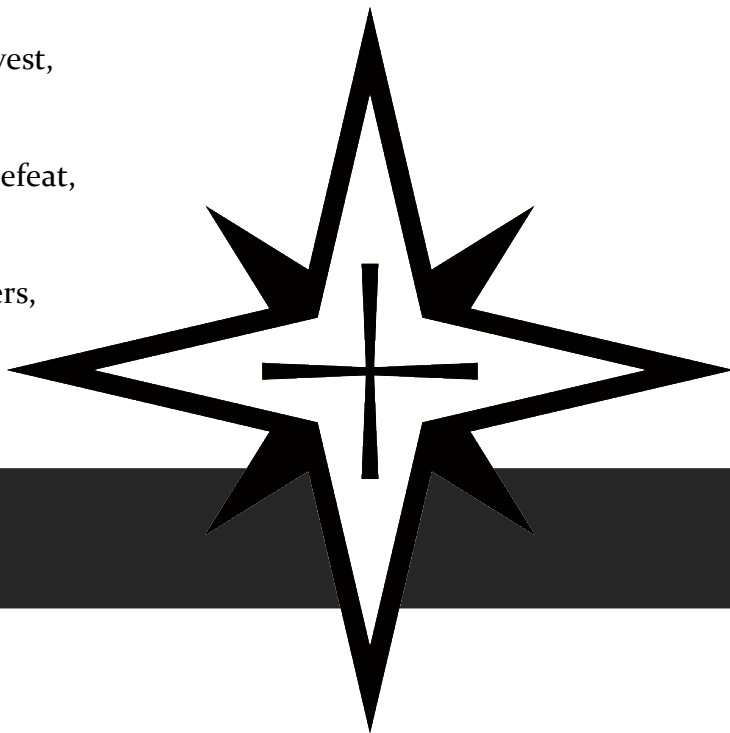
¹Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

²The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

³You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.

⁴For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



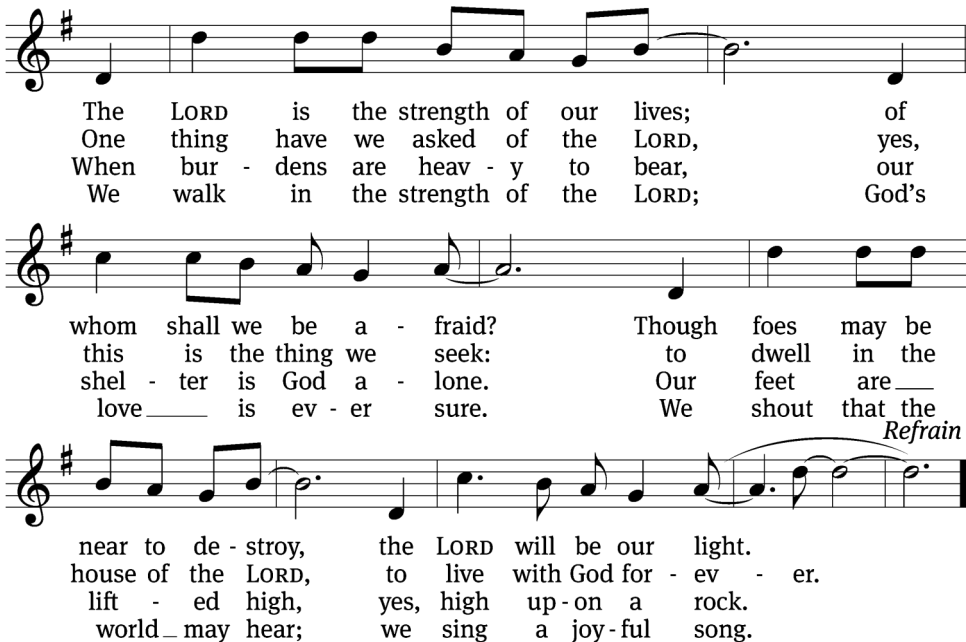
Psalm 27 printed below, sung in unison

Refrain



We are sing - ing, for the LORD is our light, we are
sing-ing, for the LORD is our light. We are sing - ing, for the
LORD is our light, we are sing-ing, for the LORD is our light.
We are sing-ing, oh, we are sing-ing, for the
LORD is our light. We are sing - ing,
oh, we are sing-ing, for the LORD is our light. *(Last time)*

Verses



The LORD is the strength of our lives; of
One thing have we asked of the LORD, yes,
When bur - dens are heav - y to bear, our
We walk in the strength of the LORD; God's
whom shall we be a - fraid? Though foes may be
this is the thing we seek: to dwell in the
shel - ter is God a - lone. Our feet are
love is ev - er sure. We shout that the
Refrain
near to de - stroy, the LORD will be our light.
house of the LORD, to live with God for - ev - er.
lift - ed high, yes, high up - on a rock.
world may hear; we sing a joy - ful song.

