

**5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 8, 2026**



Welcome to

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lakewood, Colorado**

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 The Lutheran Hymnal (pp. 5-14)

Opening Prayer

Hymn

LSB 816 *"From All that Dwell Below the Skies"*

The Invocation

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

C:  A - men.

The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef. It contains five notes: a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on C5, and a quarter note on B4. A slur is placed under the last three notes (B4, C5, B4).

Confession of Sins & Announcement of Forgiveness

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C:  Who made heav'n and earth.

The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef. It contains five notes: a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on C5, and a quarter note on B4.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C:  And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

The musical notation consists of a single staff with a treble clef. It contains seven notes: a quarter note on G4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on C5, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on A4, and a quarter note on G4. Slurs are placed under the last three notes (B4, A4, G4) and the last two notes (A4, G4).

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.



Responsive Psalm Reading

Psalm 111

P The works of the LORD are great:

C Studied by all who have pleasure in them.

P His work is honorable and glorious:

C And His righteousness endures forever.

P He has made His wonderful works to be remembered:

C The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

P The works of His hands are verity and justice:

C All His precepts are sure.

P He has sent redemption to His people:

C He has commanded His covenant forever.

P The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom:

C A good understanding have all those who do His commandments.

P: Glory be to God!

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, for - ev - er-more. A-men.

Lord, Have Mercy

The Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bottom staff is a bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

Glory to God in the Highest

The Gloria in Excelsis

[LSB #947:1, alt.]

All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His
fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A child of
God for - ev - er. The Fa - ther's love, the Sa - vior's birth, Bring
peace, good will, to all the earth, Oh, thank Him for His good - ness!

The musical notation is arranged in four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the staves of each system.

P: The Lord be with you:

C:

The musical notation is a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and consists of a few notes.

And may He be with you. □

P: Let us pray:

C: 

First Lesson

Isaiah 58:5-9

5 Is it a fast that I have chosen, a day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head like a bulrush, and to spread out sackcloth and ashes? Would you call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD? 6 “Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; when you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh? 8 Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. 9 Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, ‘Here I am.’

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

C: 

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

(Upon announcement of the Second Lesson, the congregation sings:)

C: 

1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 3 I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

(The Second Lesson ended, the congregation sings:)



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

LSB 704 "*Renew Me, O Eternal Light*"

