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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

March 10, 2024

Fourth 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
 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

THURS. 8:30 AM Blanket Making

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:30 AM SS, Alph, W.L.S., H.S., College+
 5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace

Mar 3 8:30: 136 Year Ago: 126 Sunday School: 34

Welcome "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16). May you sense that divine love through this time of worship. Welcome. *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

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.

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

Easter Breakfast Donations We are asking for food donations for the upcoming Easter Breakfast at St. Paul's on Sunday, March 31st. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Your help is appreciated and we look forward to enjoying fellowship as we celebrate our risen Saviour!

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
Mar 3	\$ 3,750.00	\$3,911.00	\$161.00
year-to-date	\$ 23,750.00	\$31,493.00	\$ 7,743.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Mar 3	\$ 481.00	\$ 350.00	\$ -131.00
year-to-date	\$ 4,329.00	\$3,700.00	\$ -629.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$2,315.00
Building \$270 Trinity \$1125 LYF \$25 Rachel Comfort Dog \$200			
Organ Maint \$125			

Feb 28 \$571.00 (Lent)
Mar 3 \$4,650.00
Mar 5 \$785.00 (ACH)

03/19 9:00 AM Bible Study
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
 03/20 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
 10:30 AM Lenten Service @ Grace
 6:30 PM Lenten Service @ St. Paul
 7:00-8:00 WDS

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.

Save The Date! Friday, May 10, 2024 Trinity Lutheran School invites you to join us for our 9th annual formal banquet and live auction! The event will be held on Friday, May 10 at the Stewardson Community Building beginning at 6 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will go towards gym improvements. Tickets go on sale Sunday, March 24. Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and fundraising!

Thank You Stew-Stras Post Prom would like to thank St. Paul's for letting us use the church for Basket Binga! We really appreciated it!



ANNIVERSARIES

10-Jacob* & Shalyn Tabbert

BIRTHDAYS

10-Steve Polk
11-Johnna Schultz;
Yvonne Pfeiffer;
Ross McCormick; Caden Bell
13-Rusty* Clifton; Barrett Beltz
14-Janice Moomaw;
Veronica Prosser
15-Will* Eckstein; Kirtis Stodden

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Everest Clark, Jack & Pam Clark, Rusty & Brittany Clifton, Darrell & Doris Cress, John & Lisa Cress, Tina Daniels, Pat Wallace, Rick Wallace, Rachel & Jesse Wallin, Kelsey & Zach White, Steve & Sharon Weber, Tom Weber, Tobias Weber

Recorded Services

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PRAYER

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Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook
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Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone
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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)
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Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's
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Fourth Sunday in Lent – Setting Four

Hymn of Invocation

Jesus Loves Me

LSB 588

1 Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong. Refrain

ref Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin, Lets His little child come in. Refrain
Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, 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 27:3–5; antiphon: v. 1

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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

Numbers 21:4–9

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 2:1–10

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

John 3:14–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third 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.

Hymn of the Day

God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB 571

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.

D 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

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Sermon John 3:14-21 “Saved Through Him”

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

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

LSB 636

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor, There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him, And with loving rev'ence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him, Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You, That I nevermore will leave You.
- 3 He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven, And His blood, for you once given.
- 4 Now in faith I humbly ponder Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, Pledge and seal of my salvation!
- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You.
- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.

- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven
 On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,
 To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You.
 By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love requited;
 By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 Through the gift of grace You give me As Your guest in heav'n receive me.
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Jesus, Priceless Treasure

LSB 743

- 1 Jesus, priceless treasure, Fount of purest pleasure, Truest friend to me,
 Ah, how long in anguish Shall my spirit languish, Yearning, Lord, for Thee?
 Thou art mine, O Lamb divine! I will suffer naught to hide Thee;
 Naught I ask beside Thee.
- 2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would molest me Cannot reach me here.
 Though the earth be shaking, Ev'ry heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear.
 Lightnings flash And thunders crash; Yet, though sin and hell assail me,
 Jesus will not fail me.
- 3 Satan, I defy thee; Death, I now decry thee; Fear, I bid thee cease.
 World, thou shalt not harm me Nor thy threats alarm me While I sing of peace.
 God's great pow'r Guards ev'ry hour; Earth and all its depths adore Him,
 Silent bow before Him.
- 4 Hence, all earthly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure, Jesus is my choice.
 Hence, all empty glory! Naught to me thy story Told with tempting voice.
 Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my Savior move me
 Since He deigns to love me.
- 5 Evil world, I leave thee; Thou canst not deceive me, Thine appeal is vain.
 Sin that once did blind me, Get thee far behind me, Come not forth again.
 Past thy hour, O pride and pow'r; Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
 Leave thee now forever.

- 6 Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father, Though the storms may gather, Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er I here must bear, Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

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Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555

- 1 Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.
- 2 What God did in His Law demand And none to Him could render
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand For man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the Law requires,
And lost is our condition.
- 3 It was a false, misleading dream That God His Law had given
That sinners could themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.
The Law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature.
- 4 From sin our flesh could not abstain, Sin held its sway unceasing;
The task was useless and in vain, Our guilt was e'er increasing.
None can remove sin's poisoned dart Or purify our guileful heart—
So deep is our corruption.
- 5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.
- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.

- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see Your Word cannot be broken;
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!" No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame,
And I shall never perish.
- 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.
- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.
- D 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.

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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.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;

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.**

Recessional Hymn

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

LSB 438

- 1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, The guilt of sinners bearing
And, laden with the sins of earth, None else the burden sharing;
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint, To slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer, He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,
The mockery, and yet replies, "All this I gladly suffer."
- 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of God, our Savior,
Whom God the Father chose to send To gain for us His favor.
"Go forth, My Son," the Father said, "And free My children from their dread
Of guilt and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by Your passion they will share The fruit of Your salvation."
- 3 "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly I'll bear what You command Me.
My will conforms to Your decree, I'll do what You have asked Me."
O wondrous Love, what have You done! The Father offers up His Son,
Desiring our salvation. O Love, how strong You are to save!
You lay the One into the grave Who built the earth's foundation.

4 Lord, when Your glory I shall see And taste Your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be, My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before Your throne, Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me. And there, in garments richly wrought,
As Your own bride shall we be brought To stand in joy beside You.

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Next Week's Readings – Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45

This Week's Memory Verse - John 3:18 "Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."

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