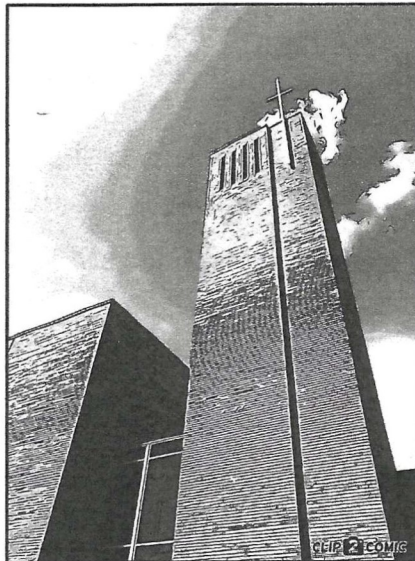


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**+Order of Service+**  
February 23, 2025  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
Divine Service Setting Three  
LSB 184

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Opening Hymn **Arise and Shine in Splendor** LSB 396

Confession and Absolution LSB 184

Introit, Kyrie, and Gloria in Excelsis LSB 186 ff.

Collect of the Day LSB 189

**Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 45:3-15

**Epistle** 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

**Holy Gospel** Luke 6:27-38

Creed

Hymn of the Day: **My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker** LSB 820

Sermon

Offertory

Prayers of the Church

Communion Liturgy LSB 194

Distribution Hymns

**Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior** LSB 627

**Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us** LSB 851

**What Is This Bread** LSB 629

Concluding Liturgy LSB 199

Closing Hymn: **Now Thank We All Our God** LSB 895

**SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE**

**Musicians:** Juleen Breitbarth

**Ushers:** Larry Hintz, Jeff Hoppe, Lowell Boesch, Ken Urban

**Elder of the Month:** Dan Wedel



**Introit** *Ps 37:1-5; antiphon Ps 37:7 a,b*

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;

**fret not yourself over the one who prospers | in his way**

Fret not yourself because of evil- | doers;

**be not envious of wrong- | doers!**

For they will soon fade | like the grass

**and wither like the | green herb.**

Trust in the LORD, | and do good;

**dwel in the land and befriend | faithfulness.**

Delight yourself | in the LORD,

**and he will give you the desires | of your heart.**

Commit your way | to the LORD;

**trust in him, and | he will act.**

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;

**fret not yourself over the one who prospers | in his way**

**Old Testament Reading**

**Genesis 45:3-15**

And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. (4) So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. (5) And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. (6) For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. (7) And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. (8) So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. (9) Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. (10) You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. (11) There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' (12) And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. (13) You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." (14) Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. (15) And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

## Epistle


## 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. (22) For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. (23) But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. (24) Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. (25) For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. (26) The last enemy to be destroyed is death. (30) Why are we in danger every hour? (31) I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! (32) What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." (33) Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." (34) Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. (35) But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" (36) You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. (37) And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. (38) But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. (39) For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. (40) There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. (41) There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. (42) So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

## Gospel

## Luke 6:27-38

"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, (28) bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. (29) To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. (30) Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. (31) And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. (32) "If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. (33) And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. (34) And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. (35) But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. (36) Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. (37) "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; (38) give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

**L O R D S**  
  
**S U P P E R**

Scripture declares that in the Sacrament of the Altar each communicant receives the body and blood of Christ to eat and to drink with the mouth of their bodies. Communicants who believe this receive forgiveness of sins, those who don't eat and drink judgement unto themselves. Communion also is a confession of oneness of the Faith we are baptized into, is preached in our pulpit, and summarized in the Small Catechism. Sadly, since these clear doctrines of The Holy Bible are not accepted by all Christian denominations, we continue the historic Christian practice of Closed Communion. We request that anyone who is not a communicant member of the LC-MS please speak with our Pastor or an elder before the service and join our congregation in singing hymns during the distribution. Membership classes are offered.

Online giving is an easy and reliable method to contribute to St. Paul's Lutheran. You can make a one-time donation or schedule recurring contributions. This option is available through the church's website; [spltruman.com](http://spltruman.com) or by simply scanning the following QR code.





# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

February 23, 2025

**Worship: Sundays @ 9am - Chapel: Wednesdays @ 10am**  
**Midweek Services during Advent & Lent: Wednesdays @ 10am & 6pm**

## BIBLE CLASSES

**Sunday Morning Bible Class & Sunday School:**  
10:15-11:15 a.m.  
**Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study:** 10-11 a.m.  
**Wednesday After-School Confirmation:** 4:30-5:30 p.m.

## OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance Last Sunday: 94  
Communion: 71  
Offerings Given Last Sunday: \$ 3,578.00  
School Roof Fund: \$ 30,665.12 (Total cost: \$95,000.00)

## IN OUR PRAYERS

† Carl Vogt, Dan Espeland, Erika Lotheringen, Alice Raddatz, John Matasovsky, Tom Koeritz, Marsha Miller, Marilyn Vogt, Ronald Schultz, Candace Doerfler, Mike Barfknecht, Cliff & Charlotte Dobie, Audrey Becker, Dick & Pat Eckmann, Pastor Fretham, Terry Bentele, Brandi Stohs, and Larye Anderson  
† Our Shut-Ins: RoseMary Kasten, Carol Ritz, and June Mausling  
† Our Servicemen: Mike Hintz, Lance Halverson, Josh Rusert, Duane Cox, Andrew Reed, and Cade Hotzler

## CHURCH NEWS

### History Bricks – Phase Two!

We are getting ready to engrave the next batch of History Bricks for installation this spring. If interested in having a brick or bricks placed as part of our new sign project, please contact the church office and get your information and payment submitted.

\*Ladies Aid/LWML are gathering nonperishable food and personal items for Heaven's Table. They can be dropped off in the narthex. Please give if you can.

\*All ladies are invited to a Bible Study by pastor on Thursday, March 6, in the Fellowship room. There will be a short Ladies Aid/LWML meeting then coffee & Fellowship.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### SUNDAY

Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.....10:15 a.m.

### MONDAY (Pastor's Day Off)

Office closed

### Tuesday

Women's Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.

### WEDNESDAY

Chapel.....10:00 a.m.

### THURSDAY

### FRIDAY

5th and 6th Grade Step-Up Day at MLHS

### SATURDAY

### SUNDAY

Worship with Holy Communion.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.....10:15 a.m.

## LUTHERAN HOUR

March 2 (Luke 9:28-36)

"It's Best to Be with Jesus"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Life was not meant to be a do-it-yourself project. We need God's help, His strength, His gifts.

## MLHS NEWS

The Waffle Feed hosted by the Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Junior Class is **TODAY** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will be serving all-you-can-eat waffles and all the trimmings. Cost is a free-will donation.

\*Enrollment for students in grades 7-12 for 2025-2026 at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School is open. Early bird discounts apply until March 1st.

\*The Region IV Lutheran Elementary Schools Fine Arts and Science Festival will be held at Martin Luther JR/SR High School, Northrop on Saturday, March 8th. Students from seven schools are participating. Individual performances begin about 8:00 a.m. Large group music performances will be held following judging completion. Guests are welcome to join in celebrating the God-given talents of our students in Art, Music, Science, Creative Writing and Speech. Concessions will be available. The event is free and open to the public.

\*A Spectacular Science Show will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Tuesday, March 11. Several scientists from South Dakota State University and MLHS Science Teacher Nate Watt will conduct amazing experiments for everyone to enjoy. Presentations are 9:00-10:30 a.m. for grades 1-6 and 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. for grades 7-12. The public is welcome. The event is free.

\*A Soup and Sandwich Lunch will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Sunday, March 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost is a free will donation and proceeds will provide Student Tuition Aid to MLHS families.

\*The Spring Association Delegate Meeting will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School on Sunday, March 16 at 1:00 p.m. in the Music Room. The 2025-2026 Budget will be presented for approval.

## UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

Check the bulletin board for more information about these events.

\*St. John's Lutheran Church, Willow Creek, will have a Soup and Sandwich Lunch **TODAY** with serving from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Menu includes: Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, Broccoli Cheese Soup, Hamburger Vegetable Soup, Hot Ham and Cheese sandwiches and Grilled Cheese sandwiches, bars and beverages.

# Faith, Hope, Love

And now abide Faith, Hope, and Love,  
these three; but the greatest of these is Love.

## SPL School's Mission Statement

To work together with families and area congregations  
to provide a quality education in a Christian  
environment, leading students to lives of service.

**Our Goals:** Nurture faith, Celebrate learning,  
Pursue excellence.

classroom and experience what goes on . Any questions,  
please talk to Mr. Miller ASAP.

