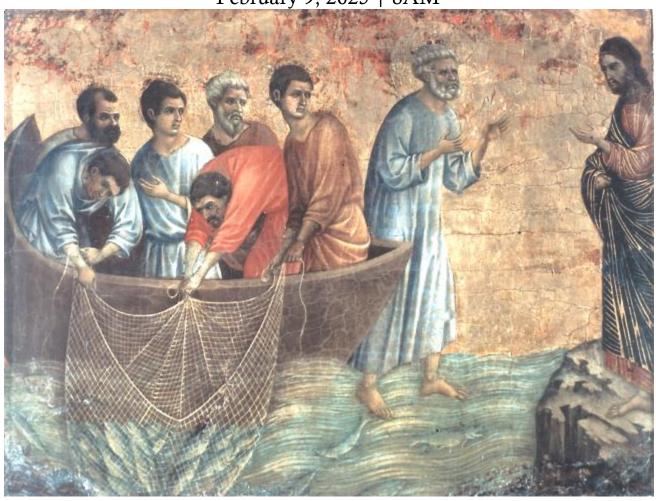
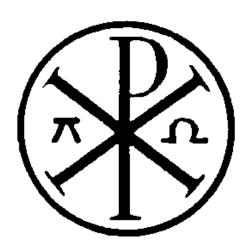
+The Divine Service+

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 9, 2025 | 8AM





Jesus Calls His First Disciples

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!

ST. PAUL is a liturgical, confessional congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For 150 years, Christ's holy Word has been preached and his blessed Sacraments have been administered here. If this is your first time worshipping with us, welcome. We are delighted to have you join us. Please sign the guest registry in the narthex and introduce yourself to one of the pastors today. They would be happy to speak with you.

Holy Communion.

WE CONFESS the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. The Sacrament is offered to baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Christian faith, and who are members of our congregation or another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. If it has been over a year since the last time you communed, or if you are a visitor today, please speak to one of our pastors before receiving Holy Communion. Thank you.

Prayer Before Worship.

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your glory dwells.

Ps. 26:8

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Ps. 84:10

O LORD, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.



Processional Hymn | TLH 132 O God of God, O Light of Light

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



The Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 71:15–18; antiphon: v. 12

O God, be not far from me;

O my God, make haste to help me!

My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge.

With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come;

I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.

O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.

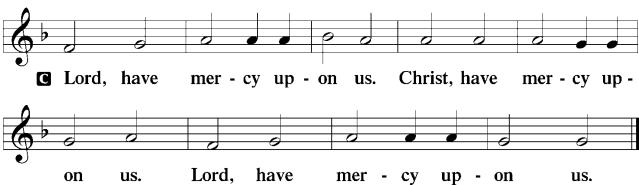


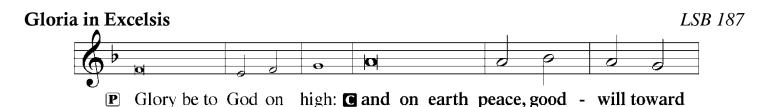


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!

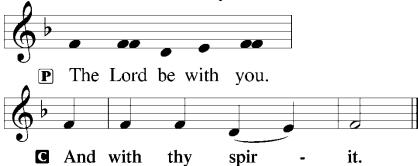








Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1–8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

¹³Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. ¹⁴For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. ¹⁶Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. ¹⁸I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. ¹⁹Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

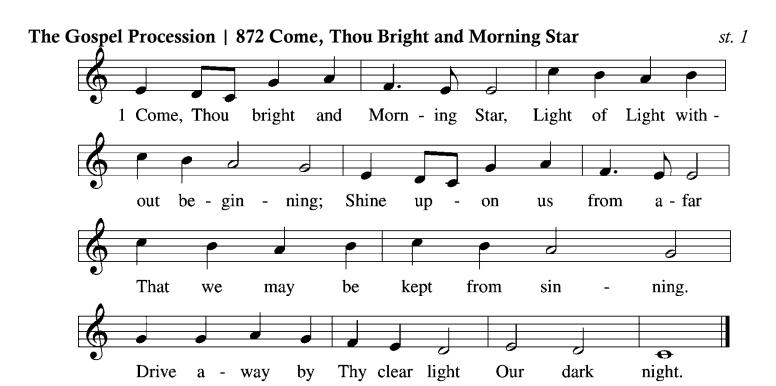
²⁰Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Face the cross as it enters the nave.





