

# GOOD NEWS



2026

## St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Pastor: Tim W. Muehlbrad

Director of Christian Education: Terry Carmichael

## **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT:**

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit to make Christ known;*

*As we love one another, serve our neighbor, and grow in our Faith  
through studying God's Word and Worshiping God.*

# from the **PASTOR**

I do not know who wrote the following Prayer. It was in a church publication I received several years ago. However, I have found it meaningful and thought provoking for me and so I thought I would share it with you. May you find use for it as we begin the Lenten Season this month.

## A Prayer

Lord, I do so many things I know are wrong.  
I hurt people with unkind words, or suddenly I hear myself saying something crude or dirty.  
Sometimes I'm impatient with my family and friends.  
I get into arguments and fights because I can't keep my mouth shut.  
I don't always make the best use of my time.  
I don't always do the work I should.  
Often I want what I want when I want it, instead of thinking of others.  
I forget to pray.  
I don't love you, God, as I should.

Lord, when I look at this list, I feel discouraged.  
I fall so far short of what you want me to be, and of what I want to be.  
Forgive me, Lord. Help me believe that you keep on loving me, even when I fall so far short of your plans for me.  
Help me learn from my mistakes.  
Thank you for Jesus, who lived and died and rose to free me from the power of sin, whose life is a model for me to follow.

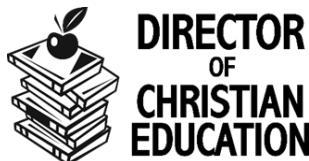
Even when I can't see anything but my faults, I want to thank you for your Holy Spirit, who is always working in my life, making me more and more like Jesus.

Amen.

Be at Peace,  
Pastor Tim W Muehlbrad



"Hello, I'm back. After what happened today, I'm making a comeback!"



## Summer Camp Registration

It is now time to register the campers and place names into our reserved spots. Our dates are July 12-17 at Camp Lone Star in LaGrange, TX. We will have two age groups this year. The Alpha program is for those in our Confirmation program and those age twelve and under. Those not in confirmation who are 13 and above will be in the Omega Program. The registration procedure follows below but is a little different for those who are in the Confirmation program and will turn 13 by the dates of our camp. The camp system is set for age, not grade or program: For those in Confirmation that will turn 13 by July 17th do the following:

1. Go to the camp Lone Star website and set up an account.

2. Allow the registrar two working days to do the override.
3. Then log in and complete the forms for registration  
(below is the registrar's email)

(From the registrar- "Log into your account and fill out the remaining forms. They first need to set-up an account with us so that I have a record to add the registration too. Once I know that they all have an account I can manually register them. They will then need to complete their forms, medical information, and add money to their trading post account.")

The registrar is Alicia Jackson and her email is:

[alicia@camplonestar.org](mailto:alicia@camplonestar.org)

For those 12 and under and in Confirmation:

You will register in the Pioneer Alpha program. Go the Camp Lone Star website and in The LaGrange site programs go to Pioneer Program as that is the group registration. You will need to know that it is the Group program entitled "Pioneer Program" and you will need the Group Hold Code. You can obtain that code from Terry or the church office. Then you should be able to go and fill out the forms needed to complete the registration.

For those registering 13 year olds in the Omega program you will follow the procedure above for 12 and under. You will list your program in the Pioneer group as Omega.

**FOR BOTH GROUPS** the Final Step would be:

...provide the church with a \$175 deposit that is refundable when your youth attends camp.

Ashleigh Peyton will be attending as the female sponsor, and Terry will be attending as the male sponsor. We look forward to a great week together in July!

## **Our Next Sunday School BF Sunday**

Our Best Friend Sunday (BF Sunday) will be Sunday Feb. 22nd. Bring a friend for the first time to enjoy all the fun we have. You and your friend will receive a special gift

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CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING  
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
January 13, 2026 @ 6 PM

Empowered by the holy spirit to make Christ known; as we love one another, serve our neighbor, and grow in our faith through studying God's word and worshipping God.

1. **CALL TO ORDER-** The meeting of the Church Council of St. Paul Lutheran Church was called to order by Boyd Weise, President. Council members present for the meeting were Boyd Weise, Calvin Bruns, Larry Gohmert, Jay Heil, Ashleigh Peyton, Pam Hoefling, Susan Franke, Wade Bolting, and Pastor Tim Muehlbrad. Terry Carmichael and Amanda Rodriguez were also in attendance.
2. **DEVOTION-** Boyd Weise opened the meeting with prayer.

