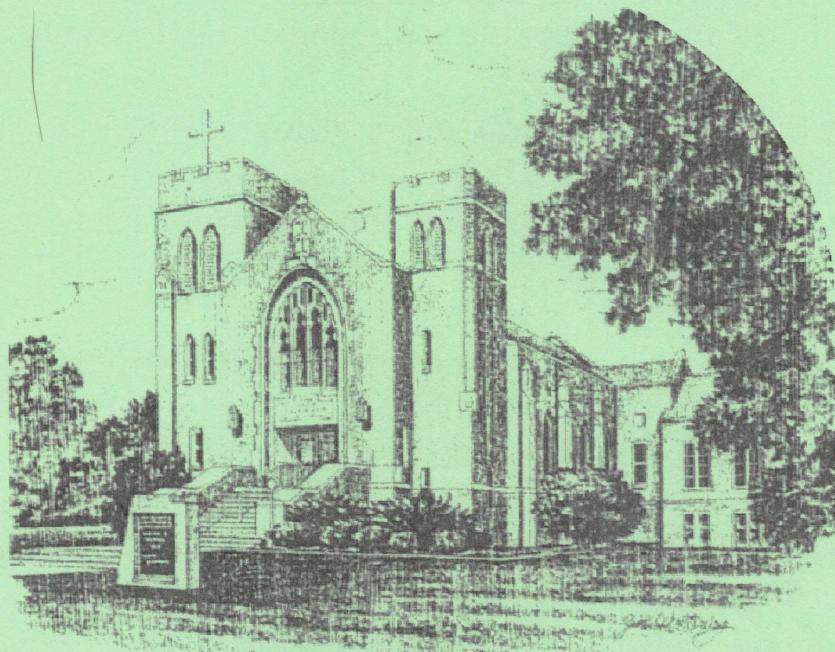


# *St. Paul Lutheran Church*

*Yorktown, Texas*



*Saturday and Sunday  
Holy Communion Services  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
February 1, 2026*

## **Silent Prayer**

O God who is both compassion and power, receive from us this hour all the praise, the thanksgiving, the love we are able to return to you. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## **PRELUDE**

## **RINGING OF THE BELL**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS** *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.*

**\*BRIEF ORDER for CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“Brightest and Best of the Stars” **LBW #84**

## Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
3 Shall we not yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
  
dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.  
low lies his head - with the beasts of the stall;  
fra - grance of E - dom and of - frings di - vine,  
vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;  
dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.  
  
Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorm - ing,  
an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,  
Star of the East, the ho - ri - zon a - dorm - ing,  
  
guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.  
mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.  
myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?  
dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
guide where our in - infant re - deem - er is laid.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

Music: MORNING STAR, James P. Harding, 1850–1911, adapt.

### **\*GREETING**

**P:** 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.

## \*KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A 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.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C A - men

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

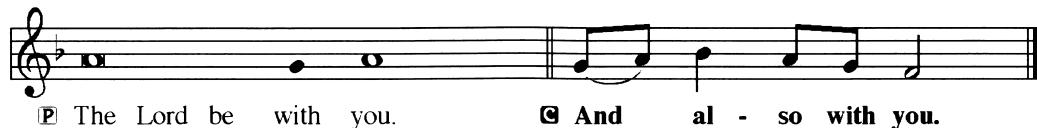
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re- ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

## \*SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, you know the perilous choices we are prone to make that fall short of your desire for human faithfulness and obedience. Without you, our fragile nature cannot survive. Support us with your Word of truth, that we may grow in faith in the midst of our trials. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8**

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

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the Lord says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup>O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord.” <sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 15**

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill?  
<sup>2</sup>**He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart;**  
<sup>3</sup>who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor,  
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;  
<sup>4</sup>**in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the Lord;**  
**who swears to his own hurt and does not change;**  
<sup>5</sup>who does not put out his money at interest  
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.  
He who does these things shall never be moved.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

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

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**\*GOSPEL VERSE (sung twice)**

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;  
 he came down that we may have love; hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.