Holy Gospel Luke 5:1–11

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter.



¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ² and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Nicene Creed

back cover of hymnal

Sit

Hymn of the Day | 398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Sermon

At the close of the sermon, stand, as the pastor speaks the following blessing:

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus unto life everlasting! C Amen.

Stand

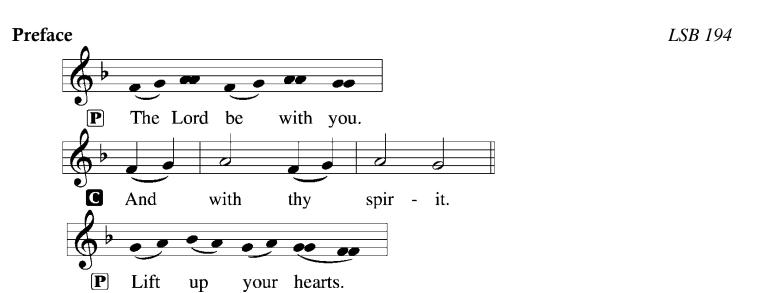


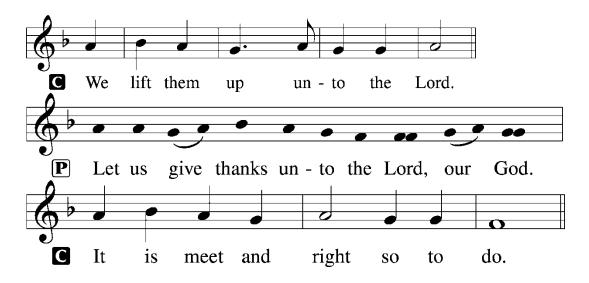
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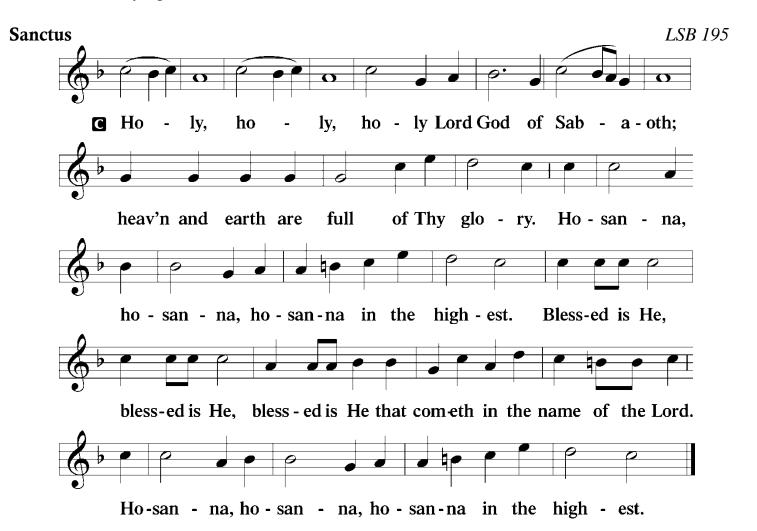
The Prayer of the Church

The Service of the Sacrament





It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, sharing Your eternal splendor, was presented on this day in Your temple in the substance of our human flesh and revealed by the Spirit as the glory of Israel and the light of all peoples. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Prayer LSB 196

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."





Sit

Distribution

Holy Communion at St. Paul

Our congregation confesses the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Altar is open to those baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or of another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of our Pastors before communing today. Thank you.

Distribution Hymn | 687 Thine Forever, God of Love

Distribution Hymn | 689 Let Me Be Thine Forever

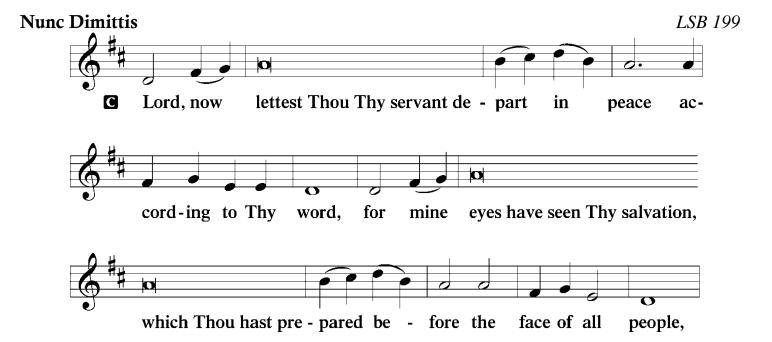
Distribution Hymn | 830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord

