

**++THE GUIDE ++**  
**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS**

**March 16, 2025**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

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**THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD**

SUN.            8:30 AM Worship Service-Choir Sings  
                  9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+  
                  10:30 AM Worship Service @ Grace  
                  5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace

TUE.            9:00 AM Morning Bible Study  
                  7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

WED.            8:30 AM Chair Yoga  
                  10:30 AM Lent Service @ Grace  
                  6:30 PM Lent Service @ St. Paul  
                  7-8 PM WDS

SUN.            8:30 AM Communion Service  
                  9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+  
                  10:30 AM Worship Service @ Grace  
                  5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace

**March 9 8:30: 107 Year Ago: 103 Sunday School:**

**Welcome** Welcome to worship as we journey through the season of Lent, seeking to grow in faith, hope and love. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

**Congratulations** Congratulations to Chris & Alicia Harrell on the birth of their daughter, Carter Jean. Carter was born on Saturday, March 8, 2025. Grandparents are Rick & Susie Allen. God's blessings to Carter and her family.

**Benefit** There will be a benefit for Nick Oller March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Shelbyville VFW. Jeep run registration begins at 10:30 AM. Dinner will be served at 5pm followed by a silent/live auction.

**Congratulation** Congratulations to Dylan and Amelia Ohnesorge on the birth of their daughter, Blair Ragan Ohnesorge. Blair was born on Thursday, March 6, 2025 and weighed 7lbs 4 oz. Grandparents are Joe & Linda Buscher, Brad Ohnesorge, and Barb Ohnesorge. Great Grandparents are Betty Buscher and Mary Lou Schaefer. God's blessings to Blair and her family,

**FOR THE LORD'S WORK**

<b>CURRENT OFFERINGS</b>	<b>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ DIFFERENCE</b>
Mar 9	\$ 3,971.00	\$ 2,582.50	\$-1,388.50
year-to-date	\$ 35,710.00	\$ 35,681.75	\$ -28.25
<b><u>Synod-Offerings</u></b>			
Mar 9	\$ 481.00	\$ 285.00	\$ -196.00
year-to-date	\$ 4,810.00	\$ 4,550.00	\$ -260.00
<b>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</b>			Total to Date \$875.00
Building \$250 Trinity \$1800 LYF \$25 Sem. Student \$600			
LCMS World Relief \$40			

**Mar 5 \$785.00 (ACH)**  
**Mar 9 \$4,797.50**

- 3/25 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
- 3/26 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
  - 10:30 AM Lent Service @ Grace
  - 2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
  - 6:30 PM Lent Service @ St. Paul
  - 7-8 PM WDS
- 3/27 8:30 AM Blanket making

**Lenten Series** - Good News from the Beginning: The Gospel in Genesis  
**Lenten Midweek 3:** March 19 The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Us a New Beginning, Genesis 6  
**Lenten Midweek 4:** March 26 The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Himself in Our Place, Genesis 22:1-18  
**Lenten Midweek 5:** April 2 The Good News of a Savior Who Unites Heaven and Earth, Genesis 28:10-22  
**Lenten Midweek 6:** April 9 The Good News of a Savior Who Brings Good from Evil, Genesis 50:15-21

**Save the Date:** The Dual Parish is sponsoring Vacation Bible School on June 16-20, 2025 from 9:00-11:30 AM at St. Paul's. Further information will be forthcoming with a registration form. This years theme is "Epic Australian Adventure: An Unforgettable Journey with Jesus.

**SHOE BOXES:** The items we are collecting for the Christmas shoe boxes for the month of March are socks and underwear for children age 2 to 18. Thank you for your donations.

**Congratulations** Congratulations to Cole and Megan Hartke on the birth of their daughter, Ashlynn Kay. Ashlynn was born on Saturday, March 8, 2025. Grandparents are John & Lisa Cress and Rick & Donna Hartke. God's blessings to Ashlynn and her family.

**Thank you** Thank you to everyone in our church family who sent birthday wishes for my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Your cards, personal greetings, phone calls and texts made my birthday special. What a lovely surprise it was to have the College Plus, Alpha and WLS Sunday School classes sing Happy Birthday and celebrate with a delicious cake provided by Patsy Lenz. You made my birthday memorable, and I am most appreciative. God's blessings to each of you. Virginia Vogel



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

19-John & Lisa Cress

### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 17-Don Telgmann; Weslyn Long;  
Suttyn Wallin; Theron\* Newell  
18-Merle Ragan; Stephani Petri  
Jesse Williams;  
19-Claire Hortenstine; Karen Wirth  
20-Bob Sporleder  
21-Madilyn Rincker  
22-Grayson Gilbert

### **HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Pat Wallace, Rick Wallace, Rachel & Jesse  
Wallin, Kelsey & Zachary White, Steve &  
Sharon Weber, Tom Weber

### **Recorded Services**

**Website:** [stpaul-strasburg.com](http://stpaul-strasburg.com)

**YouTube:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Strasburg Illinois

**Facebook:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church

### **PRAYER**

Dianna Gibson	Anna Schlechte
Nick Hanfland	Kendall Fulk
Frances York	Wayne Wirth
Robert Pfeiffer	Ronda Schlechte
Margaret Swank	Nick Oller
Beulah Ulmer	Clay Tabbert
Karla Tabbert	

