

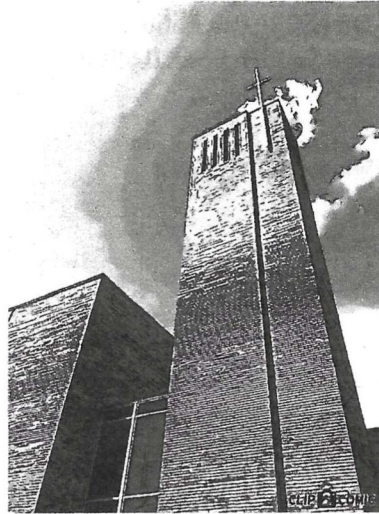
# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church & School

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March 10, 2024

## **+Order of Service+**

March 10, 2024

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Divine Service Setting Three

LSB p. 184

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Opening Hymn: **By Grace I'm Saved**-LSB Hymn #566

Confession and Absolution-Lutheran Service Book (LSB) p.184

Introit (see next page)

Kyrie-LSB p. 186-189

Gloria in Excelsis omitted during the season of Lent

Collect of the Day-LSB p.189

**Old Testament Reading:** Numbers 21:4-9

**Epistle Reading:** Ephesians 2:1-10

**Holy Gospel:** John 3:14-21

Creed

Hymn of the Day: **God Loved the World So That He Gave**-LSB Hymn #571

Sermon

Offertory

Prayers of the Church

Communion Liturgy-LSB p. 194

Distribution Hymns

**Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared**-LSB Hymn #622

**O Love, How Deep** -LSB Hymn #544

**O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee**-LSB Hymn #632

Nunc Dimittis and Concluding Liturgy-LSB p. 199

Closing Hymn: **Not All the Blood of Beasts**-LSB Hymn #431

**SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE**

**Musicians:** Heidi Koertz

**Ushers:** Kerry Krenz, Sawyer Krenz, Cade Ekstrom, Alex Weihe, Cade Hotzler

**Elder of the Month:** John Matasovsky



**Introit--Psalm 27:3-5; antiphon: Psalm 27:1**

**Pastor:** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?\*

**Cong:** The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

**Pastor:** Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear;\*

**Cong:** though war arise against me, yet I will be | confident.

**Pastor:** One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:\*

**Cong:** 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.

**Pastor:** For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;\*

**Cong:** he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

**Pastor:** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?\*

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### **Old Testament Reading**

### **Numbers 21:4-9**

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. (5) And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." (6) Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. (7) And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. (8) And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." (9) So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

### **Epistle**

### **Ephesians 2:1-10**

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins (2) in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— (3) among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. (4) But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,

(5) even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— (6) and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, (7) so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. (8) For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, (9) not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (10) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

## Gospel

**John 3:14-21**

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, (15) that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. (16) “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (17) For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (18) Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. (19) And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. (20) For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. (21) But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”



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.**

## Online giving is now available!

Online giving is an easy and reliable method to contribute to St. Paul's Lutheran while you are out of town or if you are interested in eliminating the need to remember your envelope on Sunday morning. You can make a one-time donation or schedule recurring contributions. This option is available through the church's website; [spltruman.com](http://spltruman.com) or by simply scanning the following QR code.





SPL-TRUMAN YOUTH SPONSORED

# Easter Breakfast

31 March 2024 - 8:30 am  
(immediately following the 7:30 am service)  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Truman, MN

Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Milk,  
Juice, Coffee

## Want to volunteer?

A volunteer sign-up is in the narthex.

Opportunities include tasks before, during, and after the meal.

All are welcome to join us!

## Want to donate?

- Monetary donations of any amount are a huge blessing. If you'd like to help in this way, your donation can be given to any youth group member or the church office.

**A free-will donation will be collected to support the SPL-Truman Youth attending the 2024 Higher Things conference.**





# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

March 10, 2024

**Worship: Sundays @ 9am - Chapel: Wednesdays @ 10am**  
**Midweek Services during Advent & Lent: Wednesdays @ 10am & 7pm**

### BIBLE CLASSES

**Sunday Morning Bible Class: 10:15-11:15am**  
**Sunday School: 10:15-11:15am**  
**Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study: 10-11am**  
**Wednesday After-School Confirmation: 4:30-5:30pm**

### OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance Last Sunday: 174  
Communion: 97  
Offerings Given Last Sunday:

### IN OUR PRAYERS

† Ronald Schultz, Candace Doerfler, Mike Barfknecht, Charlotte Dobie, Matthew Sieg, Audrey Becker, Duane Danner, Lois Camelin, DeLaine Krenz, Dick Eckmann, Alania Jans, Pastor Fretham, Terry Bentele, Brandi Stohs, Cliff Dobie, Gloria Drevlow, Marsha Miller, Larye Anderson, and the family of RaNae Wolle (sister of Larry Wolle).