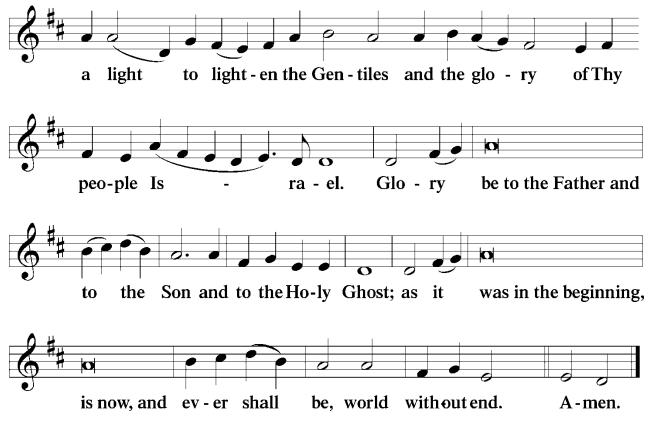
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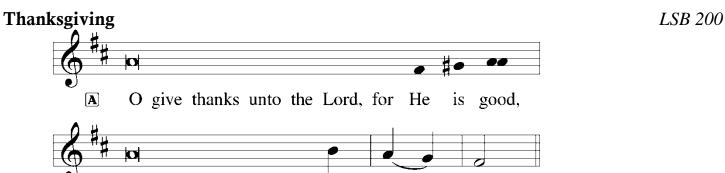
The Dismissal

The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace.

C Amen.







Post-Communion Collect

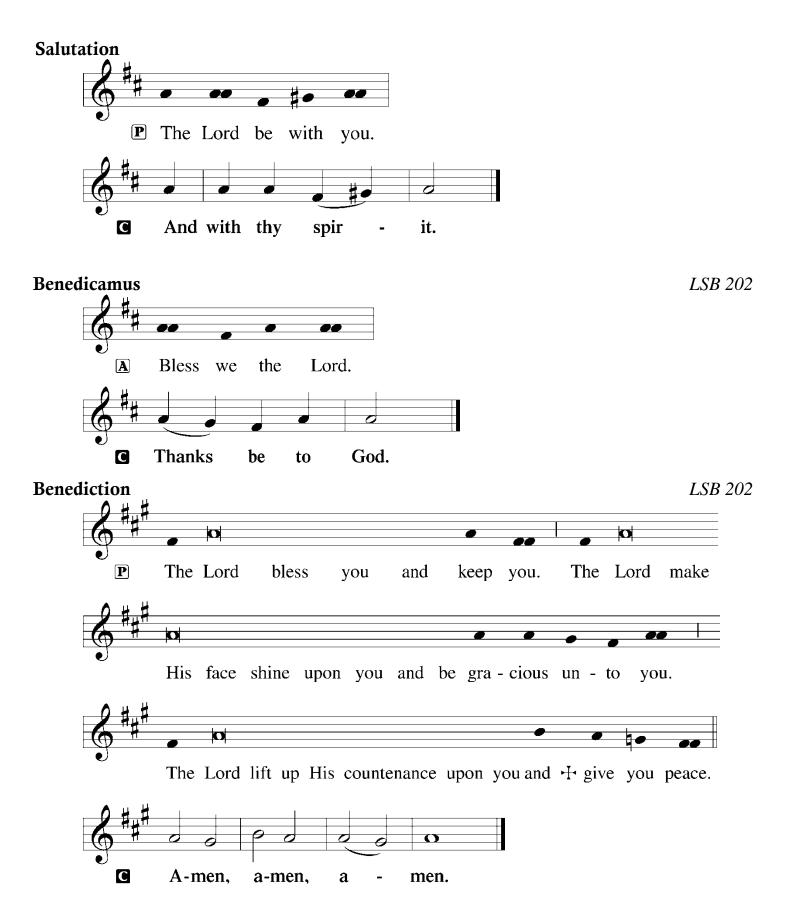
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A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

er.



and His mercy endureth for -



Hymn to Depart | 828 We Are Called to Stand Together

The Call of the First Disciples

A Meditation on the Word of God | Luke 5:1-11

Jesus is God. His Word is powerful. He commands, "Let down your nets..." and by the Word of Jesus, their nets are full. Everything depends on Christ's Word. Apart from Christ, the efforts of men are futile. How far did Peter and the others get without Christ? "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing!" That phrase sums up the futility of one who strives without the Lord's help. But with the Lord's help, the nets are flooded with fish.

