

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

March 26 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Pastor	Kene Whybrew	Secretary	Sue Bowers
Pastor's Cell	815-383-1148	Secretary HRS	M-W 4-7PM TH 12-4PM
Pastor's Home		Church Office	217-644-2661
Pastor's E-mail	chebrev@yahoo.com	E-mail	stpaulcms@consolidated.net
Pastor's Address	512 S Walnut St Strasburg	Address	511 S Walnut St Strasburg
Sunday School Supt	Karen Kull	Website	stpaul-strasburg.com
Altar Flowers	Linda Doehring	YouTube	St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Organist	Muriel Merriman		Strasburg Illinois
Choir Director	Karen Rentfro	Pause for Peace	217-644-3124
Accompanist	Sheryl Vonderheide	Prayer Chain	217-821-3038
Greeters	Howard & Kay Dust		

THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

- SUN. 8:30 AM Communion Service
 8:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus, H.S.
- TUE. 9:00 AM Bible Study
- WED. 8:00 AM **Guide/Bulletin**
 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
 10:30 AM Lent Service @ Grace
 6:30 PM Lent Service @ St. Paul's
 7-8 PM WDS
- THURS. 7:00 PM Luther's Large Catechism Class
- SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service-Palm Sunday
 8:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., College HS

March 19 8:30: 136 Year Ago: 139 Sunday School: 38

Welcome "Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love" (Psalm 130:7, ESV). Welcome to worship, one and all. If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.

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!

Baptism Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this morning is Millie Ann Wirth. Millie is the daughter of Tyler & Jennifer Wirth. Millie's sponsors are Tom & Ashley Helm. We welcome Millie in the Kingdom of God and pray for God's blessings on her and her family.

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!

Lost & Found If you are missing a coat, there is a men's black jacket and a women's black jacket hanging on the coat rack in the front of the church.

Trinity Registration Pre-registration is on going for Preschool-8th grade at Trinity Lutheran School for the 23-24 school year. Forms are in the school office or call the office at 217.682.3881 to leave their child's name, age, & telephone number.

Thank you Thank you to Sara Hayes, Kay Dust and Dawn Schlechte who volunteered to bring treats to Weekday School during a week in March & April. It is much appreciated by everyone!

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
March 19	\$ 3,578.00	\$3,219.00	\$ -359.00
year-to-date	\$ 42,936.00	\$38,022.00	-4,914.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
March 19	\$ 481.00	\$2,832.00	\$ 2,351.00
year-to-date	\$ 5,772.00	\$ 9,522.50	\$ 3,750.50
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$3,345.00
Trinity \$235 Building \$470 Sem. Student \$350 Cemetery \$10 LYF \$65			
Sem Food Pantry \$50 Bell Tower \$100 Ladies Aid \$10			

March 15 \$1,482.00(Lent)
March 19 \$3,899.00
March 20 \$1,960.00 (ACH)

- 4/4 9:00 AM Bible Study
- 4/5 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
6:30-7:30 PM WDS
7:45 PM LYF @ St. Paul's
- 4/6 10:30 AM Maundy Thursday Service @ Grace
1:30 PM Ladies Aid-Hostess Kay & Muriel
6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service @ St. Paul's
- 4/7 10:30 AM Good Friday Service @ Grace
6:30 PM Good Friday Service @ St. Paul's
- 4/8 6:30 PM Easter Vigil @ St. Paul's

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.

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."

Mites Sunday April 2nd is Mites Sunday.



ANNIVERSARIES

26-Gary & Sheryl Duncan
31-Steve & Jill Layton

BIRTHDAYS

27-Deanna Foelsing
28-Darrell Cress
29-Doris Supan; Natalie Hayes;
Mary Tabbert; Nick Oller
31-Carol Camilotto; Jenna Layton;
Marlene Wirth; Stacey* Rincker;
Callie Clifton

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Jonathan & Abby Luce, Mark & Melissa Luce, Sarah Luce, Kathy Manhart, Wes & Rose Manhart, Cassie Schultheis, Dean Schultz, Gary & Johnna Schultz, Alex Shadwell, Brian & Lisa Shelton, Ashley Sherrill

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

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

LSB 592

- 1 Dearest Jesus, we are here, Gladly Your command obeying;
With this child we now draw near In response to Your own saying
That to You it shall be given As a child and heir of heaven.
- 2 Your command is clear and plain, And we would obey it duly:
"You must all be born again, Heart and life renewing truly,
Born of water and the Spirit, And My kingdom thus inherit."
- 3 Therefore we have come to You, In our arms this infant bearing.
Truly here Your grace we view; May this child, Your mercy sharing,
In Your arms be shielded ever, Yours on earth and Yours forever.
- 4 Gracious Head, Your member own; Shepherd, take Your lamb and feed it;
Prince of Peace, make here Your throne; Way of Life, to heaven lead it;
Precious Vine, let nothing sever From Your side this branch forever.
- 5 Now into Your heart we pour Prayers that from our hearts proceeded.
Our petitions heav'nward soar; May our hearts' desires be heeded!
Write the name we now have given; Write it in the book of heaven!

