



St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
6th Sunday after Epiphany
February 15, 2026

Pastor: David Reim - 549-5250

Organist: Julie Reim

Ushers: Willy and Roman

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 34 – Hymnal pg. 131

Opening Prayer O gracious LORD, You have said, “*Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, Who delights greatly in His commandments.*” (Ps. 112:1) We come into Your presence to worship you. May we approach you with true godly fear in true faith that confesses our sins and rejoices in your grace and forgiveness. May we learn to see the depth of love that you have for us and live in love and obedience to you! Open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that filled with your love we may also show your love to the world and proclaim your praises with joyful hearts and lives. In Jesus’ name we ask it. Amen.

Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



Opening Hymn: Come Let Us Join in Praise (Mel. 341)

1. Come let us join in praise, God's people one and all.
Who through the years have been both blest in body and in soul.
Lift up your hearts to sing, and raise your voices strong.
Let all the world behold our God and join to sing our song.

2. Come let us hear His Word inspired by our God.
It lights our every step as we through this world's darkness plod.
As we thus walk with God our hand in His each day,
We'll find a peace in heart and soul, in Him, the Truth, the Way.

3. Come let us talk with God. We never are alone.
He hears us each and every one and all our needs are known.
In sorrow and in pain our God will comfort us.
And bring us through the trying hours to peace and happiness.

Words by Pastor Dale Redlin

Confession of Sins: P: God's wrath against sin is truly fierce and His punishment is fearful. Yet Jesus invites us saying, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." May we come to Him confessing our sins to receive His grace and forgiveness.

C: We come to you Lord, with the heavy burden of our sins. We know that You bore our sins in Your body on the cross. Therefore we are confident to confess our sins trusting in You for forgiveness.

C & P: Almighty and most merciful God, I confess that I am a sinner by my very nature, I was born in the sin of Adam. Because of my corrupt nature, I sin against you daily in my thoughts, in my words

and actions. I have done the things you forbid, and I fail to do the things you command. Lord, I know I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. Yet, I come before you in repentance, because you are merciful and gracious and have given Your Son to die for me. Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Forgive me, I pray, for Jesus sake.

P: God, our heavenly Father, is truly merciful and gracious, He has given His own Son into death for our sins, and raised Jesus to life for our justification. By His unfailing word of promise, I assure you that all your sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.



Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

29 Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him. 30 So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. 31 Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him; and Moses talked with them.

32 Afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them as commandments all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

33 And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. 34 But whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with Him, he would take the veil off until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded. 35 And whenever the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone, then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.

Response of Praise: Psalm 34

Antiphon



P: I will bless the Lord at all times;

C: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P: My soul shall make its boast in the Lord;

C: The humble shall hear of it and be glad.

P: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,

C: And let us exalt His name together.

Antiphon



P: The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him,

C: And delivers them.

P: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good;

C: Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

P: Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints!

C: There is no want to those who fear Him.

Antiphon



P: Come, you children, listen to me;

C: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

P: Depart from evil and do good;

C: Seek peace and pursue it.

P: The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears,

C: And delivers them out of all their troubles.

P: The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart,

C: And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

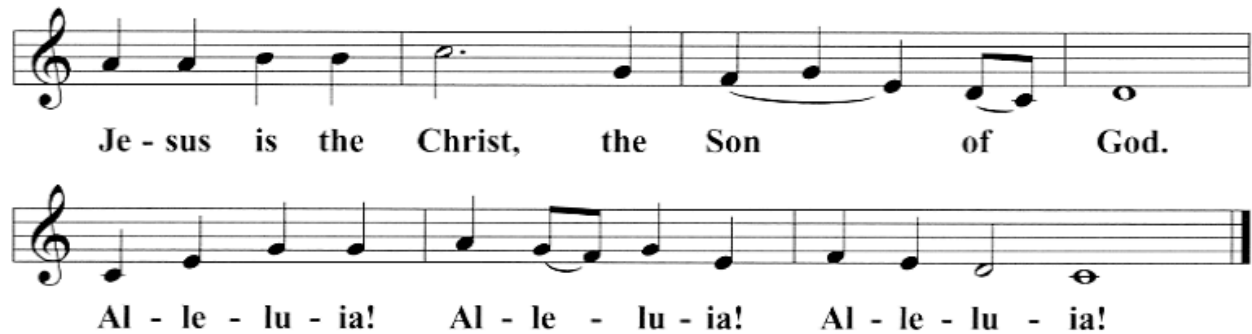
Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-13

17:1 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; 2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. 3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. 4 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” 5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” 6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. 7 But Jesus came and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.” 8 When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

9 Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead.” 10 And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” 11 Jesus answered and said to them, “Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things. 12 But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands.” 13 Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.





Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Hymn: 720 Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair

1 O wondrous type! O vision fair
of glory that the Church may share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows,
where brighter than the sun he glows!

2 With Moses and Elijah nigh
th'incarnate Lord holds converse high,
and from the cloud the Holy One
bears record to the only Son.

