

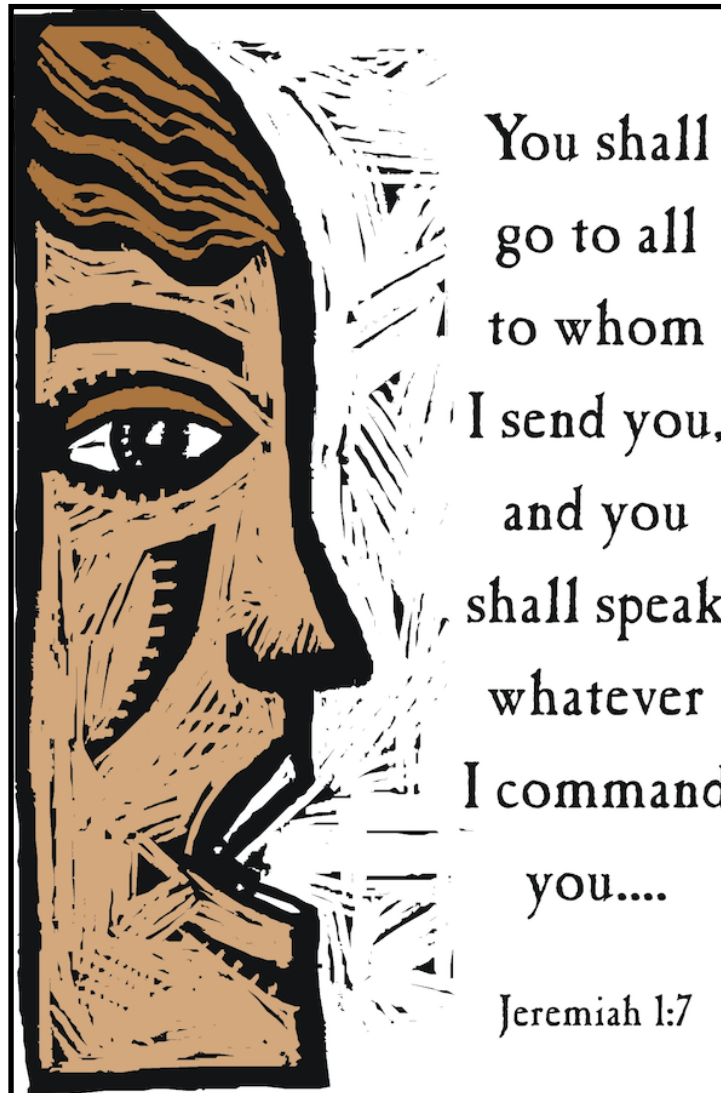
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4th Sunday after Epiphany – February 2, 2025

A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests! It is our prayer that your faith is strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers every week. St. Paul is a member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). The CLC is represented by congregations throughout the United States and Canada, as well as the continent of Africa, India, and neighboring nations. All our churches confess that the Bible is the inspired and unerring Word of God. We invite our Guests to record their visit by signing the Guestbook and to come and worship with us again.

Today's Order of Worship is "Divine Worship Setting 1," as printed in the liturgy pamphlet distributed by the ushers. The service is based on pages 12-21 in *Worship Supplement 2000* (tan hymnal). Please leave your copy of the liturgy pamphlet in the pew after the service concludes or drop it into the designated box in the foyer so that it may be used in future services. Thank you.



