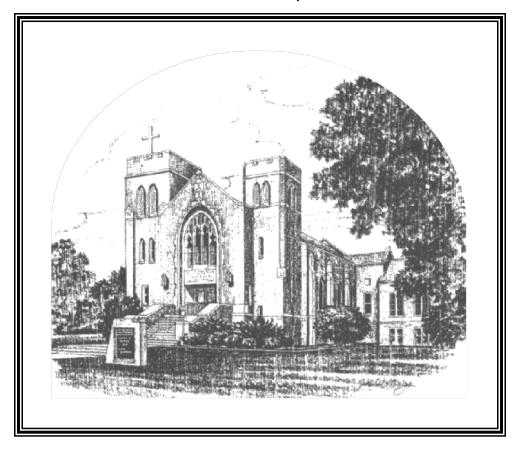
# St. Paul Lutheran Church

Yorktown, TX



# Saturday and Sunday

Holy Communion Services 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany January 26, 2025

# **Silent Prayer**

Like a stream, O Lord, your blessings flow through our lives. Help us this hour to bend and drink in what you so richly provide, your living water which refreshes and invigorates. Forgive us the desire to place barriers across the current in order to store up for ourselves what you intend to share with all. Likewise, have mercy on our wandering feet which too often march in the opposite direction of where you desire us to be. Beyond forgiveness, pour your Holy Spirit upon us, that we might become part of your never-ending stream. This we pray in the name of the One who said, "Let those who are thirsty come to me, and those who believe in me drink... for 'out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Amen.

#### **PRELUDE**

#### RINGING OF THE BELL

<u>WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> Please take a moment to fill out an Attendance Card. You may leave them in the pew by the center aisle. (\*) Indicates times in worship when you are invited to stand as you are able. (+)Indicates when it may be appropriate to make the sign of the cross.

#### \*OPENING HYMN

"Shine, Jesus, Shine" WOV # 651

#### **Chorus:**

Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations
With grace and mercy, Send Forth Your Word,
Lord, and let there be light.

- 1 Lord, the light of Your love is shining -in the midst of the darkness shining. Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us Set us free by the truth You now bring us, Shine on me, shine on me. (Chorus)
- 2 Lord, I come to Your awesome presence. From the shadows into Your radiance. By the blood I may enter Your brightness, Search me, try me, consume all my darkness, Shine on me, shine on me. (Chorus)
- 3 As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, So our faces display Your likeness Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story, Shine on me, shine on me. (Chorus)

#### \*GREETING and DIALOGUE

- L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.
- L: In the beginning was the Word,
- C: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- L: In the Word was life,
- C: And the life was the light of all people.
- L: The Word became flesh and lived among us,
- C: And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

#### \* CONFESSION

- P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;
- C: pray in the Holy Spirit.
- P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;
- C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
- C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!
- P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,
- C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.
- C: Amen.

# \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray.
- C: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to 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. Amen.

**HYMN** "We Three Kings" **WOV #646** 

# We Three Kings of Orient Are



Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891, alt. Music: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT, John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891

# FIRST LESSON: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Lector: A reading from \_\_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup> Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> He read from it facing the square before the Water

Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup> Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup> So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: Psalm 19

- <sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup> One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- <sup>3</sup> Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
- <sup>4</sup> their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.
- <sup>5</sup> In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- <sup>6</sup> It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- <sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- <sup>8</sup> The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

- <sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- <sup>11</sup> By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- <sup>13</sup> Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- <sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

#### SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Lector: A reading from	g from
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<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup> But strive for the greater gifts.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## \*GOSPEL VERSE (Sung twice)



## \*GOSPEL Luke 4:14-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_ chapter.

# C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### <u>SERMON</u>

# HYMN of the DAY Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



Text: Will Thompson, 1847-1909

Music: THOMPSON, Will Thompson, 1847–1909

#### \*CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

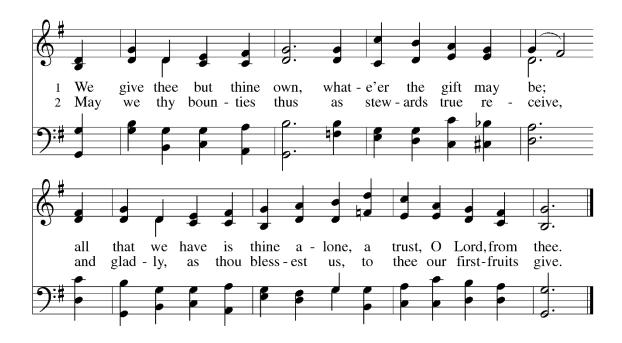
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# \*PRAYERS

