

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

Third week after Epiphany ~ Saturday, January 24, 2026 & Sunday, January 25, 2026

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## 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 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" Screen or ELW #582



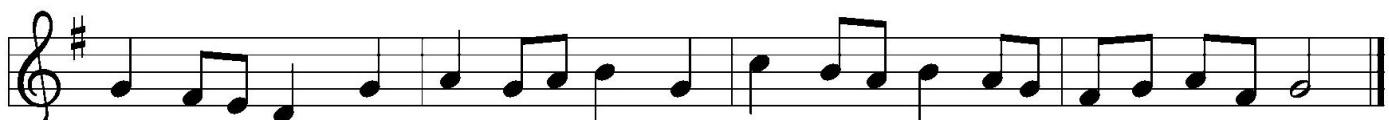
1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er dwell-ing in the ho - liest realms of light;  
 2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er liv - ing as the church's ver - y life;  
 3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er work-ing through the church's min - is - try;



Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through us in a cease - less strife;  
 quick'ning, strength'ning, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high;  
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ;  
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.  
 you we praise with end - less wor - ship for your gifts and fruits un - priced.  
 in com-mu - nion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874–1939, alt.

Music: IN BABILON. *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlietjes en Contradansen*, 1710

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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

## Screen

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

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 mer - cy.

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

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious 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. Lord God,

**C: your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*The congregation is invited to be seated.*

## WORD

### First Reading – Isaiah 9:1-4

Screen

A: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

A: <sup>1</sup> There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

### Psalm – Psalm 27:1,4-9

Screen

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

A: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

    The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**C: One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek;**

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.**

A: For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

    hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

**C: Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

A: Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

**C: My heart speaks your message—“Seek my face.”**

**Your face, O Lord, I will seek.**

A: Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

    Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

## Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Screen

A: A reading from the book of 1 Corinthians.

A: <sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of 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 4:12-23

Screen

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

P: <sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup> "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

“Will You Come and Follow Me” Screen or ELW #798 vv. 1,4 & 5

1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your self be hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum mons ech oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for you cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com pa ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949  
 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional  
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Apostles' 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Screen

**P:** Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

**A:** O God, you reveal yourself wherever two or three are gathered in your name. Be with us now, not only in the infant Jesus and resurrected Christ, but in the beloved people of this assembly. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** You reveal yourself in the waters of the womb; in brooks, ponds, and oceans; and in the waters of baptism. Grant us wisdom to tenderly care for the earth as a garden watered by your grace. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**A:** You reveal yourself in blessed diversity. Help us to look for you in people near and far, in bodies of all kinds, and in kindred young and old. Let us seek you in many places, praising you in many tongues. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** You reveal yourself in new life. Support those beginning a new job, a new relationship, or a new living situation, especially those displaced because of tragedy or loss. Be with all others who need your life-giving touch this day especially Deanna Wilsom, Eva Cowley, Roger Asplund, Barb Strom, Deb

Liebzeit, Chase Flynn, Connie Clayton, Connie Laidig, Zinnia Larson, and those we name aloud or in our hearts... *brief silence.....* Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You reveal yourself in holy communion. Sustain all who provide food and fellowship in this congregation and in the wider community. Make our tables signs of your welcoming presence among us. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: You promise to turn mourning into joy and to comfort those who weep. We remember those who have died and look to being united with them in your glory. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ 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 St. Paul youth attending the Quake. 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 - dorn - 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 - dorn - 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 glory,

