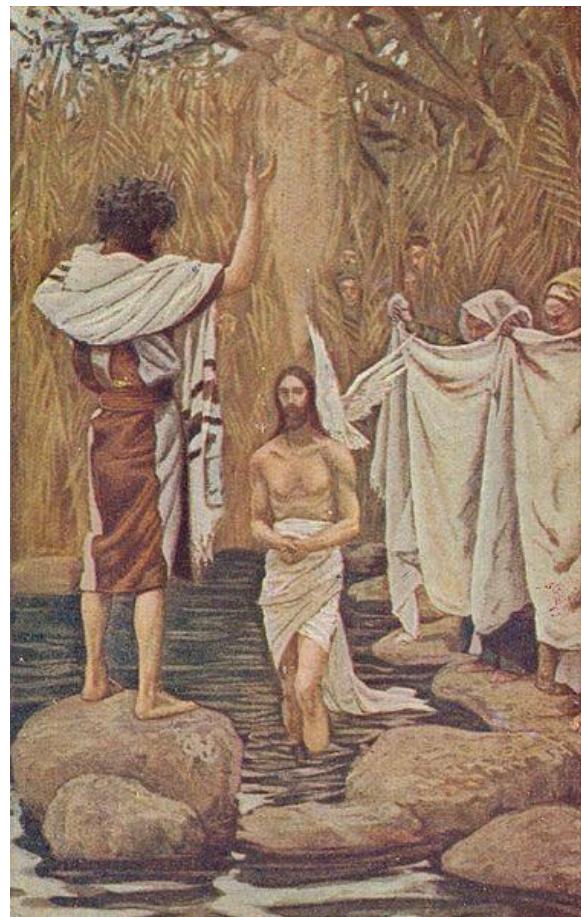


THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



The Baptism of Jesus, James Tissot, c. 1890

January 11, 2026

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are happy you have joined us for worship today. Wherever you are on your journey with or toward God, you are welcome here—you are a blessing to this assembly. We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status.

We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.

Lutherans believe, teach, and confess that in, with, and under the bread and wine in Holy Communion we receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. All who are drawn in faith are welcome to join in this confession and receive the Sacrament.

We invite and encourage your full participation in our worship this morning. With this service bulletin you can follow and participate in this morning's liturgy.

New to St. Paul? If you have questions or want more information, please fill out a newcomer form with the QR code at the right. Questions about transferring membership from another Lutheran church, or for beginning the process for baptism, confirmation, membership, or transferring from one of the other Christian traditions, may be directed to the Church Office at 781-646-7773 or parishadmin@stpaularlington.org.



SUNDAY SERVICE

8:15am | Holy Communion
9:15am | Choir Practice
9:30am | Education Hour with Sunday School, Adult Forum, Confirmation
10:30am | Holy Communion & livestreamed
11:30am | Coffee Hour in Goodman Fellowship Hall

LIVESTREAMING

Worship is streamed on the St. Paul Lutheran Arlington Facebook page. A Facebook account is not necessary to stream, however, without a Facebook account the stream works on a computer browser only and not on a phone.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY TODAY:

Jennifer Parker, Marie Breitenbach & Kim Fechtel, *Altar Guild*
Ainsley S. and Jud S., *Acolytes*
Kathleen Keane, *Lector*
Kat Allen, *Cantor*
Eric Carlson, *Deacon*
Andy Airasian and Dan Ries, *Ushers*
Hollie Schmidt & Mat Carter, *Livestream Broadcast Team*
Peter & Hollie Schmidt & Lisa Chiulli Lay, *Coffee Guild*



Today's altar flowers are given by
Nicole Rura to the Glory of God.

*When the instruction for standing * appears, please stand as you are able and as seems comfortable.*

At the †, you may make the sign of the cross, which reminds us of our baptism.

The congregational responses are printed in bold.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Deep River

Traditional Spiritual, arranged by Lloyd Larson

Mark Olsen, trumpet

WELCOME

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \dagger one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice, **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in \dagger Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

* GATHERING HYMN

Baptized in Water!