P: ... Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.** 

# **OFFERING**

# \*OFFERTORY



#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

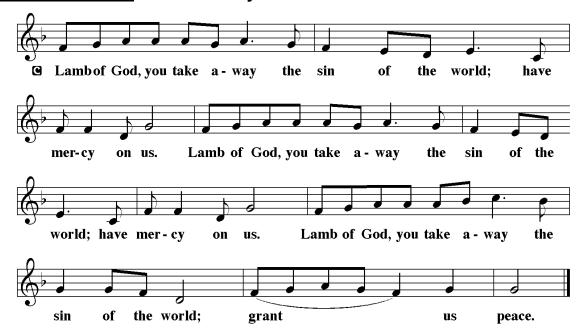
# \*LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### **DISTRIBUTION of the ELEMENTS**

All those who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome at His table. Those who are unable to receive communion, for any reason, may come forward to receive a blessing, and may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. Parents, please indicate if children are to receive communion. If they are not yet receiving communion, children are encouraged to come to the table to receive a blessing. Available in the center of each tray is juice for those choosing not to drink wine. If you are unable to come to the altar and wish to receive communion, please inform the ushers so that the sacrament may be brought to you.

## COMMUNION HYMN: "Lamb of God"



#### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.** 

#### \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O God, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

# \*BLESSING: Benediction (tune: Edelweiss) By Jean Spencer

May the Lord, mighty Lord, Bless and keep you forever.

Grant you peace, perfect peace, Courage in every endeavor.

Lift your eyes, and see His face And His grace forever.

May the Lord, mighty Lord, Bless and keep you forever.

# \*CLOSING HYMN "We Are Marching in the Light of God" WOV #650

2 Dancing

3 Praying

4 Singing5 Marching

We are marching in the light of God,

We are marching, We are marching,

We are marching in the light of God,

We are marching, We are marching,

We are marching in the light of God.

#### \*DISMISSAL

P: As you go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. As you leave, you are invited to share the peace of the Lord with those around you. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

#### C: Thanks be to God!

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# ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany Sunday, January 26, 2025

#### **HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:**

#### **JANUARY 26, 2025 – 9:00 AM SERVICE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

**<u>Presiding Minister:</u>** Pastor Tim W Muehlbrad <u>**Reader**</u>: Gwen Kneese

Acolytes: Maesen Foerster & Sadie Schustereit Children's Sermon: Terry Carmichael Musicians: Saturday – PT & Friends Sunday – PT & Friends/Luellen

Saturday Altar Guild: Laura Kaiser

# **FEBRUARY 2, 2025 – 9:00 AM SERVICE**

4th Sunday of Epiphany

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Tim W Muehlbrad **Reader**: Cindy Parma

**Acolytes:** Paige & Madilynn Rippamonti

Musicians: Saturday – Beverly Bruns Sunday – Beverly Bruns

Saturday Altar Guild: Patsy Ibrom

Helping with Worship during the month of January:

Head Usher: Boyd Weise

Ushers: John Frels, Braden Hahn, Chad Hahn, & Scott Stevenson

Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

Altar Guild: Laurie Stevenson, Sharon & Callen Matejek

Helping with Worship during the month of February:

Head Usher: Allen Leist

Ushers: Larry Gohmert, Jesse Hurta, Marley Hurta, John Rippamonti

**Saturday Usher**: Albert Metting **Altar Guild:** Laurey & Aydn Garcia

<u>FLOWER CHART</u>: The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Gerry Riske, by Kristin, Roger, and Sadie.

#### KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK:

Thank you to all who have been helpful in keeping the Pastor informed of members who are hospitalized.

**PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE** Below is a list of individuals Pastor has been asked to include in our prayers during worship. We list these people in our bulletin to encourage you, the members, to include them in your daily prayers. *Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the request is renewed.* 

Joe Barnes	Joanna Ivy	Pam Roth
Donna Baxter	Alberto Jimenez, Jr.	Debbie Shafer
Caroline Blain	Bonnie Kaiser	Michael & Dorothy Sinast
Beverly Boles	Mary Kanuch	Joan Smith
Warner Borth	Joyce Lamprecht	Kennedy Smith
Katherine Brown	Ray Lange	Wayne Sparck
David Brucker	Lin Migura	Lori Nelson Stenger
Virginia Buesing	Lanie Milliff	Mike & Deborah Stern
Carl Clyne	Jason Moczygemba	Alma Suggs
Teresa Evans	Larry & Carole Mueller	Judy Taylor
Kathryn Gloor	Mark Niemeier	Chandler Vaclavik
Tiffany Godby	David Norrell	Baby Mae Weischwill
Daniel Goehring	Jeannine Robinson	Mark Weischwill
Rosa Horton	Bennett Rohan	Levi Wilhelmsen
Keith Ibrom	James Rohan	Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen

#### ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

Sunday (26th)	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion		
• • •	ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING			
	11:30 am	Chili Meal – Fellowship Hall (congregation can bring dessert)		
	11:30 am	Confirmation Class		
	2-4:00 pm	Bunco – Fellowship Hall		
Tuesday (28th)	6:00 pm	Youth Committee Meeting		
Wednesday (29th)	9:15 am	TLG Chapel		
	6:00 pm	FFF		
Friday (31st)	Fellowship Ha	III Reserved morning - TLG		
Saturday (1st)	9:30 – 11:30 a	m 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Class – Ed. Building Meeting Room		
	5:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion		
Sunday (2nd)	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion		
	10:15 am	Sunday School		

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held today, immediately following the Worship Service. There will be no Sunday school. Christian Life is hosting a Chili meal following the Congregational meeting in the fellowship hall.

A FIRST COMMUNION CLASS will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2025 for all 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and older who have not had a Communion Class before. The class will be 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the meeting room. Parents are welcome in the class if you choose to stay. The actual First Communion will be at our regular Sunday morning worship on February 2nd. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tim.

**MOTHER & SON DINNER**: The Youth Committee is hosting a Mother & Son Dinner on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 from 6-8pm in the fellowship hall. Please RSVP to invitation.

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY:** We will be having a new member celebration on Sunday, February 9, 2025. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Tim or the church office.

**EDUCATIONAL BUILDING WINDOWS:** Council has approved a bid of \$57,185.00 to replace all of the outside windows in the Educational Building & Fellowship Hall. If you would like to make a donation to this project, please label your offering "WINDOWS". Any help is greatly appreciated!

<u>NALC DISASTER RESPONSE</u>: The NALC Disaster Response is responding to the California fires. If you wish to make a monetary donation to help, please send the check to the following address:

North American Lutheran Church 2113 Harwood Rd, Suite 309, PMB 409 Bedford, TX 76021-4703 Include a note that the donation is for the California fires.

If you want to send gift cards, mail them to:

NALC Disaster Response Warehouse 16500 Noble Ave Caldwell, OH 43724

Include a note that the cards are for the California fires.

Any questions, give me a call! God Bless You! Michael Dittrich cell: 281-381-5588

Serve each other through love--Galatians 5:13b

#### **Upcoming Christian Life Events:**

<u>January 26, 2025</u> – Chili Meal after the Congregational Meeting. Please feel free to bring a dessert

<u>February 9, 2025</u> – 11:30 am New Member Sunday Potluck lunch <u>March 4, 2025</u> - SHROVE TUESDAY – 5-6:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper <u>March 12, 2025</u> – Midweek Lenten Supper at St. Paul at 6:00pm.

#### **Upcoming Youth Events**

January 26, 2025 – Bunco: 2-4 pm Fellowship Hall

February 5, 2025 – Mother/Son Dinner: 6-8 pm Fellowship Hall; Please make sure to RSVP

February 16, 2025 – Spaghetti Fundraiser & Bake Sale: 10:30-12:30 pm pick up only

March 2, 2025 - Outdoor Movie: Corndogs, popcorn, misc. snacks & drinks provided

<u>June 14, 2025</u> – Paint & Praise w/Nancy Beeson: 1-3pm \$35 per person

August 1, 2025 - Annual Swim Party: 7-9pm Cuero Pool & Swim Pad

September 7, 2025 - Grandparents Day Reception: Fellowship Hall, during SS Hour

#### **Upcoming Area Events**

**<u>DeWitt County Gabriel Project:</u>** The next meeting of the DeWitt County Gabriel Project will be on Monday, February 10,2025 at 5:00 pm at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Cuero.

<u>38th Annual Candlelight March for Life:</u> January 30th at 6:30 PM, De Leon Square in Downtown Victoria. Please see the flyer posted on the Educational Building bulletin board for more information.

<u>Let's Taco Bout Babies, 4th Annual Bingo Benefit</u>: February 27th at 5:30 PM, Our Lady Of Victory Cathedral Center. Dinner, Bingo, Silent & Live Auction.

Please see the flyer posted on the Educational Building bulletin board for more information.

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