

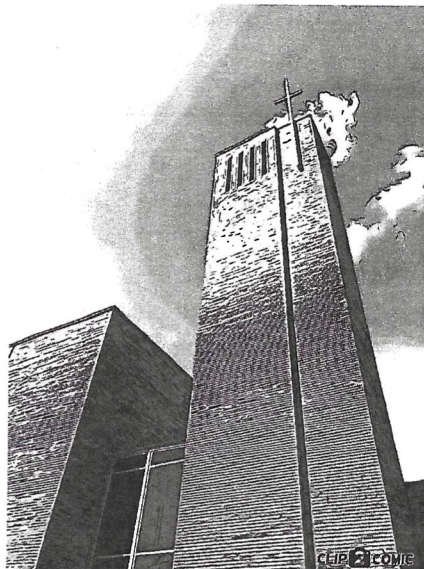
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March 19, 2023

**+Order of Service+**  
March 19, 2023  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
Divine Service Setting Three  
LSB 184  
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Opening Hymn: **Christ, the Life of All the Living** LSB 420

Confession and Absolution LSB 184

Introit, Gloria Patri, and Kyrie LSB 186

*Gloria In Excelsis Omitted During Lent*

Collect of the Day LSB 189

**Old Testament** *Isaiah 42:14-21*

**Epistle** *Ephesians 5:8-14*

**Holy Gospel** *John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39*

Creed

Hymn of the Day: **Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness** LSB 849

Sermon

Offertory

Prayers of the Church

Communion Liturgy LSB 194

Distribution Hymns

**The Infant Priest Was Holy Born** LSB 624

**God Loved the World So That He Gave** LSB 571

**Lord Jesus Christ, Life—Giving Bread** LSB 625

Nunc Dimittis and Concluding Liturgy LSB 199

Closing Hymn: **I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light** LSB 411

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**March 12, 2023**

**Of Our Time: 101**

**Communion: 75**

**Giving: \$7,455.00**

**Introit** *Psalm 27:4–6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15*

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,\*  
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:.\*  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze  
upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;.\*  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a  
rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I  
will offer in his tent sacrifices with | shouts of joy;.\*  
I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,\*  
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net

**IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS REMEMBER:**

+ Gladys Belgard, DeLaine Krenz, Dick Eckmann, Alania Jans, Pastor Fretham, Mel  
Breitbarth, Terry Bentele, Brandi Stohs, Cliff Dobie, Marlen Halverson, Gloria  
Drevlow, Marsha Miller, Carol Ritz. Ron Schultz, Larye Anderson, Engel Dougherty,  
Shari Voit. +Our Shut-Ins: Jo Rusert, RoseMary Kasten, Janis Olson, June Mausling,  
Dallas & Wendy Becker, Mary Breitbarth. + Our Servicemen: Mike Hintz, Lance  
Halverson, Josh Rusert, Duane Cox, Andrew Reed, Cade Hotzler.

## **Old Testament**

**Isaiah 42:14-21**

For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. (15) I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. (16) And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. (17) They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." (18) Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! (19) Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? (20) He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. (21) The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

## **Epistle**

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (9) (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), (10) and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. (11) Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. (12) For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. (13) But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, (14) for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

## **Gospel**

**John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39**

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. (2) And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" (3) Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. (4) We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. (5) As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." (6) Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud (7) and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. (14) Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. (15) So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." (16) Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. (17) So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about



him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. (35) Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” (36) He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” (37) Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” (38) He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. (39) Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

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**REGISTRATION** has begun for the 2023-2024 School Year. On the table in the Narthex are brochures and a registration form you can take and give to someone you know that might be interested in our wonderful school. Invite them to a school event, invite them to church, and/or talk to them about our great school and let Mr. Miller know about it so he can follow-up. Thanks in advance!