ELW 456

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in G clef and the bottom staff is in F clef. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

promise, faithful now God's praise we sing.
given, thankful now God's praise we sing.
children; joyful now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

* GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

* KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - ey.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men, a - men.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
alone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry out or lift up his voice
 or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth,
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
 who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:

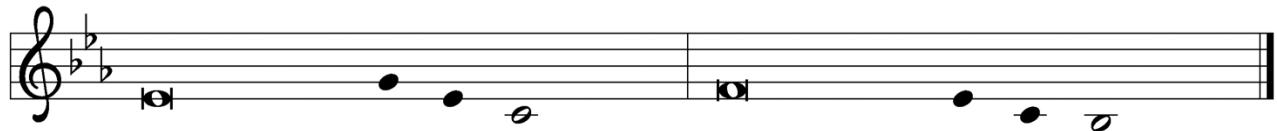
I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations,
 to open the eyes that are blind,
 to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord; that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
 I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Ascribe to the ¹ Lord, you gods,
 ascribe to the Lord glo- ¹ ry and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory ¹ due God's name;
 worship the Lord in the beau- ¹ ty of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of ¹ glory thunders;
 the Lord is upon the ¹ mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is a pow- ¹ erful voice;
 the voice of the Lord is a ¹ voice of splendor.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the ¹ cedar trees;
 the Lord breaks the ce- ¹ dars of Lebanon;
**the Lord makes Lebanon skip ¹ like a calf,
 and Mount Hermon like a ¹ young wild ox.**

The voice ¹ of the Lord
 bursts forth in ¹ lightning flashes.

**The voice of the Lord ¹ shakes the wilderness;
 the Lord shakes the wilder- ¹ ness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the ¹ forests bare.
 And in the temple of the Lord all are ¹ crying, "Glory!"

**The Lord sits enthroned a- ¹ bove the flood;
 the Lord sits enthroned as king for- ¹ evermore.**

O Lord, give strength ¹ to your people;
 give them, O Lord, the bless- ¹ ings of peace.

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the book of Acts.

Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

* GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND SERMON

Pastor Don Larsen

* HYMN OF THE DAY

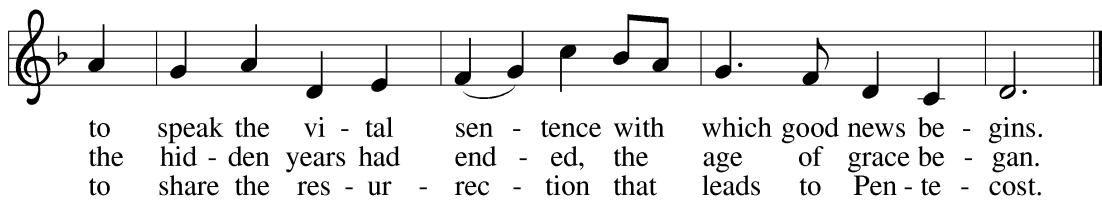
When Jesus Came to Jordan

ELW 305

1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;

he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond-age break.

He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000
 Music: KING'S LYNN, English folk tune

Affirmation of Baptism

Dear friends, we give thanks for life-giving, life-renewing promise of God as we make public affirmation of our baptism into Christ.

The presiding minister may note briefly the occasion for this affirmation.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have revealed us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving and serving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

May almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, graciously renew in you daily the gifts and promises of Baptism and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

Steadfast God, give courage to your servant church. Heal our divisions and unite us in mission. Uphold our lay leaders, missionaries, pastors, and bishops, and all who proclaim hope in a broken world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Restoring God, cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs. Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Righteous God, you guide the nations. Reconcile warring enemies and end cycles of violent retribution. Defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee from persecution. Sustain international aid workers and peacemakers.

Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill

especially Bobby, Dan, Diane, George, Jim, Lynn, Meredith, Naomi, Paul, Roberta, and Susan. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving one another, our neighbors, and our enemies. We pray for travelers and those who are homebound. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Promising God, in baptism we die and rise with Christ. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, and we trust that we will join them in your everlasting peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

*PEACE

Keep your hands close together or make the peace sign if you'd rather not pass the peace with touch.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANTHEM

Sacred Waters

Joseph Martin

There is a well spring, a fount of blessing,
splashing with promise, flowing with life.
All who are seeking, all who are thirsty,
draw from the well that will never run dry.

There is a clear pool, a source of wonders,
a home for mercy, a healing place.
All who are weary, all who are wounded,
plunge in the water, dancing with grace.

Come to the water, come be restored.
Drink from the fountain. Thirst no more.
Jesus is reaching. Jesus is teaching.
Love overflowing, faith ever growing,
come , know the goodness of the Lord.

