

**St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 8, 2026**

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Preparation for Worship: Psalm 104 – Hymnal pg. 146

Opening Prayer: Dear Father in heaven, we come before you to worship you from our heart and to be enlightened by you through your Word. Lord, you have revealed that you “are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.” (Ps. 86:5) Lord, open the eyes of our faith that we may see your goodness in everything and trust you completely in all situations. Fill us with true comfort and peace through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. In His name we ask it. Amen.

Invocation:

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



C: A - men.

Opening Hymn: 437 Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode

1. Who trusts in God a strong abode

In heaven and earth possesses;
Who looks in love to Christ above,
No fear his heart oppresses.
In Thee alone, dear Lord, we own
Sweet hope and consolation,
Our Shield from foes, our Balm for woes,
Our great and sure Salvation.

2. Though Satan's wrath beset our path
And worldly scorn assail us,
While Thou art near, we will not fear;
Thy strength shall never fail us.
Thy rod and staff shall keep us safe
And guide our steps forever;
Nor shades of death nor hell beneath
Our souls from Thee shall sever.

3. In all the strife of mortal life
Our feet shall stand securely;
Temptation's hour shall lose its power,
For Thou shalt guard us surely.
O God, renew with heavenly dew
Our body, soul, and spirit
Until we stand at Thy right hand
Through Jesus' saving merit.

Confession of Sins: P: Jesus invites us saying, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

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.



C: A - men.

Response of Praise:

Hymn 244

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!**

**Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 49:13-18

13 Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted. 14 But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me." 15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. 16 Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me. 17 Your builders make haste; your destroyers and those who laid you waste go out from you. 18 Lift up your eyes around and see; they all gather, they come to you. As I live, declares the Lord, you shall put them all on as an ornament; you shall bind them on as a bride does.

Response of Praise:

P: Be my strong Rock:

C: For an house of defence to save me.

P: You are my Rock and my Fortress:

C: Therefore for Your name's sake lead me and guide me.

P: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed:

C: Deliver me in Your righteousness.

P: You are the God who does wonders:

C: You have declared Your strength among the people.

P: You have redeemed Your people with Your arm:

C: The sons of Jacob and Joseph. Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

P: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all you lands:

C: Serve the Lord with gladness.

Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

P: Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Confession of Faith: The Apostolic 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: 425 All Depends on Our Possessing

1. All depends on our possessing

God's abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart.
He who trusts with faith unshaken
In His God is not forsaken
And e'er keeps a dauntless heart.

2. He who hitherto hath fed me

And to many joys hath led me,
Is and ever shall be mine.
He who did so gently school me,
He who still doth guide and rule me,
Will remain my Help divine.

3. Many spend their lives in fretting

Over trifles and in getting
Things that have no solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure
That will bring me lasting pleasure
And that now is seldom found.

4. When with sorrow I am stricken,
 Hope my heart anew will quicken,
 All my longing shall be stilled.
 To His loving-kindness tender
 Soul and body I surrender;
 For in Him alone I build.
5. Well He knows what best to grant me;
 All the longing hopes that haunt me,
 Joy and sorrow, have their day.
 I shall doubt His wisdom never,--
 As God wills, so be it ever,--
 I to Him commit my way.
6. If on earth my days He lengthen,
 He my weary soul will strengthen;
 All my trust in Him I place.
 Earthly wealth is not abiding,
 Like a stream away is gliding;
 Safe I anchor in His grace.

Sermon Text: Matthew 6:24-34

24 “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God

so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

34 “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

Theme:

Trust Your Father's Perfect Care

1. You are highly valued by God.
2. He is worthy of your Total Worship!

Hymn: 789 Consider How the Birds Above

1. Consider how the birds above
Feed day by day with carefree ease—
Does God not keep them in His love?
Are we not worth much more than these?
2. See how the lilies do not toil,
They grow with fair fragility;
If God clothes these which quickly spoil,
Will He not clothe both you and me?
3. Set not your heart on food or drink,
Nor be weighed down by worldly care;
About such things the godless think,

Yet never thank the Lord in prayer.

4. Be on your guard against all greed,
For life is more than what we own.
Our Father knows our ev'ry need
Before our needs to us are known.
5. Seek first God's Kingdom, and His grace,
His holy Name in all you do:
Christ first and last in ev'ry place;
All else will then be given you.

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, Amen

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: 785 Children of the Heavenly Father

1 Children of the heav'ly Father
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God his own doth tend and nourish;
In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them;
In his mighty arms he bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he sheweth,
And their sorrows all he knoweth.

4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

Scripture Treasure to Remember: Philippians 4:6-7

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Annual Meeting after the service 11:30 (No Bible Class)

Monday - Catechism class at 5:00

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

Midweek Bible Study at Orchard Valley at 2:00.

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.

Sunday School and Bible Class at 11:20.

Lenten Services Begin

Our first Lenten service will be Tuesday, February 17th at 6:00 p.m. at Orchard Valley. Our Theme this year is "**It is Finished.**" All the promises of God for our salvation were finished and complete when Jesus died on the cross. This year we will be following the Prophesies of Zechariah and see how they were perfectly fulfilled for us so that our salvation is truly **FINISHED!**

Midweek Bible Study

We had our first Bible study at Orchard Valley last Wednesday. It was attended by a few residents and guests. We pray for God's continued blessings on this outreach among the seniors of Vernon.

CLC Call News

Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption in Lynnwood and Ascension in Tacoma, WA, has **returned** the call to Messiah, Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace in Hecla; Zion in Aberdeen; and Redeemer in Bowdle, SD, has **received and returned** the call to Messiah in Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor Paul Agenten of Calvary in Marquette and St. Peter's in Iron River, MI, has **returned** the call to Living Hope in Appleton, WI.

Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel in Morris, MN, has **returned** the call to Trinity in Spokane, WA.

RETIREMENT

Pastors Ted Barthels and Richard Kanzenbach have announced their retirement from the pastoral ministry this summer.