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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

March 19 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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Choir Director	Karen Rentfro	Pause for Peace	217-644-3124
Accompanist	Sheryl Vonderheide	Prayer Chain	217-821-3038
Greeters	Diane Jack		

THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN.	8:30 AM	Worship Service-Choir sings-"Just As I Am"
	8:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus, H.S.
	12:00 PM	LYF ice skating
	4:00 PM	Post Prom meeting
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
	2:30 PM	Social Hall Communion
	6:30 PM	Lent Service @ St. Paul's
	7-8 PM	WDS
THURS.	8:30 AM	Blanket making
	7:00 PM	Luther's Large Catechism Class
SUN.	8:30 AM	Communion Service
	8:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., College HS

March 12 8:30: 108 Year Ago: 116 Sunday School: 38

Welcome Welcome to worship. May God's Word help us each see something or someone in a new way today. If you are *a visitor*, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.

Challenge Help! WE need your help to meet the Thrivent challenge for the \$150 dollars for the local food bank. We need 150 items by March 31. We have 54 now. Remember to buy a few extra food items when you go grocery shopping and help us meet our goal. Put your donations in the box in the narthex or the school hallway. Thanks for caring

The Lutheran Ladies Aid The Lutheran Ladies Aid of Strasburg prepared and served a hot lunch to the students and staff at Trinity Lutheran School in Stewardson on March 7, during National Lutheran Schools Week. There are five children from St. Paul and six children from Grace churches who attend Trinity School. We praise God for all the opportunities our children have to further their education in Christ: Sunday School, Weekday School and a Lutheran day school. Thank you to all who served food, donated cookies and supported this activity.

LYF LYF cards are restocked! Check out our selection in the nursery/choir room at St. Paul's. Birthday, anniversary, Easter, confirmation, graduation, baptism, sympathy, and more!

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
March 12	\$ 3,578.00	\$2,470.00	\$ -1,108.00
year-to-date	\$ 39,358.00	\$34,803.00	-4,555.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
March 12	\$ 481.00	\$1,203.50	\$ 722.50
year-to-date	\$ 5,291.00	\$ 6,690.50	\$-1,399.50
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$3,010.00
Building \$150 LYF \$200 Hayden Rensner \$100			

March 8 \$483.50(Lent)

March 12 \$3,640.00

3/28 9:00 AM Bible Study

3/29 8:30 AM Chair Yoga

10:30 AM Lent Service @ Grace

6:30 PM Lent Service @ St. Paul

7-8 PM WDS

3/30 7:00 PM Luther's Large Catechism Class

Camp CILCA Summer 2023 Camp CILCA summer camps are now available for registration. A variety of camps are available for campers of all ages with developmental disabilities and for children in grades 1 through high school. Camps may be 1,2,3, or 5 nights long. Registration paid in full by March 31, 2023 will receive a 10% discount. St. Paul's Board of Education would again like to offer to pay for ½ the price of a camp for any St. Paul's member to attend. Camp CILCA is located in Cantrall, IL near Springfield. Find information at www.cilca.org or call 217.487.7497. Brochures with camp info are located in the narthex.

Alzheimer's Booklet Available Two copies of the booklet *Into The Valley of Shadows* have been donated to the church and are available for members to pick up and read and bring back to the church. *Into The Valley of Shadows* is written by retired LCMS Pastor Michael Kasting, whose final congregation was in Casey, IL. He tells the story of his wife's journey through Alzheimer's and how the disease affected their family. The 24-page story is a quick read and can be picked up in the narthex. Just sign the check-out sheet when you pick up the booklet and when you return it. A condensed version of the story was published in the February issue of The Lutheran Witness.

Christmas Shoe Boxes The items we are collecting for the month of March for the shoe box project are wash cloths and soap. Ivory soap is the preferred brand of soap because it floats in the streams and rivers many of the children have to use to wash and bathe. Put your items in the box in the narthex.

LYF Join us for a LYF Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 23rd at St. Paul's. We will be serving a delicious meal of pancakes, smoked sausage and scrambled eggs from 8-10 AM. Dine in and carry out! We appreciate your continued support!

Thank you The family of Noel Manhart would like to thank everyone for their support over the past few weeks. A special thank you to the EMT's, Howe & Yockey Funeral Home, and the Lutheran Ladies Aid. Thank you for the phone calls, cards, flowers, food, memorials and all those who helped in anyway during this difficult time. Your kindness is appreciated. Noel Manhart Family

Save the Date St. Paul's and Grace dual parish churches will offer Vacation Bible School the week of June 19-23, from 9-11:30 a.m. The theme for this year is "God's Living Water-Covered in Jesus' Grace."