### **LIMITED MOBILITY**

Rose Schlechte- StoneBridge  
Robert Stremming  
Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook  
Bill Orr  
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone  
Mattoon  
Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga  
Doris Stremming – Willowbrook,  
Effingham  
Margaret Swank – Willowbrook  
Effingham

### **FRIENDS & FAMILY** **(non-members)**

Cody Chasteen (Sue's nephew; ATV  
Accident)  
Ken Daily (Karen Pfeiffer's father)  
stroke  
Zona Doty ( Health)  
Walker Warden (cancer)  
Christie Dust ( Howard & Kay's  
daughter) (Primary Progressive  
Multiple Sclerosis)  
Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)  
Matt Durbin  
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's  
uncle)

### **Adopted Seminary Students 2024-25**

**4<sup>TH</sup> Year Student**  
**Micah Brown (Wife Jen)**  
**6C Founders Way**  
**St. Louis, MO 63105**  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Year Student**  
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**6600 North Clinton St., Box 194**  
**Fort Wayne, IN 46825**

**2024-25 Vicar assignment at**  
**Concordia**  
**Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN**  
**Joshua Gerken (Wife Rachel, son**  
**Callan)**  
**5418 Brighton Dr.**  
**Fort Wayne, IN 46825**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent – Setting One

### Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB 915

- 1 Today Your mercy calls us To wash away our sin.  
However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,  
However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,  
Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.
  
- 2 Today Your gate is open, And all who enter in  
Shall find a Father's welcome And pardon for their sin.  
The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv'n,  
A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav'n.
  
- 3 Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits;  
His blessed angels gather Around the heav'nly gates.  
No question will be asked us How often we have come;  
Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father's home.
  
- 4 O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,  
What should we do without You When heart and eye run o'er?  
When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair,  
We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer.

Text: Oswald Allen, 1816–78, alt. Text: Public domain

*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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## Introit

Psalm 74:1–3; antiphon: Psalm 69:9

## Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading**

Jeremiah 26:8–15

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle**

Philippians 3:17—4:1

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Choir Sings** “Lord, Have Mercy” (Bach/Arr. Hopson)

### **Verse (Lent)**

LSB 157

C ***Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.***

### **Holy Gospel**

Luke 13:31–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C ***Glory to You, O Lord.***

### **The Gospel is Read**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C ***Praise to You, O Christ.***

### **Children’s Message**

#### **Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart**

LSB 708

1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne’er from me depart,  
With tender mercy cheer me.  
Earth has no pleasure I would share. Yea, heav’n itself were void and bare

If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.

And should my heart for sorrow break, My trust in Thee can nothing shake.  
Thou art the portion I have sought; Thy precious blood my soul has bought.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

- 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave My body, soul, and all I have  
In this poor life of labor.  
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place May glorify Thy lavish grace  
And help and serve my neighbor.  
Let no false doctrine me beguile; Let Satan not my soul defile.  
Give strength and patience unto me To bear my cross and follow Thee.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
In death Thy comfort still afford.
- 3 Lord, let at last Thine angels come, To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,  
That I may die unfearing;  
And in its narrow chamber keep My body safe in peaceful sleep  
Until Thy reappearing.  
And then from death awaken me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,  
O Son of God, Thy glorious face, My Savior and my fount of grace.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,  
And I will praise Thee without end.

Text: Martin Schalling, 1532–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

**Sermon** Luke 13:31-35 “Nevertheless”

### **Apostles' Creed**

- C 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.**

## Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this and all congregations, that the Lord would remember them, strengthen and defend His pastors and servants in the Church, and cause His people rightly to fear His wrath and rejoice in His redemption, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For hope in a world convulsed by sin, that we would believe that our eternal citizenship is in heaven and that our Lord Jesus Christ will subject all things to Himself, transforming our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our homes, that they would not be places to worship our bellies, glory in shame or set our minds on earthly things, but a refuge of love while here and a foretaste of our heavenly home, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our nation and its officials, that the Lord would give them wisdom and integrity; and that neither they nor the citizens of our land would hinder His Church or despise His call to repentance, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and afflicted, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that He who cast out demons and performed cures on His way to the cross would strengthen their faith and deliver them from suffering, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For repentance and joyful confidence in Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, and that God would gather us at His altar in a true confession of His Word as a hen gathers her chicks, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For courage to bear reproach and declare boldly the name of Jesus, who suffered reproach and bore our sins to the cross, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**



P Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### **Offertory**

LSB 159

C ***What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?***

***I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.***

***I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.***

***I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.***

### **Lord's Prayer**

C **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.**

### **Benediction**

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

### **Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain**

LSB 435

1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.

2 Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.

- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall thirst no more.
  
- 4 They that drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.

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Next Week's Readings – Ezekiel 33:7-20, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

This Week's memory Verse - Luke 13:33 "Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem."

### **Acknowledgments**

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