

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
*Jesus Calls You Salt and Light*

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | *Jordan, Minnesota*

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*February 8, 2026*

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God’s holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

**TODAY’S THEME**

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches us that form and function are closely connected. That means that who we are influences what we do. When God called us to faith, he declared that we were something new: light, salt, his children. Jesus encourages us to be what God says we are as a way of blessing the world through us.

**Pastor**.....Jeremy Glowicki  
**Accompanist**.....Lois Zander

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **Confession**

CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

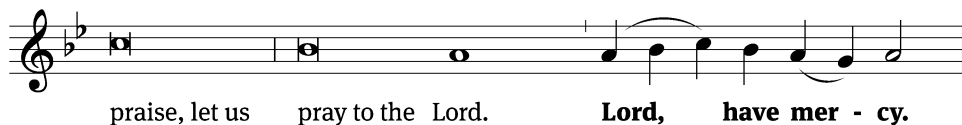
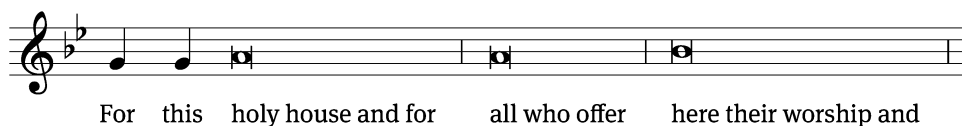
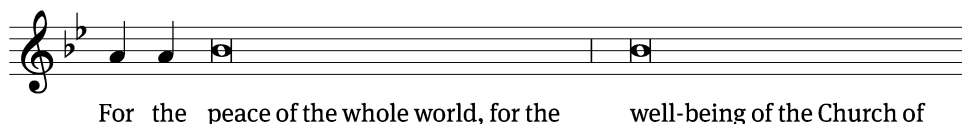
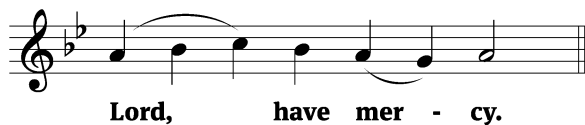
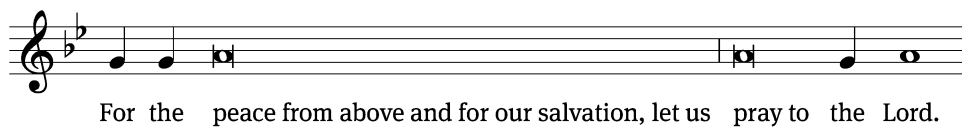
**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

# Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174





Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

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## Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. Lord God,



heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.  
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his  
 peo - ple on earth.

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## The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Exodus 19:1–8a

*God made something special out of Israel, a nation of slaves.*

In the third month after the Israelites had left the land of Egypt, on that same day of the month, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai. After they set out from Rephidim and came to the Wilderness of Sinai, they camped in the wilderness. Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, “This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and to tell the people of Israel: ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now if you will carefully listen to my voice and keep my covenant, then you will be my special treasure out of all the nations, although the entire earth is mine. You will be my kingdom of priests and my holy nation.’ These are the words that you are to speak to the Israelites.” Moses went and summoned the elders of the people, and he set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. All the people answered together, “Everything that the LORD has said, we will do.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 112A Light Dawns in the Darkness

Psalms 112A

## Second Reading

1 Peter 2:9–12

*St. Peter encourages us to be what God has declared us to be.*

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy. Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and temporary residents in the world, to abstain from the desires of the sinful flesh, which war against your soul. Live an honorable life among the Gentiles so that even though they slander you as evildoers, when they observe your noble deeds, they may glorify God on the day he visits us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Let your light shine before                      oth - ers,

that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heav - en.

## Gospel

*Jesus explains that his disciples are blessings to this dark, decaying world.*

You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its flavor, how will it become salty again? Then it is no good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people. You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket. No, they put it on a stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. In the same way let your light shine in people's presence, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy them but to fulfill them. Amen I tell you: Until heaven and earth pass away, not even the smallest letter, or even part of a letter, will in any way pass away from the Law until everything is fulfilled. So whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever practices and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Indeed I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and experts in the law, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## **630 Thy Strong Word**

CW 630

### **Sermon**

*Stand*

### **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.**

*Be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church**

## **Offering**

During the offering, please fill out the Friendship Register in the pew and pass it down to those sitting next to you.

## **Welcome of New Members**

*We welcome Kendra Hoghaug to membership at St. Paul today.*

## **697 May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill**

*CW 697*

*Stand*

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## 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.

