

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

March 23, 2025

Third Sunday in Lent

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THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

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

TUE. 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study

WED. 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

THURS. 8:30 AM Blanket making

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service-Choir
 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: 124 Year Ago: 120 Sunday School: 36

Welcome Isaiah announced God's invitation: "Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink ... it's all free!" (55:1, NLT). Are you thirsty for good news, peace, hope, love? Christ is the water of life. Welcome to worship. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

Reunion The 1975 confirmation class will be having a reunion today. The members of that class include: Ann Lading, Twilla Kessler, Jill Storm, Cathy Juhnke, Penny Pfeiffer, Jeanne Foelsing, Paula Pieper, Otis Rincker, Chris Doehring, David Allen, Bob Schlechte, Kendall Lading and Steve Weber.

Fish Fry The Strasburg Lions Club will be holding their annual all you can eat Fish Fry on Friday, March 28, 2025 from 4:30-7:00PM. Menu includes all you can eat fish, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, baked beans, and applesauce. Adults \$15 Children (12 and under) \$5.

Easter Sunday Celebrate the Risen Savior! Communion Service at 8:30AM followed by continental breakfast at 9:30AM in the social hall. There will be an egg hunt for ages 0-6th grade at 10 AM in the backyard. All are welcome!!

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
Mar 16	\$ 3,971.00	\$ 1,950.25	\$-2,020.75
year-to-date	\$ 39,681.00	\$ 37,632.00	\$-2,049.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Mar 16	\$ 481.00	\$ 882.00	\$ 401.00
year-to-date	\$ 5,291.00	\$ 5,432.00	\$ 141.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$1,120.00
Building \$410	Trinity \$245	Sem. Student \$200	LYF \$40
Lutheran Care Center	\$100		

Mar 13 \$650.00 (Lent)
Mar 16 \$3,177.25

- 4/1 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 4/2 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
10:30 AM Lent Service @ Grace
6:30 PM Lent Service @ St. Paul
7-8 PM WDS
- 4/3 1:30 PM Ladies Aid

Lenten Series - Good News from the Beginning: The Gospel in Genesis
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.

Palm Sunday The Sunday School children will parade in before church on Palm Sunday with palms. Children can meet in the choir/cry room off the narthex before church. They will parade in during the first hymn or processional at the direction of Pastor.

Thank you Thank you for the delicious and convenient meals provided by the Cradle Roll. Such a generous act of kindness and it was greatly appreciated during the first few weeks with our precious Ella. Justin & Kendall Fulk

LYF Join us for a LYF Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 6th at St. Paul's. We will be serving a delicious meal of pancakes, smoked sausage and scrambled eggs from 8 - 10 AM. Dine in and carry out! We appreciate your continued support!



ANNIVERSARIES

25-Kenny* & Sara Hayes
26-Gary & Sheryl Duncan

BIRTHDAYS

25-Rick Stodden; Tara Blank
26-Deanna Uphoff
27-Deanna Foelsing
28-Darrell Cress
29-Doris Supan; Natalie Hayes;
Mary Tabbert; Nick Oller

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Jim & Phyliss Weiss, Lauren & Luke
Wetherell, Lynn & Denise (Aaron) White,
Jeanne Wildman, Brad & Brea Wirth,

Recorded Services

Website: 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)**

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

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3rd Sunday in Lent – Setting Three

O God, My Faithful God

LSB 696

- 1 O God, my faithful God, True fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within
A conscience free from blame, A soul unstained by sin.

- 2 Grant me the strength to do With ready heart and willing
Whatever You command, My calling here fulfilling;
That I do what I should While trusting You to bless
The outcome for my good, For You must give success.

- 3 Keep me from saying words That later need recalling;
Guard me lest idle speech May from my lips be falling;
But when within my place I must and ought to speak,
Then to my words give grace Lest I offend the weak.

- 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kindly words and actions,
And let me find good friends For counsel and correction.
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small
And by Your Spirit's might To live in peace with all.

- 5 Let me depart this life Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul That it may live forever;
And let my body have A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave; And let it sleep in peace.

- 6 And on that final day When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand, My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice, Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice With those who love Your name.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, 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 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.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 5:4–8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6

C ***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

Kyrie

LSB 186

- C ***Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And with thy spirit.***

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

Ezekiel 33:7–20

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1–9

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

C ***Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

The Gospel is Read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C ***Praise be to Thee, O Christ.***

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

May God Bestow on Us His Grace

LSB 823

- 1 May God bestow on us His grace, With blessings rich provide us;
And may the brightness of His face To life eternal guide us,
That we His saving health may know, His gracious will and pleasure,
And also to the nations show Christ's riches without measure
And unto God convert them.

