

Week of JANUARY 25

Sun.: 9:00 am - Sunday School Music
9:00 am - Adult Bible Class-Large Catechism
10:00 am - Divine Service
11:00 am - Voters Meeting
12:00 pm - Lao Bible Class
1:00 pm - Lao Divine Service
Mon.: 6:00 pm - Confirmation
6:30 pm - Handbells
Tues.: 9:00 am - Christians In Action
4:00 pm - Food Pantry
Thurs.: 6:30 pm - Bible Study- Pasteral Epistles
Sun.: 9:00 am - Sunday School Music
9:00 am - Adult Bible Class
10:00 am - Divine Service with Communion
12:00 pm - Lao Bible Class
1:00 pm - Lao Divine Service with Communion

THOSE SERVING THIS SUNDAY: (Jan.25)

Elders/Ushers: Richard Rieck, Harrison Hayes, Ryan Irvin
Greeters: Shirley Bowman, Jan Reinhardt
Audio/Visual: Linda George
Screens: Lorilee Seiser
Organist: Diane Doering
Altar: Janet Seiser

THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY: (Feb.1)

Elders/Ushers: Rick George, Darryl Pagel, John Vulgamott
Greeters: LoEda Paine, Phyllis Bisbee
Audio/Visual: Jasmin / Lila Venegas
Screens: Beth Brandt
Organist: Lavonne Breitenkamp
Altar: Julie Irvin/Linda George

Attendance: 57 **Lao:** 15 **Offering:** \$2490.50

UNABLE TO WORSHIP IN PERSON: Join us via live broadcast over KQWC 95.7 FM or live streaming on St. Paul's Facebook.

WELCOME to St. Paul's Lutheran Church! We are glad that you are here to join us in worship this morning. If you are a guest, we would love to get to know you.

Please take a moment to sign the record of fellowship folder at the end of the pew and introduce yourself to Pastor Pierson. Finally, if there is any way we can be a blessing to you, please let us know!

PRAYER CONCERNS: Kathy, Khloe Clabaugh, all our homebound members, persecuted and endangered Christians throughout the world.

If you have someone you wish to add to or remove from the Prayer List, feel free to call the church office.

JANUARY FOOD PANTRY REQUEST: Pasta, pasta sauce and cereal. Thank you to everyone for your donations and help volunteering!

Caring Cards Ministry Please take a moment either before or after the service to sign the cards in the fellowship hall. These cards go to members who are recovering from illness, mourning the death of a loved one, or celebrating a birthday or anniversary.

Greeters for 2026: Please Contact Khan at the office if you are interested in being a Greeter for next year. 515-832-3043

Food Pantry- We are in need of grocery bags. If you have any extras laying around there is a place to give them too. We will deeply appreciate it.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE & THANK YOU!! The Board of Stewardship & Finance, which oversees the Food Pantry, offers its sincere thanks to the congregation for its ongoing support. In 2025 2,393 families constituting 9,149 individuals were served, so the need continues to be significant. Your help in the form of cash or food donations, time spent working in the pantry, and your prayers are all appreciated and make a huge difference to those in need in our community! Also we thank the Webster City Fareway for its support to our pantry, and encourage the congregation to let the store know how much we appreciate them. Finally, a reminder to contact Phyllis Bisbee if you wish to help in any way.

Lutheran Witness: Now is the time to renew or start your subscription to the Lutheran Witness, which is the LCMS magazine. Subscriptions are \$31.10 per year. Contact Khan @ 515-832-3043 to subscribe or if you have questions.

Will, Rebecca, and Kenny wish to thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, and gifts during this period of grief after the loss of Rebecca's parents. Thank you for the love and support!



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Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 25, 2026

Introit *Psalm 22:27-31; antiphon: v. 22*



I will tell of your name to my | brothers;*
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you.
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,*
and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore you.
For kingship belongs | to the LORD,*
and he rules over the | nations.
All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;*
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could
not keep him- | self alive.
Posterity shall | serve him;*
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;
they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,*
that he has | done it.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
I will tell of your name to my | brothers;*
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹ There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12-25

¹² When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

¹⁸ While walking 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 fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

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