

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Jesus Calls You Blessed

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

February 1, 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

You may not feel blessed when you are hungry or insulted or mourning the death of a loved one. You may not be in the mood to boast when you feel foolish, weak, or lowly. But knowing your difficulties, Jesus still chose you to be his own. He gives you many gifts, and he calls you blessed.

CLOSE COMMUNION

Following the guidance of Scripture, we invite those who are members of this congregation or one of our sister WELS congregations to join us as we celebrate the Lord’s Supper this morning. Those who are members of other church bodies are asked to speak with the pastor before attending the Lord’s Supper. With this practice, it is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God’s Word. Thank you for respecting our practice regarding the Lord’s Supper.

Pastor.....Jeremy Glowicki
Organist.....Lois Zander

Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

CW 173

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

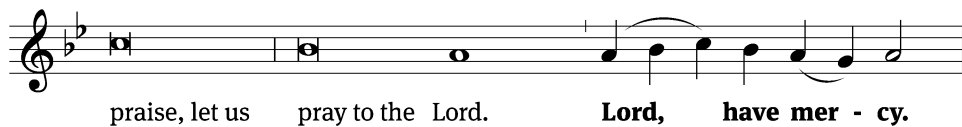
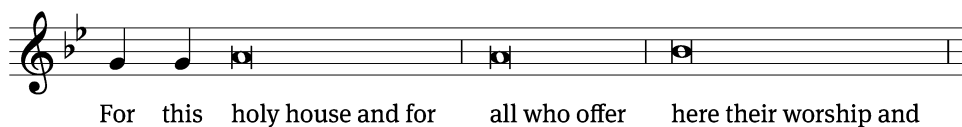
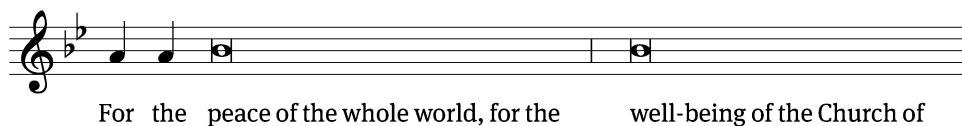
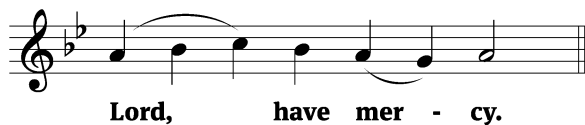
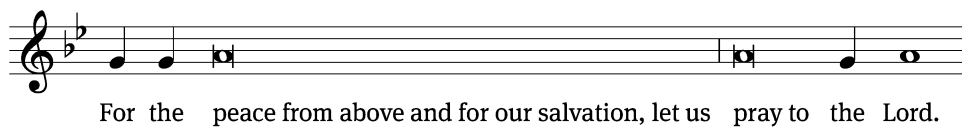
Silence for meditation and reflection

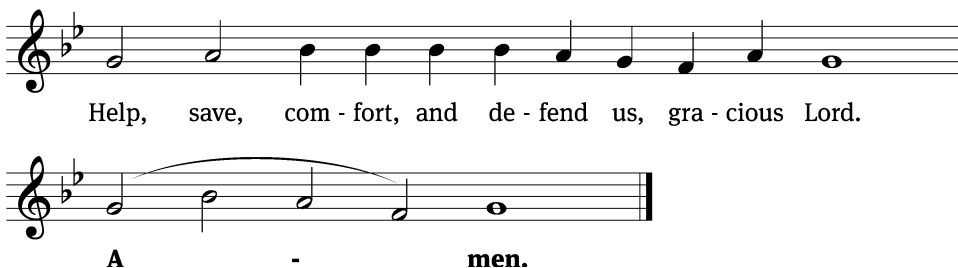
God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

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.

