

+++ THE GUIDE +++
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

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THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

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| SUN. | 8:30 AM Communion Service |
| | 9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College+ |
| | 5:30 PM Worship @ Grace |
| TUE. | 9:00 AM Bible Study |
| WED. | 8:30 AM Chair Yoga |
| | 10:30 AM Lent Service @ Grace |
| | 2:30 PM Social Hall Communion |
| | 6:30 PM Lent Service @ St. Paul's |
| | 7-8 PM WDS |
| THURS. | 8:30 AM Blanket Making |
| SUN. | 8:30 AM Worship Service |
| | 9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College+ |
| | 5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace |

February 15 8:30: 120 Year Ago: Cancelled Sunday School: 28

Welcome We're gathered to praise a faithful God whose promises never fail. Scripture reminds us, "For all the promises of God find their Yes in him" (2 Corinthians 1:20, ESV). May our worship today echo that "Amen," bringing glory to Christ who is always with us. If you are a *visitor*, we *invite you to worship with us again and to please fill out the visitor connection card listing your information on both sides and depositing the card in the box in the narthex.*

Save the Date Thursday, February 26, 5-8 pm, Trinity 7th & 8th graders are receiving 10% of all sales at Culver's in Effingham. Please come and help support my students. Doreen Whybrew

Camp Cilca Information has been received for summer camps at Camp Cilca. Flyers' are available in the narthex. Registration is online @ www.CILCA.ORG. The Education Account will pay half of your child's registration. Please talk to Diane Jack for more information.

Save the Date Trinity Formal Dinner & Live Auction will be Saturday, April 25th with cocktail hour beginning at 5:30 PM. Theme is Black & White Masquerade! Dressing for the theme is optional but encouraged with prizes being awarded to Best in Show.

THE LORD'S WORK

| CURRENT OFFERINGS | \$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET | \$ RECEIVED | \$ DIFFERENCE |
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| February 15 | \$ 4,191.00 | \$ 3,190.00 | \$ -1,001.00 |
| year-to-date | 28,337.00 | \$ 21,484.00 | \$ -6,853.00 |
| <u>Synod-Offerings</u> | | | |
| February 15 | \$ 481.00 | \$ 385.00 | \$ -96.00 |
| year-to-date | \$ 3,367.00 | \$ 3,240.00 | \$ -127.00 |
| TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000 | | Total to Date | \$450.00 |
| Building \$260 Sem Student \$600 Lutheran Care Center \$100 LYF \$40 | | | |
| Choir \$50 | | | |

February 18 \$ 4,625

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| 3/3 | 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study |
| | 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal |
| 3/4 | 8:30 AM Chair Yoga |
| | 10:30 AM Lent Service @ Grace |
| | 6:30 PM Lent Service @ St. Paul's |
| | 7-8 PM WDS |
| 3/5 | 1:30 PM Ladies Aid |

Shoe Boxes: We are collecting gloves, mittens, sock caps and wash cloths for the month of February. Put them in the box marked shoe boxes in the narthex. Thank you for caring!

Lenten Schedule/Theme (Set Free: The Gospel in Exodus)

Grace -10:30 AM (With Communion), St. Paul - 6:30 PM

February

25th The Good News of a God Who Reveals Himself to Us (Exodus 3:1-15)

March

4th The Good News of a God Who Sends a Deliver (Exodus 4:1-20)

11th The Good News of a God Who Passes Over us in Mercy (Exodus 12:1-14)

18th The Good News of a God Who Makes a Way for Us (Exodus 14:5-31)

25th The Good News of a God Who Sustains on Our Journey (Exodus 16:1-18, 35)

Trinity Lutheran School The annual Pals spaghetti dinner will be Sunday, March 1 from 11am-12:30pm. Menu includes spaghetti with meat sauce, breadsticks, lettuce salad, dessert, coffee, tea, and lemonade. Carryouts available! Free will donation accepted.



BIRTHDAYS

25-Beulah Ulmer; Denise Bence;
 26-Kim Vogel
 27-Karen Kull; Emily Funneman
 28-Tyler Wetherell;
 Dennon Stremming

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Linda & Theron Newell, Joe & Linda
 Oakley, Mac & Lois Ogle, Barb Ohnesorge,
 Dylan & Amelia Ohnesorge, Brittani &
 Nick Oller, Dusty & Claudia Rincker, Gary
 Rincker, Jim & Sharon Rincker

PRAYER

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| Dianna Gibson | John Wittenberg |
| Nick Hanfland | Clay Tabbert |
| Frances York | Wayne Wirth |
| Nick Oller | |

LIMITED MOBILITY

Ramona Radloff (Shelby Rehab &
 Healthcare)
 Chris Storm (Lutheran Care Center
 RM#31)
 Beulah Ulmer (The Manor-Shelbyville)
 Robert Stremming
 Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook
 Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone
 Mattoon
 Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga
 Doris Stremming – Willowbrook,
 Effingham
 Margaret Swank – Willowbrook
 Effingham

FRIENDS & FAMILY
(non-members)

Walton Foster (medical-Chris Kramer
 nephew)
 Trevor Roy (accident, Grace
 Vonderheide friend)
 Ken Daily (Karen Pfeiffer’s father)
 stroke
 Walker Warden (cancer)
 Christie Dust (Howard & Kay’s
 daughter) (Primary Progressive
 Multiple Sclerosis)

Adopted Seminary Students 2025-26
4th Year Student

**Joshua Gerken (Wife Rachel, son
 Callan)
 5418 Brighton Dr.
 Fort Wayne, IN 46825**

**2025-26 Vicar assignment to St. Paul
 Lutheran Church, Eldora, Iowa
 Hunter Kinnison (Wife Naomi)
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 801 Seminary Place
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1st Sunday in Lent – Setting Four

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435

- 1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.
- 2 Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall thirst no more.
- 4 They that drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, 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, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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.**

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 3:1–21

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 5:12–19

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1–11

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth 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.**

Nicene Creed

- C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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 Romans 5:12-19 "The Free Gift"

Prayer of the Church

Preface

LSB 208

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

- C **1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution

What Wondrous Love Is This

LSB 543

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
 To God and to the Lamb,
 Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.
- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
 And when from death I'm free,
 I'll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

Text: A General Selection of . . . Hymns and Spiritual Songs, 1811, Lynchburg, alt. Text: Public domain

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.

Text: Peter M. Prange, 1972

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All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

LSB 562

- 1 All mankind fell in Adam's fall;
One common sin infects us all.
From one to all the curse descends,
And over all God's wrath impends.
- 2 Through all our pow'rs corruption creeps
And us in dreadful bondage keeps;
In guilt we draw our infant breath
And reap its fruits of woe and death.

- 3 From hearts depraved, to evil prone,
Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;
God's image lost, the darkened soul
Seeks not nor finds its heav'nly goal.
- 4 But Christ, the second Adam, came
To bear our sin and woe and shame,
To be our life, our light, our way,
Our only hope, our only stay.
- 5 As by one man all mankind fell
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place,
We all were justified by grace.
- 6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.
This grace our ev'ry way attend
Until we reach our journey's end.

Text: Lazarus Spengler, 1479–1534; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.
Text: Public domain

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

**C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

LSB 212

P 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.**

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

LSB 437

1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
And did my sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?

2 Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!

3 Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut his glories in
When God, the mighty maker, died
For His own creatures' sin.

4 Thus might I hide my blushing face
While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt mine eyes to tears.

5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away:
'Tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
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Next Week's Readings – Genesis 12:1-9, Romans 4:1-8, 13-17, John 3:1-17

This Week's Memory Verse – Romans 5:18 ¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

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