Sermon

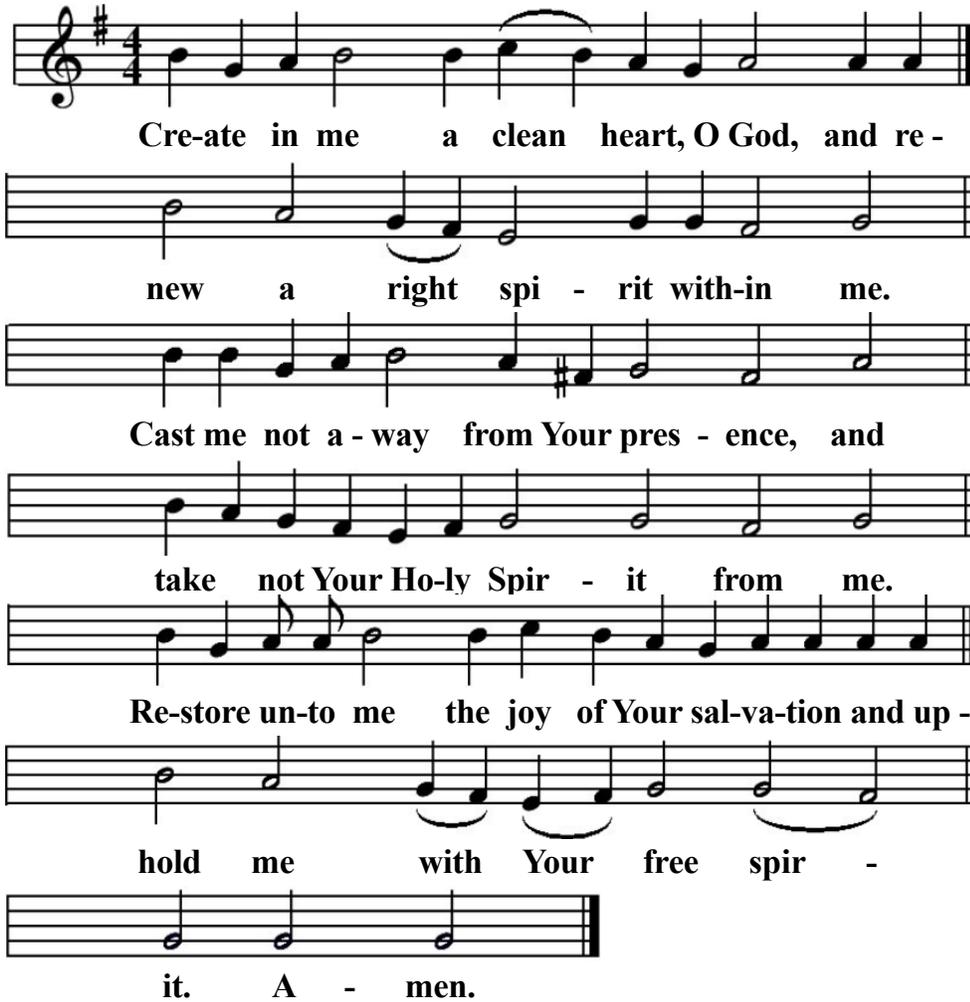
Matthew 5:13-20

Living a True Righteousness

1. Righteousness demanded.
2. Righteousness fulfilled.
3. Righteousness to share.

13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. 17 “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. 19 Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Offertory



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spi - rit with-in me.
Cast me not a - way from Your pres - ence, and
take not Your Ho-ly Spir - it from me.
Re-store un-to me the joy of Your sal-va-tion and up -
hold me with Your free spir -
it. A - men.

Offering of Thankful Hearts / Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

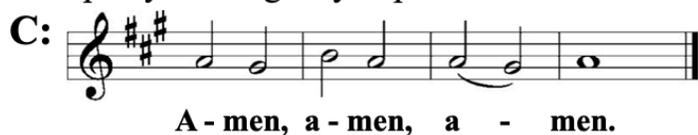
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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

Hymn

LSB 694 (1-4) *"Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower"*

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 699 (1,3) *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (2/8)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Sun (2/15)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

The Immanuel Lutheran College Tour Choir will present a concert of sacred music at St. Paul on Thursday, March 19, at 6:30 pm. Housing is needed for 29 choir members and 2 directors for the night of the concert. If you are able to host two or more choir members kindly inform President Ed Chiappetti or the pastor. A sign-up sheet for hosting is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Banners: The funds needed to purchase new Easter banners for our church sanctuary (as solicited in last Sunday's bulletin) have been received, thanks to the generosity of various donors. We would like to have banners for additional church year seasons. If you'd like to help with covering the cost for these you are welcome to do so. To make a contribution for this cause ...

- Put your donation in your offering envelope & write the amount in "other local purpose" on the left side with "Banners" written on the "specify" blank
- Put your donation in a separate envelope in the offering plate marked "Banners"
- Give your donation directly to Mike or Lisa Sprengeler

Thank you!

Synod News & Notes

Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea Ev. Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY.

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

February 9-14

Mon Matthew 13:3-23 Even where heaven's King rules, the harvest is not always the same. The seed and Sower are the same, but still have opposition in many different forms, pictured by weeds, rocks, birds, etc.

Tues Matthew 13:24-30 Why does not heaven's King simply wipe out the weeds sown by His enemy? Because He cares so much for the wheat which He has planted. But the day of harvest is coming.

Wed Colossians 3:12-17 May all the love of our glorious Savior be reflected in our compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, and love toward one another, whether in word or deed.

Thurs Jeremiah 17:5-10 Evil proceeds from misplaced trust, such as trusting in human strength. Following such a heart leads to disaster, but blessed is anyone who trusts in the Lord.

Fri Psalm 86 "Blessed are the poor in spirit" (Mt5:3). In this Psalm we have the chance to pray with David, who was poor and needy. With him we look to the Lord who is good and forgiving, full of mercy.

Sat Psalm 20 As we worshiped the Lord in the day of peace and plenty, may we also look to Him in the day of distress. Some rely on earthly strength, but we will rely on the name of the Lord, our God (v7).

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