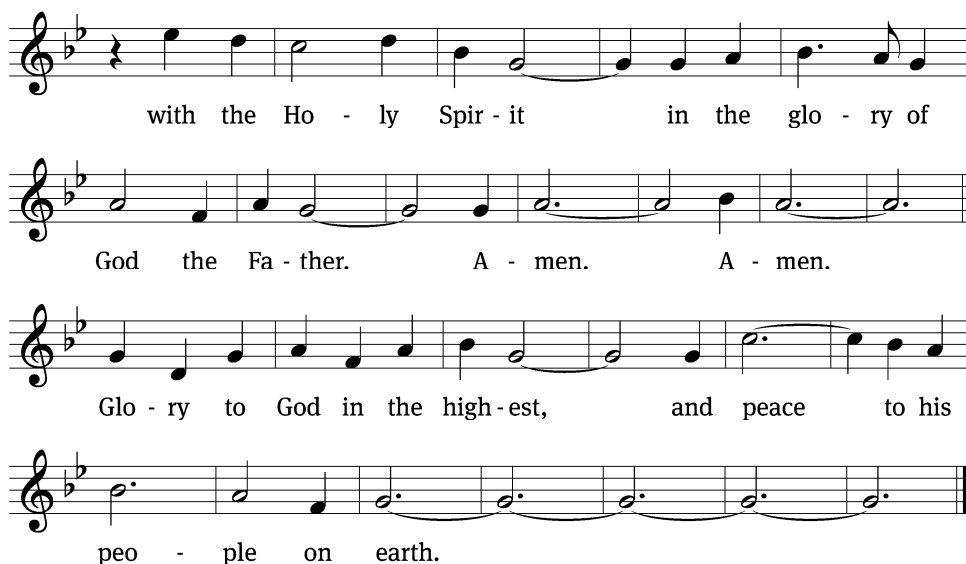
For you a -



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



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



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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; 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

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:11-13

The Lord promises that those who trust him will not be put to shame.

Seek the LORD, all you humble people of the earth who have carried out his commands. Seek righteousness. Seek humility. Maybe then you will be sheltered in the day of the LORD's anger. In that day you will no longer bear the shame of your rebellions against me. Then I will remove the proud boasters from among you, and you will never again be arrogant on my holy hill. But I will leave among you the people who are humble and weak. They will seek refuge in the name of the LORD. The Israelites who remain will no longer act unjustly. They will not lie, and a deceitful tongue will not be found in their mouth. Instead, they will graze peacefully like sheep and lie down. No one will terrify them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1B How Truly Blest Are They

Psalms 1B



1 How tru - ly blest are they who shun the
2 But make the law of God their stud - y
3 They like a tree shall thrive with wa - ters
4 The wick - ed are not so! They no such

sin - ners' ways, a - mong their coun - sels
and de - light a - mid the la - bors
near the root. Fresh as the leaf their
bless - ing find. Their hopes shall flee like

nev - er stand, nor take the scorn - ers' place,
of the day and watch - es of the night.
name shall live; their works are heav'n - ly fruit.
emp - ty chaff be - fore the driv - ing wind.

- 5 How will they bear to stand
 before that judgment seat
 where all the saints at Christ's right hand
 in full assembly meet?
- 6 God knows and he approves
 the way the righteous go,
 but sinners and their works shall meet
 a dreadful overthrow.

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

God changes how we view ourselves by connecting us to Christ Jesus.

For example, consider your call, brothers. Not many of you were wise from a human point of view, not many were powerful, and not many were born with high status. But God chose the foolish things of the world to put to shame those who are wise. God chose the weak things of the world to put to shame the things that are strong, and God chose the lowly things of the world and the despised things, and the things that are not, to do away with the things that are, so that no one may boast before God. But because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us the wisdom from God, namely, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. God did this so that, just as it is written, “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:3



Refrain



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

Tone



Blessed are the poor in spir - it, for theirs is the kingdom of heav - en.

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Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, our Savior turns the ideas of the world upside down.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his disciples came to him. He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these things. Blessed are the poor in spirit, because theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, because they will be comforted. Blessed are the gentle, because they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, because they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, because they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, because they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, because they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, because theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. In fact, that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering

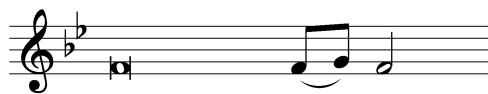
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The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

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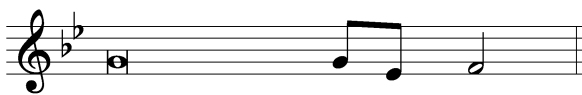
The Lord be with you.



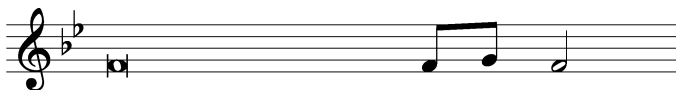
And al - so with you.



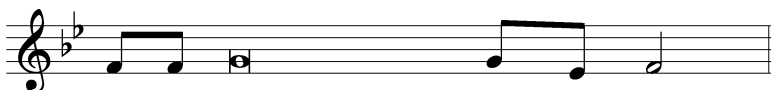
Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