3. **MINUTES-** Pam Hoefling made a motion and was seconded by Jay Heil to accept the minutes from December 9, 2025, as presented. The motion carried.

4. **REPORTS-**

- a. **Treasurer/Stewardship-** Calvin Bruns provided a written report.
- b. **Parish Education-** No report provided.
- c. **Youth Committee Report-** Laurey Garcia reported:
  1. FFF had a blast with their Silly Sock Christmas party and hayride on Wednesday, 12/17. It was a good time had by all!
  2. We had approximately 26 people who enjoyed caroling followed by soup and hot cocoa in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, 12/21/25. Everyone enjoyed themselves and brought lots of Christmas cheer to many.
  3. A big thank you to Eric and Kim Gaus for providing the trailer and transporting everyone. We do so appreciate it! Thanks to everyone who brought soup; they were all delicious!
  4. Bunco was a blast! We had 20 people attend, mostly youth, and everyone enjoyed playing, snacking, and winning!
  5. Our next committee meeting will be on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, @ 6 PM.
- d. **DCE-** Terry Carmichael reported
  1. Besides the normal duties (Childcare chapels, Sunday School, and other duties), the following were accomplished:
    - a. Have been providing elementary Sunday school teachers with downloading, then copying their new curriculum materials for the month, and then placing them in their binders in the classrooms.
    - b. Have been providing the 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes with some supplemental ideas to go with their curriculum.

- c. Began the summer camping registration process for Camp Lone Star with the Pioneer Group's registration.
- d. Assisted Erin Koopmann with the Christmas Program, props, scenery, and practices as needed.
- e. Assisted Pastor with teaching the Confirmation Classes.
- f. Assisted with obtaining youth readers for the two Christmas Eve Worship Services.
- g. Assisted with the songs for the Christmas caroling.
- h. Assisted with the Worship Services on 1/3 and 1/4 by leading the second half of the services while Pastor was on vacation.
- i. I prepared two songs for the Christmas Eve Worship, including one with Gwen Kneese at the 4:00 p.m. service, based on her idea that included any children who wanted to participate.
- j. Attended Bunco Day on 1/11.
- k. Will be assisting Pastor with the guitar classes on Wed. evenings.
- l. Attended basketball and football games in town and out of town.

e. **Worship-** Jay Heil reported:

- 1. Pastor Tim is working with the local churches to finalize the Lenten rotation order.

f. **Evangelism/Outreach-** Wade Bolting reported:

- 1. Wade mailed off 4 visitor cards from the church.

g. **Social Concerns-** Susan Franke reported:

- 1. Assistance was provided to 1 individual in December 2025.
  - a. Provided help with two individuals with rent (\$100.00)

h. **Christian Life-** Pam Hoefling reported:

- 1. On December 14, 2025, a catered Christmas Meal was served, with 100 people in attendance. S&J Catering of Goliad served the meal, and the congregation provided desserts.

- i. **Property**- Larry Gohmert Reported:
  - 1. I have a quote from Ameritex Elevator Texas, LLC, for a new maintenance contract for our elevator. I believe we should start with them immediately. Their initial price is \$500 per quarter, to be paid quarterly. We are still under contract with TKE until late this year, but I believe we should let them know that their services are no longer required. We will need to pay out the remainder of our contract with TKE and send a “do not renew” certified letter later this year. Ameritex asks that we send TKE a formal written notice that TKE is no longer welcome on our site, and I believe we should do that.
  - 2. Ameritex has also provided a detailed proposal for modernizing our elevator’s electrical, electronic, and hydraulic systems. Their quote is \$108,955. At some point, we will need to address this.
  - 3. Cathy’s Carpet is expected to be here on Monday, January 19th, to begin installation.
  - 4. I am working with Mary Ressman concerning replacement pecan trees. I should have taken care of this sooner, but we should be able to get this done soon.
- j. **Cemetery**- No report provided.
- k. **C.E.M.** Tracie Fielding provided a written report.
- l. **Pastor**-
  - 1. Professional activities during **December** 2025:
    - a. 11 Worship Services
    - b. 6 Home Visits
    - c. 7 Educational Events
    - d. 7 Church Meetings and Events
    - e. 1 Professional Meeting
    - f. 2 Community Events
    - g. 1 Week of Vacation
  - 2. Official Acts during **December** 2025:
    - a. 12/7 Baptism of Audie Mattox
    - b. 12/12 Burial of Jay Metting
    - c. 12/28 Baptism of Hesston Lemke