**EASTER LILIES**: If you would like to bring Easter Lilies in for church in remembrance of your loved ones, please contact Dawn Halverson at 507-432-8248 or drop them off by Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**EASTER BREAKFAST** will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> after the Sunrise Service in the church basement. Everyone is invited to join us in food & fellowship! The Crusaders Youth Group will be hosting the event. Anyone wishing to donate eggs, ham, pastries, muffins, fruit, milk, orange juice, or money for items, please let Jana Chase (260-246-2145) or Jen Wedel (507-399-1964) know or with any questions. Proceeds will go toward the Higher Things Youth Gathering trip in July.

**LADIES AID** will be meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 1:30pm.

**THE PTL** committee is hosting a Silent Auction and free-will donation luncheon on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:30am-1:00pm. Proceeds from this event will go towards the new gym floor and recreation equipment expenses. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend. If you are interested in donating to this event, please contact Ashley Freeman (507)399-9249.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** – The LWML Blue Earth Zone invites all women and men to the LWML Spring Rally on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Truman. The topic will be led By Rev. Craig McCourt. A light supper will be served at 5 PM. **Rev. Craig McCourt** is originally from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

**ENROLLMENT** for the 2023-2024 school year is now open at Martin Luther JR/SR High School, Northrop. Interested families are invited to visit the school at any time. Call 507-436-5249 to set up a time. The Vision of Martin Luther JR/SR High School is: Partnered with families and congregations, Empowered by the Gospel, Academically Accredited, Christ-Centered and Cross-Curricular, Engaged in Excellence. Early enrollment discounts apply until March 15th. For more information visit [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com). All teens are welcome to be blessed by a quality Christian high school education.

**EVERYONE** is invited to a **Soup and Sandwich Lunch** at Martin Luther JR/SR High School in Northrop **TODAY** from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Serving homemade soups: Chicken Noodle, Sausage Tortellini, Cheesy Potato, Beef Stew with homemade dumplings; Egg Salad or Cheese Spread on Crimp Bread, Bars, Cupcakes and Greg's Heavenly Homemade Ice Cream. Cost is a free-will donation that will go toward the Student Tuition Aid Fund.

**IS GOD** "missing in action?" Not if we see things from God's eternal perspective. March 26th Message: "Is God Missing in Action?". Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes speaks on WCCO (830): 6.05 AM and KSUM (1370): 11:00 AM.

**THE MINNESOTA SOUTH** Orphan Grain Train is hosting a "Mercy Meals" Food Pack during the Lutheran Laymen's League convention at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, 315 Martin Luther Drive, Northrop on Saturday, April 15. Several teams of 16 people are needed throughout the day to do the food pack. Form your groups (or partial groups) now and sign up by contacting Doyle Benson at 320-583-7695 or emailing [doylebenson321@gmail.com](mailto:doylebenson321@gmail.com). If you would like to make a financial contribution to offset expenses please send to Darlene Fretham, 611 1st Ave. NW; Winnebago, MN 56098.

Ministry focused breakout sessions include "The Depth of LHM ministry" by Dr. Phillip Johnson, Assistant to the President Mission Formation MN South LCMS; "Best Practices - Rural and Small Town Ministries"; and "LHM Gifted for More!".

A noon meal will be available. The banquet dinner is at 5 p.m. Guest speaker will be Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Principal Paul Steinhaus with music by Jayson Matasovsky. Tickets are \$10 for noon lunch and \$20 for the banquet and should be purchased by April 10. Send registration and payment to Doyle Benson, 24198 100th Street, Stewart, MN 55385.



**YOU CAN GIVE** to Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Ministry while you shop! Use Hy-Vee Cards or give them as gifts! Available in \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100. Purchase Kwik Trip cards through MLHS. MLHS earns 5% on each Gas and Gift Card. Available in \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200 and \$500 increments. Give them as gifts also! They can be used at Kwik Trip and Kwik Star. Special Kwik Trip Grocery Only cards are available in \$100 and \$200, which provides 15% to MLHS on in-store grocery purchases ONLY. \*\*\**Items not eligible to be purchased with Grocery Only include: fuel, tobacco, alcohol, gift cards, lottery/lotto, and stamps.* Both Hy-Vee & Kwik Trip cards can be purchased from Chris Geistfeld.