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

Baptism of Millie Ann Wirth

LSB 268

- 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 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: v. 15

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, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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

Ezekiel 37:1–14

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 8:1–11

A 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 11:1–45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh 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 My Song Is Love Unknown

LSB 430

- 1 My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I That for my sake
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath,
And for His death They thirst and cry.
- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
Themselves displease And 'gainst Him rise.
- 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes
That He His foes From thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise
I all my days Could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624–1683 Text: Public domain

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

Go to Dark Gethsemane

LSB 436

- 1** Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2** Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.

- 3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.
- 4 Early hasten to the tomb Where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854 Text: Public domain

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

LSB 819

- 1 Sing praise to God, the highest good, The author of creation,
The God of love who understood Our need for His salvation.
With healing balm our souls He fills And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!
- 2 What God's almighty pow'r has made, In mercy He is keeping.
By morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of His might All things are just and good and right:
To God all praise and glory!
- 3 We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness And came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord, Who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!
- 4 He never shall forsake His flock, His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock, Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand, He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!
- 5 All who confess Christ's holy name, Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim Aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne, For God is God, and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!

Text: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1640-90; (sts. 1-3, 5): tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812-97, adapt.; (st. 4): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, adapt.
Text: Public domain

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

- 1 O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,
What dark transgression?
- 2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;
They crucify Thee.
- 3 Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,
This I do merit.
- 4 What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,
Who would not know Him.
- 5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted;
God is committed.
- 6 There was no spot in me by sin untainted;
Sick with sin's poison, all my heart had fainted;
My heavy guilt to hell had well-nigh brought me,
Such woe it wrought me.
- 7 O wondrous love, whose depth no heart hath sounded,
That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves surrounded!
All worldly pleasures, heedless, I was trying
While Thou wert dying.

- 8 O mighty King, no time can dim Thy glory!
How shall I spread abroad Thy wondrous story?
How shall I find some worthy gifts to proffer?
What dare I offer?
- 9 For vainly doth our human wisdom ponder—
Thy woes, Thy mercy, still transcend our wonder.
Oh, how should I do aught that could delight Thee!
Can I requite Thee?
- 10 Yet unrequited, Lord, I would not leave Thee;
I will renounce whate'er doth vex or grieve Thee
And quench with thoughts of Thee and prayers most lowly
All fires unholy.
- 11 But since my strength will nevermore suffice me
To crucify desires that still entice me,
To all good deeds O let Thy Spirit win me
And reign within me!
- 12 I'll think upon Thy mercy without ceasing,
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
To do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor
Henceforth forever.
- 13 Whate'er of earthly good this life may grant me,
I'll risk for Thee; no shame, no cross, shall daunt me.
I shall not fear what foes can do to harm me
Nor death alarm me.
- 14 But worthless is my sacrifice, I own it;
Yet, Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not disown it;
Thou wilt accept my gift in Thy great meekness
Nor shame my weakness.

15 And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven
To me the crown of joy at last is given,
Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee,
I, too, shall praise Thee.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, 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

A 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

A 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

Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

LSB 782

1 Gracious God, You send great blessings New each morning all our days.
For Your mercies never ending, For Your love we offer praise. Refrain

ref Lord, we pray that we, Your people Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings May bring glory to Your name.

2 By Your Word You formed creation Filled with creatures large and small;
As we tend that endless treasure May our care encircle all. Refrain

3 In His earthly life, our Savior Knew the care of faithful friends;
May our deeds of dedication Offer love that never ends. Refrain

D 4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring Bear the imprint of Your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit, Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! Refrain

Text: Gregory J. Wismar, 1946 Text: © 2004 Gregory J. Wismar. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001500

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2023 Concordia Publishing House.

Readings for Next Week – Isaiah 50:4-9a, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:1-27:66

This Week's Memory Verse – John 11:25 "Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live..."