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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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Accompanist	Sheryl Vonderheide	Prayer Chain	217-821-3038
Greeter	Mark & Melissa Luce		

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 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

THURS. 1:30 PM Ladies Aid

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service
 8-10 AM LYF Pancake Breakfast
 9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+
 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Grace
 5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace
 6:30 PM Bible Trivia

March 23 8:30: 129 Year Ago: 160 Sunday School: 42

Welcome Like a loving father welcoming a prodigal child home and inviting the other to join the feast, God welcomes us all. Let us celebrate such amazing grace. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

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!!

Thrivent gift card We need suggestions and or ideas for the \$250 gift card from Thrivent for the miles that our walkers walked. Please notify the church secretary or Jim Weiss with your suggestions.

Lost & Found If you are missing a jacket there is a lavender one hanging on the coat rack and it has been there a few weeks.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
Mar 23	\$ 3,971.00	\$ 4,480.00	\$ 509.00
year-to-date	\$ 43,652.00	\$ 42,112.00	\$-1,540.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Mar 23	\$ 481.00	\$ 1,051.00	\$ 570.00
year-to-date	\$ 5,772.00	\$ 6,483.00	\$ 711.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$1,180.00
Building \$280 Trinity \$60 Sem. Student \$465 LYF \$125 Cemetery \$10			

Mar 19 \$654.00 (Lent)
Mar 20 \$3,285.00
Mar 23 \$2,532.00

- 4/7 6:30 PM Council meeting
- 4/8 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 PM LFL @ Dale & Diane Wetherell's
- 4/9 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
- 4/10 8:30 AM Blanket making

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

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.

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!

Mites Sunday Sunday, April, 1st is Mites Sunday.



ANNIVERSARIES

31-Steve & Jill Layton
2-Bob & Yvonne Pfeiffer
3-Roy & Mary* Reed

BIRTHDAYS

31-Jenna Layton; Stacey* Rincker
Callie Clifton
3-Todd Daniels
5-Stella Petri

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Danielle Wirth, Darrell & Laurie Wirth,
Dennis & Kenna Wirth, Gary Wirth, Kevin
& Allison Wirth, Ron & Karen
Wirth, Shelby (Aurora) Wirth, Tyler &
Jennifer Wirth, Wayne & Connie 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	Mark Richards

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

4TH Year Student

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St. Louis, MO 63105

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Hunter Kinnison (Wife Naomi)

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2024-25 Vicar assignment at Concordia

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**Joshua Gerken (Wife Rachel, son
Callan)**

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4th Sunday in Lent – Setting Four

Christ, the Life of All the Living

LSB 420

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 3 Thou hast borne the smiting only That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring, Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee, Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee. All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,
That as Thine Thou mightest own me And with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee: Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Hornburg, 1605–81; (sts. 1–2, 5, 7): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (sts. 3–4, 6): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1912, St. Louis
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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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 51:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

Kyrie

LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

Isaiah 12:1–6

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir Sings “I Know a Fount” (Harlan)

Verse

C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth 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.**

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.**

Children's Message

God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB 571

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.
 - 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.
 - 3 God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
 - 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.
 - 5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.
- D 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

Text: Heiliges Lippen- und Hertzens-Opffer, c. 1778, Stettin; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt. Text: Public domain

Sermon Isaiah 12:1-6 "God is My Salvation"

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. Give us a proper knowledge of the evil we have done in Your sight. Move us to confess our offenses against You, and justify us with Your holy absolution. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy God, You delight in truth in the inward being and teach us wisdom in the secret heart. Give to our pastors every good gift as Your ambassadors, that we may grow in faith and hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father of mercy, remember Your baptized children who have left Your household and departed from the faith. Call them to repentance according to Your gracious will. Remember parents, grandparents and all who mourn their departure. Sustain them in faithful patience to wait and pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, in Christ You reconciled the world to Yourself. Watch over our nation and all whom You have placed in authority. Give them wisdom and prudence, that Your people might live in peace and freely make known the message of reconciliation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Everlasting Father, although this world is passing away due to sin, we pray that You would preserve Your creation for our provision until You usher in Your new creation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, hear our prayers for all who cry out to You for mercy, healing and help [*including* _____]. Deliver them according to Your will and, as You have

made them a new creation in Christ, keep them mindful of the day when sorrow and sickness will be no more. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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.**

Benedicamus

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

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.**

528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

LSB 528

1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!

- 2 My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.
- 3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
- 4 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.
- 5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.

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Next Week's Readings – Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:8-14, Luke 20:9-20

This Week's Memory Verse – Isaiah 12:2 "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song and he has become my salvation."

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