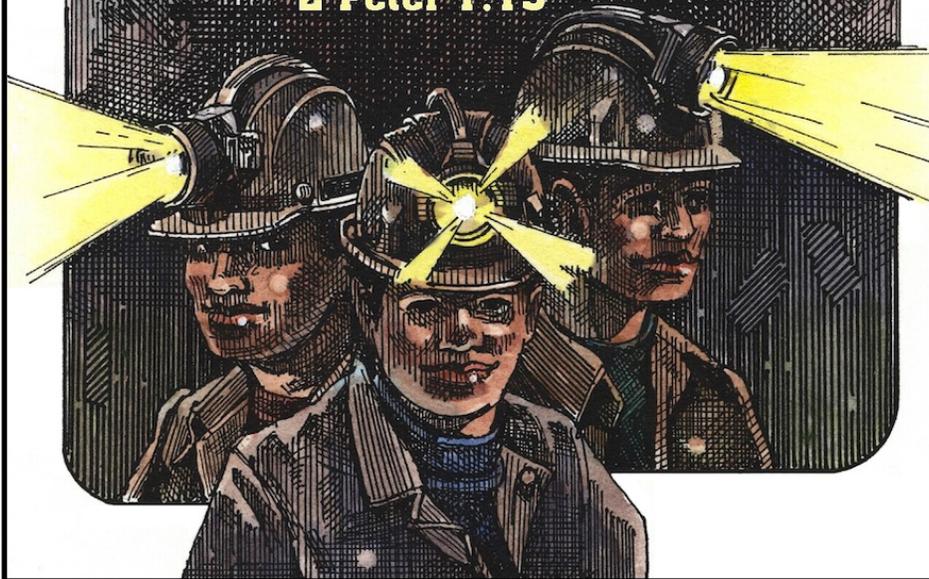


**So we have the
prophetic message
more fully confirmed.**

**You will do well to be
attentive to this as to**

**a LAMP SHINING
in a DARK PLACE...**

2 Peter 1:19



**Last Sunday after Epiphany
The Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 15, 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 be happy to assist you!



SERVICE OF THE WORD
based on Worship Supplement 2000 (pp. 12-21)

Opening Prayer

Hymn

LSB 537 "*Beautiful Savior*"

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.

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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray ...

C: Amen.

First Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18

12 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them.” 15 Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. 16 Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 17 The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. 18 So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 148

P: Praise the LORD from the heavens:

C Praise Him in the heights!

P Praise Him, all His angels:

C Praise Him, all His hosts!

P Praise Him, sun and moon:

C Praise Him, all you stars of light!

P Praise the LORD from the earth:

C Fire and hail, snow and clouds, stormy wind, fulfilling His word.

P Mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars:

C Beasts and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowl.

P Kings of the earth and all peoples:

C Both young men and maidens; old men and children.

P Let them praise the name of the LORD:

C For His glory is above the earth and heaven.

Second Lesson

Matthew 17:1-9

1 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; 2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. 3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. 4 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” 5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” 6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were

greatly afraid. 7 But Jesus came and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.” 8 When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. 9 Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead.”

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

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be-lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score consists of four staves of music in C major, 4/4 time. The first staff is the Alleluia chorus. The second staff begins with the text 'These words are written that we may believe that'. The third staff continues with 'Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.' The fourth staff concludes with another Alleluia chorus. The music is simple and melodic, suitable for congregational singing.

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 413 "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair"

Bible Myths ... Debunked!

Myth 1: "The Bible contains make-believe stories."

Myth 2: "It was authored by error-prone humans."

Myth 3: "It makes sense to ignore its message."

16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. 19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

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

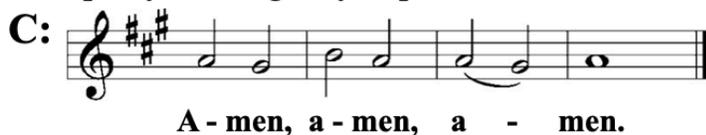
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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

Hymn

LSB 414 *"'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"*

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 582 *"God's Word is Our Great Heritage"*



This Week at St. Paul

Today (2/15)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Wed	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
Sun (2/22)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	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 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.



A **New Church Directory** will be published soon. Kindly inform Pastor if there are changes to your contact information from the 2025 Directory. Thank you.

Available from the Tract Rack:

- St. Paul 2026 Worship Calendar & Calendar of Events (adopted at the Annual Meeting)
- Copies of the 2025 Pastor’s Annual, Statistical, and Visitations and Ministrations Reports; Treasurer's Report
- Help yourself!

