

*This saying is
trustworthy and
is deserving of
full acceptance:*

**"CHRIST JESUS CAME
INTO THE WORLD TO
SAVE SINNERS"**

*and I am worst
of them all. Paul*

1 Timothy 1:15

**3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 25, 2026**

Welcome to

A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests! We are glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus. Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you. Questions? Please speak with one of the ushers. They will happy to assist you!



SERVICE OF THE WORD

based on Worship Supplement 2000 (pp. 12-21)

Opening Prayer

Hymn LSB 560 *"Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"*

The Invocation

P: Welcome ... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession of Sins & Announcement of Forgiveness

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

The Kyrie

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature 'C'. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody, with lyrics 'on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.' written below it. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Glory to God in the Highest

The Gloria in Excelsis

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

The musical notation consists of four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature 'C'. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody, with lyrics '2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,' written below it. The third staff continues the melody, with lyrics '3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,' written below it. The fourth staff continues the melody, with lyrics 'Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.' written below it. The fifth staff continues the melody, with lyrics 'You bore for us the load of this world's sin.' written below it. The sixth staff continues the melody, with lyrics 'At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:' written below it. The seventh staff continues the melody, with lyrics 'We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,' written below it. The eighth staff continues the melody, with lyrics 'O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,' written below it. The ninth staff continues the melody, with lyrics 'Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,' written below it. The tenth staff continues the melody, with lyrics 'Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.' written below it. The eleventh staff continues the melody, with lyrics 'Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.' written below it. The twelfth staff continues the melody, with lyrics 'With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.' written below it. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray ...

C: Amen.

First Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:3-11

3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the

greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. 11 Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 85

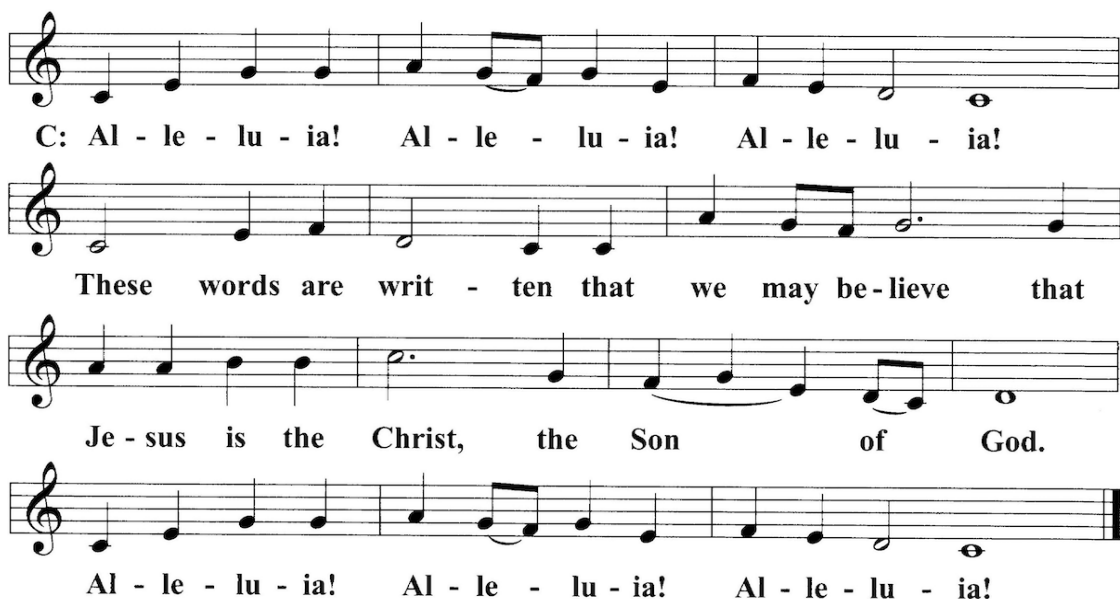
P: LORD, You have been favorable to Your land:
C: You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.
P: You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people:
C: You have covered all their sin.
P: Show us Your mercy, LORD:
C: And grant us Your salvation.
P: I will hear what God the LORD will speak:
C: For He will speak peace to His people and to His saints.
P: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him:
C: That glory may dwell in our land.
P: Mercy and truth have met together:
C: Righteousness and peace have kissed.

Second Lesson

Luke 19:1-10

1 Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. 2 Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. 3 And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” 6 So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. 7 But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.” 8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.” 9 And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; 10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia!



Confession of Faith

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 793 *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

