

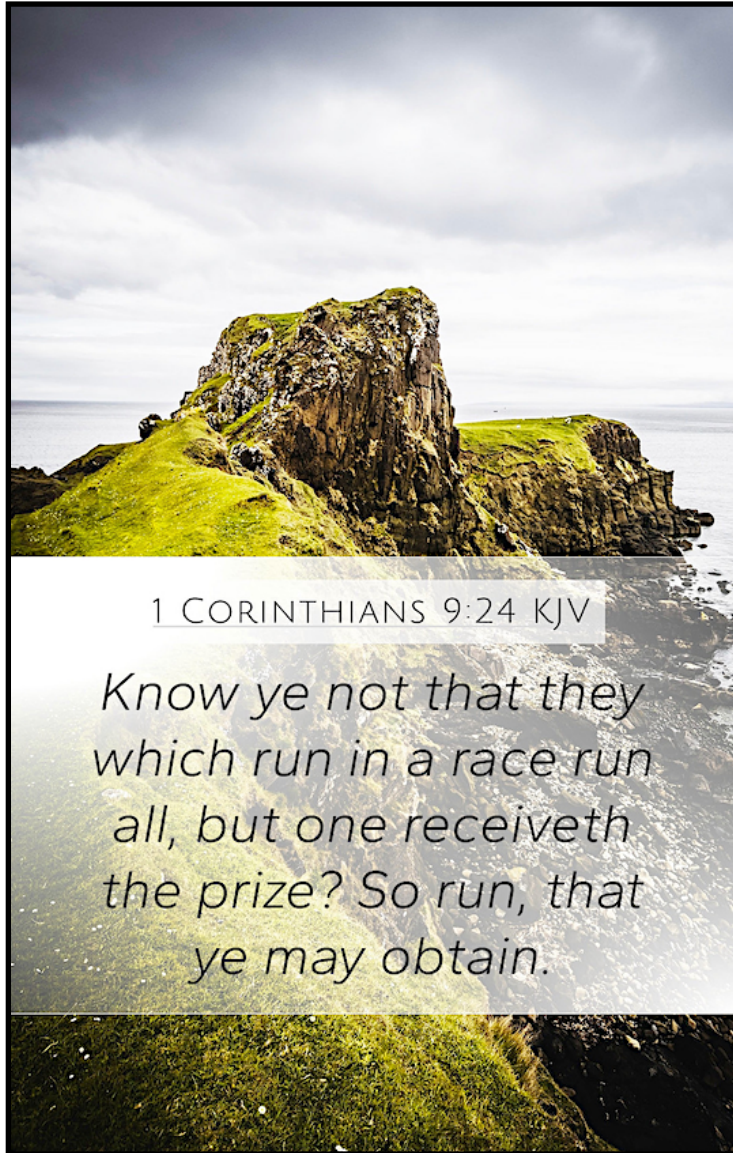
# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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1 CORINTHIANS 9:24 KJV

*Know ye not that they  
which run in a race run  
all, but one receiveth  
the prize? So run, that  
ye may obtain.*

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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany – February 4, 2024**

# **Order of Worship**

## **Service of the Word & Sacrament**

Find today's order of service printed on the liturgy insert tucked inside the front cover of the maroon *Lutheran Service Book* (in the hymnal rack). Large print copies of the order of worship and worship bulletin are on the shelf under the tract rack or speak to an usher who will be happy to share them with you. A warm welcome in Christ to all worshipers!

### Serving Us At God's House Today

Organist Jeana Kettner – Ushers Mark Hartmeister, Don Claeys

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 103 (pew bible, p.535)
- ◆ The Hymns: 903, 728, 622, 921
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Job 7:1-7, 1 Corinthians 9:19-27
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 85
- ◆ Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed (last page of liturgy insert)

### **Sermon Text – Mark 9:29-39**

#### ***"Epiphany Miracles With a Purpose"***

1. They showed Jesus' power over sickness.
2. They revealed His mastery over Satan.
3. They pointed to His message of salvation.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Altar Prayer / Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Installation of Church Officers / Hymn 622
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (921)

## Today's Scriptures

### First Lesson – Job 7:1-7

*Job's Lament: My Life Has No Hope*

1 “Has not man a hard service on earth, and are not his days like the days of a hired hand? 2 Like a slave who longs for the shadow, and like a hired hand who looks for his wages, 3 so I am allotted months of emptiness, and nights of misery are apportioned to me. 4 When I lie down I say, ‘When shall I arise?’ But the night is long, and I am full of tossing till the dawn. 5 My flesh is clothed with worms and dirt; my skin hardens, then breaks out afresh. 6 My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle and come to their end without hope. 7 “Remember that my life is a breath; my eye will never again see good.

