

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Transfiguration ~ Saturday, February 14, 2026 & Sunday, February 15, 2026

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Message (Sunday only)

Please rise in body or spirit

Confession and Forgiveness

Screen

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C: Amen.

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

C: you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

P: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"Shine, Jesus Shine"

Screen or ELW #671

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo - ry;

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the

2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us, play your like - ness, ev - er chang-ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free, by the truth, you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain

Shine on me, Shine on me, Shine on me: me.

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

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SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

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Greeting

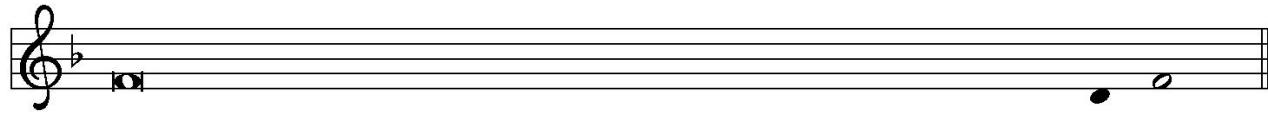
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also, with you.**

Kyrie

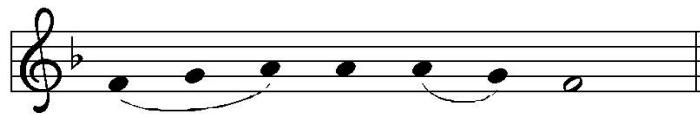
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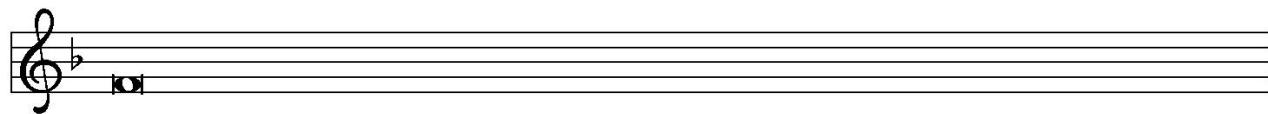
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**



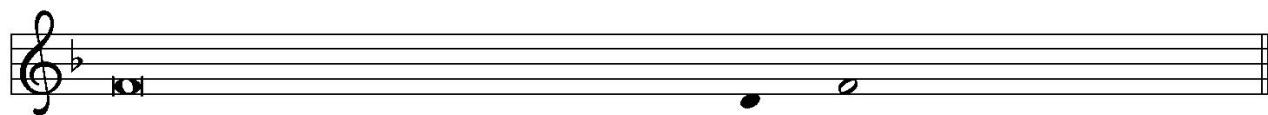
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mercy.



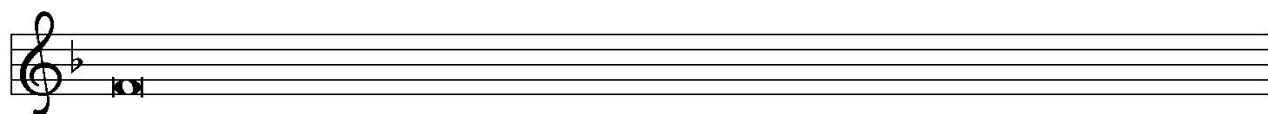
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



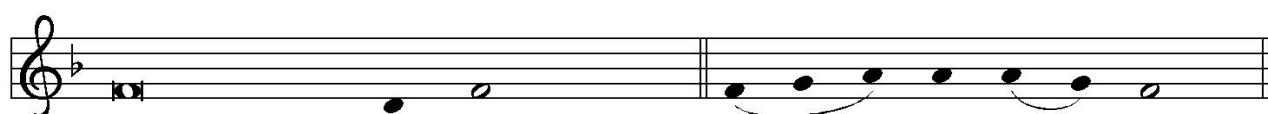
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mercy.

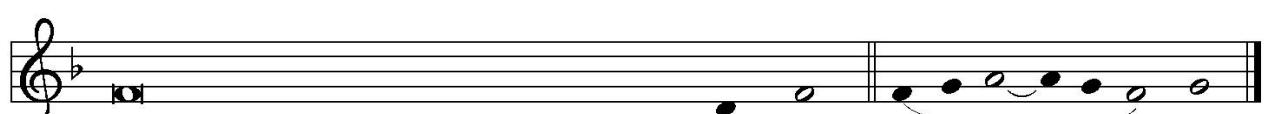


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **A - men.**

Hymn of Praise

"Glory to God"

Screen



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.



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.



