

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

March 5, 2023

Second Sunday in Lent

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Greeters	Darin & Colleen Storm		

THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN. 8:30 AM Worship Service
8:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., College Plus, H.S.

TUE. 9:00 AM Morning 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 Plus, H.S.

February 26 8:30: 140 Year Ago: 120 Sunday School: 45

Welcome No matter our circumstances, "[our] help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:2, NRSV). We gather to worship our loving Creator. Welcome. If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.

Challenge We need your help to meet the Thrivent food bank challenge of 150 non-perishable foods for the food bank that serves Shelby County. (The Shelbyville United Methodist Food Pantry) If we collect 150 items for the food pantry by March 31, Thrivent will give them \$150 to buy more food. Put your donations in the box in the narthex or the one in the school hallway.

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!

Stew-Stras Post Prom The Stew-Stras Post Prom Committee will be having a cinnamon roll fundraiser for Easter. All funds raised go towards the 2023 Stew-Stras Post Prom. There are order sheets available in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call or text Sarah Gracey 217.254.2503 or Autumn McCormick 217.343.2388.

Thank you Thanks to everyone that helped in anyway for the funeral luncheon. It is much appreciated!

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

<u>CURRENT OFFERINGS</u>	<u>\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
February 26	\$ 3,578.00	\$5,501.00	\$ 1,923.00
year-to-date	\$ 32,202.00	\$32,333.00	131.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
February 26	\$ 481.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 219.00
year-to-date	\$ 4,329.00	\$ 4,240.00	\$ -89.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000		Total to Date	\$1,765.00

Building \$270 Seminary Student \$20 Bell Tower \$240 Ladies Aid \$25
Lutheran Care Center \$100 Rev. Gordan Alex \$75 LYF \$25
Cradle Roll \$200 Elizabeth Stremming Memorial \$50

February 26 \$7,056.00
February 23 \$100.00 (ACH)
February 22 \$50.00 (memorial)

3/14 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
3/15 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
10:30 AM Lent Service @ Grace
6:30 PM Lent Service @ St. Paul
7-8 PM WDS
3/16 7:00 PM Luther's Large Catechism Class

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

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.

Open House Trinity Lutheran School will be hosting their annual open house on Sunday, March 5 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Meet the staff and tour the facilities. Come see what we have to offer. For more information call 217.682.3881.

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.



ANNIVERSARIES
10-Jacob* & Shalyn Tabbert

BIRTHDAYS
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
10-Steve Polk;
11-Johnna Schultz; Yvonne Pfeiffer;
Ross McCormick;

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK
Brian Kessler, Roger & Wanda Kessler,
Toby & Melba Rose Kircher, Brittany &
Drew Kirkley, Kevin & Chris Kramer, Kim
& Brad Storm, Kurt Storm, Melba Storm,
Ryan & Sonia Storm, Brad & Kim
Stremming

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

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

Hymn of Invocation 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!

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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 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

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing

of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." . . . ¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That 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, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and 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.**

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind

blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children’s Message – Children through Grade 6 are encouraged to come forward.

Hymn of the Day

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.

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Sermon John 3:1-17 "Born Again"

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.**

Recessional Hymn

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

LSB 423

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended, Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.
- 2 Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding, See Your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us Calms the sinner's deep distress.
- 3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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Readings for Next Sunday Exodus 17:1-7, Romans 5:1-8, John 4:5-26

This week's memory verse – John 3:5 "Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."