Second Reading *1 John 2:3-11*

God's children are found walking in the light of Christ and reflecting that light by living in love for God and one another.

³We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. ⁴Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: ⁶Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

⁷Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. ⁸Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

⁹Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. ¹⁰Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. ¹¹But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Isaiah 9:2*

Alleluia.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 4:12-23*

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power.

¹²When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— ¹⁴to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²²and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Confession of Faith *Apostles' Creed*

*The Apostles' Creed is a brief statement of gospel truths taught by the apostles.
This creed was created to teach and unite Christians in the truth of God's Word.
The Apostles' Creed can be found on page 197 of the hymnal.*

Hymn 904

O Christ, Our True and Only Light



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, en - light - en
2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the souls now
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray that they may
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold, re - call the
5 That they with us may ev - er - more such grace with



those who sit in night; let those a - far now
lost in er - ror's maze; en - light - en those whose
find the sav - ing way; let ev - 'ry con - science
wan - d'ers to your fold; u - nite all those who
won - d'ring thanks a - dore and end - less praise to

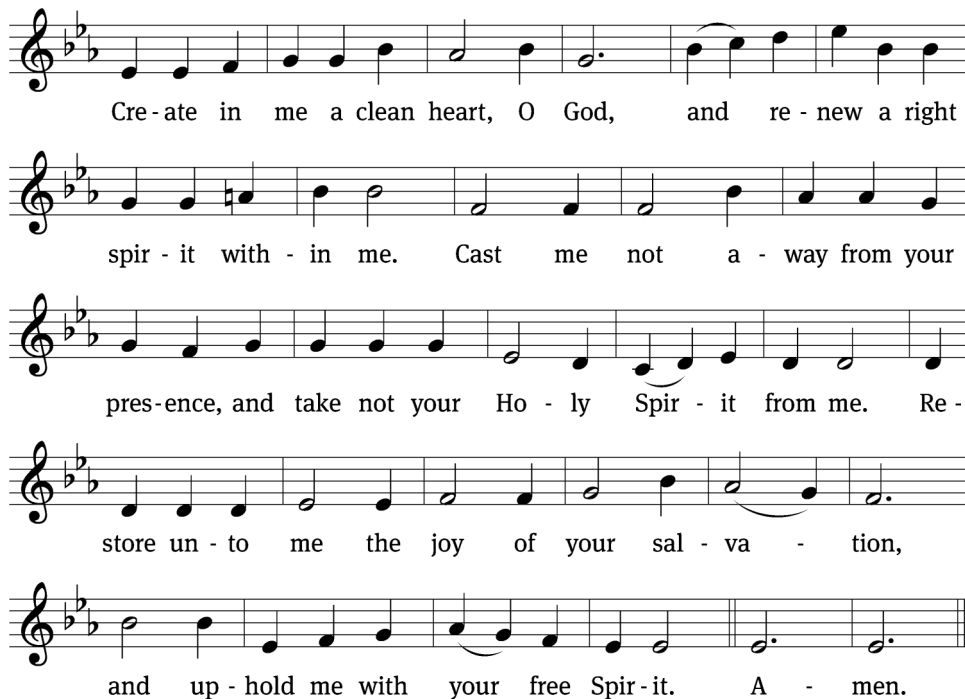


hear your voice and in your fold with us re - joyce.
in - most minds some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
sore op - pressed in you find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
walk a - part, con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
you be giv'n by all your Church in earth and heav'n.

Sermon *Isaiah 8:19 - 9:4*

Look for Joy in the Light

Create in Me *hymn 942*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Offering

Our offering is our reaction to God's Word. Do not feel obligated to give here, we are just thankful you are here. Your offerings here support the ministry here at this church, along with the mission work of our larger synod.

Prayer of the Church *Epiphany*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

**You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness,
and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

**Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world
with the light of your gospel.**

Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

**Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love
in everything we say and do.**

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

Amen.

Hymn 642

O Word of God Incarnate



- 1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
- 2 The Church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine,
- 3 O make your Church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky,
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old.



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
O teach your wan - d'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

Thanksgiving

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God,
you have brought us safely to this new day.