† Our Shut-Ins: Jo Rusert, RoseMary Kasten, Carol Ritz, June Mausling, Mary Breitbarth

† Our Servicemen: Mike Hintz, Lance Halverson, Josh Rusert, Duane Cox, Andrew Reed, Cade Hotzler

### LUTHERAN HOUR

#### March 17<sup>th</sup> -- "The Strangest Request"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe. God promised to make Abraham the father of many nations through the gift of a son named Isaac. But then God asked Abraham to return that gift in a most shocking way (Genesis 22:1-14). Listen on WCCO (830): 6:05 AM and KSUM (1370): 11:00 AM.

### CHURCH NEWS

**Birthday Celebration:** Gloria Barchenger will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Cards can reach her at 2205 Albion Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031.

**Easter Breakfast:** Youth Sponsored Easter Breakfast will be held immediately after the 7:30 a.m. service on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Milk, Juice, Coffee. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, please see the details on the desk in the narthex or in the bulletin insert this week.

**Easter Lilies:** St. Paul's Lutheran is again planning for bulk delivery of Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday. You can pre-arrange your request with Scott or Dawn Halverson. The cost is \$18.00. Please submit your payment along with who the flower is in memory of to the church office as soon as possible. You're also welcome to bring your own lily but make sure the office has your information well in advance so it can be included in the bulletin insert for Easter Sunday.

**History Bricks:** Please stop by the table in the narthex to approve & sign the template of your preordered brick. If you would like information or an order form for the History Bricks (which will be going around the new sign/bell to complete the landscaping) they are on the table in the narthex. Please return order forms to the office by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY

Worship with Holy Communion.....9 a.m.  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.....10:15 a.m.

**MONDAY** (Pastor's Day Off)

#### TUESDAY

Women's Bible Study.....10 a.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

Chapel.....10 a.m.  
Bulletin Announcements Due.....3 p.m.  
Confirmation.....4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Lenten Worship.....7 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

#### FRIDAY

#### SATURDAY

#### SUNDAY

Worship with Holy Communion.....9 a.m.  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.....10:15 a.m.

### UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

--S.A.G.E.S. (Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving) will hold their 2024 event "Finishing Strong" on May 6-7 at Country Inn and Suites in Mankato. The event begins at 1 p.m. on Monday and concludes at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The featured speaker is Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, former district president (2012-18) and a published author. There will be breakout sessions of topical interest, music, fellowship and joyful activities. The Monday evening banquet will feature The Benson Family Singers from Faribault as well as a closing devotion with Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford, district president. More details in the narthex and registration at [mnsdistrict.org/sages](http://mnsdistrict.org/sages).

--Vendor Benefit at St. John's UCC at 301 N. Main in Fairmont will be on March 16<sup>th</sup> from 9-1:30 PM. Over 37 vendors will be in attendance and proceeds will go to Deb Smith (battling stage 4 cancer) and the Healing Hearts & Recovery Home for Women in Sherburn.

### MLHS NEWS

Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for event details.

--The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop KNIGHTS4 Life group are collecting personal care items to help those who currently have no place to call home. Collection ends Friday, March 15.

--A Soup and Sandwich Lunch will be held at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Serving will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

--The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Association Delegate Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the Music Room.

--The OH! What a KNIGHT Dinner Auction celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop will be held on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 4:30 p.m.



# Amazing Grace

For by grace, you have been saved  
through faith.

## SPL School's Mission Statement:

To work together with families and area congregations to provide a quality education in a Christian environment, leading students to lives of service.

**Our Goals:** Nurture faith, Celebrate learning, Pursue excellence.

## IMPORTANT SPL DATES

March 9<sup>th</sup>: Fine Arts Festival at MLHS-starts at 8:00 a.m.  
March 18<sup>th</sup>: PTL Mtg. at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room  
March 28<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup>: NO SCHOOL-Easter Break Celebration  
April 7<sup>th</sup>: Piano Recital-1:00 p.m.  
April 20<sup>th</sup>: Spelling Bee

## THIS WEEK'S LUNCH MENU

March 11-15

**Monday:** Sloppy Joe/Bun, Waffle Fires, Baked Beans, Warm Apple Slices

**Tuesday:** Dorito Bandito, Lettuce/Cheese, Corn, Peaches

**Wednesday:** "National" Chicken Noodle Soup Day, Chicken Patty/Bun, Carrots, Fruit Cocktail, Chips

**Thursday:** Italian Pasta Bake, Peas, Green Beans, Pears, Bread Stick

**Friday:** Cheese Quesadilla, Lettuce Salad, Tater Tots, Rosy Applesauce

## SCHOOL REMINDERS

Please get your re-enrollment paperwork turned in for next year ASAP. It allows for proper planning. If you are not sure about a teacher, touch base with them and spend some time in their classroom. Witness what actually happens in the classrooms, not what people say happens.