## OLD BUSINESS

- a. AC/Plumbing/Floor Projects- Cathy's Carpet will begin installation on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Budget- no action
- c. Nominating Report- Committee is still searching for someone to fill the role of President.
- d. Youth Sports Complex- We are continuing to collect money for the project. A deposit has been sent to reserve the project with Rafter J.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Annual meeting agenda - Besides the normal agenda items, the following business will be up for vote during the meeting:
  1. Changes in the constitution for the Youth Representative have been sent out. When the representative is elected for this term, they will be on a two-year term. The changes will be ratified at the 2027 Annual Meeting, and then the next term will be a one-year term.
  2. Endowment Bylaws have been reworked and need only one vote by the congregation.
  3. NALC Constitution Ratification has been put out. This can be voted on once by the congregation.
- b. Elevator Maintenance: Larry Gohmert made a motion to terminate our TKE contract, to begin a new maintenance contract with Ameritex beginning Feb. 1, 2026, and to send a certified letter of non-renewal with TKE in July. Pam Hoefling seconded. The motion carried.
- c. Jay Heil made a motion to approve Pastor Tim's vacation from April 6th to 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Pam Hoefling seconded. The motion carried.

6. **CLOSING**- Wade Bolting made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jay Heil seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ashleigh Peyton

## **2026 COUNCIL MEMBERS**

PRESIDENT – Boyd Weise  
SECRETARY – Ashleigh Peyton  
PARISH ED – Jill Turner  
STEWARSHIP – Calvin Bruns  
WORSHIP – Jay Heil  
CHRISTIAN LIFE – Pam Hoefling  
PROPERTY – Larry Gohmert  
SOCIAL CONCERNS – Susan Franke  
YOUTH – Laurey Garcia  
EVANGELISM/OUTREACH – Wade Bolting

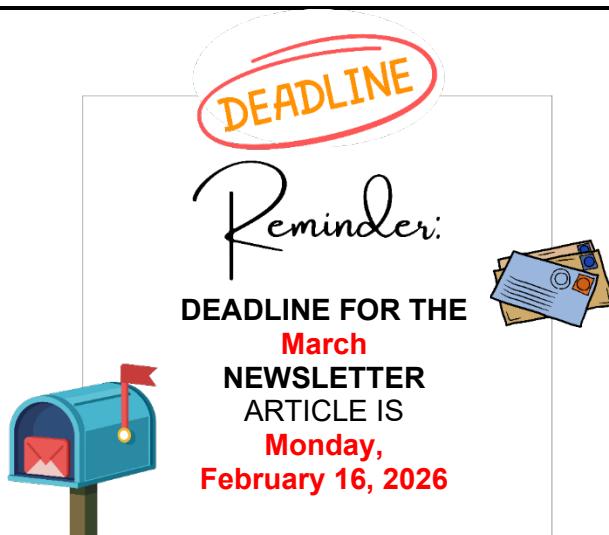
# Financial Report

GENERAL FUND	YTD 2026	BUILDING FUND	YTD 2026
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$30,740.79</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$96,164.21</b>
Income	\$31,373.99	Income	\$9,421.00
Expenses	<b>(\$22,196.84)</b>	Expenses	<b>(\$96,385.86)</b>
Ending Balance	\$39,917.94	Ending Balance	\$9,199.35

Totals as of 1/20/2026

### Investment w/ LPL Financial:

\$36,033.00





## OUR 2026 CONFIRMANDS



Pastor Tim Muehlbrad  
Austin Schuckenbrock, Easton Lemke & Lainey Lemke

**Easton Alexander Lemke**, the son of Brandon & Crystal Lemke, was baptized on August 28, 2022 at First Baptist Church by Mark Collins.

Easton's confirmation verse: Psalm 37:5

*“Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this.”*

**Lainey Alexis Lemke**, the daughter of Brandon & Crystal Lemke, was baptized on August 28, 2022 at First Baptist Church by Mark Collins.

Lainey's confirmation verse: Jeremiah 29:11

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declared the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

**Austin Barrett Schuckenbrock**, the son of Lucas & Stephanie Schuckenbrock, was baptized in August of 2010 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Austin's sponsors are Eric Gaus & Misty Knox.

