



St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
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February 1, 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

If we are faithless, He remains faithful — for He cannot deny Himself.
2 Timothy 2:13

Sunday, January 25th: No Service

Happening this Week...

Sunday, February 1, Worship Service 9 a.m.
Voters Meeting, 10:15 a.m.

For all spiritual needs please call an elder.

Aaron Kirchhoff 816-799-6144
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Birthdays: 3-Charlotte Reifsteck **No Wedding Anniversaries**

If anyone has been missed let the office know.

In our prayers: Linda King.

Missionary: Rev. Eric Stinnett and family--missionary work in Ethiopia

Those in Uniform: Sgt. 1st Class Bradley Herrin, Staff Sgt. John Bodenhamer, Major Austin Gouldsmith, Grady Whiteman, Major Andrew Rossow

Those who have cancer. **Our Shut-ins:** Linda Loges; Norman Morton, Lillian & Larry Weinreich

Please call the church office with prayer requests at 816-373-5290. Please leave a message if the phone is not answered.

But God
demonstrates

his own love

for us in this:

While we were
still sinners,

Christ died
FOR US.

Romans 5:8, NIV

Living in Joy: Joy Through Praise



Mustard Seed

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Joy Through Praise

In the Word

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord! (Psalm 150:6).

Of the Word

The mockingbird's gray plumage is rather bland. Its size, about 10 inches, is just average for a garden bird. Its nest, a bulky cup of sticks and stems, is no architectural wonder. What makes the mockingbird memorable is its amazing song which can last an hour without repetitions. What a song of praise to the Creator!

We have praises to sing to Him, too. But when times are hard, we may ask with the psalmist, *Why are you downcast, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?* (Psalm 42:5a). The solution: *Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God* (Psalm 42:5b–6a).

From God himself come reasons for praise. He gives us hope through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Walking with my Lord

Thank You, Lord, for giving me life and hope. Accept my praise for Your special gifts to me, especially for the gift of Jesus. Forgive me when I lose hope, and lead me back to a life of praise and joy. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