## Get ready for the 2025-2026 School Year!

School Starts on August 25th

Parent Conferences are November 13 after 3 p.m.  
and November 14th ALL DAY

Thanksgiving Feast is November 25

Christmas Vacation begins December 22

**Spread the word about our wonderful school!**

### IMPORTANT SPL DATES

March 2nd — Sing at St. Paul's

Week of March 2nd — St. Paul's Lutheran School's Week

March 4th — Curriculum Fair 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

March 5th — Special Friends' Day and Lunch

March 8th — Fine Arts Festival at MLHS

March 11th — Science Spectacular at MLHS

March 15 — Chess Tournament at Lakefield

March 16 — Winter Dance

March 17 — No School. Monday after Quarter Ends Staff  
Work Day

April 26 — Spelling Bee

### FROM THE CLASSROOM

**Preschool:** This week we worked on days of the week, logic tables and finding differences. They also got to work their hand muscles with hole punches. Kid quote of the week "if (brothers name) and I were going to get eaten by a hippo I would tell him to go home and get his Nerf gun and shoot the hippo".

**Kindergarten:** What a quick week! Jesus Time had us discussing another tricky Parable "The Treasure & the Beautiful Pearl." We continue to practice Commandments 1-5. In our Secret stories/Blends book we practiced the "ch" sound (cheese, march, Christmas). We are learning about President George Washington & the White House. We started Kindergarten Store on Friday & we will continue to have it every Friday. This is an activity all the kinders love! They get to browse through the items I have set out & then count out the appropriate change. I apologize in advance for the weekly clutter that will be coming to your house! I am always looking for gently used treasures to add back into our store. :)

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>:** What an amazing class! Memory and Spelling: Check your child's Homework Folder for the lists. Spelling: Review from last week: Gr. 2: how, count, cow, clown, house, town, loud, now, ouch, down, towel, about, found, cloud. Gr. 1: bite, kite, time, life, line, mine, hive, pine. Thinking ahead: Fine Arts Festival at MLHS: Saturday, March 8.: Gr. 1 and 2 will participate in one scheduled event, (In the morning) and will also sing with our choir and the mass choir. More details soon! We continue to read for the A.R. Challenge! Thank you for all the wonderful Valentine gifts and treats!

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>:** What a week! Thank you to Emily Kube for subbing for me on Thursday afternoon and all day on Friday. We will continue to work on our Greek Mythology unit next week. Fine Arts is coming up on Saturday, March 8th. Please check with your students if they have their IXL time in. A lot of them forgot about it last week and they still have to make up the time in my class. Thank you for all that you do!

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>:** Keep reading and taking tests for the AR challenge. Be sure to get your 30 minutes of IXL in each week. Next Friday we go to MLHS for Step Up Day! Make sure you are working on your State Float project and Science Fair Project if you're doing one this year.

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>:** Another great week. The only issue is that we get to squeeze five days into three. Please remember that data for your science project is due on Monday, February 24. This will give us a week to write reports, fix up our boards, and to graph data. Please be ready!! We continue reading Tom Sawyer in literature and having fun in algebra. Please continue filling in your assignment books, completing your Prayer Papers, and doing your IXL. Thanks troops!

### THIS WEEK'S LUNCH MENU

**Monday:** BBQ rib/bun, Tri taters, Creamed corn, Tropical fruit

**Tuesday:** Meatballs, Spaghetti/sauce, Peas, Pears, Bread stick

**Wednesday:** Chicken nuggets, Mashed potatoes, Gravy, Carrots, Warm apple slices

**Thursday:** Sloppy Joe/bun, Tater tots, Baked beans, Strawberry cup

**Friday:** Mini corn dog, French fries, Green beans, Peaches

### School Reminders:

Thank you to the anonymous donor for the \$ 1,000.00 towards the School roof project.

**\*Please save the date for this year's Winter Dance!** This year our Winter Dance will be held on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00pm (there is no school the following Monday!). The theme of this year's dance will be "Frosted CandyLand."

We will have the same fun including a live DJ, photobooth, prizes and refreshments. Even better, this year's dance will be offered at no cost for all who attend! Please spread the word about this amazing event and be certain to invite families and friends from area churches and communities!

**Our First Annual St. Paul's Lutheran Curriculum Fair** is fast approaching. Tuesday, March 4th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., all the classrooms will be open to stop in and see some of the interesting happenings taking place in the classrooms. From Rhetoric Assignments to Science Fair Projects to Mythology Work, bring friends and family members by to see some of the different activities taking place in classrooms. It will also be a chance to talk to the different teachers about what goes on in their classrooms with re-enrollment for school happening that first week in March. Any questions, talk to Mr. Miller or any of the teachers.

**Re-enrollment for the 2025-2026 School Year** begins the first week in March. WE WANT EVERYONE BACK!  
If you are nervous about the grade your child is entering or have heard crazy rumors from your child, talk to the teacher and visit the classroom. Come by and spend the morning or afternoon, or even the whole day in the