Sermon

Acts 9:1-20

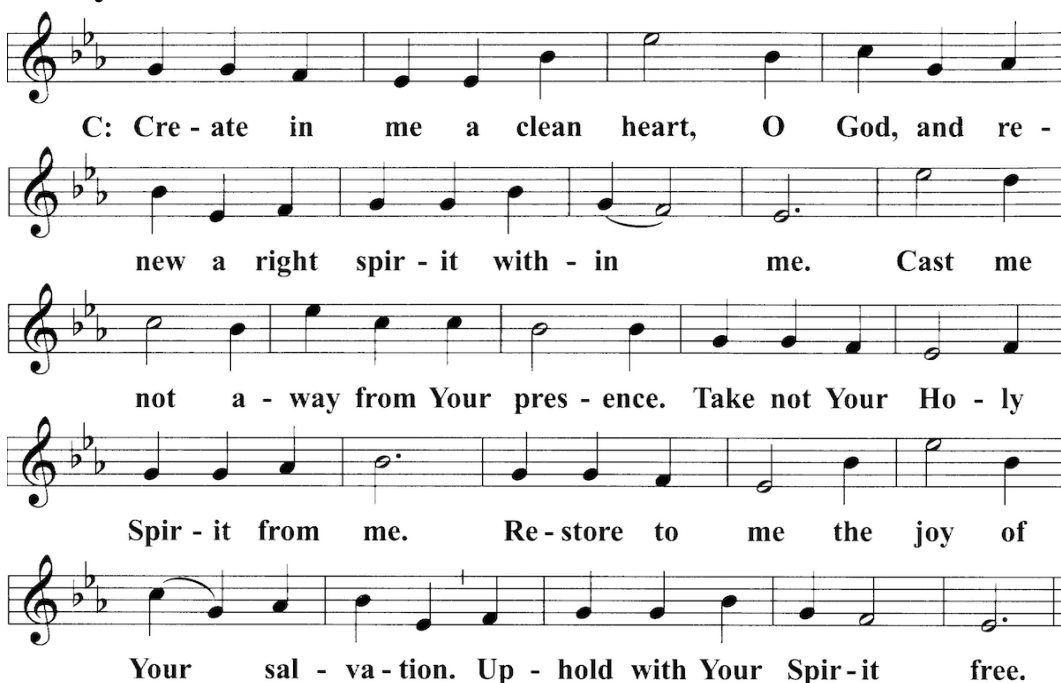
God's Grace in Christ Makes All the Difference!

1. It did for St. Paul. 2. It does for the people of St. Paul.

1 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. 4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? 5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

It is hard for you to kick against the goads.” 6 So he, trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?” Then the Lord said to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” 7 And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. 8 Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank. 10 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” 11 So the Lord said to him, “Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. 12 And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight.” 13 Then Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.” 15 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name’s sake.” 17 And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” 18 Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized. 19 So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus. 20 Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.

Offertory



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
 not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
 Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

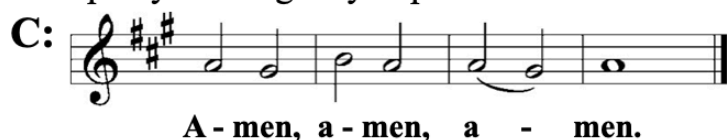
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn (tan hymnal)

WS 778 *"Grace Has a Thrilling Sound"*

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Closing Hymn

LSB 517 (1, 12, 3) *"By All Your Saints in Warfare"*

Melody: LSB 478



This Week at St. Paul

Today (1/25)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Annual Voters Meeting
Sun (2/1)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

Prayer Needs: We ask the Lord for His continuing gracious care for our fellow members: Lance Clark, Mark Hartmeister, Pat Newton, Doug Tiefel, Jerry Wamboldt, and Julie Ann Zamora.

The Immanuel Lutheran College Tour Choir will present a concert of sacred music here at St. Paul on Thursday, March 19, at 6:30 pm. More information about this event to be shared soon.

Easter Banners: The Mary & Martha ladies group has donated \$100.00 toward new Easter banners. A set will cost \$360.00 so we are almost a third of the way there! Funds will be needed by the beginning of March to purchase & prepare the banners. If you would like to contribute, you can

1. Put your donation in your offering envelope & write the amount in “other local purpose” on the left side.
2. Put it in a separate envelope in the offering plate marked “Easter Banners.”
3. Give your donation directly to Mike or Lisa Sprengeler.

Thank you!

Synod News & Notes

Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire will host a grade school basketball tournament on March 13-15, 2026. From the tournament directors: "If you have child(ren) in your congregation that are interested in participating but do not have a team, please let us know and we can get them a team to play with. Also, we are always in need of volunteers to help out with refereeing, scorebook, scoreboard, etc. Even if your church is not sending a team, please spread the word that we need volunteers to help out. And everyone is welcome to join in the fun and fellowship! Feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions. Epiphany Blessings to all. Steve Sydow - 608-879-0011; Steve Schierenbeck - 612-227-8419."

Pastor Richard Kanzenbach of St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD, has announced his retirement in summer 2026. <> Pastoral vacancies currently exist at Phoenix AZ, Spokane WA, Red Wing MN, and Eau Claire WI (3rd pastor).

Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has been appointed by President Michael Wilke and has accepted the call to serve on the CLC Board of Regents. Pastor Eichstadt will serve as interim secretary until a permanent appointment is made to fill that position.

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

January 25 – February 1

Mon Matthew 8:1-4 Jesus' surpassing glory is revealed not only in His power to heal the leper that comes to Him. It is also displayed in His merciful willingness to help the afflicted man with no crowd around him.

Tues Matthew 8:5-13 Jesus has not come for Jews alone, but reaches out to a Roman centurion as well. Indeed, many will come from the east and the west (v11) to join the patriarchs in the kingdom of heaven.

Wed Romans 12:16b-21 In order to show our Savior's glory in our daily walk, Paul's advice is couched in the negative: "Do not ... " take on airs or take revenge, but provide as God provides, even for an enemy.

Thurs Psalm 33:1-9 God's people rejoice to glorify Him with singing and instruments, for His mighty and merciful Word is seen in His creation of the world, its heights and depths, and all of its inhabitants!

Fri Psalm 33:10-22 After creating the world, the Lord still knows what is going on, is mightier than all its kings with all their armies, and watches over those who wait for His mercy (v18). May Your mercy be on us.

Sat Psalm 15 By ourselves, none of us could stand before God in His sanctuary, but there is One who walked righteously and spoke truth and did it all in our name, that we might stand with Him.

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