This is more than a mere fishing story. This is all about the future ministry of Peter and the others. It all starts with the Lord's call: "**Put out into the deep**..." Those men Jesus was with there on Galilee's shore, he would eventually send out as Apostles. They wouldn't go of their own volition. In other words, they wouldn't send themselves. It all starts with the Lord's call, the command of Jesus, "**Put out into the deep**..." that is, "Take my Gospel to the ends of the earth." Jesus sends the Twelve out into the world as Apostles to bring his Gospel to the nations. If they go of their own volition, they are bound to fail. If they go at the word and command of Jesus, they will succeed. And the success of their ministry—just like the success of this fishing expedition— will be dependent not on themselves, but on the Lord and his Word.

This story is an picture of faith. To Peter, it doesn't make sense to go fishing in the middle of the day, or in the middle of the Lake. Any fisherman knows that fishing should happen in the morning hours while it is still dark, and by the shore. To Peter, who spend the whole night fishing unsuccessfully—that is, to his reason and understanding—going fishing again would be pointless. Another futile endeavor. But Peter had known something about the Lord Jesus by this point. He heard John the Baptist call Jesus, "The Lamb of God." He witnessed Jesus cast out demons in Capernaum and preach the Gospel with authority. He witnessed firsthand the healing of his own mother-in-law. Through Christ's Word, Peter had been brought to faith. He is beginning to believe, to trust, to be dependent and reliant, not upon his own intuitions and understanding, but upon the Word of Jesus: "At your word I will let down the nets."

It is as if Peter said, "Jesus, this makes no sense to me. But I trust that you are good and that your Word carries with it the power to bring new realities into existence. I don't know how, or why you are issuing this command. But I have come to believe that you will not deceive or mislead us, and that your will for us is best." This simple trust of the heart that follows Christ is called saving faith. Saving faith takes hold of Christ and his promises. The Holy Spirit worked saving faith in the heart of St. Peter through the ministry of Jesus among them. Note too how, after the catch, Peter says, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." That is just like Isaiah in the OT reading. Peter knows he is standing in the presence of God himself and that he doesn't deserve to see God and live. Jesus says, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." This is an Absolution. Why does Peter need not be afraid? Peter, a man full of failures and shortcomings? The Lord came to die for Peter, to put away his sins by the shedding of his blood. Jesus would cleanse Peter of his sins in Baptism and empower him by the Spirit for the Apostolic ministry that lied ahead of him. But note how everything is dependent upon the Word of Jesus. There is no effort we can undertake that will succeed apart from it.

Announcements

St. Paul

Noodles. The Ladies Aid will be making noodles from <u>March 2-5th</u>. If any volunteers would like to help, we will need assistance with setup and take down on Sunday and Thursday. All in the congregation are invited to come and lend their time to making noodles. Thanks!

The Communion chalices are being refinished by a company in Cincinnati. This project will take 6-8 weeks to complete. For now, individual cups will be distributed on trays (we could not find a substitute pouring chalice). Thanks to Brian Steiner for executing this project.

The Family of Anita Spiegel invites you to a celebration of Anita's 85th birthday on <u>February</u> 23rd from 1:30-4:30PM in the fellowship hall. Light refreshments will be available. This invitation is for all the members of St. Paul.

Lutheran Bible Institute (LBI) will take place Tuesday evenings **Jan 28, Feb 4, 11, 18 2025 from 7-9:15PM** at Wyneken this year. Four courses are open to the public. Brochures with more information available in the narthex. The fee is \$10/course. Free to college, high school, and elementary students. Bring your own Bible. Enroll with your parish rep (Darrel Ehlerding) or at 6:30PM on the first night of classes, January 28th. Join us as we grow in Christ.

Come and join us for Bible Class hour. We are currently studying the book of Galatians. Not only are we being fed God's Word, but refreshments as well! Most importantly we want you there to learn but if you are interested in sharing your favorite goodies or just supply donuts, that's great! If interested, you can sign up on the calendar on the serving counter in the Fellowship hall. If you are new, and have no idea what to do, you can ask just about anyone who attends Bible Class. If you are hesitant because of the cost involved, donation money is available to cover the cost you incur. We look forward to seeing you! "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!"

