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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

February 25, 2024

Second Sunday in Lent

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THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN.	8:30 AM Communion Service
	9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College
	1-5 PM Basket Binga
	5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace
TUE.	9:00 AM Bible Study
WED.	8:00 AM Guide/Bulletin
	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
	7:00-8:00PM WDS
SUN.	8:30 AM Worship Service
	9:30 AM SS, Alph, W.L.S., H.S., College+
	5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace
	6:30 PM Bible Trivia

Feb 18 8:30: 118 Year Ago: 119 Sunday School: 39

Welcome Good morning! Welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship among the family of faith. *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.

Thank you Thank you to Dawn Schlechte for providing snacks for the Weekday School children and helpers in February.

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

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
Feb 18	\$ 3,750.00	\$6,082.00	\$ 1,391.00
year-to-date	\$ 16,250.00	\$25,288.00	\$ 6,706.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Feb 18	\$ 481.00	\$ 435.00	\$ 529.00
year-to-date	\$ 3,367.00	\$2,870.00	\$ 451.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$970.00
Building \$560 Sem Student \$200 Trinity \$200 LYF \$25 Cemetery \$15			
Lutheran Care Center \$100 Cradle Roll \$200 Ladies Aid \$10 Comfort Dog \$100			

Feb 14 \$600.00 (Lent)
Feb 18 \$3,867.00
Feb 20 \$3,460.00 (ACH)

03/5 9:00 AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
03/6 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
10:30 AM Lenten Service @ Grace
6:30 PM Lenten Service @ St. Paul
7:00-8:00 WDS
7:30 PM LYF meeting @ Trinity
03/7 1:30 PM Ladies Aid

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.

Would you like to provide WDS treats one week? The Weekday School children and helpers enjoy snacks or cookies provided monthly by the Education team. If you would be interested in providing treats one week during March or April, please contact Karen Kull, 217.549.3141. Thank you.

Shoe Boxes We are collecting clothing items for the month of March for the shoe box. We need shirts, pants, skirts, etc. in sizes 2 to 18. Thank you for all the donations of soap and wash cloths.

The WLS (Willing Lutheran Servants) Bible class will begin a new study of the gospel of John on Sunday, March 10. Join us in the social hall after church.

Lutheran Care Center The Lutheran Care Center board members have decided to host a Congregational Service. This event will take place at St. John's Lutheran Church in Effingham on Sunday, March 3rd at 2:30 pm. Refreshments will be served after the service. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

2nd Sunday in Lent – Setting One

Hymn of Invocation When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LSB 425

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
 On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
 And pour contempt on all my pride.

- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
 Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them to His blood.

- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet
 Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
 Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
 Demands my soul, my life, my all!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748 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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 115:11–13, 18; antiphon: Psalm 25:6

Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 17:1–7, 15–16

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 5:1–11

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse (Lent)

LSB 157

C ***Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.***

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27–38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth 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.***

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

LSB 708

1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me. Earth has no pleasure I would share.
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break, My trust in Thee can nothing shake.
Thou art the portion I have sought; Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord, Forsake me not! I trust Thy
Word.

- 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor. Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace And help and serve my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile; Let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy comfort still
afford.
- 3 Lord, let at last Thine angels come, To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing; And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face, My Savior and my fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend, And I will praise Thee without
end.

Text: Martin Schalling, 1532–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

Sermon Mark 8:27-38 “Who Do You Say I Am”

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 T of the world to come.
Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offertory

LSB 159

C *What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

Preface

LSB 160

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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 161

C *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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.**

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C ***Amen.***

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C ***Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.***
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77
Text: Public domain

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

LSB 563

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.
Text: Public domain

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.
Text: Public domain

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165

C *Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

Post-Communion Collect

A 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.*

Benediction

LSB 166

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

Glory Be to Jesus

LSB 433

- 1 Glory be to Jesus,
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood
From His sacred veins!
- 2 Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion,
Infinitely kind!

- 3 Blest through endless ages
 Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment
 Did the world redeem!
- 4 Abel's blood for vengeance
 Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus
 For our pardon cries.
- 5 Oft as earth exulting
 Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
 Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,
 Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
 Praise the precious blood!

Text: Italian, c. 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-78, alt. Text: Public domain

Next Week's Readings – Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

This Week's Memory Verse – Mark 8:34 "And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

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