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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. O God,

C: in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

WORD

First Reading – Exodus 24:12-18

Screen

A: A reading from the book of Exodus.

A: ¹²The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

A: Word of God, Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm – Psalm 2

Screen

A: We will read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

A: Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

C: Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against the Lord's anointed?

A: “Let us break their yoke,” they say;
“let us cast off their bonds from us.”

**C: God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;
the Lord holds them in derision.**

A: Then in wrath God speaks to them,
and in rage fills them with terror.

**C: "As for me, I have anointed my king
upon Zion, my holy mountain."**

A: Let me announce the decree of the Lord,
who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you."

**C: Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

A: You shall crush them with an iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

**C: And now, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

A: Submit to the Lord with fear,
and with trembling bow in worship;

**C: lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.
Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

Second Reading – 2 Peter 1:16-21

Screen

A: A reading from the book of 2 Peter.

A: ¹⁶We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So 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, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

A: Word of God, Word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please rise in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Screen



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel – Matthew 17:1-9

Screen

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: ¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord

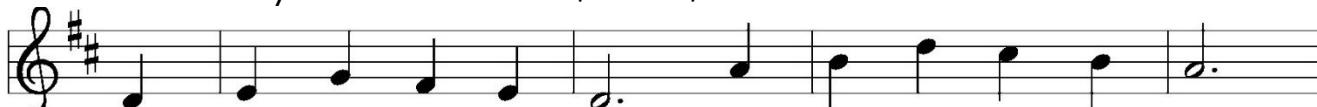
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is invited to be seated

Sermon

Please rise in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day “How Good, Lord, to Be Here” Screen or ELW #315



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar-ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor-rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes-sen-gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp-tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

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Following the Hymn of the Day, new and returning members, a representative of the church, and the pastors gather around the baptismal font.

Presentation of New and Returning Members (Sunday only)

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism, for those that join us near and far, and especially this day for Laurie, Bob, Peyton, Lexi, Ian, and Mandie one with us in the Body of Christ, whom we welcome as members into the life and ministry of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

(Transfers) P: Beloved in Christ, you have been commended to us by sister congregations as worthy of the fellowship of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus, and as members of the Church. Your membership in the Church has been formally transferred to and is now accepted in this congregation.

(Returning) P: Beloved in Christ, you were once among us, but paths have led you away. God has returned you to this place and you have made known your desire to be restored as members of this community.

Rep: Laurie, Bob, Peyton, Lexi, Ian, and Mandie we welcome you to St. Paul Lutheran Church and thank God for your presence among us.

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in God using the words of the Apostle's Creed. Screen or ELW pg. 105

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

P: In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the Good News of

God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

P: New and returning members, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place? If so, answer "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."

P: People of God, on behalf of St. Paul Lutheran Church, do you promise to support and pray for these people in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray, we give you thanks, O God, that You have called us into the fellowship of the gospel, and You bind us together through love, fellowship, and service. We humbly pray for those who are united with us, and we to them, that we may be one in You, and grow in grace, and walk in Your paths. That all we are and all we do, may be pleasing to You, O God, as we seek to continue the good work You have begun in us. We pray this in Jesus' name, through the unity of the Holy Spirit, blessed Trinity, one God now and forever more. **Amen.**

A brief introduction of these new members. They may introduce themselves if they'd like.

Rep: Let us welcome Laurie, Bob, Peyton, Lexi, Ian, and Mandie as our siblings in Christ to this community of faith! **C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the Good News to all the world!

Applause as all return to their seats.

This service for new and returning members was adapted by Pr. Anthony from the ELW: Occasional Services and the United Lutheran Church, Occasional Services 1943 [1918].

Prayers of Intercession

Screen

P: Let us pray, We give you thank, O God, for our new and returning members, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers, and in service to others. As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

A: Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish especially Deanna Wilson, Eva Cowley, Roger Asplund, Deb Liebzeit, Connie Laidig, and those we name aloud or in our heart hearts... *brief silence....* Comfort the dying and those who grieve. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office by phone or email.

Peace P: The peace of Christ be with you all. **C: And, also with you!**

Please share a sign of Christ's peace however you feel comfortable.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

MEAL

Offering

General and special offerings may be placed in the plates by the doors as we enter or depart. In addition to the offering that supports the ministry of St. Paul, the children of St. Paul receive a weekly Children's Offering.

Their offering this month will support the Dixon Public Schools student lunch debt. We thank the children and youth for their help collecting the children's offering!