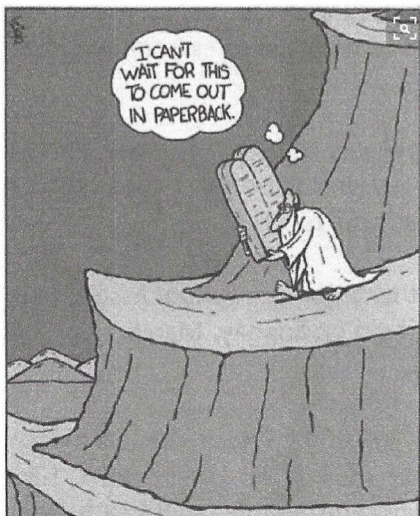
Remember that Spring Easter Break is March 28<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>. Remember to worship with your family over the Lenten Season to be reminded about this special time of year.

A HUGE thank you to all who were involved in the planning of Lutheran Schools Week.

PTL Meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

## SCHOOL NEEDS

The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom continues to collect clean, plastic caps of all shapes, sizes, and colors. Please make sure that they are clean and dry. Please, no metal caps or lids.



## FROM OUR CLASSROOMS

**Preschool:** This week we worked on the letter S again, but with the extra busyness of Lutheran School week we did not learn about an animal this week. We focused on the number 20, worked on using "just a dot not a lot" of glue, and color recognition. Kid quote of the week: child was talking about having a TV mounted to the ceiling, "if it (tv) falls down, my mom would be mad if I was dead."

**Kindergarten:** In Jesus Time we have started talking about the "Fruits of the Spirit." We are practicing the blends st & sw. Math has us practicing 10 more & 10 less. We are finishing up talking about teeth & how to care for them. A ginormous thank you to the Lutheran Schools week committee for all of your time planning & preparing for this very eventful & exciting week! The kids had so much fun & I personally loved all the food! :)

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>:** What an awesome class! Memory and Spelling: Please check your child's Homework folder for the lists! Spelling: Gr. 1: hope, rope, home, poke, cone, vote, hole, those. Gr. 2: smallest, sadder, saddest, hotter, hottest, larger, largest, thinner, thinnest, widest, greatest, later, latest, flatter. In Social Studies we are traveling around the world - this week we took a break! Fine Arts Festival: Martin Luther H.S.: this Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>: The schedule was sent out on Monday. Our school choir will also be singing at the concert - 12:00 p.m. There are more details on the bottom of the schedule. Call if you have any questions! Lutheran Schools Week: We thank the committee for the wonderful treats and activities! Bowling was a blast!

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>:** Just a couple of reminders coming up this weekend. Fine Arts is this Saturday. On Sunday we will have Just for CiCs at St. James Northrop, from 1 - 3 pm. If you have a nerf gun, please bring that. Please do not bring your nerf bullets, they will be provided for you. You may also want to put your family name or child's name on the nerf gun as well. We get back to a normal week next week! Keep up the good work! Thank you to those who donated items to our classroom. They were needed and appreciated!

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>:** We had a fun time celebrating Lutheran Schools Week this week. Thank you to the PTL for all the fun activities and treats they provided for us! Remember the Fine Arts Festival is this Saturday at MLHS in Northrop. A schedule went out earlier this week. Great job on the AR challenge class!! I'm so proud of all of you. Parents, communication is very important in a successful education for your child. Please be sure you are checking their assignment books (student planners) each night and initialing it to let me know you've seen it. Also, please sign and date the paper in the green Friday folders and return them with your child to school on Monday (sometimes the day of the week changes on this depending on our week).

Thank you for all you do throughout the year for your child and me! Teamwork equals success!

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>:** I pray that you had a great Lutheran Schools Week! See you all at the Fine Arts Festival tomorrow at MLHS. I am looking forward to seeing all of your Science Projects and listening to you sing and ring. Next Book Talk will be Holy Week. Be reading!! Diagraming gerunds and infinitives are happening this week. We are reviewing the Amendments. The students all made a logo for themselves and wrote their eulogy. We keep plugging along with *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Please get your re-enrollment paperwork turned in ASAP. Allows for planning. Keep working hard. 57 more school days!