

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, (LCMS)

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Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Midweek Lenten Service

891 O LIGHT WHOSE SPLENDOR

- 1 O Light whose splendor thrills and gladdens
With radiance brighter than the sun,
Pure gleam of God's unending glory,
O Jesus, blest Anointed One;

- 2 As twilight hovers near at sunset,
And lamps are lit, and children nod,
In evening hymns we lift our voices
To Father, Spirit, Son: one God.

- 3 In all life's brilliant timeless moments,
Let faithful voices sing Your praise,
O Son of God, our Life-bestower,
Whose glory lightens endless days.

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(Stand)

OPENING VERSICLES

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
C **Teach me Your paths.**
- L** Sanctify us in Your truth.
C **Your Word is truth.**
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

927 FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH

**Refrain: The LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and He has become my salvation.**

¹I will give thanks to You, | O LORD,*
for though You were angry | with me,

²Your anger | turned away,*
that You might | comfort me.

³Behold, God is my sal- | vation;*
I will trust, and will not | be afraid;

⁴for the LORD GOD is my strength | and my song,*
and He has become my sal- | vation.

Refrain

⁵With joy you will draw | water*
from the wells of sal- | vation.

⁶Give thanks | to the LORD,*
call up- | on His name,

⁷make known His deeds among the | peoples,*
proclaim that His name is ex- | alted.

Refrain

⁸Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done | gloriously;*

let this be made known in | all the earth.

⁹Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of | Zion,*
for great in your midst is the Holy One of | Israel.

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.

Refrain

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(Sit)

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

A reading from Acts, the second chapter Acts 2:42

L A reading from Acts, the second chapter.

⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from Matthew, the twelfth chapter

Matthew 12:1–8

¹At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. ²But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, “Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.” ³He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him: ⁴how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? ⁵Or have you not read in the Law how on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless? ⁶I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. ⁷And if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. ⁸For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”

RESPONSORY *Please stand*

- L** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
- C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
- L** Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.
- C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
- L** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
- C** **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

TEN COMMANDMENTS

- C** **You shall have no other gods.**
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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.**

(Sit)

SERMON

What is the third commandment:

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

908 LORD, OPEN NOW MY HEART TO HEAR

1 Lord, open now my heart to hear,
And through Your Word to me draw near;
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain;
Let me Your child and heir remain.

2 Your Word inspires my heart within;
Your Word grants healing from my sin;
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless;
Your Word brings peace and happiness.

△ 3 To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise, and honor be
Now and throughout eternity.

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OFFERING

(Stand)

PRAYER

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

L O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the

world to come; through Jesus Christ , Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

MORNING PRAYER (10:30 AM)

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day

**also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.
Amen.**

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER (5:30 PM)

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

932 JESUS SAT WITH HIS DISCIPLES

- 1 Jesus sat with His disciples
On a mountainside one day;
As the crowds of people gathered,
He began to teach and say:
“Blessèd are the poor in spirit,

Heaven's kingdom they will share.
Blessèd are the sad and mourning,
Joy and comfort will be theirs.

2 “Blessèd are the meek and humble,
All the earth to them is willed.
Those who hunger to be holy,
They are bless'd and will be filled.
Yes, the merciful are blessèd,
Mercy will to them be shown.
And the pure in heart are blessèd,
They have eyes for God alone.

3 “Blessèd are God's sons and daughters,
Making peace where there is strife.
Blessèd are the persecuted,
Who for righteousness lose life;
Their reward is great in heaven,
In the kingdom up above—
So be glad to share My suff'ring
And rejoice to know My love.”

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BENEDICAMUS

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C **Amen.**

Hymn: From High Atop the Mount

1. From high atop the mount where Moses stands,
Thro' cloud and storm the voice of God is heard:
"I am the Lord, and these are my commands.
In all you do, obey my ev'ry word."
4. Your highest love and trust belong to me;
To these no other god has any right.
Not health or wealth or self or family
But I alone shall be your chief delight.
6. My living, active Word will give your rest;
Do not despise it lest it move away.
Its saving truth will leave you richly blessed;
Its saving truth well leave you richly blessed;
3. Your life, O Christ, is counted as our own;
Our guilt was crucified in none but you.
In keeping your commands our love is shown
Now work within us both to well and do.

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