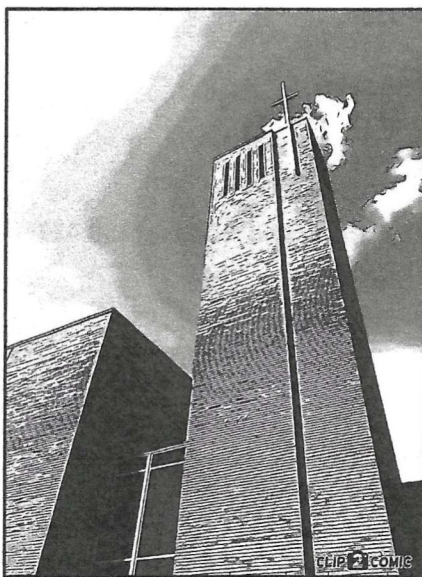


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**+Order of Service+**  
March 23, 2025  
**Third Sunday in Lent**  
Divine Service Setting Three  
LSB 184

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Opening Hymn **The Law of God is Good and Wise** LSB 579  
Confession and Absolution LSB 184  
Introit and Kyrie LSB 186 ff.  
**Gloria in Excelsis Omitted during Lent**  
Collect of the Day LSB 189  
**Old Testament Reading:** Ezekiel 33:7-20  
**Epistle** 1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
**Holy Gospel** Luke 13:1-9  
Creed  
Hymn of the Day: **Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing** LSB 421  
Sermon  
Offertory  
Prayers of the Church  
Communion Liturgy LSB 194  
Distribution Hymns  
    **O Lord, We Praise Thee** LSB 617  
    **I Walk in Danger All the Way** LSB 716  
    **Sent Forth by God's Blessings** LSB 643  
  
Concluding Liturgy LSB 199  
Announcements  
Closing Hymn: **Praise God from Who All Blessings Flow** LSB 805

<b>SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE</b>
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**Musicians:** Juleen, Breitbarth      Lenten Service    Olivia Wedel  
**Ushers:** Larry Hintz, Jeff Hoppe, Lowell Boesch, Ken Urban  
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**Elder of the Month:** John Matasovsky



**Introit** *Ps. 5:4–8; antiphon: Ps. 1:6*

For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,\*  
**but the way of the wicked will | perish.**

For you are not a God who delights in | wickedness;\*  
**evil may not | dwell with you.**

The boastful shall not stand be- | fore your eyes;\*  
**you hate all evil- | doers.**

You destroy those | who speak lies;\*  
**the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and de- | ceitful man.**

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will en- | ter your house.\*  
**I will bow down toward your holy temple in the | fear of you.**

Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my | enemies;\*  
**make your way straight be- | fore me.**

For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,\*  
**but the way of the wicked will | perish**

### **Old Testament Reading**

### **Ezekiel 33:7-20**

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. (8) If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. (9) But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. (10) “And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ (11) Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? (12) “And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. (13) Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. (14) Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, (15) if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. (16) None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live. (17) “Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. (18) When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. (19) And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by this. (20) Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

## Epistle

### 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, (2) and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, (3) and all ate the same spiritual food, (4) and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. (5) Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. (6) Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. (7) Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." (8) We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. (9) We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, (10) nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. (11) Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. (12) Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. (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.

## Gospel

### Luke 13:1-9

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. (2) And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? (3) No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. (4) Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? (5) No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." (6) And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. (7) And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' (8) And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. (9) Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"



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 an easy and reliable method to contribute to St. Paul's Lutheran. 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.







# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

March 23, 2025

**Worship: Sundays @ 9am - Chapel: Wednesdays @ 10am**  
**Midweek Services during Advent & Lent: Wednesdays @ 10am & 6pm**

## BIBLE CLASSES

**Sunday Morning Bible Class & Sunday School:**  
10:15-11:15 a.m.  
**Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study:** 10-11 a.m.  
**Wednesday After-School Confirmation:** 4:30-5:30 p.m.

## OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance Last Sunday: 104  
Communion:  
Offerings Given Last Sunday: \$ 3,222.00  
School Roof Fund: \$ 35,779.23 (Total cost: \$95,000.00)

## IN OUR PRAYERS

† Dennis Burmeister, Jim Sackett, Carl Vogt, Dan Espeland, Erika Lotheringen, Alice Raddatz, John Matasovsky, Tom Koeritz, Marsha Miller, Marilyn Vogt, Ronald Schultz, Candace Doerfler, Mike Barfknecht, Cliff & Charlotte Dobie, Audrey Becker, Dick & Pat Eckmann, Pastor Fretham, Terry Bentele, Brandi Stohs, and Larye Anderson

† Our Shut-Ins: RoseMary Kasten, Carol Ritz, and June Mausling

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

## CHURCH NEWS

\*Dennis Burmeister is at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center 610 Summit Dr, Fairmont, MN 56031 His phone number is 507-236-9339.

\*You are invited to an Open House for Sherry Breitbarth's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, from 2-4 p.m. at the Booz Home apartments, Truman, MN.

\*Ladies Aid/LWML are gathering nonperishable food and personal items for Heaven's Table. They can be dropped off in the narthex. Please give if you can.

**Easter Lilies:** St. Paul's Lutheran is again planning for bulk delivery of Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday. You can prearrange your request with Scott or Dawn Halverson. The cost is \$ 18.00. Please submit your payment along with whom 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 Cindi has the information well in advance so she can compile the bulletin insert for Easter Sunday.

\*ADOPT AN ENVELOPE--The SPL Youth have just 5 short months before they depart for the Higher Things Conference in Grand Rapids, MI! Would you consider adopting an envelope to help them in their fundraising efforts? It's as easy as 1...2...3!

- 1--Grab an envelope
- 2--Put the matching amount of money inside
- 3--Return to a SPL Youth Group member, parent, or the church office

All the details are on the display in the Narthex. Thank you for your support

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### SUNDAY

Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.....10:15 a.m.

### MONDAY (Pastor's Day Off)

PTL.....7:00 p.m.

### Tuesday

Women's Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.  
Parent-Teacher Conferences

### WEDNESDAY

Chaple/Lenten Service.....10:00 a.m.  
Lenten Service..... 6:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY

Parent-Teacher Conferences

### FRIDAY

Office Closed

### SATURDAY

### SUNDAY

Worship with Holy Communion.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.....10:15 a.m.

## LUTHERAN HOUR

**March 30** (John 10:1-21)

"Even Me, Even You"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge

Jesus the Good Shepherd invites all to be His sheep and find pasture. His words of promise will amaze some but anger others.

## MLHS NEWS

"Oh! What a Knight!" tickets are available in the church office.

\*The Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School Knights4Life Group is putting together Personal Care Kits to be distributed to shelters in our community. They would appreciate donations of travel size toiletries or cash to purchase those items. They are collecting until April 15.

## UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

Check the bulletin board for more information about these events.

\*Minnesota South District LLL conference is April 5, 2025. More information is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

\*LWML Blue Earth Zone Spring Mission Rally is on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be a light supper served at 5:00 p.m. and the Rally will begin at 6:00 p.m. The Rally will take place at St. John's Lutheran Church, 317 S. Main St., Sherburn, MN. Assisted by St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wilbert. The topic is "Everything you wanted to know about hymns" but were afraid to ask! By Dr. Jeffery E. Burkart.

\*Options Pregnancy Banquet – Thursday, April 10, 2025, 6-8 p.m. dinner & program. Call 507-238-2330 for a reservation.

\*S.A.G.E.S. – Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving Program – May 5 & 6, 2025 at Country Inn & Suites, Mankato. Registration deadline is April 14<sup>th</sup>. Information on the desk in the narthex.

\*St John's Willow Creek will be having another Soup and Sandwich Fundraiser for the cost of our furnace on Sunday, April 27th from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Faith, Hope, Love

And now abide Faith, Hope, and Love,  
these three; but the greatest of these is Love.