ANNIVERSARIES

19-John & Lisa Cress
25-Kenny* & Sara Hayes

BIRTHDAYS

19-Claire Hortenstein; Karen Wirth
20-Bob Sporleder
21-Madilyn Rincker
22-Grayson Gilbert
25-Tara Blank; James Stodden

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Steve & Jill Layton, Patsy Lenz, Tim & Delreen Lenz, Jennifer (Rosine) Logan, Claire & Cody Logue, Bob & Jennifer Sporleder, Gary Sporleder, Ron Sporleder, Rosemary Sporleder

Recorded Services

Website: stpaul-strasburg.com

YouTube: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Strasburg Illinois

Facebook: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

PRAYER

Diane Paraiso	Melba Storm
Anna Schlechte	Nick Hanfland
Frances York	Kendall Fulk
Mary Rincker	Norma Huddleston
Wayne Wirth	Floyd Storm
Dave Polk	Dianna Gibson
Robert Pfeiffer	

LIMITED MOBILITY

Rose Schlechte- Villas of Hollybrook
Robert Stremming-Heartland Senior Living
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

FRIENDS & FAMILY **(non-members)**

Pastor Gary Fortkamp
Nancy Slifer
Gayle Klitzing(panc cancer Gary & Roger Kull Cousin)
Randy Doty
Pat Williams (bypass surgery)
Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome)
Matt Durbin
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's uncle)
Caralea (Moffett) Smith (cancer, undergoing treatments)

Adopted Seminary Students 2022-23

Joshua Gerken
5418 Brighton Dr.
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Micah Brown
Campus Post Office Box
801 Seminary Pl.
Saint Louis, MO 63105-3196

Save the Date Trinity Lutheran School invites you to join us for our 8th annual formal banquet and live auction! The event will be held on Friday, May 19th at the Stewardson Community Building beginning at 6 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will go toward new textbooks for the school. Tickets will go on sale Friday, April 7th. Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and fundraising!

Hymn of Invocation

Christ, the Life of All the Living

LSB 420

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 3 Thou hast borne the smiting only That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring, Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee, Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee. All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,
That as Thine Thou mightest own me And with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee: Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–81; (sts. 1–2, 5, 7): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (sts. 3–4, 6): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1912, St. Louis Text: Public domain

Liturgy – Setting Three

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 27:4–6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15

C ***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

Kyrie

- C ***Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And with thy spirit.***

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

Isaiah 42:14–21

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 5:8–14

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Sings “Just As I Am” (Elliot/Bradbury)

Holy Gospel

John 9:1–41

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

C ***Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

The Gospel is Read

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C ***Praise be to Thee, 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 – Children through Grade are encouraged to come forward

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 blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

Text: Heiliges Lippen- und Hertzens-Opffer, c. 1778, Stettin; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Text: Public domain

Sermon

John 9:1-41 "The Works of God"

Offertory

LSB 192

- C ***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.***

Prayer of the Church

- P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
Great Physician, enlighten our eyes by Your blessed Gospel, and hide us in Your shelter in the day of trouble. Provide a home in Your Church for those cast out by this world, and unite them with us in the pure confession of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Lord of hosts, Your Son abides among His saints in the temple of His Church. Shelter all those who seek refuge under the cover of His tent, and raise up pastors in every age to serve them in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Father, through Holy Baptism You have brought us into the light of Christ. Guide us always in Your ways and teach us to know Your will, that we would do what is good and right and true. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Lord God, those who wait for Your salvation have the promise that You will not forsake them. Lead those who wander in darkness through rough places, that they would find the way of righteousness and not be put to shame. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Gracious Father, You have promised that what we suffer does not condemn us, but instead displays Your glory. Sustain the afflicted in body or soul, [*especially _____*], that they would take heart, trust You for healing and find You even in the midst of their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, everyone who believes in Jesus as Lord will not be put to shame. Unite Your people in a right confession of Your Word, and free them from disagreement over Your truth. Bring us with penitent hearts to receive the great riches of Your Son's body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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.**

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C ***And with thy spirit.***

Benedicamus

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.

C ***Thanks be to God.***

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C ***Amen, amen, amen.***

Recessional Hymn

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.

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Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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Readings for Next Week Ezekiel 37:1-14, Romans 8:1-11, John 11:1-45

This Week's Memory Verse – John 9:3 "Jesus answered, It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him."