**\*GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, {Jesus} went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

**The Church's One Foundation**

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;  
3 Though with a scorn-ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
by schisms . . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
O bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

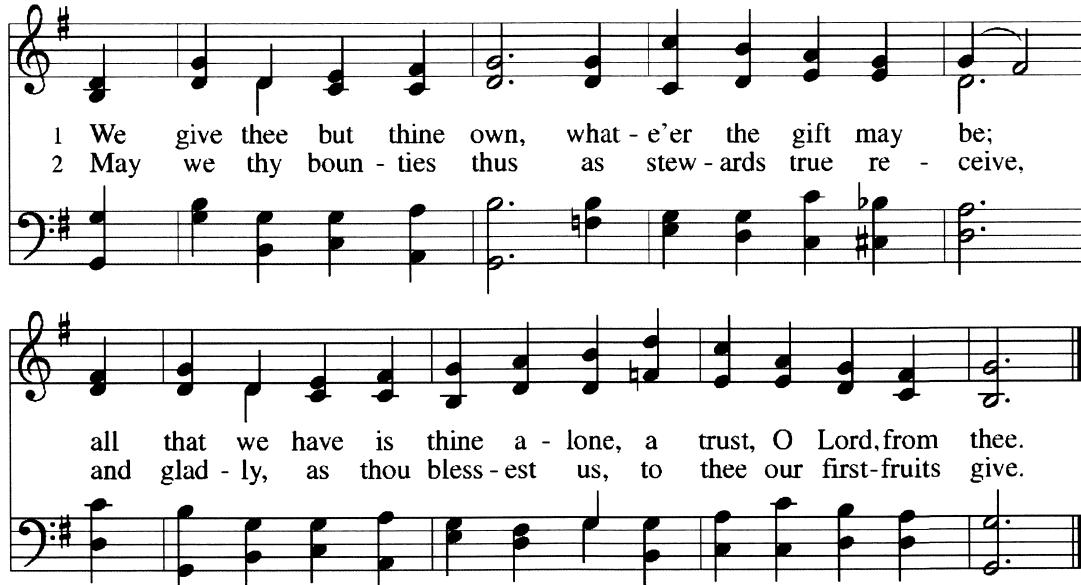
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of Heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection + of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **\*PRAYERS**

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

## **OFFERING**

### **\*OFFERTORY**



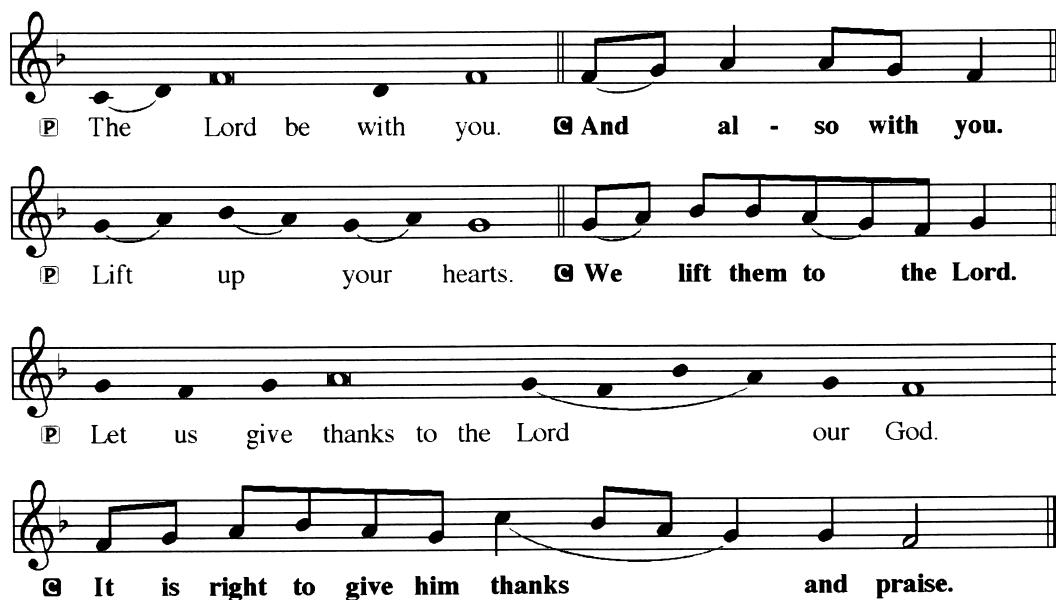
1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
  
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first-fruits give.

### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P: 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.

### **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

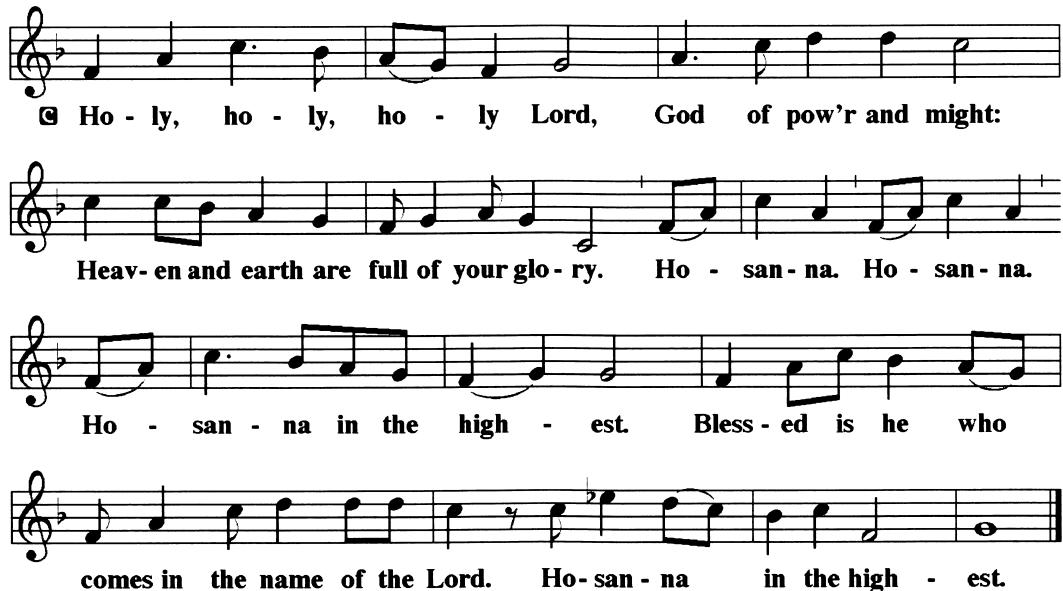


P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you.  
P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.  
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## **\*PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **\*SANCTUS**



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.

## **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

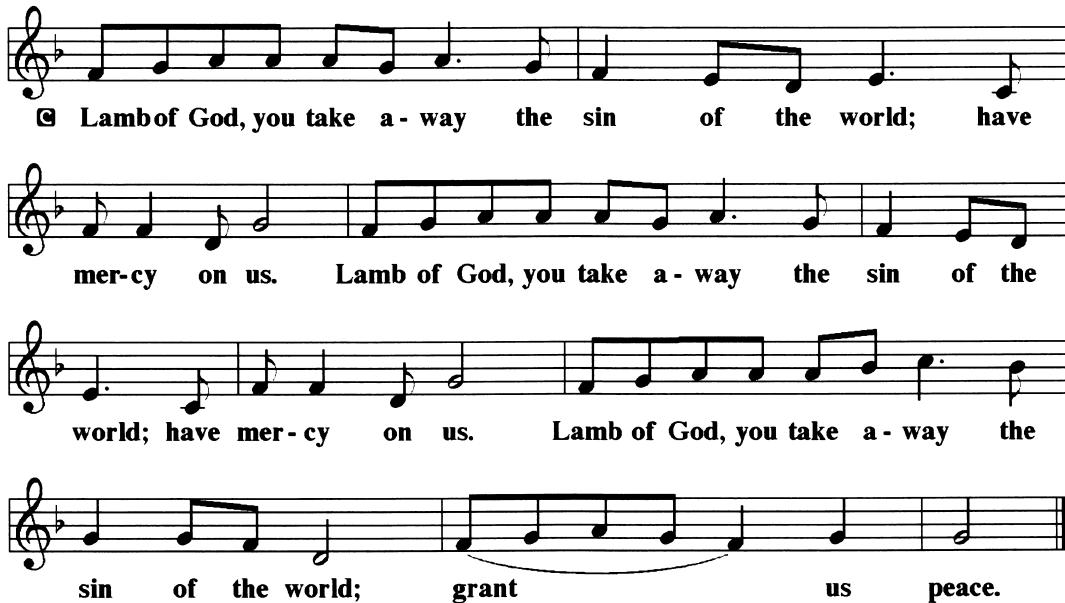
### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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 unable to receive communion 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 HYMNS: "Lamb of God"