- 2 Thine over all shall be the praise And thanks of ev'ry nation;
And all the world with joy shall raise The voice of exultation.
For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord, Nor suffer sin to flourish;
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and nourish,
In righteous paths to keep them.

- D 3 O let the people praise Thy worth, In all good works increasing;
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth, Thy Word is rich in blessing.
May God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit bless us!
Let all the world praise Him alone, Let solemn awe possess us.
Now let our hearts say, "Amen!"

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt. Text: Public domain

Sermon 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 "God is Faithful"

Offertory

LSB 192

C *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.*

Prayer of the Church

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C *And with thy spirit.*

P Lift up your hearts.

C *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C *It is meet and right so to do.*

P 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

C *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C *Amen.*

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

LSB 761

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
- 2 Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.
- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

- 4 While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–78 Text: Public domain

Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

LSB 421

- 1 Jesus, grant that balm and healing In Your holy wounds I find,
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling Pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,
Show the peril, and from sinning Keep me from its first beginning.
- 2 Should some lust or sharp temptation Fascinate my sinful mind,
Draw me to Your cross and passion, And new courage I shall find.
Or should Satan press me hard, Let me then be on my guard,
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded," That the tempter flee confounded.
- 3 If the world my heart entices With the broad and easy road,
With seductive, sinful vices, Let me weigh the awful load
You were willing to endure. Help me flee all thoughts impure
And to master each temptation, Calm in prayer and meditation.
- 4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;
When I'm faint, Your cross revives me, Granting new life to my soul.
Yes, Your comfort renders sweet Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;
For Your all-atoning passion Has procured my soul's salvation.
- 5 O my God, my rock and tower, Grant that in Your death I trust,
Knowing death has lost its power Since You crushed it in the dust.
Savior, let Your agony Ever help and comfort me;
When I die be my protection, Light and life and resurrection.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. composite, alt. Text: Public domain

What God Ordains Is Always Good

LSB 760

- 1 What God ordains is always good: His will is just and holy.
As He directs my life for me, I follow meek and lowly.
My God indeed In ev'ry need
Knows well how He will shield me; To Him, then, I will yield me.

- 2 What God ordains is always good: He never will deceive me;
He leads me in His righteous way, And never will He leave me.
I take content What He has sent;
His hand that sends me sadness Will turn my tears to gladness.
- 3 What God ordains is always good: His loving thought attends me;
No poison can be in the cup That my physician sends me.
My God is true; Each morning new
I trust His grace unending, My life to Him commending.
- 4 What God ordains is always good: He is my friend and Father;
He suffers naught to do me harm Though many storms may gather.
Now I may know Both joy and woe;
Someday I shall see clearly That He has loved me dearly.
- 5 What God ordains is always good: Though I the cup am drinking
Which savors now of bitterness, I take it without shrinking.
For after grief God gives relief,
My heart with comfort filling And all my sorrow stilling.
- 6 What God ordains is always good: This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken.
I fear no harm, For with His arm
He shall embrace and shield me; So to my God I yield me.

Text: Samuel Rodigast, 1649–1708; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt. Text: Public domain

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C *Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C ***and His mercy endureth forever.***

P 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.

C ***Amen.***

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And with thy spirit.***

Benedicamus

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.

C ***Thanks be to God.***

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C ***Amen, amen, amen.***

Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

LSB 559

- 1 Oh, how great is Your compassion, Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race In our depth of degradation
You had mercy so that we Might be saved eternally!
- 2 Your great love for this has striven That we may, from sin made free,
Live with You eternally. Your dear Son Himself has given
And extends His gracious call, To His supper leads us all.
- 3 Firmly to our soul's salvation Witnesses Your Spirit, Lord,
In Your Sacraments and Word. There He sends true consolation,
Giving us the gift of faith That we fear not hell nor death.

- 4 Lord, Your mercy will not leave me; Ever will Your truth abide.
Then in You I will confide. Since Your Word cannot deceive me,
My salvation is to me Safe and sure eternally.
- 5 I will praise Your great compassion, Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race In our depth of degradation
You had mercy so that we Might be saved eternally.

Text: Johann Olearius, 1611–84; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Text: Public domain

Next Week's Readings – Isaiah 12:1-6, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

This Week's Memory Verse – 1 Corinthians 10:13 "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."

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