**TICKETS** are on sale for the **OH! What a KNIGHT Dinner Auction** that will be held at Martin Luther JR/SR High School, Northrop on Saturday, April 22nd. Auction preview and social hour will begin at 4:30 p.m. Valet parking service will be available. A dinner of bacon wrapped chicken breast will be served at 6:00 p.m. The Live Auction will follow with many fine items, experiences, and services on the docket. Tickets are \$30 each and must be purchased by April 15th and are available at area churches, the ML school office and online at [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com). Hundreds of new items, gift certificates, theme baskets and handmade items will be up for bids. Donations are welcome. Pictures and notification of donations are appreciated now with delivery of items to MLHS from April 1 until April 10. Call 507-436-5249.

**MARCH DELEGATE** Meeting will be held at Martin Luther JR/SR High School, Northrop **TODAY** at 1:00 p.m. in the Music Room. All delegates are encouraged to attend. The 2023-2024 budget will be presented.

**THE SPRING RUMMAGE** and Bake Sale will be held at Martin Luther JR/SR High School Thursday, March 30th from 4-8 p.m.; Friday, March 31st, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, April 1st, 8 a.m. to noon. Set up will begin on Saturday, March 25. Volunteer workers are most welcome to set up, operate the sale and help with take down. Donations of spring and summer clothing (in good condition), household items, and furniture will be accepted Saturday-Tuesday. Your help is essential to our success! Come help when you can and leave when you wish! Volunteers can sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094CACAA2DA2F94-spring1>. For more information go to [www.martinlutherhs.com](http://www.martinlutherhs.com) or call 507-436-5249.

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Sun.	Mar. 19	9:00	Divine Service & Holy Communion
		10:15	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
		10:30-1:00	Soup & Sandwich Luncheon @ MLHS
		1:00	Delegate meeting @ MLHS
Tues.	Mar. 21	10:00	Women's Bible Study
Wed.	Mar. 22	10:00	Chapel
		4:30	After School Confirmation
		7:00	Lenten Service
Sun.	Mar. 26	9:00	Divine Service & Holy Communion
		10:15	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

**Organist:** 3/19 Chris 03/22 Sylvia 03/26 Chris


**Ushers:**

3/19/23 Lonnie Smith, Elliot Belgard, Randy Miller, Glenn Kubly  
3/22/23 Kerry Krenz, Sawyer Krenz, Cade Ekstrom, Alex Weihe, Cade Hotzler  
3/26/23 Larry Hintz, Jeff Hoppe, Lowell Boesch, Ken Urban  
3/29/23 Lonnie Smith, Elliot Belgard, Randy Miller, Glenn Kubly  
4/02/23 Scott Halverson, Randy Miller, John Matasovsky, Skip Henton, Wade Krenz, Gerald Urban, Ken Urban

### Our Visitors

We welcome you to the Divine Service. May the Lord Jesus bless you through His Word preached, spoken, sung and given in the Sacraments. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God and therefore it is without error. We believe that Jesus Christ is true God, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Further, we believe that Jesus Christ atoned for all the world's sins and that we are saved alone by God's undeserved love. Scripture teaches that God declared the whole world to be righteous in Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. For Christ's sake He justifies those who believe in Jesus and trust in God's forgiveness in the blood of The Crucified One.

### Holy Communion

 Scripture declares that in the Sacrament of the Altar each communicant receives the body and blood of Christ to eat and to drink with the mouth of their bodies. Communicants who believe this receive forgiveness of sins, those who don't eat and drink judgement unto themselves. Communion also is a confession of oneness of the Faith we are baptized into, is preached in our pulpit, and summarized in the Small Catechism. Sadly, since these clear doctrines of The Holy Bible are not accepted by all Christian denominations, we continue the historic Christian practice of Closed Communion. **We request that anyone who is not a communicant member of the LC-MS please speak with our Pastor or an elder before the service and join our congregation in singing hymns during the distribution. Membership classes are offered.**