Serving Us Today
Organist Suzannah Miller
Ushers Bob Rankin, Mark Hartmeister

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 100 (pew bible, page 533)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 528, 827, 629c, 559
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 Corinthians 12:27–13:13, Luke 4:20-32
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 78

Sermon



Text – Jeremiah 1:1-10

**Theme – *"The Lord Has Chosen Us
To Do His Work"***

1. He chose us by grace.
2. He promises to be with us and bless our work.
3. He gives us the words to say.

*The Scripture Lessons, Psalm of the Day, and
Sermon Text are printed on the following pages.*

Today's Scriptures



First Lesson – 1 Corinthians 12:27–13:13

The Greatest Gift is Love

12:27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. 28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way. 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. 4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. 11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. 13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

 **Psalm of the Day – Psalm 78**

Teach the Coming Generation to Praise the Lord

- P Give ear, O my people, to my law:
C **Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**
P I will utter dark sayings of old:
C **Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.**
P We will not hide them from their children:
C **Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD.**
P For He established a testimony in Jacob:
C **And appointed a law in Israel.**
P That the generation to come might know them:
C **That they may arise and declare them to their children.**
P That they may set their hope in God:
C **And not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments.**

 **Second Lesson – Luke 4:20-32**

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” 22 So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” 23 He said to them, “You will surely say this proverb to Me, ‘Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.’” 24 Then He said, “Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. 25 But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; 26 but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. 27 And many lepers were in Israel in the time

of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” 28 So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, 29 and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. 30 Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way. 31 Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths. 32 And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority.



Sermon Text – Jeremiah 1:1-10

God Calls Jeremiah to Serve Him as a Prophet

1 The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, 2 to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. 3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month. 4 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: 5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” 6 Then said I: “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth.” 7 But the LORD said to me: “Do not say, ‘I am a youth,’ for you shall go to all to whom I send you and whatever I command you, you shall speak. 8 Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you,” says the LORD. 9 Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. 10 See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant.”

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (2/2) 9:30 am Worship Service with Installation of the Newly-elected Church Officers and Holy Communion
10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Class
Sun (2/9) 9:30 am Worship Service
10:45 am Sunday School & Bible Class

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

Available from the Tract Rack:

- Copies of the 2024 Pastor's Annual, Statistical, and Visitations and Ministrations Reports
- St. Paul 2025 Worship Calendar & Calendar of Events
- Help yourself!

Last Call for Directory Changes: A new church directory will be published soon. Kindly inform Pastor if there are changes to your contact information from last year's directory. Thank you.

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Election Results from the Annual Voters Meeting

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

Also serving as church officers (unexpired terms):

Board of Elders: Ed Chiappetti, Mike Sprengeler

Board of Trustees: Mike Sprengeler

Finance Committee: Wayne Ruegge, Doug Tiefel

Mary/Martha Ladies Group Elections

President: Lisa Sprengeler — Vice President: Ruth Claeys
Secretary: Jo Blakey — 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 Lord bless the labors of love these servants perform for the Savior, for His glory and the blessing of His Church!

Our New CBP Estimate

At last Sunday's Annual Meeting the voters of St. Paul resolved to set our Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) estimate for the new year (the amount we plan to contribute for the work of God's Kingdom together with our sister CLC churches) at \$11,755. To meet our pledge CBP offerings of \$226 per week will be needed during 2025. Here's a summary of how your CBP offerings will be used in the new year:

- ▶ The CLC subsidizes the Christian education at our Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI. The total ILC operating budget for the current fiscal year is \$1,724,100. 58% of ILC's operating expenses are funded via student revenue. The balance of the operating expenses (42%) is funded via CBP offerings (*56¢ out of every dollar given*).
- ▶ Funding for the CLC's domestic missions (currently, one stateside mission congregation) and over a dozen foreign missions, for two full-time missionaries and additional part-time missionaries. (*34¢*)
- ▶ Funding for publishing projects, the CLC website, and special education projects (*5¢*).
- ▶ Funding the business expenses of our church body (*5¢*)

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Additional "auxiliary funds" have been created to support various efforts in the CLC as offerings allow. None of your CBP offerings go to these funds (however, an offering can be designated for these funds at any time).