Offering Hymn

“Brightest and Best of the Stars” ELW #303 vv. 1 & 4 Screen

1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
 3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
 5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.
 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
 Shall we bring in - cense and of f'rings di - vine,
 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;
 dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.

Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - born - ing,
 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
 rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,
 Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - born - ing,

guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.
 mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.
 myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?
 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

Music: MORNING STAR, James P. Harding, 1850–1911, adapt.

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Please rise in body or spirit.

Offering Prayer

Screen

A: God of majesty,

C: no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

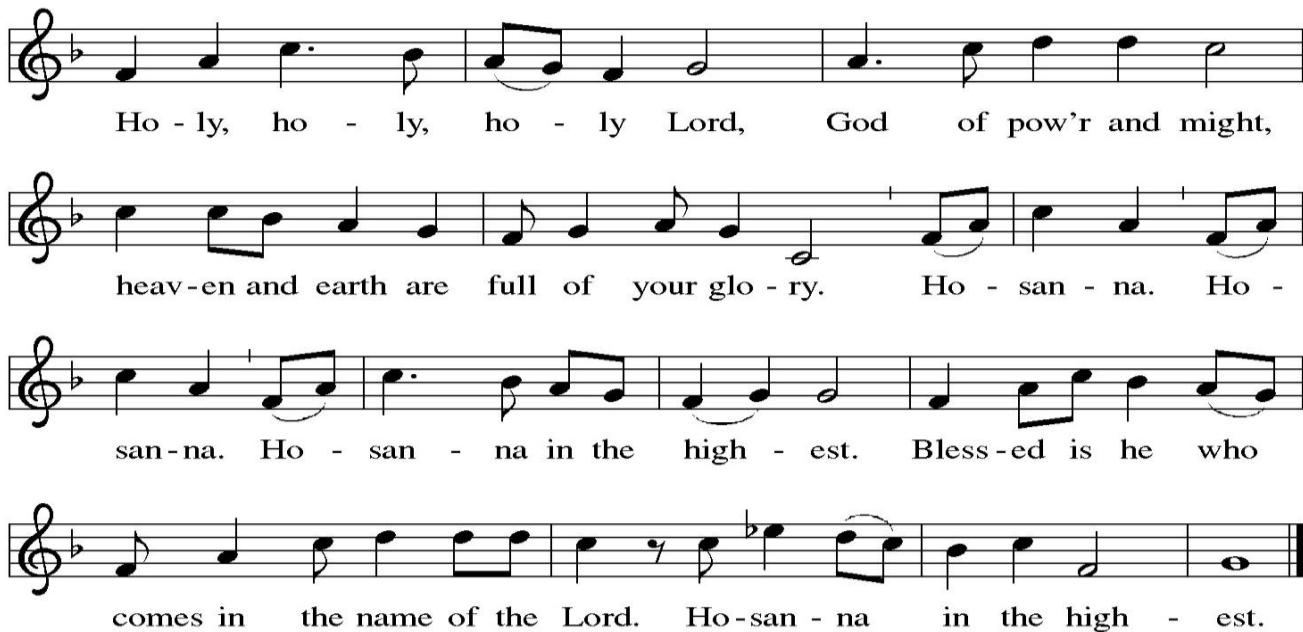
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

The congregation is invited to be seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion

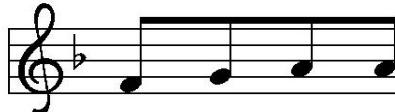
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you."

Each person may respond, "amen".

St. Paul Lutheran Church and the ELCA practice "open table" communion.

This is Christ's table; Jesus is our host. Everyone is invited and welcome to receive Holy Communion!

Communion Hymns



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

Lamb of God

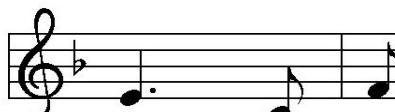


the sin of the world; have

Screen



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



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



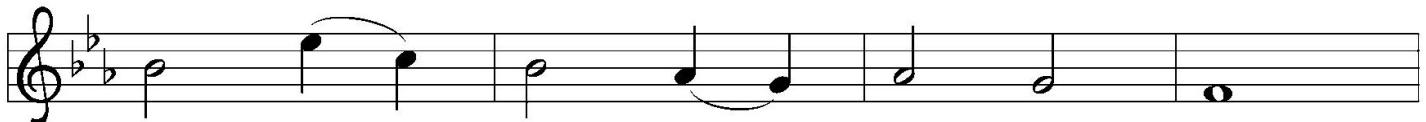
sin of the world; grant us peace.