There is a river, a crystal river.
deep with forgiveness, rippling with grace.
Wade in the water. Wash in the waves.
God stirs the water in marvelous ways.

Come to the water, come be restored.
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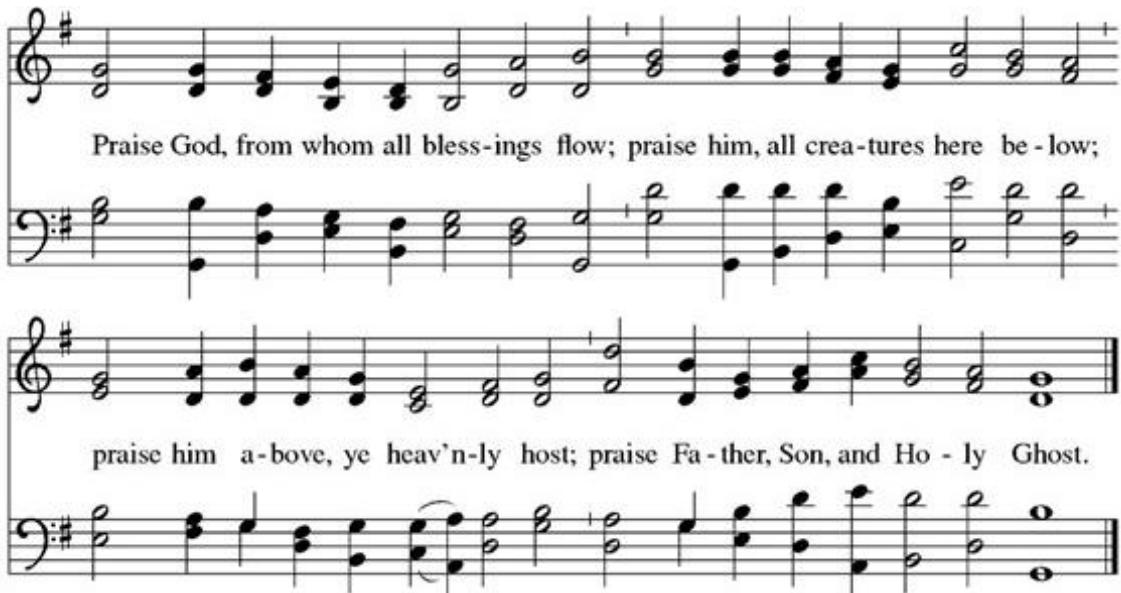
Come, where the sacred waters flow.
Come to the water.
Come to the water.
Come to the water.

MEAL

*OFFERING SONG

Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow

ELW 855



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low;
praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERING

You may give an offering through the Givelify app by scanning this QR code.



You may also make an offering by placing a gift in the offering plate, which is in the narthex.

* OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

* GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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| Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. | as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. |
| Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, | For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen. |

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers are available on request. Both wine and grape juice are available in each tray; the wine is red and the grape juice is white.

Come forward in the center aisle starting at the front of the church. The pastors will motion the first people forward.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Spirit of Gentleness

ELW 396

Refrain

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness
 call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,
 stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - - ters, you called to the deep,
 2 You swept through the des - - ert, you stung with the sand,
 3 You sang in a sta - - ble, you cried from a hill,
 4 You call from to - mor - - row, you break an - cient schemes.

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
 and you goad - ed your peo - - ple with a law and a land;
 then you whis - pered in si - - lence when the whole world was still;
 From the bond - age of sor - - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - - ons you called to each thing:
 and when they were blind - - ed with i - - dols and lies,
 and down in the cit - - y you called once a - gain,
 our wom - en see vi - - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Dominus



"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
 then you spoke through your prop - ets to o - pen their eyes.
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
 With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940
 Music: SPIRIT. James K. Manley

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

ELW 470

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

*TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise
☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* SENDING HYMN

Remember and Rejoice

ELW 454

1 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.
2 In life, in death, we trust in God's most ho - ly name,
3 We pledge our-selves a - new to flee the lures of hell,
4 God, bless us by your grace; re - mind us of your care.
5 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.