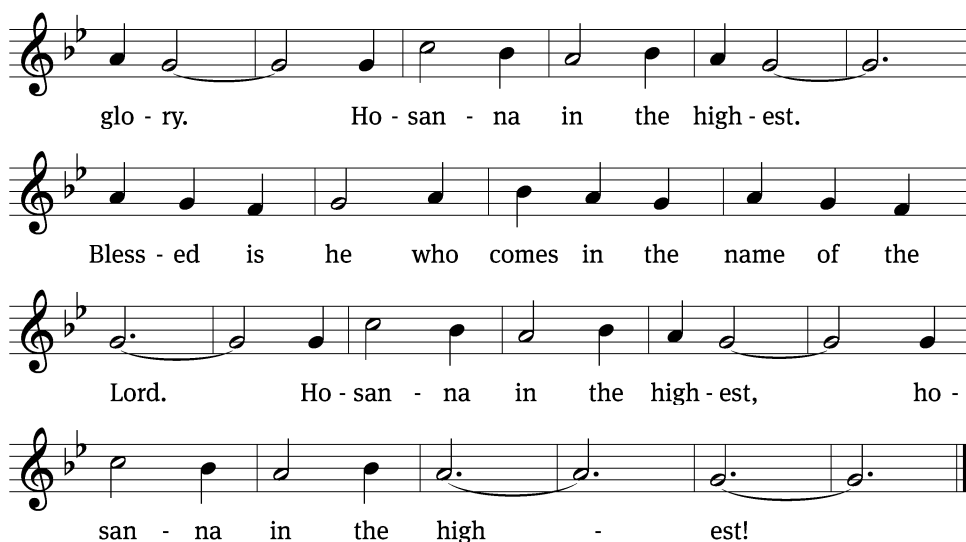
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **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.

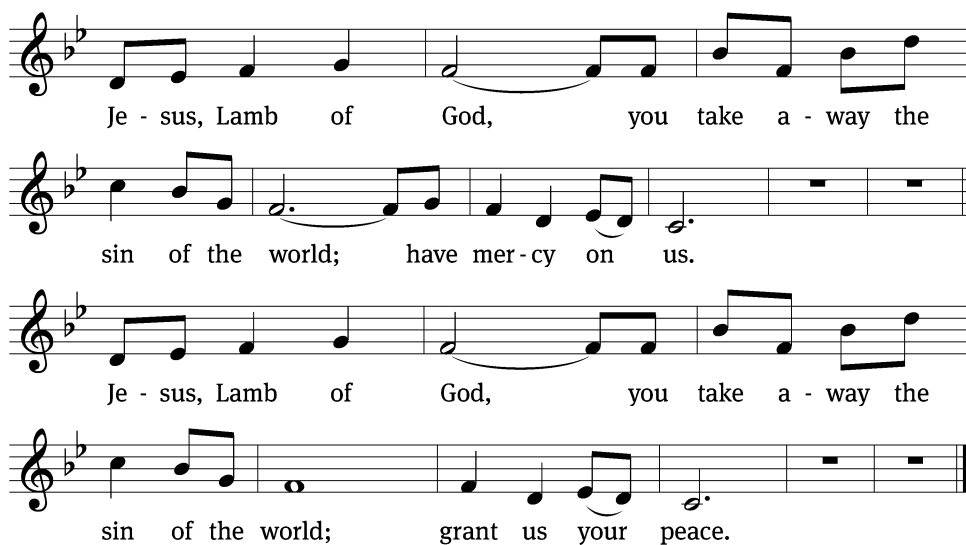
Words of Institution

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



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Be seated

Distribution

669 In This Holy, Blest Communion

Sung by Soloist

673 O Lord, We Praise You

CW 673

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

568 His Robes for Mine

CW 568

This hymn emphasizes how Christ accomplished our salvation in our place and gives us the righteousness which God demanded, but Jesus lived for us. It uses a couple of unfamiliar words. It says, “propitiation won,” meaning that Jesus appeased God’s anger against us. It also says, “saved by my Lord’s vicarious death and life,” meaning that Jesus lived a perfect life and died for sin in our place.

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Lent Preview

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

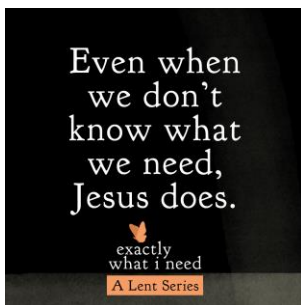
Service groups host and bring food for their assigned week. The groups were consolidated from four service groups to three. Check the board near the Fellowship Hall to find your group.

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

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. 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.

Committee Meeting

The next Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 3rd at 6:30 pm.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be on February 8th following worship.

Service Groups

Please note that service groups have changed! We no longer have service groups by season. They are now groups 1-3. There is an updated schedule posted on the bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

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.

SERVING THE LORD

Acolytes			Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
2/1	9 am	(Need Volunteer)	4	(Need Volunteer)	Lois Zander
2/8	9 am	Greta Newton	1	(Need Volunteer)	Lois Zander
2/15	9 am	(Need Volunteer)	2	(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	88
Monday	5
Total	93

Gifts To Our Lord		
	Received	Needed
Current	\$1188	\$3834
Online Giving	\$1353	
Total	\$2541	\$3834



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