C Lam 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.

## ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMNS:

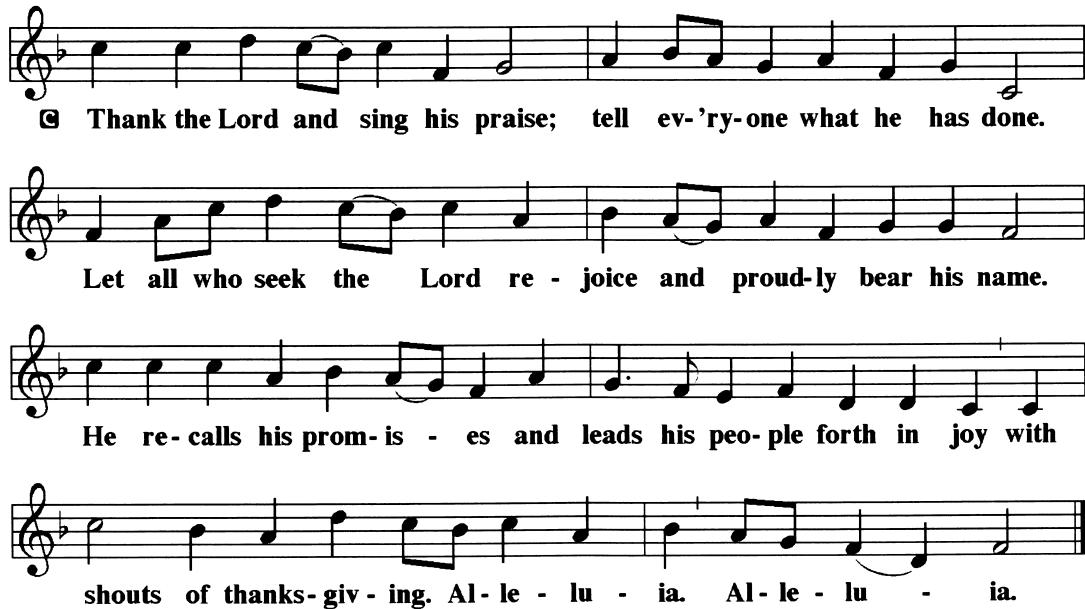
"My Faith Looks Up to You" **LBW #479**  
"Jesus, The Very Thought of You" **LBW #316**  
"Dearest Jesus At Your Word" **LBW #248**

## 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 CANTICLE



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - 'ry - one what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proudly bear his name.  
He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **\*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.

## **\*BENEDICTION**

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.



## **\*CLOSING HYMN**

## “Beautiful Savior” LBW #518

## Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904  
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 1842

## **\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

P: As we go in peace we share that peace with each other. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**  
**Sunday, February 1, 2026**

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

#### **FEBRUARY 1, 2026 – 9:00 AM SERVICE** **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

<b>Presiding Minister:</b> Tim W. Muehlbrad	<b>Reader:</b> Johanna Warwas
<b>Acolytes:</b> Landrey Koopmann & Maesen Foerster	
<b>Musicians:</b> Beverly Bruns	Sunday: Beverly Bruns
<b>Saturday Altar Guild:</b> Patsy Ibrom	

#### **FEBRUARY 8, 2026 – 9:00 AM SERVICE** **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

<b>Presiding Minister:</b> Tim W. Muehlbrad	<b>Reader:</b> Shirley Mueller
<b>Acolytes:</b> Shelby Arguellez & Kylie Diehl	<b>Children's Sermon:</b> Terry Carmichael
<b>Musicians:</b> Rebecca Innocenti	Sunday: Rebecca Innocenti
<b>Saturday Altar Guild:</b> Barbara Cramer	

### **Helping with Worship during the month of February:**

**Head Usher:** Ricky Hilbrich

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

**Saturday Usher:** Albert Metting

**Altar Guild:** Judy Hilbrich & Krista Kerlick

**FLOWERS:** The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God in memory of Gerry Riske on her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday by her children.

## KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK:

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

**Margie Bolting**

**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	Keith Ibrom	David Norrell
Caroline Blain	Bridget Innocenti	Nick Picard and family
Carlton Bolting	Joanna Ivy	Jeannine Robinson
Margie Bolting	Earlen Jalufka	Pam Roth
Wade Bolting	Kate Janis	Joan Smith
Warner Borth	Alberto Jimenez, Jr.	Lori Nelson Stenger
David Brucker	Clinton Kaiser	Alma Suggs
Virginia Buesing	Mary Kanuch	Judy Taylor
Julie Dupree	Ray Lange	Chandler Vaclavik
Kathryn Gloor	Janet Lemke	Baby Mae Weischwill
Tiffany Godby	Elaine Malina	Mark Weischwill
Daniel Goehring	Lin Migura	Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen
Amber Gloor	Lanie Milliff	Glenwood Willms
Rosa Horton	Larry & Carole Mueller	

## ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

<b>Sunday (1<sup>st</sup>)</b>	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Sunday School
<b>Monday (2<sup>nd</sup>)</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall Reserved - TLG</b>
<b>Tuesday (3<sup>rd</sup>)</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
<b>Wednesday (4<sup>th</sup>)</b>	9:15 am	TLG Chapel
	5:30 pm	Guitar Lessons
	<b>6-8 pm</b>	<b>Father/Daughter Dinner</b>
		<b>Fellowship Hall Reserved</b>
<b>Saturday (7<sup>th</sup>)</b>	5:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion
<b>Sunday (8<sup>th</sup>)</b>	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Confirmation Class</b>

**FIRST COMMUNION:** Students will be celebrating their First Communion this morning. We ask that the first tables be reserved for them and their immediate family members.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** The Annual Congregational Meeting for January 25, 2026, was canceled due to weather and has been rescheduled for **February 15, 2026**, immediately following the Worship Service. There will be no Sunday school. Christian Life is hosting a meal in the Fellowship Hall after the meeting.

**YOUTH SPORTS COURT:**

At the Called Congregational meeting in July, the youth sports complex was approved. We have now collected 65% of the funds and can start on the complex, but we still need to collect the rest to pay for the whole project. The original bid was \$130,700 and we are currently at \$112,976. If you would like to donate to complete this project, please label your offering envelope "Youth Sports Court".

**Upcoming Christian Life Events:**

**February 15, 2026** - After Congregational Meeting Lunch – meat is provided, congregation is asked to bring a vegetable or dessert.

**February 17, 2026** – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**March 11, 2026** – Midweek Lenten Supper at St. Paul at 6:00pm

**Upcoming Youth and Family Events:**

**February 4, 2026** – Father Daughter Dinner 6-8pm

**March 1, 2026** – Crazy Crafts with Snacks 2-4pm

**Upcoming Area Events:**

The Gabriel Project of the Crossroads invites you to join us for the 5th Annual **Let's Taco 'Bout Babies Fundraiser** - Dinner, Bingo, Silent & Live Auctions

Thursday March 5th at 5:30 PM at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral Center

\$60 General Admission Ticket (Reserved Tables are also available.)

Visit [victoriagabrielproject.org](http://victoriagabrielproject.org), contact Lori Kneese or see the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the Educational Building for more information.

(Click on the link at the top of the webpage to purchase tickets.)

Thank you for supporting pregnant mothers in need!

**WNALC South Texas Mission District Gathering** will be Saturday, April 11, 2026, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Goliad, Tx. Deadline to register is Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Forms may be sent by a group or individual. Registration is \$20 per person.

Registration forms can be picked up at our Church office or call 361-564-2135 to request a copy emailed to you.

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