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**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS**

**March 1, 2026**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

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Greeter	Gary Wirth		

**THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD**

SUN.	8:30 AM	Worship Service-Choir sings
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College+
	5:30 PM	Worship @ Grace
	6:30 PM	Bible Trivia
	6:30 PM	LYF Meeting @ Trinity
TUE.	9:00 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
WED.	10:30 AM	Lent Service @ Grace
	6:30 PM	Lent Service @ St. Paul's
	7-8 PM	WDS
THURS.	1:00 PM	Ladies Aid
SUN.	8:30 AM	Communion Service
	9:30 AM	SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College+
	5:30 PM	Worship Service @ Grace

**February 22 8:30: N/A Year Ago: N/A Sunday School: 44**

**Welcome** During this Lenten season, we praise God for His righteous Son, who perfectly kept all of God's commandments for us and paid the full price for our disobedience. Let us praise him with hearts filled with Christ's spirit of obedience. 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.

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

**LYF** Join us for a LYF Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 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!

**Altar Flowers** The altar flowers today are in recognition of Wayne Wirth's 90<sup>TH</sup> birthday and Wayne and Connie's 69<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
February 22	\$ 4,191.00	\$ 5,989.00	\$ 1,798.00
year-to-date	32,528.00	\$ 27,473.00	\$ -5,055.00
<b><u>Synod-Offerings</u></b>			
February 22	\$ 481.00	\$ 295.00	\$ -186.00
year-to-date	\$ 3,848.00	\$ 3,535.00	\$ -313.00
<b>TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000</b>		Total to Date	\$590.00
Building \$535 Sem Student \$155 Lutheran Care Center \$100 LYF \$25			
Trinity \$140 Tech Fund \$100 Education Fund \$20 LCMS World Relief \$100			
Lutheran Hour \$40 Rev Gordan Alex \$100			

**February 18 \$ 559 (Lent)**  
**February 20 \$ 3,485 (ACH)**  
**February 22 \$ 3,555**

- 3/10 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 PM LFL @ Grace
- 3/11 10:30 AM Lent Service @ Grace
- 2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
- 6:30 PM Lent Service @ St. Paul's
- 7-8 PM WDS
- 3/12 8:30 AM Blanket Making

**Shoe Boxes:** The items we are collecting during the month of March are socks and underwear in children's sizes 2 through 18. Thank you for helping.

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

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

**March**

- 4<sup>th</sup> The Good News of a God Who Sends a Deliver (Exodus 4:1-20)
- 11<sup>th</sup> The Good News of a God Who Passes Over us in Mercy (Exodus 12:1-14)
- 18<sup>th</sup> The Good News of a God Who Makes a Way for Us (Exodus 14:5-31)
- 25<sup>th</sup> 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. Carry-outs available! Free will donation accepted.

**Chair Yoga** Chair Yoga will not meet for the next three Wednesday's, class will resume on March 25, 2026.



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

3-Wayne & Connie Wirth  
4-Darrell & Laurie Wirth

### **BIRTHDAYS**

2-Zach Shelton  
3-Wayne Wirth; Dixie Stremming  
4-Gary Kull  
5-Otis Rincker  
6-Adrienne Bushue; Nick Esslinger;  
Jaxon\* Doehring; Blair Ohnesorge  
7-Sharon Rincker; Cassie Schultheis;  
Jillian\* Merriman; Greta\* York

### **HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Linda Orr, Tom Patrick, Stephanie & Jared Petri, Dan & Karen Pfeiffer, Jacob Pfeiffer, James & Claire Hortenstine, Mark & Deb Richards, Chris Rincker, Doug & Marla Rincker

### **PRAYER**

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** **4<sup>th</sup> 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)**  
**1105 Washington St.**  
**Eldora, IA 50627**

**Benjamin Wagner**  
**801 Seminary Place**  
**St. Louis, MO 63105**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent – Setting One

### **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 Hornburg, 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

*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 105:4–7; antiphon: v. 8

## 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 12:1–9

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Choir Sings "For God So Loves the World" (Grotenhuis)

### 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

John 3:1–17

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.***

### Children's Message

#### 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.  
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## Sermon Romans 4:1-8, 13-17 "It Depends on Faith"

### 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.**

### 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.***

## 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.**

## 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.**

## Jerusalem, My Happy Home

LSB 673

- 1 Jerusalem, my happy home, When shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
- 2 O happy harbor of the saints, O sweet and pleasant soil!  
In thee no sorrow may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.
- 3 Thy gardens and thy gallant walks Continually are green;  
There grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs As nowhere else are seen.
- 4 There trees forevermore bear fruit And evermore do spring;  
There evermore the angels dwell And evermore do sing.
- 5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there Around my Savior stand;  
And soon my friends in Christ below Will join the glorious band.
- 6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare For that bright home of love  
That I may see Thee and adore With all Thy saints above.

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**Next Week's Readings** – Exodus 17:1-7, Romans 5:1-8, John 4:5-26

**This Week's Memory Verse – Romans 4:16** "That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all..."

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