We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.
for - ev - er traced by wa - ter sign, and sealed by Spir - it flame.
to cling to Christ's com - mu - ni - ty, in jus - tice, peace to dwell.
Re - new - ing Spir - it, fill us now, in - spire our work, our prayer.
We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Font

John Wyeth and Robert Robinson, arr. Lloyd Larson

Mark Olsen, trumpet

--- ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* UPCOMING HAPPENINGS *at* SAINT PAUL ---

Adult Forum - January 11 and 18

On Sunday, January 11, the Adult Forum will examine a projected revenue shortfall for 2026 and the implications for the budget. St. Paul's bylaws require the congregation to approve a balanced budget at the Annual Meeting. On Sunday, January 18, the 2026 budget will be reviewed during the Adult Forum. This is an opportunity for questions, discussion, comments and input into the final budget proposal.

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2025 | Tuesday, January 13 deadline

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is on Sunday, January 25, 2026. The church office plans to make printed copies of the Annual Report available on Sunday, January 18. You can help turn that plan into reality by getting your report to the Parish Administrator, Jennifer White, by Tuesday, January 13. Her email address is parishadmin@stpaularlington.org

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION – JANUARY 25, 2026

We gather for a single Service of Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m. on January 25, with the Annual Meeting immediately to follow.

GENTLE REMINDER: PLEDGES FOR 2026

God willing, St. Paul will call its next Pastor during this new calendar year. **You can help prepare the way for this next exciting chapter by pledging financial support for St. Paul's ministry in 2026.** Pledges are being received now. You are invited to prayerfully consider making a generous pledge that will help the congregation and its next Pastor move into the future on a solid financial footing. If you are new to the congregation or have not pledged in the past for other reasons, please consider a pledge for the coming year. You may fill out the pledge form and mail it back to St. Paul or put it in the offering plate during worship on Sunday mornings.

THEOLOGY ON TAP IN JANUARY | Sunday, January 18th at 4 PM.

We'll get together again at *The Mighty Squirrel Brewing Company*, 411 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham. Beers, non-alcoholic drinks, and snacks are available, as well as each other. Somebody bring Chex Mix like last time! That was great!

Given the proximity to MLK Day, we'll talk a bit about *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, Martin Luther King's call to face up to injustice with what he termed "nonviolent direct action." Are race relations any better today than they were in 1963? You can find the [here](#). Questions? Text Lionel Goulet at (781) 367-5550.

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE | Sunday January 11 after the 10:30 service

The Social Ministry Committee will meet upstairs, classroom 6. Participation in this committee is open to all parishioners - new members are always welcome!

ARLINGTON EATS

Arlington Eats posted a year-end wrap up on Facebook - you can see the highlights below. Thank you for your consistent giving to this important work!

Snapshot of what we accomplished in together in 2025

- 1500 households served, with nearly 20% new in 2025
- 2,325 Home deliveries
- Over 1,000,000 pounds of food distributed, over 40% of which was fresh produce!
- 830 children served
- 3,388 total people served

January Spotlight Items

- Stock/bullion
- Pasta sauce
- Coconut milk
- Crackers
- Granola bars
- Cereal (especially Cheerios)
- Dish soap
- Baby Wipes

ST. PAUL BIBLE STUDY | Thursday Evenings, 7-8pm by Zoom

All are invited to join our bible study! We will gather on Thursday evenings on Zoom from 7-8pm. Each week, we will study the upcoming Sunday's lectionary texts, which are the bible readings we hear in worship. To access the readings and Zoom link, please see St. Paul's Weekly Update email. If you are not a subscriber, you can sign up on our website or email Pastor Larsen for the Bible Study Zoom link <stpaularlington.interim.pastor@gmail.com>.

THE COMING WEEK and BEYOND AT ST. PAUL

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| Thursday, January 8 | 7:00pm | Bible Study on Zoom |
| Sunday, January 11 | 8:15 & 10:30am | Service of Holy Communion |
| | 9:15am | All educational ministries and choir rehearsals |
| | After 10:30 service | Social Ministry Committee meeting in Room 6 |
| Thursday, January 15 | | Annual reports available via email request to parishadmin@stpaularlington.org |
| | 7:00pm | Bible Study on Zoom |
| Sunday, January 18 | 8:15 & 10:30am | Service of Holy Communion Annual reports available in church. |
| | 4:00pm | Theology on Tap, Mighty Squirrel, Waltham |
| Sunday, January 25 | 9:30am | One service led by St. Paul youth with Annual Meeting to follow. |



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