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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

February 18 2024

First 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
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College
	5:30 PM	Worship Service @ Grace
TUE.	9:00 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
WED.	8:00 AM	Guide/Bulletin
	8:30 AM	Chair Yoga
	10:30 AM	Lent Service @ Grace
	6:30 PM	Lent Service @ St. Paul's
	7:00-8:00PM	WDS
SUN.	8:30 AM	Communion Service-Choir Sings
	9:30 AM	SS, Alph, W.L.S., H.S., College+
	1-5:00PM	Basket Binga
	5:30 PM	Worship Service @ Grace

Feb 11 8:30: 123 Year Ago: 120 Sunday School: 44

Welcome During the season of Lent, may we look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of faith" (Hebrews 12:2), and grow in love toward God and one another. Welcome to worship. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

Basket Binga The Stew-Stras Post Prom committee will be hosting a Basket Binga at St. Paul's on Sunday, February 25th at 2:00 p.m. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase.

Worship Service Please join us on Sunday evenings at 5:30 pm for worship service at Grace!

Easter Service Join us for Easter Sunday, March 31. Communion Service at 8:30AM with breakfast in the social hall at 9:30AM. There will be a Egg Hunt for ages 0-6th grade at 10:00AM.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
Feb 11	\$ 3,750.00	\$5,141.00	\$ 1,391.00
year-to-date	\$ 12,500.00	\$19,206.00	\$ 6,706.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Feb 11	\$ 481.00	\$1,010.00	\$ 529.00
year-to-date	\$ 2,886.00	\$2,435.00	\$ 451.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$770.00
Building \$390 Sem Student \$575 Trinity \$100			

Feb 11 \$7,216.00

02/27 9:00 AM Bible Study
 02/21 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
 10:30 AM Lenten Service @ Grace
 2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
 6:30 PM Lenten Service @ St. Paul
 7:00-8:00 WDS

SHOE BOXES We are starting out the new year preparing for our shipment of shoe boxes later in the year by collecting soap and wash cloths for the month of January and February. Ivory soap is a good brand to donate because it floats in the streams and rivers where some people have to do their laundry. Just put donations in the box in the narthex. Thank you for your support.

Choir The choir is in need of singers! Won't you consider blending your voice with ours as we sing praises to God? Please come to any choir rehearsal and we will help you get started! For questions, contact Choir Director Karen Rentfro at 217-644-3260.

Newsletter If you have articles for the March newsletter, please get those to the church secretary by Monday, February 19th. Thank you!

Bible Trivia Join us the first Sunday of every month at 6:30pm for Bible Trivia. Everyone is welcome to join the fun and fellowship.



ANNIVERSARIES

20-Ryan & Sonia* Storm

BIRTHDAYS

19-Katie Widdersheim
20-Darin Doehring

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Rick & Susie Allen, Chris & Jennifer
Ashmore, Dee Dee Batson, Courtney &
Alan* Koch, Tim & Susie Beals,

Recorded Services

Website: stpaul-strasburg.com

YouTube: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Strasburg Illinois

Facebook: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

LIMITED MOBILITY

Rose Schlechte- StoneBridge
Robert Stremming
Noma Huddleston - Lakeland
Healthcare Center
Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook
Bill Orr
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone
Mattoon
Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga
Doris Stremming – Lutheran Care
Center
Melba Storm- Heartland Senior Living
Margaret Swank – Willowbrook
Effingham

FRIENDS & FAMILY
(non-members)

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)

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PRAYER

Dianna Gibson	Melba Storm
Anna Schlechte	Nick Hanfland
Frances York	Kendall Fulk
Mary Rincker	Robert Pfeiffer
Wayne Wirth	Margaret Swank

1st Sunday in Lent – Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

LSB 421

- 1 Jesus, grant that balm and healing In Your holy wounds I find,
 Ev'ry hour that I am feeling Pains of body and of mind.
 Should some evil thought within Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,
 Show the peril, and from sinning Keep me from its first beginning.

