



First Sunday in Lent - February 22, 2025



St. Paul's
Missouri Synod Lutheran

***Lord, make Thyself always present to my mind,
and let Thy love fill and rule my soul in all those places,
companies and employments to which Thou callest me. Amen***

Rev. John Wesley

Welcome!

Service Setting Two Hymnal -LSB 167

Bold face type - read by the congregation

Opening Hymn - 424
O Christ, You Walked the Road

Please stand

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

Invocation

Exhortation LSB 167

Please Kneel or Sit

Confession of Sins LSB 167

Absolution LSB 167

Please stand

Introit Psalm 91:9-13;
antiphon: vv. 15-16

When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him

and show him my salvation.

Because you have made the Lord your
dwelling place—

the Most High, who is my refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

no plague come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder;
**the young lion and the serpent you
will trample underfoot.**

**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.

When he calls to me, I will answer him;

I will be with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him

and show him my salvation.

Kyrie LSB 168

Hymn - 767 - Jesus, Remember Me (3x)

Salutation and Collect of the Day LSB 172

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people
through the wilderness and brought them to
the promised land. Guide the people of Your
Church that following our Savior we may walk
through the wilderness of this world toward
the glory of the world to come; through Jesus
Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

Amen.

Please be Seated

Old Testament Reading Genesis 3:1–21

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

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²⁰The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him
endured the cross, despising the shame,
**and is seated at the right hand of the
throne of God.**

Epistle

Romans 5:12–19

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Verse

Ephesians 6:11

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1–11

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,"

and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written,
‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the
test.’” ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high
mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of
the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him,
“All these I will give you, if you will fall down
and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him,
“Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“‘You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve.’”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels
came and were ministering to him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be Seated

Semon Hymn - 657

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God sts. 1–4

Sermon

Please Stand

Nicene Creed

LSB 174

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,**

**being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under
Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according
to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge
both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian
and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the
remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Please be Seated

Offering

Please Stand

Offertory Prayer

Service of the Sacrament**Preface** LSB 177**Proper Preface****Sanctus** LSB 178**Prayer of Thanksgiving** LSB 178**The Words of Our Lord****Lord's Prayer** LSB 209

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.

Pax Domini LSB 180**Agnus Dei** LSB 180*Please be Seated***Distribution****Communion Hymn - 718 - Jesus, Lead Thou On***Please Stand***Post-Communion Collect**

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that
 You have refreshed us through this salutary
 gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy
 You would strengthen us through the same in
 faith toward You and in fervent love toward
 one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
 our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
 the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 Amen.

Benediction LSB 183**Closing Hymn - 727 - On Eagles' Wings****Those Who Serve**

Date	Reader	Ushers	Acolyte
Feb 22	Nancy P	Don S & Bill Y	Nate J
Mar 1	Donna W	Willy F & Kevin D	Kayla S
Mar 8	Bill Y	Kevin D & Don S	Kayla S
Mar 15	Kevin D	Bill Y & Keith M	Nate J

Church Events**Meet with Pastor Josh**

Sign-up sheet in narthex

Youth Activities

Please contact
 Liz Stackhouse
 570-833-5971

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

Please join us for Sunday services at 10 am

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Offering

Monthly offering needs are \$10,888.75

January offering total \$4137 (three weeks).

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February 2026

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

March 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
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