- **Mission Development Fund (MDF)** – This fund finances various extra-budgetary projects and aid efforts. Examples: Bibles for missions, translations, exploratory mission work, rice aid in India, bicycles, motorcycles, disaster relief.
- **Kinship** supports orphans in India, Nigeria, East Africa, Nepal as well as seminary students and pastors' widows. Kinship also provides aid after natural disasters and for other humanitarian needs among our foreign missions.
- **Student Aid Fund (SAF)** – This fund supports the grants, loans, and work-study offered to students at ILC in an effort to make the Christian education at ILC as affordable as possible.
- **ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)** – Used for larger maintenance and capital improvement projects on the ILC campus.
- **Church Extension Fund (CEF)** – These resources are loaned to CLC congregations at low mortgage rates for building projects. Mortgage payments replenish the fund.
- **EduK8 Fund** (newly established Christian education fund) – Used to help start and promote Christian schools in CLC churches.
- **Immanuel Lutheran College Building Fund** – This fund is used to pay for new building projects on the campus of Immanuel Lutheran College, High School, and Seminary.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

February 3-8

Mon John 4:4-24 Jesus asks a drink from a Samaritan woman, but would rather give her much more (v14). He shows her the need for spiritual wisdom to worship God in spirit and in truth (v24).

Tues 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 The apostle uses his own example to show that faith does not come through human wisdom, but by the persuading power of the Holy Spirit.

Wed 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 There is indeed a wisdom at work among God's people, but it is not the world's wisdom. It is the wisdom that God reveals to us through His Spirit (v10).

Thurs Genesis 22:1-19 Abraham's faith is tested when He is told to offer Isaac up to God. Abraham's faith in God's promises survive the test and the Lord provides a ram to be offered up instead of his son.

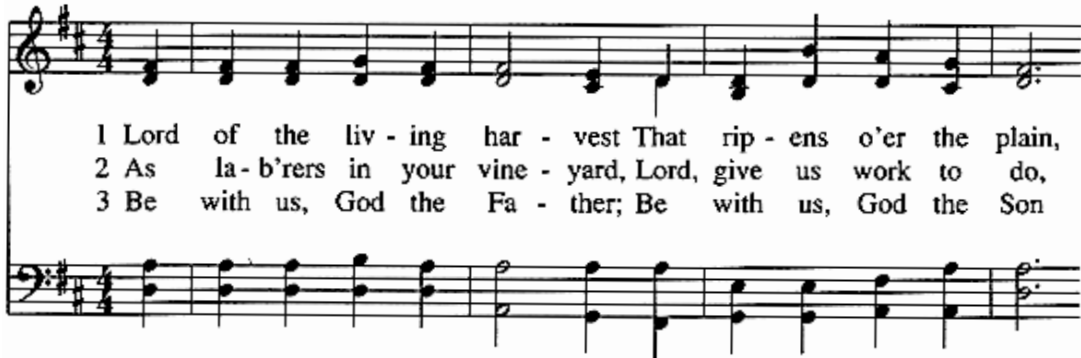
Fri Micah 6:1-8 The Lord accuses His people of rebelling against Him (v1-5), and Israel's response is to remember His word which requires doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with their God (v6-8).

Sat 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 The apostle Paul commends the Thessalonians' brotherly love, and encourages them to do so even more, conducting themselves decently toward outsiders as well.