- 2 Should some lust or sharp temptation Fascinate my sinful mind,
 Draw me to Your cross and passion, And new courage I shall find.
 Or should Satan press me hard, Let me then be on my guard,
 Saying, "Christ for me was wounded," That the tempter flee confounded.

- 3 If the world my heart entices With the broad and easy road,
 With seductive, sinful vices, Let me weigh the awful load
 You were willing to endure. Help me flee all thoughts impure
 And to master each temptation, Calm in prayer and meditation.

- 4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;
 When I'm faint, Your cross revives me, Granting new life to my soul.
 Yes, Your comfort renders sweet Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;
 For Your all-atoning passion Has procured my soul's salvation.

- 5 O my God, my rock and tower, Grant that in Your death I trust,
 Knowing death has lost its power Since You crushed it in the dust.
 Savior, let Your agony Ever help and comfort me;
 When I die be my protection, Light and life and resurrection.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. composite, alt. Text: Public domain

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, 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.

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 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16

Kyrie

LSB 204

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

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

C **1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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

Genesis 22:1–18

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

James 1:12–18

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

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

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:9–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first 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

Hymn of the Day

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
 Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

- 2 With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
 Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

- 3 Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

- 4 The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

Text: tr. composite; Martin Luther, 1483–1546 Text: Public domain

Sermon Mark 1:9-15 "The Time is Fulfilled"

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For faith to follow our Lord Jesus and resist temptation, that we would come through this fallen world to dwell with Him forever, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Church of God, guarded by the Lord who bore the wood of the cross, that her ministers and people may be certain that the gates of hell cannot prevail against us; and for boldness of faith, that we may trample every power of the enemy underfoot, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all catechumens and their teachers, all children and their parents, and every Christian home, that God would preserve them from the assaults of the evil one and, as Christ overcame Satan in the desert by the Word of God, give them the victory through Him and His Word, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P To the Father of lights, from whom every good and perfect gift comes, that He would keep us from all sinful desires and misuse of His gifts; for His help to use them in service to our neighbor; and that He would bless Joseph and all leaders to govern wisely for the good of this and future generations, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our brothers and sisters and all who suffer in our midst, [*especially _____*],
that God Most High, our refuge in every trouble, would command His angels to
keep them from every evil of body, mind or soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who commune, that in the blessed Sacrament they would acknowledge
the time fulfilled and the kingdom at hand in Christ Jesus, receiving His body and
blood with repentance and faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, see how the adversary continually afflicts us and walks
about as a roaring lion seeking to devour us. We implore You for the sake of the
suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy
Spirit and to strengthen our hearts by Your Word, that our enemy would not prevail
over us, but instead that we may abide evermore in Your grace and be preserved to
life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the 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

A 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.**

Recessional Hymn

Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

LSB 521

- 1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, unshaken By the devil's seething rage,
Thwarts the plan of Satan's minions; Wins the strife from age to age;
Conquers sin and death forever; Slams them in their steely cage.
- 2 Michael fought the heav'nly battle, Godly angels by his side;
Warred against the ancient serpent, Foiled the beast, so full of pride,
Cast him earthbound with his angels; Now he prowls, unsatisfied.
- 3 Long on earth the battle rages, Since the serpent's first deceit;
Twisted God's command to Adam, Made forbidden fruit look sweet.
Then the curse of God was spoken: "You'll lie crushed beneath His feet!"
- 4 Jesus came, this word fulfilling, Trampled Satan, death defied;
Bore the brunt of our temptation, On the wretched tree He died.
Yet to life was raised victorious; By His life our life supplied.
- 5 Swift as lightning falls the tyrant From his heav'nly perch on high,
As the word of Jesus' vict'ry Floods the earth and fills the sky.
Wounded by a wound eternal Now his judgment has drawn nigh!
- 6 Jesus, send Your angel legions When the foe would us enslave.
Hold us fast when sin assaults us; Come, then, Lord, Your people save.
Overthrow at last the dragon; Send him to his fiery grave.

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Next Week's Readings – Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Romans 5:1-11, Mark 8:27-38

This Week's Memory Verse – Mark 1:15 "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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