3 With shining face and bright array
Christ deigns to manifest today
what glory shall be theirs above
who trust in His atoning love.

4 And faithful hearts are raised on high
by this great vision's mystery,
for which in joyful strains we raise
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 3:12-18

12 Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech—
13 unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel
could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. 14 But their
minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the
reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ.
15 But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart.
16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.
17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is
liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the
glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to
glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

Theme:

**SEEING AND REFLECTING
THE GLORY OF THE LORD!**

Hymn 760 Oh, Love, How Deep

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake!

2 He sent no angel to our race,
of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
and to this world himself he came.

3 For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp he knew,
for us the tempter overthrew.

4 For us, by wicked men betrayed,
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
for us he gave his dying breath.

5 For us he rose from death again,
for us he went on high to reign;
For us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

Offering of Thankful Hearts:

Sing - while offering is brought forward Hymn 441 st. 1-2

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

Prayers of the Church:

The 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.

P: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Benediction: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn: Come Let Us Join in Praise

Come let us dedicate ourselves to God each day.

May He inspire our heart and mind, and everything we say.

The future of our life rests firmly in His love.

Throughout our life we'll live for Him, on earth and then above.

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Scripture Treasure to Remember:

Proverbs 14:26

“In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Bible Study after the service at 11:20.

Tuesday - Lenten Service at Orchard Valley Senior Residence 6:00.

It Is Finished!

Wednesday - Skype Bible Study with Kenneth at 9:30.

Midweek Bible Study at 2:00 at Orchard Valley Senior Residence.

Thursday - PCPC Study Club at 2:00.

Friday - Shut-in visit with George at 1:30.

Catechism Class at 5:00.

Next Sunday - Worship Service at 10:00 am.

Bible Study at 11:20.

Voters Meeting Report

The Pastor's Annual Report for 2025 was given. Copies are available on the table by the entry.

Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) Every year we give an estimate of how much our congregation can contribute to the whole Mission of our Church body. While the expenses of the CLC continue to increase like everything, the voters decided to keep our CBP estimate the same as last year since our own membership has declined through the death of several members. So our estimated offerings to CLC Missions remains \$5100 for the year. We were able to meet our estimate last year and pray that we will be able to do so again this year. Please keep the larger picture of our work in God's Kingdom in mind and in your prayers. Our own Financial Report will be available soon.

Elections: Ken Johnston was reelected as president of the congregation. We thank all the members of our council for their faithful and dedicated service.

Calendar:

February 17 Lenten services begin 6:00

April 3 Good Friday,

April 5 Easter Sunday

April 13-16 Board of Doctrine meeting in Eau Claire

April 27-30 Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference in Lynnwood

May 3 Quarterly voters meeting after the service

May 24 Pentecost

June 25-28 CLC Convention

Your pastor will leave June 15 for a week with their children. There will be video services June 21 and 28.

July 6 - 9 Youth Backpacking Trip

August 2 Voter's Meeting

Nicole is expecting their fourth child near the end of August. Therefore your pastor and Julie will plan to visit them at that time or in September.

CLC Call News

Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has **accepted** the vacancy call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Red Wing, MN.

Seminarian Sam Radermacher, in conjunction with his vicarship under Pastor Eichstadt, will serve the summer vacancy at Trinity in Spokane, WA.

Teacher Claire Abbas of Berea School in Inver Grove Heights, MN, has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran School in Cheyenne, WY.

Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Rapid City, SD, has **received** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church in Phoenix, AZ.

PRAY FOR LABORERS!

This week, the President, Vice-President, and Conference Visitors met to discuss the current ministry needs in the CLC. With the death of Pastor Hein and the upcoming retirement of Pastors Barthels and Kanzenbach, we have nine locations that are in need of a pastor:

1. Our Redeemer, Red Wing
2. Living Hope, Appleton
3. Trinity, Spokane
4. Holy Cross, Phoenix
5. St. Paul's, Austin
6. St. Luke's, Lemmon
7. Grace, Fridley
8. Messiah, Eau Claire (3rd pastor)
9. Professor at Immanuel

With one seminary graduate anticipated in the next three years and an aging pastorate, we see how great the need is before us. This is not a problem unique to the CLC. Nor is this a new problem in the Christian church. 2,000 years ago, Jesus told his disciples: "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." (Luke 10:2)

May we heed the Lord's call to pray earnestly for the Lord to provide for the needs of the ministry.

Victory Service for Pastor John Hein

The victory service was held yesterday at Berea Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights, MN. If you would like to be comforted and strengthened by God's Message, you can watch it at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jaI6YAkCzf0>

The ILC Tour Choir

The ILC Tour Choir will be making their annual concert tour from March 14 - 22. They will be singing praise to the Lord in congregations in Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado and even down to Phoenix Arizona. We pray for the Lord to grant them safe travels and that He will bless the message they proclaim for the building up of Christ's Kingdom. If there are any concerts that will be streamed for watching online, we will let you know when that information is available.