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## 770 God of Grace and God of Glory

CW 770

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# Lent Preview

Ash Wednesday is February 18 and begins the season of Lent. Soup Suppers begin on the 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-6pm. Foundation classes meet from 5:30-6:30. Worship is at 6:30.

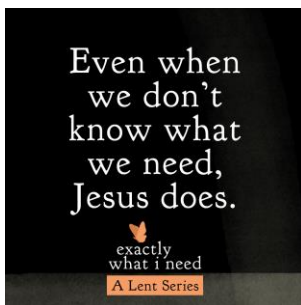
Service groups host and bring food for their assigned week. The groups were consolidated from four service groups to three. Check the board near the Fellowship Hall to find your group.

## Midweek Lent

The theme for the midweek services is “It is Finished” and will focus on prophecies from the less-frequently read book of Zechariah. Connections will be made to the Apostles’ Creed. Visiting pastors from our circuit will rotate and bring God’s Word to us each Wednesday. The congregation kids will sing on Ash Wednesday.



## Sundays in Lent



The theme for the Sundays in Lent is “Exactly What I Need.” Often we say, “I didn’t know I needed that,” when something unexpectedly proves essential. Lent is the season when we recognize our deepest needs—and see that in Christ, every one of them is met. God knows what we need even when we don’t. The Holy Spirit reminds us each week: without Christ, we have nothing; with Him, we have exactly what we need.

# *News & Notes*

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## **Radio Broadcast**

The radio broadcast is sponsored by the members of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Thank you!

## **Silent Auction!**

The Women of Woven are hosting their 2nd annual silent auction and need your help. Have unwanted Christmas gifts or unused gift cards? Donate them! We're also seeking handmade items, gift baskets, business services, or monetary donations to purchase gift cards. Please bring donations to the church office for Woven now through **February 14**.

The silent auction will open on **Ash Wednesday** and close after **Easter breakfast**. Payment will be by cash or check only, and your offering number will serve as your bidder number (contact the office if you need your 2026 envelope number). All proceeds support the upcoming district rally and church cleaning. Questions? See a member of Woven.

## **CAMM Items for Donation**

Jill Jahn will be collecting items to send to Malawi and Zambia. Current items requested are pill bottles, baby clothes, clothing for children, and light blankets. For a complete list of items, you can visit the Central Africa Medical Mission website at [www.camm.us/howtohelp](http://www.camm.us/howtohelp). There is information on the bulletin board near the fellowship containing important information regarding pill bottles, please read this if you are planning to donate any.

## **Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting will be today, following worship.

## **Foundation Class Lent Changes**

Foundations Class will meet from 5:30-6:30 starting at Ash Wednesday, February 18th. The kids also sing at worship that evening at the 6:30 service.

## **Soup Suppers**

The Soup Supper sign-up sheet is located in the binder near the Fellowship Hall. Please check the new Service Group schedule to see which group you are assigned to.

# FEBRUARY 2026

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 9 am Communion Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am	2 Worship 7 pm 7:45 Choir	3 Committee Meeting Night 6:30 pm	4 Foundations 6 pm Woven 6 pm	5 Senior Fellow- ship 10 am	6	7
8 Worship 9 am <b>Fellowship Sunday Annual Meeting</b> Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am	9 Worship 7 pm 7:45 Choir	10 Council Meet- ing 6:30 pm Reflections Bible Study for Women 7 pm	11 Foundations 6 pm	12	13	14
15 Worship 9 am Communion Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am	16 7:45 Choir	17 Oak Terrace 9:45	18 5 pm Soup Supper 5:30 Founda- tions 6:30 Ash Wednesday	19 Theology on Tap 6:30 Mana Brewing	20	21
22 Worship 9 am Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am WELS Connection	23 7:45 Choir	24	25 5 pm Soup Supper 5:30 Founda- tions 6:30 Lent Wor- ship	26	27	28

## SERVING THE LORD

		Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
2/8	9 am	Greta Newton	1	Cooper Kalal	Lois Zander
2/15	9 am	(Need Volunteer)	2	(Need Volunteer)	Noah Helke
2/18	6:30 pm	(Need Volunteer)	3	(Need Volunteer)	Noah Helke

February Altar Guild	February Cleaners
Dianne Jabs/Lynn Sorenson	-
February Counters	Service Group 1 Leader
Norma Bendzick/Connie Jabs	Need Volunteer
March Altar Guild	
Donna Breeggemann/Janet Robling	

Attendance	
Sunday	75
Monday	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>

Gifts To Our Lord		
	Received	Needed
Current	\$2025	\$3834
Online Giving	\$825	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2850</b>	<b>\$3834</b>



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