



Second Sunday after the Epiphany – January 18, 2026

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — His good, pleasing, and perfect will. Romans 12:2



St. Paul's
Missouri Synod Lutheran

Welcome!

Service Setting Two Hymnal -LSB 167

Bold face type - *read by the congregation*

Opening Hymn - 606- I Lay My Sins on Jesus

Please stand

*The sign of the cross may be made by
all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

Invocation

Exhortation LSB 167

Kneel/Stand

*Silence for reflection on God's Word
and for self-examination.*

Confession of Sins LSB 167

Absolution LSB 167

Introit Psalm 19:1–4a, b;
antiphon: v. 14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

Their measuring line goes out through all the
earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Kyrie LSB 168

This Is the Feast LSB 171

Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs
all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully
hear the prayers of Your people and grant us
Your peace through all our days; through
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please sit

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 49:1–7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The Lord called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named
my name.

²He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me, “You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing
and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the Lord,
and my recompense with my God."
⁵And now the Lord says,
he who formed me from the womb
to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶he says:
"It is too light a thing that you should be my
servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of
the earth."

⁷Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,
the servant of rulers:
"Kings shall see and arise;
princes, and they shall prostrate
themselves;
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,
**and the faithfulness of the Lord
endures forever.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an
apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother
Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth,
to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to
be saints together with all those who in every
place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you
because of the grace of God that was given
you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you
were enriched in him in all speech and all
knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about
Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that
you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you
wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ,
⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the
day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful,
by whom you were called into the fellowship
of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 173

Verse

John 1:29b

**Alleluia. Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes
away the sin of the world! Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

John 1:29–42a

The Holy Gospel according to St. John,
the first chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Please sit

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn - 550 -Lamb of God

Sermon

Please stand

Apostles’ Creed

LSB 175

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

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**

Prayer of the Church

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.**

Please sit

Offering

Please stand

Offertory Prayer

Closing Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, may be renewed by Your Holy Spirit to live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Benediction

LSB 183

Closing Hymn - 547 - The Lamb

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Prayer Concerns

Ashley Forba – Ongoing health issues

Mary Ellen Mills – Eye issues

Janet Finn – Continued rehab after knee replacement

Elaine Decker – Ongoing health issues

Vladimir and Marie Dutko – Healing and well-being – Marina Yarasavage’s parents

Keith Mitchell’s father – Kendall Health issues

All those in the armed forces, including Kyle Stackhouse

All those suffering due to natural disasters

Bible Study on Wednesday Nights

Study will resume on Jan 7th.

Light dinner at 5 pm.

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year, but where does the celebration originate? With so much information about Christmas out there, it is hard to know what to believe.

Join us Wednesdays as we separate the holiday from the holy day, the facts from the fantasy, and the truth from the tradition by using Lee Strobel's ***The Case for Christmas.***

Church Events

Meet with Pastor Josh – Sign-up sheet in narthex

Youth Activities – Please contact Liz Stackhouse for upcoming youth activities

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jan 1 Diane Pencek

Jan 13 Eugene Adams, Sr.

Jan 17 Willard Forba

Jan 21 Diane & Chris Turrell – Anniversary

Those Who Serve

Date	Reader	Ushers	Acolyte
Jan 18	Bill Y	Kevin D & Gene A	Nate J
Jan 25	Karen M	Keith M & Bill Y	Kayla S
Feb 1	Diane T	Bill Y & Jack P	Nate J
Feb 8	Donna W	Willy F & Jack W	Kayla S
Feb 22	Nancy P	Don S & Bill Y	Nate J
Mar 1	Donna W	Willy F & Kevin D	Kayla S
Mar 8	Donna W	Will F & Jack W	Nate J

Have a Blessed New Year!

Please join us for Sunday services at 10 am

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Offering – Monthly offering needs are \$10,888.75

December offerings were \$9695

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January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	Advent Bible Study 7	8	9	10
Carols & Lessons service 11	12	13	Advent Bible Study 14	15	16	17
18	Council meeting 4 pm at church 19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28