Defend us with your mighty power,
and grant that this day we neither fall into sin
nor run into any kind of danger;
and in all we do direct us to what is right in your sight,
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer *the prayer our Savior taught us*

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.



Hymn 528 stanzas 1,5,6

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
5 Christ, the way that leads un - fail - ing to the Fa - ther's
6 Christ, the Al - pha and O - me - ga, Christ, the first - born



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
home on high; Christ, the truth that frees the cap - tive,
from the dead; Christ, the life and res - ur - rec - tion,



per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, you
Christ, the life that can - not die; me - di - a - tor
Christ, the Church's glo - rious head: praise and thanks and



shine un - van - quished, light and life you bring to all; light our
to the Fa - ther, sac - ri - fice and great High Priest: lead us
ad - o - ra - tion and un - end - ing wor - ship be to the



path with your own pres - ence, grant us grace to heed your call.
to your heav'n - ly man - sions, there to share your wed - ding feast.
Fa - ther and the Spir - it and to you e - ter - nal - ly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You for joining us!

Thank you for being here this morning, it is always encouraging when Christians gather together and express their faith in song and word! Stay around after the service and enjoy some snacks. Soon after there will be Sunday School in the basement for kids. Today we will have a congregational open forum and voter meeting in the worship area.

Help Needed

The congregation is in need of members willing to help with the financial management of our church. Short descriptions of these roles are listed below. If interested or if you have questions, please talk with Tim Boughton.

Financial Secretary: This position helps document and manage the financial intake of the church (offerings and other donations). He or she would be responsible for managing offering envelopes, documenting offerings given and their designations, ensuring the offerings are accurately counted and safely stored and deposited. She or he would also need to create reports on giving for members.

Treasurer: This is an elected church council position that manages and documents the church expenses. His responsibilities would include being part of and reporting to the church council, paying church bills and expenses, documenting the church's financials and ensuring the finances balance.

Valentine's Day Care Packages *sent by Sisters in Christ*

Sisters in Christ will be sending out care packages to college students and military members this Valentine's Day. Let them know of any college student or military member you would like them to send a package to by writing the person's name and mailing info on the sheet by Pastor's office. (Men, this is also their subtle way of reminding you that Valentine's Day is less than a month away, plan ahead)

Book Club *Connecting Sinai to Calvary*

Join us on Tuesday, January 24th at 6:30pm as we discuss chapter 4 of the book. This section digs deeper into the agriculture and food of the Promised Land.

Member Contact Directory

We are currently updating our member directory. If you are a member or a friend of the congregation, please add or update your contact information so that others can get a hold of you. Make any additions or changes on the purple sheets in the gathering area.

Men of His Word Men's Conference *Saturday February 18th*

Men, don't miss this unique opportunity to grow in the Word. Join hundreds of other men who trust God like you do, and feed your faith! This one day conference happens each year in Oshkosh. **There is only a week left to get the early registration price discount!** Find out more at www.menofhisword.org

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL

January 25 *Wednesday*

Open Office @10am-12 noon
Catechism Class @5:30pm

January 28 *Saturday*

Men's Breakfast Bible Study @6am

January 29 *Sunday*

Worship Service @9am
Sunday School @10:15am
Bible Study @10:15am

February 1 *Wednesday*

Open Office @10am-12 noon
Catechism Class @5:30pm

February 5 *Sunday*

Worship Service @9am
Sunday School @10:15am
Bible Study @10:15am

February 7 *Tuesday*

Ladies Night Out: Game Night @6:30pm

February 8 *Wednesday*

Open Office @10am-12 noon
Catechism Class @5:30pm

Big Events

Ladies Night Out
Tuesday February 7th

Men of His Word
Saturday February 18th

Ash Wednesday
February 22nd

~THE LORD WILING~

<p>Sunday January 15, 2023 Attendance: 80</p> <p>Total Offered: \$2,538.00 General Fund: \$2,332.00</p> <p><i>Estimated Weekly Need: \$3,100</i> <i>Based on the yearly budget and general fund support given year to date</i></p>	<p><i>Snacks this week</i> Amanda R Jeannie S</p> <p><i>Ushers this week</i> Bob P Martin M James M</p>	<p><i>Snacks next week</i></p> <p><i>Ushers next week</i> Jon L Trevor L Trent L Teagan L</p>	<p><i>Communion Help:</i> January: Tom G</p> <p><i>Communion Clean Up</i> Karen A 2/5 Jeannie S 2/5 Angie B 2/19 Susannah M 2/19</p>
Shut In Visitors	January: Petermanns		