### Psalm of the Day – Psalm 124

*The Lord the Defense of His People*

P If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—

**C Let Israel now say—**

P If it had not been the LORD who was on our side:

**C When people rose up against us.**

P Then they would have swallowed us up alive:

**C When their anger was kindled against us.**

P Then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us:

**C Then over us would have gone the raging waters.**

P Blessed be the LORD:

**C Who has not given us as prey to their teeth!**

P We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers:

**C The snare is broken, and we have escaped!**

P Our help is in the name of the LORD:

**C Who made heaven and earth.**

### Second Lesson – 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

*Serving Others for Christ's Sake  
While Striving to Obtain the Prize*

19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win

Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. 21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. 24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. 25 Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. 26 So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. 27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

**Sermon Text – Mark 1:29-39**      *Jesus Heals Many While Preaching in Galilee*

29 And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. 31 And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. 32 That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. 33 And the whole city was gathered together at the door. 34 And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. 35 And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. 36 And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, 37 and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." 38 And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." 39 And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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**To our guests seeking an altar at which to commune**

We believe the Lord's Supper is an expression of outward unity in the faith as well as inner union with Christ. For this reason we practice "Fellowship Communion" (we ask only those who are communicant members of our fellowship to come forward to receive the Sacrament). We follow this practice in loving obedience to the Scriptures, not in judgment of anyone's faith, sincerity, or standing before God. If you would like more information or are interested in becoming a St. Paul member, please speak to the pastor. Thank you.

**This Week at St. Paul**

Today (2/4)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion and installation of church officers
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
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	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

**Adult Bible Study** will resumes today following the service at 10:45 am. We will resume our study topic from before Christmas: "The Ideal Congregation." Today's lesson: "The Ideal Congregation Is Active in Mission Work." We'll examine such Scriptures as Acts 1:1-11 to see how Jesus equips His disciples for spreading His life-giving Word and Matthew 18:16-20 (the "Great Commission" passage) where He instructs us to spread His Word and promises to be with us to bless our work in His name.

**Our Midweek Lenten Service Schedule** will begin soon (on Ash Wednesday, February 14). See announcement on p.7 for more information.

**A New Church Directory** will be printed soon. Please inform the pastor any updates or changes for your listing from last year's directory so these may be included in the new directory. Thanks!

**On the Shelf in the Narthex:** Copies of the pastor's annual report, the St. Paul 2024 Worship Calendar (adopted at the annual meeting), and the treasurer's annual report. Help yourself.

**February Birthday Blessings To:** Mike Sprengeler, Feb 5  
Don Claeys, Feb 20

**Last Sunday the St. Paul Voters** resolved to set our Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) Estimate for 2024 at \$11,500. To meet our goal CBP offerings of \$221 will be needed each week during 2024. To give an offering for this purpose write the amount of your gift in the "CBP" blank on your envelope. St. Paul parishioners who prefer to give offerings for God's kingdom work without using an envelope are welcome to do so. Last year, under God's blessing, we exceeded our CBP estimate. We thank Him for helping us do this and for His goodness in helping us meet our local budgetary needs at St. Paul as well.

Summary of how your 2024 CBP offerings will be used::

- Subsidy to Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire WI – 58¢ out of every dollar
- CLC missions subsidy (domestic missions & overseas) – 36¢
- CLC administration costs – 5¢
- Costs related to "education" & synod publications – 1¢

If you have questions or would like more information about the St. Paul or CLC budgets, see Treasurer Wayne Ruegge.

*"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:7-8).*

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### **Annual Meeting Election Results**

President: Ed Chiappetti                      Secretary: Mark Hartmeister  
Vice President: Doug Tiefel              Treasurer: Wayne Ruegge  
Elder: Ed Chiappetti  
Finance Committee: Mark Hartmeister, Bob Rankin

### **Unexpired Terms**

Board of Elders: Ed Chiappetti (serving till end of '24)  
Board of Trustees: Don Claeys ('24), Mike Sprengeler ('25)  
Finance Committee: Wayne Ruegge ('24), Doug Tiefel ('24)

### **Mary/Martha Meeting Elections**

President: Lisa Sprengeler                      Secretary: Jo Blakey  
Vice President: Ruth Claeys              Treasurer: Crystal Ruegge

### **Also serving among the ladies**

Altar Care/Flowers: Lisa Sprengeler  
Communion Ware Set-up: Sharlene Chiappetti  
“Sunshine” Cards Secretary: Willa Mae Janssen  
“Feeding His Lambs” Cradle Roll Secretary: Julie Whitmer-Wright

May the Holy Spirit bless the labors of love these servants carry out in  
Jesus' name, for His glory, and the blessing of His saints at St. Paul.

