



THE CHURCH ON THE HIGHWAY
Where Life and Jesus Intersect
St. Paul Lutheran Church

1301 Hogan Lane • Waco, Texas 76705

Sunday Worship
8:00am & 10:30am

Sunday School &
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9:15am

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Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church

The Church on the Highway... Where Life and Jesus Intersect

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 26, 2020

"Be thoughtful - be silent - be reverent; for this is the house of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord; During the service, let the Lord speak to you; After the service, speak to one another."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTRATION CARDS: Welcome! We worship in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. May God bless you as we gather before the throne of heaven. Members, please remember to fill out a "White Registration Card" so we can have a proper soul-accounting, and Guests, please sign the guest book and complete a "Yellow Visitor Card" located in the hymnal rack. Please place your completed card in the card collection slot at the end of each pew (center aisle side).

LIVE STREAMING OF WORSHIP SERVICES: Our 10:30 am Sunday worship service is streamed live on the Internet. To view this service, or previous 10:30 am services, go to the church Web site at www.splcwaco.com, click on the link "LIVE STREAMING" on the home page, and select which service you would like to view.

REMEMBER OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN PRAYER:

Please contact the church office for a complete list of prayer needs.

FLOWERS were placed on our altar today to the glory of God by Freddie & Diana (Kuehl) Kubitza in thankfulness for many blessings He has bestowed upon them; and in loving memory of Debra Kubitza, Roger Kuehl, and Erwin Dieterich

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PRAYER BEFORE DIVINE WORSHIP

Almighty God, grant to Your church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

(Please silence your cell phones and mobile devices during our worship time. Our 10:30am worship service is live-streamed on the World Wide Web. Therefore, we consider your child/ren coming forward for the Children's Message as parental permission to publicly share their image.)

Pre-service Music

Announcements

Opening Song: "I Love to Tell the Story"

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true.
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story!
 'Twill be my theme in glory
 To tell the old, old story
 Of Jesus and His love.

2. I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story; It did so much for me,
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. *Refrain*
3. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own Holy Word. *Refrain*
4. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song.
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

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Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Response: Amen.

Confession and Absolution (based on Psalm 27, ESV)

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
Response: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**
Pastor: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
Response: You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."
Pastor: Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help.
Response: Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!
Pastor: Most merciful God:
Response: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, by Christ's authority and command, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Response: Amen.
Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
Response: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Hymn of Response, 761: "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-25

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, O Christ!

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Children's Message**Offering****Hymn of the Day, 842: "Son of God, Eternal Savior"**

Sermon: "I Have Confidence?"Psalm 27
Pastor Hardaway

Prayer of the Church**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 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.

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Response: Amen.

Closing Hymn: “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found;
Was blind but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come.
‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

My chains are gone, I’ve been set free.
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns.
Unending love, amazing grace.

(PAUSE)

The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

My chains are gone, I’ve been set free.
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns.
Unending love, amazing grace.

(PAUSE)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow;
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

Amazing Grace, John Newton, Traditional American Melody; My Chains Are Gone, Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio; CCLI License # 1801824

Post-service Music

MEETING AND ACTIVITY NOTICES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 2, 2020

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Purchase Tickets for Valentine Banquet in the church foyer

12:00 p.m.: 4th Sunday College Student Lunch

(Taqueria Durango, 4330 Memorial Dr., Waco, TX 76711)

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

10:00 a.m.: Quilting Group (Parish Hall)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

6:30 a.m.: Men's Bible Study (Parish Hall)

10:00 a.m.: Tri-Cities Ministries (Parish Hall)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

6:30 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m.: Confirmation and Midweek Classes (grades 5-8)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

7:00 a.m.: Lawn/Building Maintenance

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Purchase Tickets for Valentine Banquet in the church foyer

4:00 p.m.: 1st Sunday Home Bible Study Group

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday: Job 1-4

Thursday: Job 14-17

Monday: Job 5-7

Friday: Job 18-20

Tuesday: Job 8-10

Saturday: Psalms 7-9

Wednesday: Job 11-13