

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Mission Statement

"Empowered by God's Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people."

Vision Statement

"We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community,

and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and

teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ."

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY)

- ⊕ Divine Service w/Holy Communion:
 - $_{\odot}$ 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ⊕ Sunday School: 10:15 am and Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Michael J. Grannis Mobile Phone: 952-686-3046 Email: revgrannis@gmail.com

- Nursery available: For families with small children, there is a designated room in the basement (down the hall, on the right, from the old Parish Hall). You will find a changing table, crib, a few books and toys. Please feel free to use anytime during the worship service.
- Radio Broadcast: Today's broadcast (KOWZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM) is dedicated to the glory of God.
- Lutheran Hour: The Lutheran Hour can be heard on radio stations WCCO 830AM, Sunday, 6:05 AM; and KDHL920 AM, Faribault, Sunday, 6:00 PM.
- **Sunday School:** We will meet every Sunday at 10:15am in the Parish Hall for snacks, and then go downstairs for music and a lesson.
- WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE! If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
- Individual or Family Pastoral Care: Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.
- Any guest wishing to receive communion here at St Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or the Elder on duty prior to the church service. Thank you.
- Preparing for Holy Communion, please refer to the section in the bulletin "Service of the Sacrament".
- Live Streaming on Facebook for the 9:00 worship service for your convenience.
- Delivered 28 pounds of food items from our church to the Food Shelf.
- Thursday Feb, 28th the 29er's will meet at 11:30 at Oscars!! See you there.
- Today is the last day to buy your Pork chop dinner ticket sales. Diner is on Sunday March 3rd at 11am. ONLY 175 tickets will be sold.
- CONGRATULATIONS to Nic and Erin Rudolph as they welcome their new baby boy, Elijah Allen Rudolph born February 12th, 2024.
- The **Handicap Entrance construction** will resume soon, anyone wishing to contribute to this project should write Handicap Entrance on their envelopes. Thank you
- We have been supporting Jared Rudolph through his journey to becoming a Pastor. He will be joining us and preaching to us on Sunday March 3rd, 2024. We look forward to welcoming him back.
- There will be **NO BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY MARCH 3rd** due to pork chop feed. Make sure to get your tickets and join in the feast.
- CONGRATULATIONS and a prayer of thanks for Jim and Jo Larsen's 62nd wedding anniversary. They were married here at St Paul on Feb. 24th, 1962!!!

By the Cross of Our Lord Jesus, We Inherit Life Everlasting with God

In His covenant with Abraham, the Lord promised to be with him, to bless him and to make him "the father of a multitude of nations." It is "an everlasting covenant" in Christ Jesus, the seed of Abraham who is blameless before God Almighty. All who believe in this Lord Jesus are the offspring of Abraham and are blessed "throughout their generations" (Gen. 17:1–7), because the Christ has suffered many things. He was rejected and killed, and after three days He rose again (Mark 8:31). To comprehend this theology of the cross, we must set our minds "on the things of God," and not "on the things of man" (Mark 8:33). "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). Therefore, having been "reconciled to God by the death of his Son," much more "shall we be saved by his life" (Rom. 5:10). Baptized into His cross and resurrection, "we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," and by faith we rejoice in the hope of His glory (Rom. 5:1–2).

Hymn of Invocation: Lift High the Cross

LSB 837 vs.1-3

Divine Service: Setting Four

LSB 203

Introit

Psalm 115:11-13, 18; antiphon: Psalm 25:6



- Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,* for they have been | from of old.
- You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD!*

 He is their help | and their shield.
- The LORD has remembered us; he will | bless us;*
 he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of | Aaron;
- he will bless those who | fear the LORD,* both the small | and the great.
- We will | bless the LORD*
 from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,* for they have been | from of old.

LSB 204

The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, chapter 17.

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, 2that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." 3Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, 4"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. 5No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall

come from her."

This is the Word of the Lord.

 \mathbf{C} Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2



- [O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,* the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
- who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the C shame,*

and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Epistle

Romans 5:1–11

The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 5.

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Verse Mark 8:34b

If anyone would come after me,

let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27–38

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

LSB 206

Hymn of the Day: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart LSB 708

Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

- We believe, teach, and confess in accordance with Holy Scripture that the Lord's Supper is a precious gift from God, in which Christ gives us His true body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.
- The Bible teaches that this sacrament may also be spiritually harmful when misused, (For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ~ 1 Corinthians 11:26-30)
- The Lord's Supper is a testimony of the unity in faith. We ask that only those who have been instructed and who are in fellowship with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod come with a contrite and joyful heart to the Lord's Table. (And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ~ Act 2:42)
- Any guest wishing to receive communion here at St. Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or the Elder on duty, prior to the church service.
- Preparing for Holy Communion: To assist our time of preparation, prayers are located in the front cover and on pages 329-330 of your hymnal. Both individual and common cup are offered on both sides. For anyone with alcohol concerns, diluted cups are located in the center of the tray. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.

<u>Preface</u>	LSB 208
Distribution Hymn: Chief of Sinners Though I Be	LSB 611
Distribution Hymn: O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Bro	ken LSB 439
Distribution Hymn: Jesus, Remember Me	LSB 767
Nunc Dimittis	LSB 211
Hymn to Depart: Lift High the Cross	LSB 837 vs.4-6

- LOOKING FOR: if you have any 8 oz Cool Whip containers or Ice Cream buckets that you would like to donate to the church kitchen, please bring them in and leave on kitchen counters thank you.
- If anyone wants to send a card to **Pastor Zimmer**, call the church office for his address. He is settling in with his daughter and son-in-law and would enjoy hearing from you.

OUR PRAYERS:

Called Home: Millie Gerlach, Helen Boese, Lucille Gregor, and Gary Ross

Cancer Treatment: Debbie Pehrson

Hospitalized:

Prayer for Comfort at the end of life: Anita Hildebrandt

Treatment and continued recovery: Judy Graper, Bernita Kohnert

Prayer for continued recovery and healing and Thanksgiving: Jacob Williams, Bonnie Ross,

Kirsten Tharp, Randy Gehring, Stan Stiernagle, Giles Zimmer,

Medical Procedure: Karen Thompson

Illness: Cindy Kuschel, Glenda Pooley (sister of Gary Paulson), Beverly Schroeder

Treatment: Terry George, