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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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Accompanist	Sheryl Vonderheide	Prayer Chain	217-821-3038
Greeter	John & Judy Wittenberg		

THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN.	8:30 AM Worship Service
	8-10 AM LYF Pancake Breakfast
	10:30 AM Worship Service @ Grace
	5:30 Worship Service @ Grace
	6:30 PM Bible Trivia
MON.	6:30 PM Council meeting
TUE.	9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
WED.	8:30 AM Chair Yoga
	10:30 AM Lent Service @ Grace
	2:30 PM Social Hall Communion
	6:30 PM Lent Service @ St. Paul
	7-8 PM WDS
THURS.	8:30 AM Blanket making
SUN.	8:30AM Communion Service
	9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S., College+
	10:30 Worship Service @ Grace
	5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace

March 30 8:30: 141 Year Ago: 250 Sunday School: 43

Welcome God makes paths through the sea and rivers in the desert (Isaiah 43:16, 19). Whatever obstacle you face, God will open the way of life for you. Welcome to worship *If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook.*

Easter Sunday Celebrate the Risen Savior! Communion Service at 8:30AM followed by continental breakfast at 9:30AM in the social hall. There will be an egg hunt for ages 0-6th grade at 10 AM in the backyard. All are welcome!!

Family Life Center The Family Life Center, formerly living alternatives of Shelbyville will have a 5K run and a prayer walk on Saturday, April 26 in Forest Park, Shelbyville, IL. If you are interested in joining either of these activities or sponsoring a walker contact Patsy Lenz or Family Life Center online for more information.

Easter Breakfast If you would like to donate to the Easter Breakfast, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK

CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$ TO MEET YEARLY BUDGET	\$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE
Mar 30	\$ 3,971.00	\$ 1,756.00	\$-2,215.00
year-to-date	\$ 47,623.00	\$ 43,868.00	\$-3,755.00
<u>Synod-Offerings</u>			
Mar 30	\$ 481.00	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 944.00
year-to-date	\$ 6,253.00	\$ 7,908.00	\$ 1,655.00
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000			Total to Date \$3,105.00
Building \$300 Trinity \$1925 LYF \$200 Lutheran Care Center \$100			
Cemetery \$100 LCMS World Relief \$50 Mission Work \$200 Organ Repair \$50			

Mar 26 \$1,155.00 (Lent)
Mar 30 \$3,151.00
Mar 10 \$1,800.00 (Trinity)

4/15 9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
 4/16 8:30 AM Chair Yoga
 6:30-8 PM WDS
 4/17 10:30 AM Maundy Thursday Service @Grace
 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service @ St. Paul's
 4/18 10:30 AM Good Friday Service @ Grace
 6:30 PM Good Friday Service @ St. Paul's
 4/19 6:30 PM Easter Vigil @ St. Paul's

Lenten Midweek 6: April 9 The Good News of a Savior Who Brings Good from Evil, Genesis 50:15-21

SHOE BOXES: We are collecting clothes for the shoe boxes in the month of April. Any clothes from size 2 to 18. Thank you for all the donations for the boxes.

Palm Sunday April 13 The Sunday School children will parade in before church on Palm Sunday with palms. Children can meet in the choir/cry room off the narthex before church. They will parade in during the first hymn or processional at the direction of Pastor.

LYF Join us this morning for a LYF Pancake Breakfast. 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!

Mites Sunday Today is Mites Sunday.

Baptism Tate William Rincker was baptized Saturday, March 29, 2025. Tate is the son of Zachary and Stacey Rincker. His sponsors are Josh Lorenz, Grace Rincker and Maddie Rincker. Grandparents are Doug & Marla Rincker and Jerry & Kim Lorenz. God's blessings to Tate and his family.

Confirmation Questioning Confirmation Questioning will be Sat., April 26th at 5:00PM.

Sunday School Classes The Alpha, W.L.S. and College+ Sunday School classes will not meet today.



ANNIVERSARIES

12-Bob & Ronda Schlechte;
Bryan & Allison Vonderheide

BIRTHDAYS

7-Chris Kessler; Danielle Wirth
9-Delbert Foelsing; Troy Uphoff;
Trent Uphoff; Jeannie Wildman
10-Ron Boldt

HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK

Barry & Courtney Wittenberg, John & Judy
Wittenberg, Dustin & Karen York, Francis
York,

Recorded Services

Website: stpaul-strasburg.com

YouTube: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Strasburg Illinois

Facebook: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

PRAYER

Dianna Gibson	Anna Schlechte
Nick Hanfland	Kendall Fulk
Frances York	Wayne Wirth
Robert Pfeiffer	Ronda Schlechte
Margaret Swank	Nick Oller
Beulah Ulmer	Clay Tabbert
Karla Tabbert	Mark Richards

LIMITED MOBILITY

Rose Schlechte- StoneBridge
Robert Stremming
Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook
Bill Orr
Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone
Mattoon
Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga
Doris Stremming – Willowbrook,
Effingham
Margaret Swank – Willowbrook
Effingham

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

Ken Daily (Karen Pfeiffer's father)
stroke
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)

Adopted Seminary Students 2024-25

4TH Year Student

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2024-25 Vicar assignment at Concordia

Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN
Joshua Gerken (Wife Rachel, son
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5th Sunday in Lent – Setting One

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

LSB 912

- 1 Christ is our cornerstone, On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love Our hopes we place
Of present grace And joys above.
- 2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us evermore
Until that day When all the blest
To endless rest Are called away.
- D 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim In joyful song,
Both loud and long, That glorious name.

Text: Latin, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, alt. 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 3:3–6; 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.

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

Isaiah 43:16–21

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Philippians 3:8–14

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

Luke 20:9-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth 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

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!

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Sermon Philippians 3:8-14 "Press On"

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 T 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.*

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

LSB 647

**1 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head, You are her one foundation;
In You she trusts, before You bows, And waits for Your salvation.
Built on this rock secure, Your Church shall endure
Though all the world decay And all things pass away.
O hear, O hear us, Jesus!**

- 2 O Lord, let this Your little flock, Your name alone confessing,
Continue in Your loving care, True unity possessing.
Your sacraments, O Lord, And Your saving Word
To us, Lord, pure retain. Grant that they may remain
Our only strength and comfort.
- 3 Help us to serve You evermore With hearts both pure and lowly;
And may Your Word, that light divine, Shine on in splendor holy
That we repentance show, In faith ever grow;
The pow'r of sin destroy And evils that annoy.
O make us faithful Christians.
- 4 And for Your Gospel let us dare To sacrifice all treasure;
Teach us to bear Your blessed cross, To find in You all pleasure.
O grant us steadfastness In joy and distress,
Lest we, Lord, You forsake. Let us by grace partake
Of endless joy and gladness.

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Next Week's Readings – Deuteronomy 32:36-39, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 23:1-56

This Week's Memory Verse – Philippians 3:8-14 "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus"

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