### 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

April 26 — Spelling Bee

### THIS WEEK'S LUNCH MENU

**Monday:** Sloppy Joe, French fries, Green beans, Tropical fruit

**Tuesday:** Chicken nuggets, Mashed potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Warm apple slices

**Wednesday:** Tater tot hotdish, Cottage cheese, Carrots, Fruit cocktail, Wheat bread/jelly

**Thursday:** Sub sandwich, Lettuce salad, Tomato soup, Peaches

**Friday:** Fish nuggets, Tri taters, Baked beans, Mandarin oranges

#### School Reminders:

\*Conference slips will be sent home on Friday. IF you didn't get one, contact your child's teacher.

\*Thank you to everyone who made the dance a smashing success. We should be ready for Dance #3 next winter.

\*PTL Meeting on Monday, March 24 at 7 p.m. in the Church Fireside Room.

\*Preschool and Kindergarten Round-Up is scheduled for Tuesday, April 29 from 5-6 p.m. Spread the word!!

\*Be on the lookout for McTeacher Night #2 this year.

\*Don't forget to get your green re-enrollment papers turned in ASAP, Many have not been turned in. If you have a concern or issue, please talk to Mr. Miller to get the issue resolved.

### FROM THE CLASSROOM

**Preschool:** This week we learned about Ulysses butterflies and worked on the letter U. They also worked on scissor. hole punching, dotters and coloring. We also learned a new body part the tricep muscle. Kid quote of the week "I can't hear I lost my ear drum."

**Kindergarten:** Bible Stories of discussion: Jesus Heals the 10 Lepers & the Transfiguration of Jesus. In our Secret stories/Blends book we practiced the "ph" sound (Rudolph, alphabet, phone). We planted our apple seedlings (that came from the Krenz apples) that have been in the refrigerator since last fall. We'll see what we get! We are rapping up odds & ends of assessing in preparation for conferences next week; schedules with your day & time will come home this week.

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>:** What a fantastic class! Memory and Spelling: Check your child's Homework Folder for the lists. Spelling: Gr. 2: he's, Mr., don't, I'm, St., doesn't, there's, Jr., Rd., Ms., couldn't, Dr., Ave., wasn't. Gr. 1: do, you, zoo, use, room, soon, moon, broom. See you at Parent/Teacher Conferences next week! I am looking forward to them! Thinking ahead: Gr. K - 8: Martin Luther College play (New Ulm): Friday, May 2 at 1:00 p.m.: I have a limited number of tickets, so if you would like to join us, please let me know by March 27th. More details later!

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>:** What a crazy week with weather. Thank you to Mrs. Kube for subbing for me on Thursday. Hopefully next week looks like a normal week. Reminder that Just for CiCs is this Sunday, 1-3 pm at St. James Northrop. We will have an epic Nerf Gun War. We are back into the swing of things with Social Studies. Please make sure you are studying for quizzes and tests! Thanks for all that you do! I look forward to seeing you at Parent/Teacher Conferences.

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>:** We are off to a great start on the 4th quarter. We will be starting a new novel unit in reading soon. Friday will be our AR party. Remember to do IXL every week. This is a great class we need to keep working hard. The end of the school year will be here before we know it.

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>:** Thanks for the drivers who made curling a success. Remember that the students are at the conferences this week. I want them to be involved in the process. Finished up the quarter with an algebra test and history test. Definitely a learning experience. We keep going with Tom Sawyer and our daily rhetoric assignments. Ask the students about the story they wrote that included their classroom friends. The countdown is on!

Aleigha Freeman competed in the girl's wrestling division at MNSA State tournament, securing a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish.

Laim Freeman dominated in the individual wrestling competition earning a gold medal and finishing the weekend with an impressive 11-0 record across both team and individual events. He was also named to the All Tournament Team and received an invitation to join the Heartland Duals National Team, where he will compete against top athletes from across the country.