**C: great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Holy Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

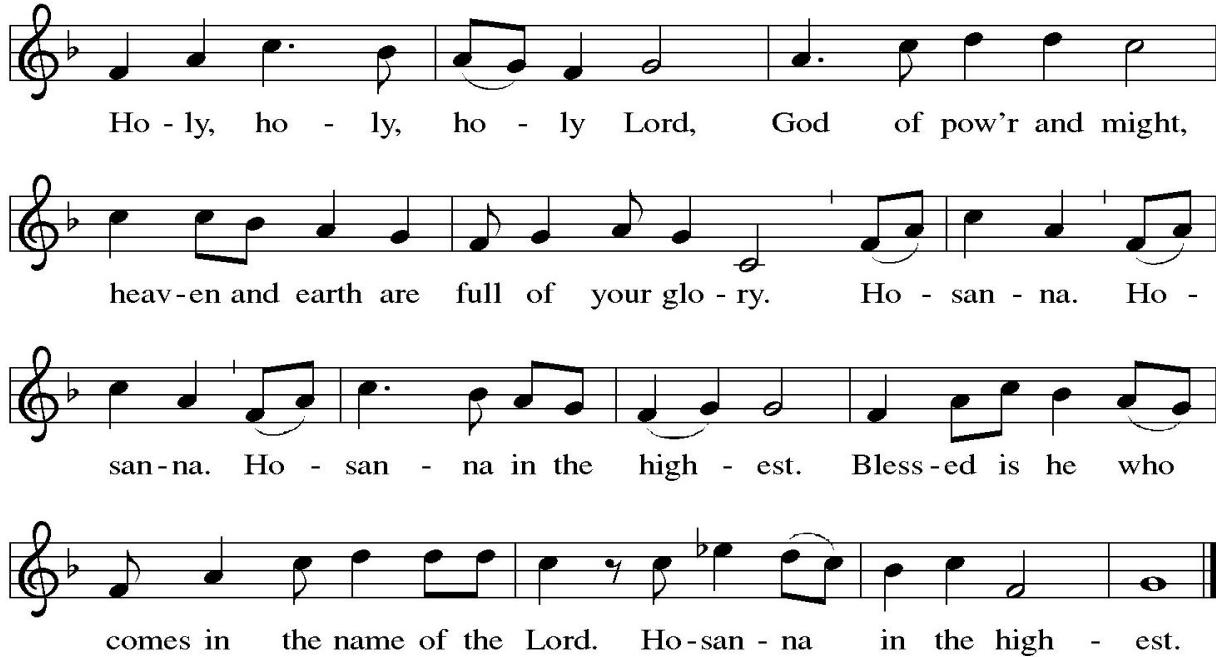
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:

ELW pg. 144



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: 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 Songs

### Lamb of God

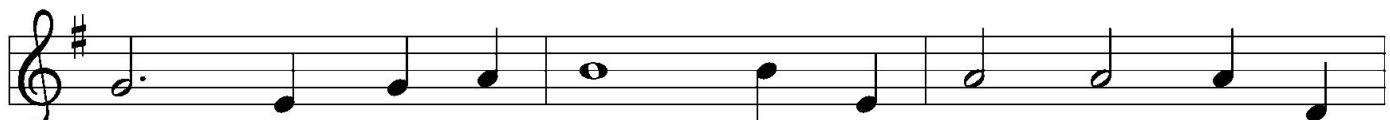
### Screen

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

"Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"      Screen or ELW #696



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"  
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895

Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

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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.**

### Post Communion Prayer

Screen

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

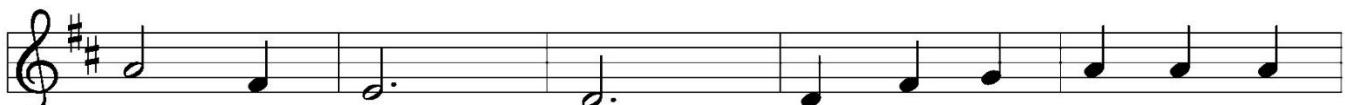
P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise  $\ddagger$  bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

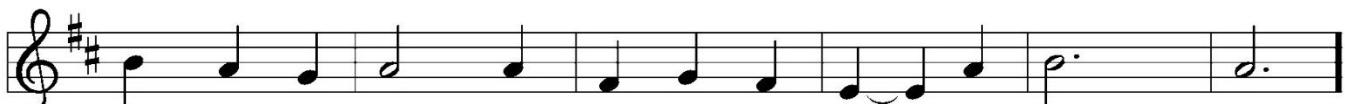
Sending Song "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" ELW #815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,  
be with Je sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je sus.

*Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson

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

Postlude

### Leading Worship

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

**Musician:** Kathy Sheridan

**Worship Assistant:** Saturday ~ Marian Myers    Sunday ~ Sherry McCarter

**Youth Worship Helpers:** Luis, Hannah, & Rafael

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### St. Paul Announcements

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### **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Saturday, 1/24:      Worship 5:30 pm at St. Paul    worship assistant: Marian Myers

Pizza and Bingo following Worship

Sunday, 1/25:      Sunday School/Youth Group 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Worship Service 10:45 am    worship assistant: Sherry McCarter

Annual Congregational Meeting following Worship

Monday, 1/26:      Prayer Team 10:00 am

Epistle items due to the Church Office

Tuesday, 1/27:      Line Dancing 9:00 am

Staff Meeting 9:00 am at St. Paul

Wednesday, 1/28:      Care Ministry 10:00 am

Thursday, 1/29:      Chair Yoga 11:00 am

Saturday, 1/31:      Worship 5:30 pm at Immanuel

Sunday, 2/1:      Sunday School/Youth Group 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Worship Service 10:45 am ~ Praise Band worship assistant: Lester Hallquist  
Joint Confirmation Class 1:00 pm -3:00 pm at ILC

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

**Pizza and Bingo following Worship Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Report Packets are available in the Gathering Area.**

**Spaghetti Dinner ~ Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 4 pm – 7 pm at St. Paul**  
**(please note the date change and mark your calendar)**