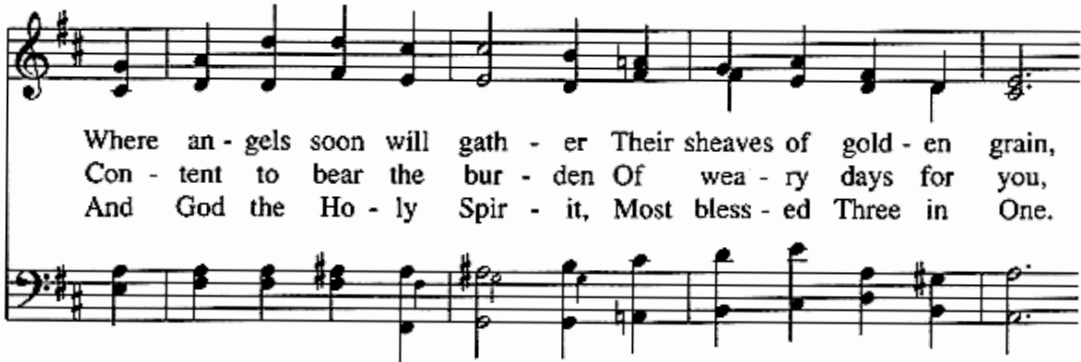
Closing Hymn

Lord of the Living Harvest

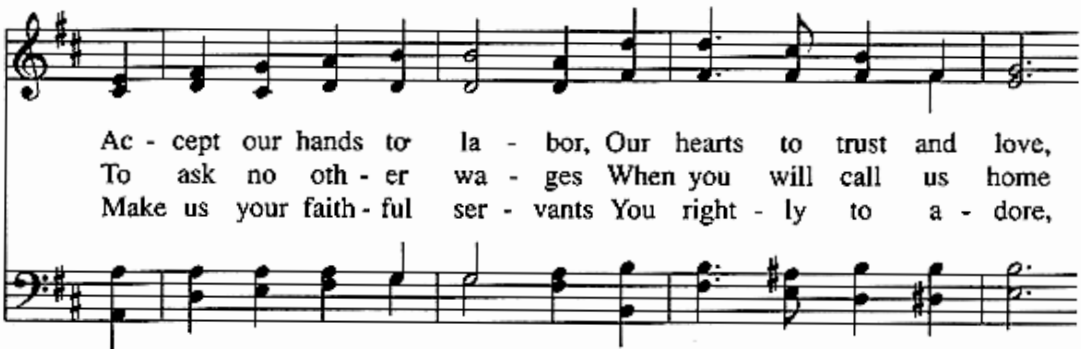
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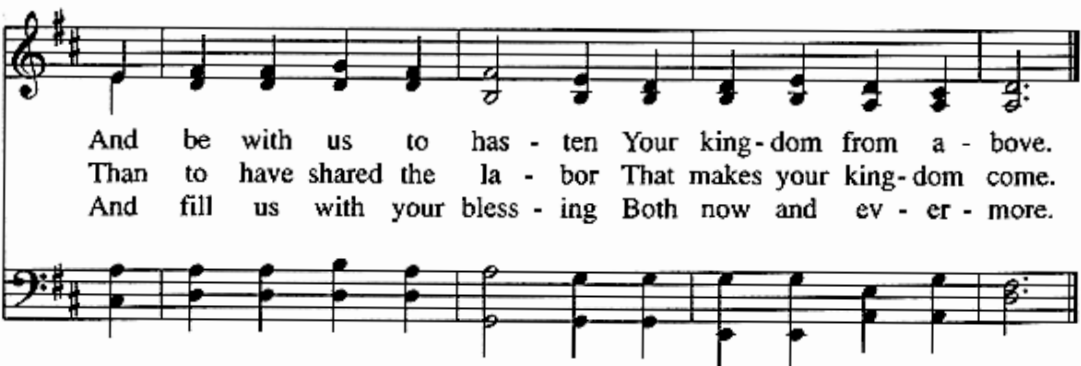
1 Lord of the liv - ing har - vest That rip - ens o'er the plain,
2 As la - b'ers in your vine - yard, Lord, give us work to do,
3 Be with us, God the Fa - ther; Be with us, God the Son



Where an - gels soon will gath - er Their sheaves of gold - en grain,
Con - tent to bear the bur - den Of wea - ry days for you,
And God the Ho - ly Spir - it, Most bless - ed Three in One.



Ac - cept our hands to la - bor, Our hearts to trust and love,
To ask no oth - er wa - ges When you will call us home
Make us your faith - ful ser - vants You right - ly to a - dore,



And be with us to has - ten Your king - dom from a - bove.
Than to have shared the la - bor That makes your king - dom come.
And fill us with your bless - ing Both now and ev - er - more.