Collection for the Hope Clinic. We love babies! And we love their moms and dads! In support of Sanctity of Human Life, we are asking you to purchase new baby items for the Hope Clinic. We are hosting a Church-wide baby shower, so that we can bless those who have chosen life for their child. The following are new items that are always needed:

Baby equipment: cribs/mattresses, pack n' plays with bassinet, swings, bouncer seats, highchairs, baby gates, strollers, car seats/booster car seats, high back booster seats, potty chair or ring, baby monitors.

Baby care items: baby wash/shampoo/lotion, formula (especially Enfamil), baby food, laundry soap, infant care kits (clippers, medicine dispenser, suction bulb, etc.), crib and pack n' play sheets, baby wash cloths and hooded towels, baby bathmat/tubs.

Supplies: diaper bags, bottles, teething and baby toys, diapers (newborn, 4, 5, 6) and wipes, pull ups, sippy cups/baby tableware, clothes/coats (newborn thru 7T), toys/boardgames (newborn to age 5), backpacks/school supplies, children's books (infant to age 5).

For our mothers, we need new or gently used maternity clothes and Instant Pot Cookers. Items not needed at this time are burp cloths, hats, diapers in sizes 1 and 2, baby powder/oil.

Laverne Borne will have totes in fellowship hall for items and will be glad to take your donation to the Hope Clinic. The Baby Shower ends March 31, 2025. Thank you!!

Minutes of the 21 January 2025 Voters Meeting are in the narthex and available for pick up.

Youth

Join the Middle School text thread. Parents, join the Youth Remind Group for information and updates about events, return times, etc. Simply text @wynyouth to 81010.

Sunday, February 23; 2-6 p.m. – Ice Skating and Coney Island (Middle and High S. event) We will meet in the Bingen parking lot at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 25 to carpool to Headwaters Park Ice Skating Rink. After skating for a while, we will then head to Coney Island for some life-changing hot dogs, coney-dogs, cheese dogs, chili, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, baked beans, and, of course, pie. We plan to be back to Bingen by about 6 p.m. Parents, please consider serving as a chaperone, and let your pastor know if you're able. Cost for youth is \$15. Chaperones are free as always.

<u>Wyneken</u>

Wyneken PTL meeting will be held at the school Monday, February 10th at 6PM.

Preschool and Pre-K for next year: As we plan for our early learning program for the upcoming 25-26 school year, we are excited to have your 3 year old or 4-5 year old student join us! We are kindly asking if you have any interest in or are already planning to enroll your little one in the Preschool (age 3 and potty trained) or Pre-K (age 4 by August 1st) program, to please let us know. Please respond to jconrad@wyneken.org and include your child's name, birthdate, and if you plan to be a part of the Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School next year.

Wyneken PTL Gala and Silent Auction. An All-Black affair formal or casual, <u>5PM on Saturday, February 15th</u> at the Mirage, 1640 Winchester Street, Decatur, IN. Tickets are \$85/person or \$510 for a table of 6. For more information please contact Janine Conrad at 260-402-3481 or wynekenptl@gmail.com.

Let the games begin! The Wyneken Association is excited to host a Euchre Tournament at Friedheim's Family Life Center, March 8th. Doors open at 6 pm, tournament play begins at 6:30 pm. \$25 per player (cash or check only event) spectators welcome and free, adults only please. Food and adult beverages available for purchase. For additional fun and funds, throughout the evening there will be a \$1 penalty for anyone who is set. Bring your dollar bills! Wanting to advertise your business? We are looking for event (\$500) and table (\$150) sponsors, player spots included with both options! All proceeds go toward the parking lot project. Contact Lin Gormann (260)223-0716, Karrie Furhmann (260)223-2198, Tami Stoppenhagen(260)223-2203, Brittany Schreiber(260)241-6599, or Matt Gallmeyer(260)414-4066 for more information and tickets!

The Wyneken Childcare Program is growing into our next childcare room! Organizing and storing is always a part of growth. We are building shelving for storage and are in need of some major help. If God has blessed you with the gift of carpentry, we could use donations of lumber and/or help building shelving units for our closets. If this is something you'd be interested in helping with, please contact Jen Conrad or Janine Albert at 260-639-6064 or email childcare@wyneken.org or jconrad@wyneken.org.