Austin's confirmation verse: Psalm 25:2

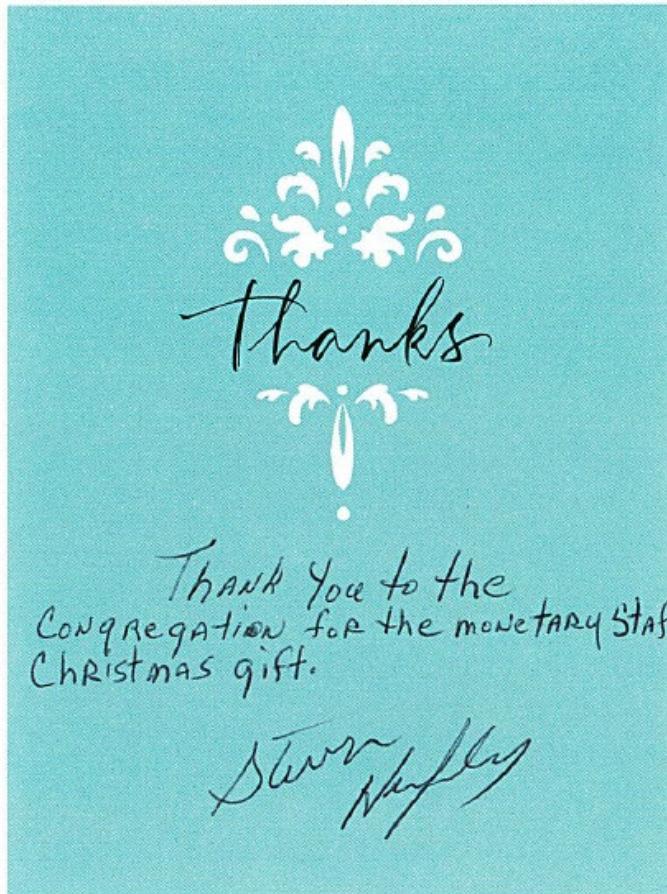
*“In you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.”*

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Hesston Warren Lemke, son of Caleb and Paige Lemke, was baptized on December 28, 2025

Ryker James Krause, son of Evan Krause and Courtney Clark, was baptized on January 18, 2026



### Upcoming Christian Life Events:

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

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

# Youth Chat



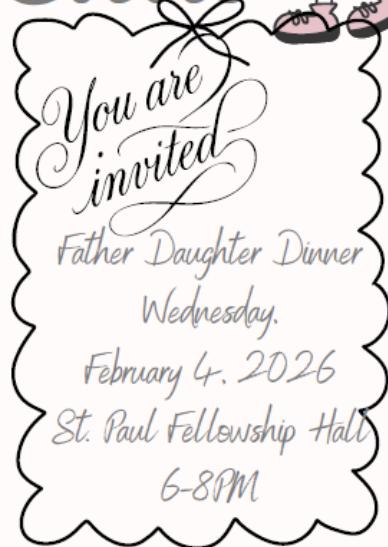
## JH/HS December Perfect Attendance

Piper Peyton

Ellyn Warwas

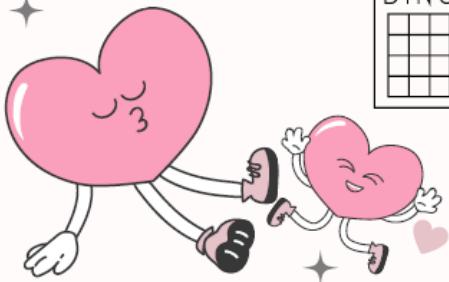
Lainey Lemke

Aydn Garcia



Come play with us!

The Junior and Senior High will be playing Bingo with the residents at Yorktown Manor Saturday, February 28th @ 2 pm



# Boots & Bling

*Please Join Us For A*

## *Father Daughter Dinner*

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

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**FEBRUARY | 4 | 2026**

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**6-8 PM**

**234 N. Gohmert St.**

**RSVP: LAUREY 361-319-3130**

**OFFICE 361-564-2135**

**please reply by 1/30/2026**





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!

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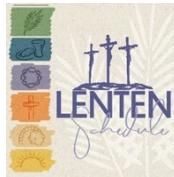
A heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to all who contributed to the non-perishable food drive that the Children's Sunday School held during the Advent and Christmas seasons. With your generous help, we were able to donate 185 pounds, 6 ounces of food to Y.A.M.! You've proved such a blessing to this community and we appreciate it!



