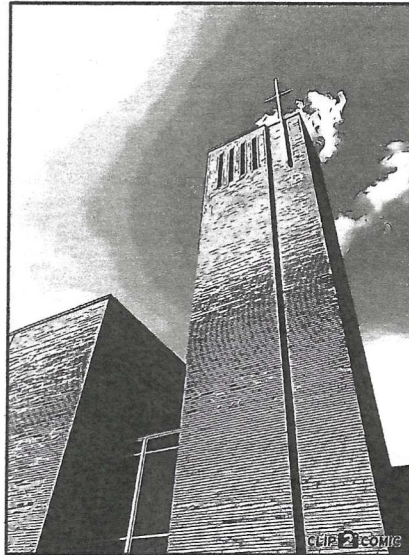


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**+Order of Service+**  
March 30, 2025  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
Divine Service Setting Three  
LSB 184

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Opening Hymn **Jesus, Refuge of the Weary** LSB 423  
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:** Isaiah 12:1-6  
**Epistle** 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
**Holy Gospel** Luke 15:1-3, 11-32  
Creed  
Hymn of the Day: **God Loved the World So That He Gave** LSB 571  
Sermon  
Offertory  
Prayers of the Church  
Communion Liturgy LSB 194  
Distribution Hymns  
    **Jesus Sinners Doth Receive** LSB 609  
    **I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table** LSB 618  
    **Jesus Comes Today with Healing** LSB 620  
  
Concluding Liturgy LSB 199  
Announcements  
Closing Hymn: **In the Cross of Christ I Glory** LSB 427

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

**Musicians:** Juleen, Breitbarth      Lenten Service   Olivia Wedel  
**Ushers:** Scott Halverson, Randy Miller, John Matasovsky, Skip Henton, Wade Krenz, Ken Urban,  
Dan Wedel  
**Lenten Service:** Kerry Krenz, Sawyer Krenz, Cade Ekstrom, Alex Weihe, Cade Hotzler

**Elder of the Month:** John Matasovsky



**Introit** *Ps. 51:2-6; antiphon: Ps. 51:1*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
**according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.**

Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,  
**and cleanse me | from my sin!**

For I know my trans- | gressions,  
**and my sin is ever be- | fore me.**

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight,  
**so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your | judgment.**

Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,  
**and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.**

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,  
**and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
**according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.**

**Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 12:1-6**

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. (2) "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." (3) With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. (4) And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. (5) "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. (6) Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

## Epistle

## 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. (17) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. (18) All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; (19) that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. (20) Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. (21) For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## Gospel

## Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. (2) And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." (3) So he told them this parable: And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. (12) And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. (13) Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. (14) And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. (15) So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. (16) And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. (17) "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! (18) I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. (19) I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" (20) And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. (21) And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' (22) But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. (23) And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. (24) For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. (25) "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. (26) And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. (27) And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' (28) But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, (29) but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. (30) But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' (31) And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. (32) It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"



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 30, 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: 111  
Communion:  
Offerings Given Last Sunday: \$ 2882.00  
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, 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

\* Carl Vogt's address:  
Room 407 The Emeralds at St. Paul 420 Marshall Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55102

\*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)

### Tuesday

Women's Bible Study.....10:00 a.m.

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

Ladies Aid Hostess: Elaine Armstrong.....1:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY

### SATURDAY

Oh! What a Knight Dinner Auction.....4:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY

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

## LUTHERAN HOUR

April 6 (John 12:1-11)

### "Better Than I Deserve!"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Keith Habersock

Jesus didn't deserve to die on a cross, but He died and rose again in order to give us better than we deserve.

## MLHS NEWS

"Oh! What a Knight!" tickets are available at Martin Luther High School until Monday, March 31. Give them a call.

\*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 Lutheran Church, Willow Creek, will be having a Soup and Sandwich Fundraiser to pay for a new furnace. The menu includes: Chili, Hamburger Vegetable Soup, Broccoli Cheese Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, and Vegetable Beef Soup. We will also be serving hot ham and cheese sandwiches and grilled cheese sandwiches, bars and a beverage. The cost is a free will donation. We will also be selling \$10 raffle tickets to win a hand crocheted afghan. All are invited to attend.

## 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:** Hamburger/bun, Cheese slice, French fries, Carrots, Pears

**Tuesday:** Sausage links, French toast sticks, Tri taters, Fruit cocktail

**Wednesday:** Italian pasta bake, Baked beans, Peas, Pears, Wheat bread/jelly

**Thursday:** BBQ Pulled pork/bun, Tater tots, Green beans, Strawberry cup

**Friday:** Dorito Bandito, Lettuce/cheese, Corn, Peaches

#### **School Reminders:**

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

\*Thank you to all who made it to the PTL meeting this past Monday.

\*If you have not yet returned your "green paper" for registration for school next year, please do so ASAP. If you are nervous about the grade your child is going into, PAY A VISIT TO THE CLASS. We want everyone back and we want to fix any issues if there are any.

\*Be on the lookout for McTeacher Night #2. I just need to get to McDonalds to arrange things.

\*Have you thanked your child's teacher lately for all they do for your children? Just checking.....

\*Thanks to all the Moms and Dad who drove for Curling last Friday.

\*Do you know of anyone who would be interested in being our School Cook? Please let the office know or Mr. Miller know ASAP.

### FROM THE CLASSROOM

**Preschool:** This week we learned about vinegarons. Worked on the letter V, also started working on writing their name in both upper and lower case letters. We are also working on learning the days of the week. Kid quote of the week "kid 1 I have a new friend but I don't know who it is? Kid 2 who is it? Kid 3 No that is (his/her) brother. Kid 4 You can't be friends with your brother. You just play with them."

**Kindergarten:** Bible Stories of discussion: Jesus Heals the Blind Man & the Disciples Follow Jesus also, the 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment. In our Secret stories/Blends book we practiced the "oo" sound (moo, balloon, soon). Teeth is our current unit. A tooth brushing chart will be coming home Friday to encourage morning & bedtime brushing for one month. Thank you everyone for coming to visit with me about your precious little gems, I so appreciate your input, never hesitant to text/call/visit me about any concerns.

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>:** What an amazing class! Memory and Spelling: Check your child's Homework Folder for the lists. Spelling: Gr. 2: chirp, start, hurt, nurse, sharp, shirt, scarf, doctor, chart, spark, starfish, turkey, party, carpet. Gr. 1: back, pack, neck, pick, sock, duck, cluck, crack. Thank you for all the fantastic gifts from the Wish Tree! Thank you for the great Parent/Teacher Conferences! It sounds like our Flat Mes are having all kinds of adventures! We are looking forward to hearing all about them! Thinking ahead: Gr. K - 8: Martin Luther College play (New Ulm): Friday, May 2 at 1:00 p.m.: More details later!

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>:** We made it through a normal week of school! It was great getting to meet with each of you at Parent/Teacher Conferences. We have a full week of school next week. There will be some study guides coming out for tests, and quizzes to study for! Please make sure they study. Thanks for all you do!

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>:** It has been a great week!! Thank you to all the parents for coming for conferences this week. It is great to work together to help each student to be successful. This week we have started getting ready for our book report project that we will be doing this quarter. We also started a new novel Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh in reading class. In science we are studying rocks. The students and I are looking forward to a FABULOUS 4th Quarter!!!

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>:** Hopefully when you receive this, all Parent Conferences have been completed. Thank you all for your continued support. Ask your child about their "bank account". We have had some fun doing real life stuff in Algebra. We continue to plug along getting our other items done. Thank you for the privilege of working with your children.