District/Community

Zion Friedheim is hosting a **Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, February 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** in their Family Life Center. To donate blood, you must be 16 years of age or older and you must bring identification with you to the drive. To register for a time, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter ZFLC to schedule an appointment. Create a flurry of hope! By giving blood from January 27 through February 28, you can receive a \$15 e gift card (<u>rcblood.org/flurry</u>). In addition to the blood drive, there will be a soup/dessert luncheon with the free will offering being used to help fund the Women's Retreat in the fall of 2025.

All You Can Eat Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. Bethlehem, Ossian Gym. Saturday, February 22, 2025, 6AM-10:30AM. Free will donation. Sponsored by Beth. Luth. PTL.

40 Days for Life- Spring Campaign. Join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>March 4th at 5:30 PM</u> in front of Planned Parenthood for a brief prayer and message to begin our 40 Days for Life spring campaign. Planned Parenthood is located at 2930 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Parking is available at the Right to Life office on 3106 Lake Ave. The spring campaign runs from March 4th to April 13th. For more info please visit <u>www.ichooselife.org/40days or call 260-471-1849</u>.

Craft for a Cause. <u>Saturday, March 1 7AM-7PM</u> at Bethlehem Luth. Church, Ossian. Ladies, pack up your crafting supplies and join us for 12 hours of fellowship, food, and uninterrupted crafting fun!! Registration includes: ½ of an 8' table worskspace with padded chair, continental breakfast, lunch and dinner, goodie bags, progressive bingo for prizes, snack and beverage station. Early bird discount: register by Feb 1 for only \$30, \$35 after Feb 1. Please direct inquiries to <u>deannrene@outlook.com</u> or 616-894-0144. Mail form (in narthex) and check payable to Women of Bethlehem to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, c/o Deann Oliver, 6514 E 750 N, Ossian, IN, 46777.

The Spring LWML Prayer Service will be held at Zion – Decatur, on Saturday, March 1. Registration begins at 8:45 and the Prayer Service, "Blessed Are They" Matthew 5: 1-12, begins at 9:00 AM. Following the service there will be a short business meeting, fellowship, and lunch served by the ladies of Zion. An Ingathering for The Hope Clinic, a nonprofit medical pregnancy resource center in Adams County, will be collected. Needed items: Diapers size 3,4,5; Pull -Ups Boys 3T,4T; Pull-Ups Girls 2T, 3T,4T,5T; New clothing for girls and boys sizes 2T thru 7T. They also have a wish list on Amazon.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 9 **8AM The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany—D.S.**

9:15AM Bible Class/Sunday School

10:15AM The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany—Matins

11:30-12:30AM Confirmation Instruction

Tuesday, February 11 9:30AM Early Bird Bible Class—St. John, Bingen

Wednesday, February 12 7PM Choir Rehearsal

7PM Vespers

Sunday, February 16 **8AM The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany—Matins**

9:15AM Bible Class/Sunday School

10:15AM The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany—D.S.

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Prayer of the Church

- +Sick and recovering: Betty Becker, Helen Bulmahn, Daniel Brege, John Brown (grandfather—Brady Huff).
- +Wyneken: our teachers, Chelsea Wilson, students, staff, and childcare.
- +Expectant mothers: Chloe Johnson, Kelly Skove, Karley Walker, Danielle Meshberger.
- **+The Homebound**: Marge Merriman; Laurna Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling, Cindy Gallmeyer (all at Woodcrest); Mike Hoffman (Cedarhurst Fort Wayne); Gene Bulmahn (Christian Care, Bluffton); Don Haines (home), Ron Selking (Assisted living facility—Chesterton, Indiana).
- +**Birthdays:** Mallorie McCullough, Joe Marbach, Jason Kreigh, Julie Smith, Amanda Bluhm, Maxxen Post, Kathy Terhune, Eric Rabel, Travis Fravel, Amber Riley, Emily Koenemann.

Acolytes 2/9

8AM Jordan Miller

10:15AM Oliver Faurote

Attendance

7PM 1/29: 10 8AM 2/2: 121

10:15AM 2/2: 88

Stewardship

Offering Week #3: \$5,710.49 Online: \$841.23 Total F.T.W.: -\$6,551.72

vs. weekly goal (of \$9,675): -\$3,964.51 Y.T.D.: -\$10,452.82



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