Our Midweek Lenten Service Schedule will begin this Wednesday, February 18. This year’s Lenten theme is *"Ironies of the Passion."* In each service we will examine things that were said or done in connection with Jesus’ suffering and death that were “ironic.” Service time: 7:00 pm. We will observe the customary pulpit exchange with our sister CLC congregations of the Front Range: Redeemer, Cheyenne and Prince of Peace, Loveland. Here are the service details:



Theme: "Ironies of the Passion"

Feb 18	"It Is Better That One Man Die for the People"	John 11:45-53	Pastor Libby
Feb 25	"This Man Went Home Justified"	Luke 18:9-14	Pastor Naumann
Mar 4	"Not During the Festival"	Matthew 26:1-5	Pastor Schuetze
Mar 11	"Don't You Fear God?"	Luke 23:39-43	Pastor Libby
Mar 18	"We Have No King but Caesar"	John 19:12-16	Pastor Naumann
Mar 25	He Had Been Wanting to See Jesus	Luke 23:6-12	Pastor Schuetze



Election Results from the Annual Voters Meeting

President: Ed Chiappetti — Vice-president: Doug Tiefel
 Secretary: Jesse J. Cornish — Treasurer: Wayne Ruegge
 Assistant Treasurer: Andrew Baker — Elder: Mike Sprengeler
 Board of Trustees: Jesse J. Cornish, Mike Sprengeler
 Finance Committee: Mark Hartmeister, Bob Rankin

Also serving as church officers (unexpired terms):

Board of Elders: Derek Barthels, Ed Chiappetti
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 God bless the labors of love these His servants perform
for His glory and the benefit of His Church!

Synod News & Notes

- John Hein, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Fridley, MN, was called home to heaven on Saturday, February 7. Fellow-pastor, Nathan Pfeiffer (Berea Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights) wrote in an email: "Thinking of John completing his ministry last Sunday (something he was VERY determined to do) and being taken from Grace to Glory six days later, the words of Jesus in the parable of the talents certainly seems fitting: ***"Well done, good and faithful servant ... Enter into the joy of your master"*** (Matthew 25:21)." The victory service was held yesterday at Berea Church. Please keep Janelle, family members, and Grace congregation in your prayers. Condolences can be sent to: Janelle Hein, 460 75th Ave NE, Fridley, MN 55432. *"And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!" Revelation 14:13.*
- Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has accepted the vacancy call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <> Seminarian Sam Radermacher, in conjunction with his vicarship under Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has received the summer vacancy call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Pastor Ted Barthels of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Austin, MN, has announced his retirement from the pastoral ministry as of April 30, 2026. <> Pastor Richard Kanzenbach of St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD, has announced his retirement from the pastoral ministry as of summer 2026.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

February 16-23

Mon Matthew 17:1-9 With Jesus on the mountain, Peter, James, and John beheld the Lord's glory as He spoke with Moses and Elijah. His face and clothing shined, but His word was what they should listen to.

Tues 2 Peter 1:16-21 Years later Peter still remembers the Lord's heavenly majesty on that special mountain, but he points us to the prophetic word, which is like a lamp shining in a dark place (v19).

Wed Matthew 6:16-18 *Ash Wednesday.* As we prepare for Easter with a season of penitence, may fasting and all our customs be acts of repentance and thanksgiving, not mere shows to gain earthly honor.

Thurs Matthew 6:19-21 There are treasures on earth and there are treasures in heaven. Those in heaven outlast anything on earth, are far more worthy of our heart's desire, and freely ours in Christ.

Fri Isaiah 59:12-21 Our many sins are in fact rebellion against the Lord (vv12-15). The Lord sees there is none to work salvation, so His own arm will work salvation for Zion (vv16-21). Thanks be to God!

Sat Psalm 51 As we recognize with David our need for cleansing, we turn to a gracious God, asking Him to create a clean heart within us (v12), that our joy in His salvation may be shared with other sinners (v13).

Our New CBP Estimate

At the January Annual Meeting the voters of St. Paul resolved to set our Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) estimate for the new year (amount we plan to contribute for the work of God's Kingdom with our sister CLC churches) at \$12,065. To meet our pledge CBP offerings of \$232 per week will be needed during 2026. Here's a summary of how your CBP offerings will be used in the new year (based on the Board of Trustees FY27 proposed budget):

- ▶ ILC – The CLC subsidizes the Christian education at our Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI. The total proposed ILC operating budget for the next fiscal year is \$1,818,150. 60% of ILC's operating expenses to be funded via student revenue. The balance of the operating expenses (40%) would be funded via CBP offerings (56¢ out of every dollar given).
- ▶ Missions – 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. (37¢)
- ▶ Board of Education – Funding for publishing projects, the CLC website, and special Christian education projects (2¢).
- ▶ Board of Trustees – Funding business expenses of our church body (5¢)

There are also a number of "auxiliary funds" used to support various efforts in the CLC, as offerings allow:

- ▶ **Mission Development Fund (MDF)** – This fund finances extra-budgetary projects and aid efforts, such as: Bibles, catechism translations, exploratory mission work, rice aid in India, bicycles, motorcycles, disaster relief.
- ▶ **Kinship** – Supports orphans in India, Nigeria, East Africa, Nepal as well as sem students and pastors' widows. Kinship also provides aid to our overseas brethren after natural disasters and other humanitarian needs.
- ▶ **Student Aid Fund (SAF)** – 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 our 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** – Used to help start and promote Christian schools in CLC churches.
- ▶ **Immanuel Lutheran College Building Fund** – Used to pay for new building projects on the campus of Immanuel Lutheran College, High School, and Seminary.

Note: No CBP offerings go towards these funds. CLC members are welcome to designate offerings for these funds any time, as needs arise.

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