**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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### LENT and EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2026

#### **February 17 - SHROVE TUESDAY**

5-6:30 pm      Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Burning of the Palms in the Fellowship Hall

#### **February 18 - ASH WEDNESDAY**

10:00 am      Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion in the Chapel  
7:00 pm      Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

#### **February 25 - LENT**

10:00 am      Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel  
6:00 pm      Supper at First Presbyterian Church  
7:00 pm      Midweek Lenten Service at First Presbyterian Church

#### **March 4 - LENT**

10:00 am      Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel  
6:00 pm      Supper at Holy Cross Catholic Church

7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at Holy Cross Catholic Church

**March 11 – LENT**

10:00 am Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel

6:00 pm Supper at St. Paul Lutheran Church

7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at St. Paul Lutheran Church

**March 18 – LENT**

10:00 am Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel

6:00 pm Supper at San Luis Catholic Church

7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at San Luis Catholic Church

**March 25 – LENT**

10:00 am Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel

6:00 pm Supper at First United Methodist Church

7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at First United Methodist Church

**March 29 – PALM SUNDAY**

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:15 am Seder Meal during Sunday School Hour

**April 2 – MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

**April 3 – GOOD FRIDAY**

10:00 am Good Friday Worship Service in the Chapel

7:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service in the Sanctuary

**April 4 – NO SATURDAY SERVICE**

**April 5 – EASTER**

7:00 am Early Service Worship with Holy Communion

8:00 am Easter Breakfast

9:15 am Sunday School/Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

**April 12 – DECORATION DAY**

10:30 am Cemetery Decoration Service at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery

**Children's Sunday School will be at the Cemetery during Decoration Day.**

# THE LEARNING GARDEN NEWS

February 2026



## What We Are Learning

### Toddlers/Twos

We are coming to the end of learning our colors, so we can start learning our shapes and signs. Circles, squares, triangles, hearts, and stars, oh my!

### Preschool

We are ending our favorite tales and rhymes to move on to Creative Me. We will discuss things kids do, learn about recycling, treasure-hunting, experimenting, and designing and building.

### Bible

This month, Mr. Terry and our teachers will learn about how Jesus calms the storm, how Jesus teaches us about God's Care (Flowers and Birds), and when Jesus visited Mary and Martha.

## Fundraiser

We are selling Valentine's Cookie Decorating Kits through February 4th.

For more information or to purchase, contact The Learning Garden.

## Upcoming Events

- February 13<sup>th</sup>: Valentine's Parties
- February 16th-20<sup>th</sup>: Random Acts of Kindness Week
- February 17<sup>th</sup>: Random Acts of Kindness Day

## Enrollment

Children: 53

Teachers: 11

Administration: 2

Support Staff: 2



## **In memory of Jay Metting – Cemetery**

Jerry & Debbie Yount & Family

## **In memory of Jay Metting – Music Education**

# Steven & Debbie Kneese

## **In memory of Jay Metting – Records Restoration**

Jim & Judy Noster

## **In memory of Jay Metting – Senior Scholarship**

## **In memory of Jay Metting – Youth Building**

## In memory of Kendall Sandage – Youth Building

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Andy & Jan Schlinke      Darren & Tina Koehler

Loren & Natalie Koehler Keary Koehler

## **In memory of Ralph Stock – Building**

Helen Breed

## In memory of LeRoy Strakos – AC/Plumbing/Floor

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Helen Breed

## In memory of Rose Tam – Building

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Don & Debbie Janssen

In memory of Carole Tessmann – Records Restoration

Jim & Judy Noster

In memory of Carole Tessmann - Youth Building

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Michael & Kim Blaschke

## In memory of Nelda Warzecha – Building

Helen Breed

## In memory of Margaret Wollny – Youth Building

In memory of William  
Michael & Kim Blaschke

*~Gifts in memory and in honor of are as of January 20, 2026.*

Please remember to **write on your OFFERING ENVELOPE** a specific fund for your memorial offering to go to. It defaults to building fund unless it is noted.

