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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent

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Accompanist	Sheryl Vonderheide	Prayer Chain	217-821-3038
Greeter	Otto & Lisa Rincker		

THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

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

Feb 25 8:30: 129 Year Ago: 140 Sunday School: 53

Welcome Welcome to worship as we continue in the season of Lent. May we listen for Jesus' voice, rest in his care and share his love with others. * * * *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!

Bible Trivia Join us the first Sunday of every month at 6:30pm for Bible Trivia. Everyone is welcome to join the fun and fellowship.

Lutheran Witness The March edition of the Lutheran Witness is available in the narthex.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
Feb 25	\$ 3,750.00	\$2,294.00	\$- 1,456.00
year-to-date	\$ 20,000.00	\$27,582.00	\$ 7,582.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Feb 25	\$ 481.00	\$ 480.00	\$ -1.00
year-to-date	\$ 3,848.00	\$3,350.00	\$ -498.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$1,190.00
Building \$100 Sem Student \$420 Trinity \$220 Cemetery \$20			
Lutheran Care Center \$100 Rev. Alex Gordon \$25			

Feb 21 \$413.00 (Lent)

Feb 25 \$3,246.00

03/12 9:00 AM Bible Study
 03/13 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
 10:30 AM Lenten Service @ Grace
 2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
 6:30 PM Lenten Service @ St. Paul
 7:00-8:00 WDS
 03/14 8:30 AM Blanket Making

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.



ANNIVERSARIES

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

BIRTHDAYS

3-Wayne Wirth; Dixie Stremming
4-Gary Kull
5-Otis Rincker
6-Adrienne Bushue;
Nick Esslinger; Jaxon* Doehring
7-Sharon Rincker
Cassie Schultheis;
Jillian* Merriman; Greta* York
8-Bryson Batson; Roger Kull;
Kiefer Reel
9-Virginia Vogel

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Chris & Sue Bowers, Tanner & Caroline Bowers, Mary Lou & Gary Brehmer, Jennifer Buening, Sandy Bugenhagen, Carol & Lou Camilotto, Jim & Phyllis Weiss, Lauren & Luke Wetherell, Lynn & Denise (Aaron) White, Jeanne Wildman, Brad & Brea Wirth

Recorded Services

Website: stpaul-strasburg.com

YouTube: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Strasburg Illinois

Facebook: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

PRAYER

Dianna Gibson	Melba Storm
Anna Schlechte	Nick Hanfland
Frances York	Kendall Fulk
Robert Pfeiffer	Wayne Wirth
Margaret Swank	

LIMITED MOBILITY

Mary Rincker-Villas of Hollybrook
Rose Schlechte- StoneBridge
Robert Stremming
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
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)
Matt Durbin
Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's
uncle)

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Third Sunday in Lent – Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake

LSB 688

- 1 “Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake, “All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate’er betide, Take My example for your guide.
- 2 “I am the light, I light the way, A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.
- 3 “My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express, With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
- 4 “I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul’s salvation,
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”
- 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff’ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle’s strain The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

Text: tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96; (sts. 1–3, 5): Johann Scheffler, 1624–77; (st. 4): Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge, 1695
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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 69:14–16; antiphon: v. 9

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

LSB 186

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.
O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith

to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

Exodus 20:1–17

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 2:13–22

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

Hymn of the Day

May God Bestow on Us His Grace

LSB 823

- 1 May God bestow on us His grace, With blessings rich provide us;
And may the brightness of His face To life eternal guide us,
That we His saving health may know, His gracious will and pleasure,
And also to the nations show Christ's riches without measure
And unto God convert them.
- 2 Thine over all shall be the praise And thanks of ev'ry nation;
And all the world with joy shall raise The voice of exultation.
For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord, Nor suffer sin to flourish;
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and nourish,
In righteous paths to keep them.
- D 3 O let the people praise Thy worth, In all good works increasing;
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth, Thy Word is rich in blessing.
May God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit bless us!
Let all the world praise Him alone, Let solemn awe possess us.
Now let our hearts say, "Amen!"

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt. Text: Public domain

Sermon 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 "The Word of the Cross"

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 O Lord, You are a jealous God. Save the third and fourth generations that will come after us from Your punishment. Fill us with Your Son's zeal for Your house, that we may cast every idol from our hearts and be devoted to You and Your commandments. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, Your Son's cross and crucifixion is folly to the world, but it is the source of repentance and forgiveness for all His elect. Preserve the preaching of the cross in our midst, that from this life-giving tree we would continually receive Your faith-preserving gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, preserve and bless all Christian households, that husbands and wives would live in love and service to each other, that fathers and mothers would diligently bring up their children in Your fear, and that children would honor their parents and be well equipped for service to their neighbors in this life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord of the perfect Law, You have called us to honor our parents and all other authorities, that it may go well with us in our land. Bless all who govern us. Make them wise in Your ways, that Your justice may be upheld among us. Help us to serve and obey them in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our God, Your steadfast love in Christ is good. Turn in Your abundant mercy toward all who suffer in our midst. Do not let the flood sweep over them nor the pit close its mouth on them. Deliver them and grant them healing, comfort and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer, though we cannot even discern all our errors, declare us innocent in Christ of all hidden faults, and by Your Holy Spirit keep us back from presumptuous sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, You bless this day and make it holy with Your Word and the gifts of Your altar. Grant that we may come before Your presence to eat Your Son's body and blood, not boasting of ourselves, but of Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer, three days after the temple of Your Son's body was destroyed by wicked men He raised it up again. Grant that on the Last Day we and all the saints who now rest in Your presence may share in the glory of His resurrection. 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.**

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

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB 685

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.

- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

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Readings for Next Week – Numbers 21:4-9, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21

This Week's Memory Verse - 1 Corinthians 1:18 "The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

Acknowledgments

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