“Beautiful Savior”

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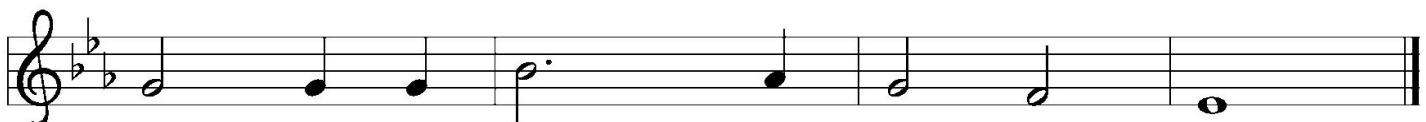
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 rob'd in flow'r's bloom - ing Man!
 bright spar - kling stars on spring;
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 high; Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - an - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the - an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904

Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

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Please rise in body or spirit

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

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A: Let us pray, Radiant God,

C: we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

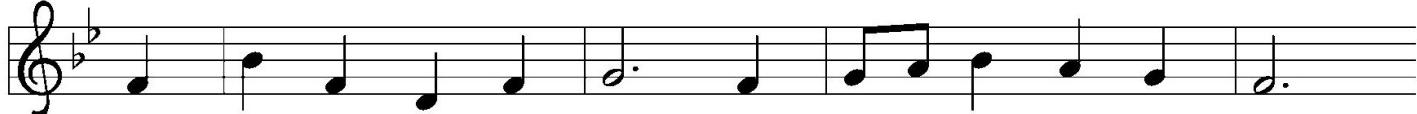
P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise \pm bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

“For All Your Saints, O Lord”

Screen or ELW #427



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
4 For this, your name we bless and hum-bly pray a-new
5 To God, the Fa-ther, Son, and Spir-it, ev-er blest,



who fol-lowed you, o-beyed, a-dored, our grate-ful hymn re-ceive.
who count-ed you their great re-ward, ac-cept our thank-ful cry.
learned from your Ho-ly Spir-it's breath to suf-fer and to do.
that we like them in ho-li-ness may live and die in you.
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end-less praise ad-dressed.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt.

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Leading Worship

Presider: Pastor Riley **Preacher:** Pastor Anthony

Musician: Kathy Sheridan

Worship Assistant: Saturday ~ Robin Colglazier Sunday ~ Sherry McCarter

Youth Worship Helpers: Luis, Hannah, & Rafael

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St. Paul Announcements

Church Office contact information ~ email: office@stpauldixon.org phone: 815-288-2757

Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

Pastor Anthony Windau (414) 364-9504 pastoragwindau@gmail.com

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday, 2/14:

Worship 5:30 pm at St. Paul worship assistant: Robin Colglazier

Sunday, 2/15:

Sunday School PreK – 5th grade 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Worship Service 10:45 am worship assistant: Sherry McCarter

Welcome new & returning members

Youth return from The Quake

Monday, 2/16:

Church Office Closed ~ President's Day

Tuesday, 2/17:

Line Dancing 9:00 am

Staff Meeting 9:00 am at Immanuel

Wednesday, 2/18:

Heritage Square Worship 10:30 am

Ash Wednesday Service noon at Immanuel

Praise Band rehearsal 4:00 pm

Ash Wednesday Service 5:30 pm at St. Paul

Thursday, 2/19:

Chair Yoga 11:00 am

Saturday, 2/21:

Worship 5:30 pm at Immanuel

Sunday, 2/22:

Youth Committee 9:15 am

Sunday School/Youth Group 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Worship Service 10:45 am ~ worship assistant: Glen Hughes

DACMA service 6:00 pm at First Presbyterian

Today's worship is
livestreamed on
Facebook and
archived on YouTube.
If ever you miss a
service, you can join
us online!



The Church Office will closed
Monday, February 16th

Spaghetti Dinner ~ Tuesday,

February 24th

4 pm – 7 pm at St. Paul

Tickets on sale now

Volunteers needed
sign up in the Gathering Area to
volunteer.

DACMA
(Dixon Area Christian Ministers)
Lent Services

February 22, 6:00 pm
@ 1st Presbyterian

March 1, 6:00 pm @ Grace UMC

Refreshments to follow



St Paul Members: Accessing your St Paul Realm account. If you haven't set up your account yet, you should have recently received an email invitation to do so. You can also watch a short instructional video on how to set it up and use the account to access the online church directory, giving & pledge information and more. Note: you will need an email address. Contact the church office for more details.

Pizza and Bingo
Saturday, February 28th
after worship.

Come join in the fun!