## Synod News & Notes

- After serving as dorm supervisors, Paul and Courtney Agenten plan on retiring at the end of this academic year. We thank them for their faithful service to the Lord and for being such positive role models to our dorm students. ILC is accepting applicants for these two positions to begin the 2024-25 year, an adult male for the boys' dorm and an adult female for the girls' dorm. These roles are vital to our campus given how they provide spiritual counsel and a fatherly or motherly role to those students living away from home. Those who are CLC members in good standing and are able and willing to fill this position may contact ILC President Daniel Schierenbeck ([dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu](mailto:dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu)/660.864.9231) for more information about the responsibilities and compensation for this position. An application is available online at [ilc.edu](http://ilc.edu) > *Forms and Applications* > *ILC Employment Application*. Review of applications begins April 1.
- **Art Camp 2024** will run March 22-24 and is an amazing opportunity for creative fun and learning with other young Christians. There will be a variety of sessions based on music, drama, crafts and more for students in grades 5-8. **CLC, we can use your help!** Arts Camp is looking for volunteers; no arts talent required! **How can you help?**
  - Plan and lead a class
  - Lead a preplanned class
  - Supervise (overnight/daytime or other)
  - Prepare, serve, clean up a meal/snack
  - Donate towards supplies or sponsor a camper scholarship
  - Many other opportunities!
  - Always prayers and encouragement for others to come!Contact Amber Casto 507-327-3059 [artscamp@immanuelmankato.org](mailto:artscamp@immanuelmankato.org)
- **Calls News:** Pastor David Baker has accepted the call from Resurrection Lutheran in Corpus Christi TX. <> Pastoral vacancies currently exist at Calvary/St. Peter's Lutheran Churches, Marquette/Iron River MI and Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato MN (second pastor). <> Teaching vacancies currently exist at Gethsemane Lutheran School, Saginaw MI; Faith Lutheran School, Markesan WI; and Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire WI (professor vacancy).



**Our Midweek Lenten Service Schedule** will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14. This year's overall theme is *"The Vocabulary of the Cross."* Each service will focus the attention of worshipers on a Bible word that shows the beauty and glory of the work that Jesus, the Lamb of God, accomplished for us and all people of the world in His holy passion. Service time: 7:00 pm.

We will observe the customary pulpit exchange with our sister CLC congregations of the Front Range: Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne and Prince of Peace Lutheran, Loveland.

Here is an outline of the "words" for each service  
with sermon texts and speakers:

***"The Vocabulary of the Cross"***

Feb 14	<b>Redemption</b>	Isaiah 6:5-7	Pastor Libby
Feb 21	<b>Grace</b>	Ephesians 2:8-9	Pastor Wheaton
Feb 28	<b>Vicarious</b>	Isaiah 53:6	Pastor Schuetze
Mar 6	<b>Atonement</b>	Isaiah 6:5-7	Pastor Libby
Mar 13	<b>Justification</b>	Romans 5:8-9	Pastor Wheaton
Mar 20	<b>Reconciliation</b>	Isaiah 53:5	Pastor Schuetze



## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

### February 5-10, '24

**Mon John 6:26-35** Jesus is the Bread of Life, and His miraculous feeding of the thousands in the wilderness was a sign of the greater feeding that He does by His forgiving word. That feeding brings life eternal!

**Tues 1 John 4:7-17** God is love. He showed that love by sending His own Son (the Son of God) into the world that we may live through Him. We reflect His love by loving one another and confessing that Jesus is the Son of God, thus sharing the Bread of Life.

**Wed Jeremiah 18:1-10** The Lord of the nations has the right to deal with the nations as a potter would deal with the clay in his hands, and He has the mercy to forgive those who repent and relent from sending the promised disaster.

**Thurs Matthew 17:1-9** Jesus is facing suffering and death to bring us life (16:21) and receives the support of Old Testament believers Moses and Elijah (v3). The voice of the Father declares Him to be the beloved Son, to be revealed when and how He wishes (v9).

**Fri 2 Peter 1:16-21** After the resurrection, Peter remembers how Jesus received honor and glory from God the Father on the mountain of Transfiguration. This glory is also given to Jesus in the Scriptures, like a lamp shining in a dark place.

**Sat Isaiah 25:1-9** The Lord's name is to be praised! His might is greater than the fortified city of His enemies (v1-5), and His mercy provides a banquet for the poorest of His own people (v6-9). "Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!" (v9)