# SCRIPTURE READINGS 2026

## Sunday, February 1, 2026 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany



First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8

Psalm: Psalm 15

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

## Sunday, February 8, 2026 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Isaiah 58:3-9a

Psalm: Psalm 112:1-9

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20



## Sunday, February 15, 2026 – Transfiguration of Our Lord



First Lesson: Exodus 24:8-18

Psalm: Psalm 2:6-12

Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

## Sunday, February 22, 2026 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Genesis 3:1-21

Psalm: Psalm 32:1-7

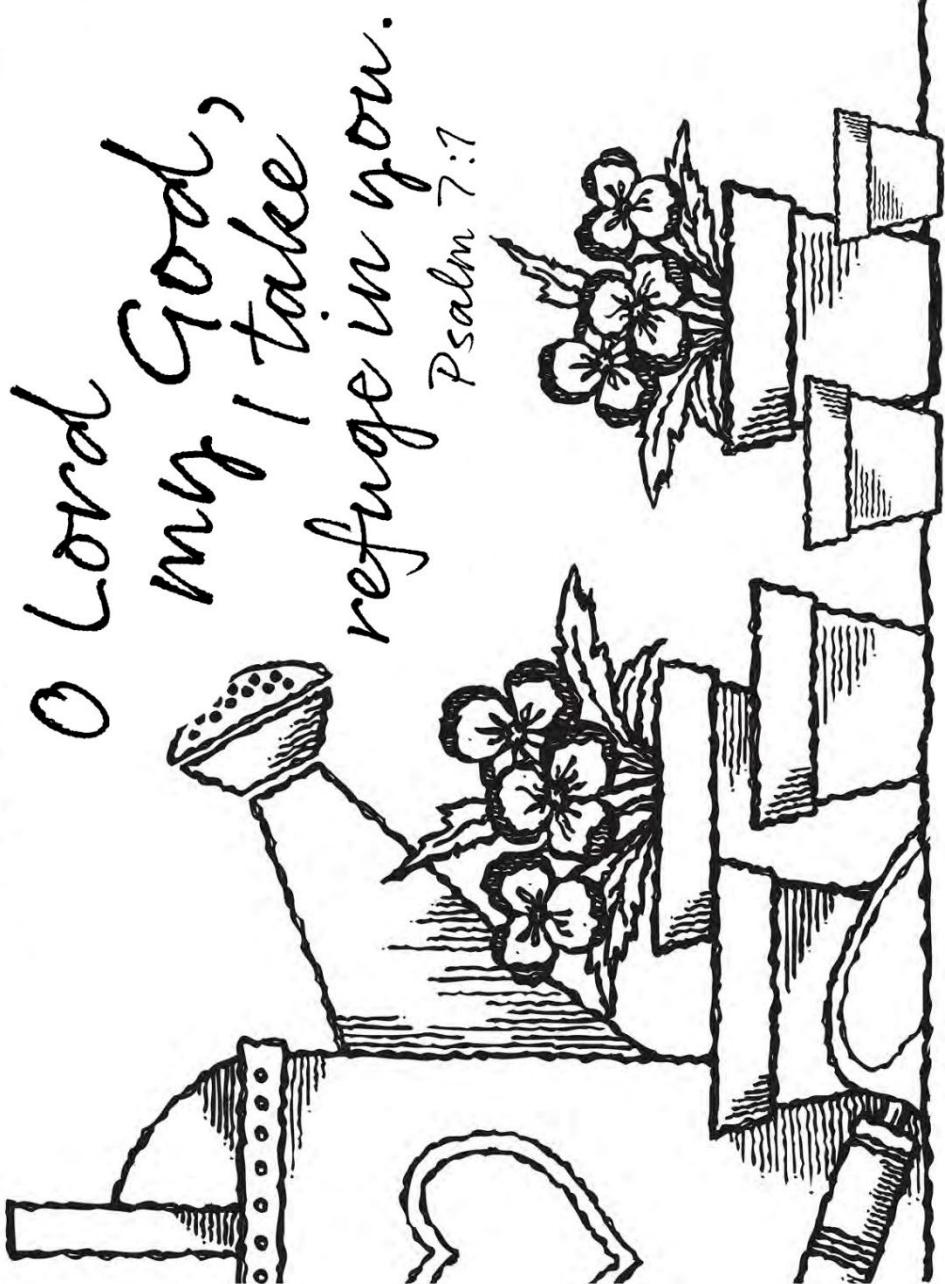
Second Lesson: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11



O Lord  
my God,  
I take  
refuge in you.

Psalm 7:1



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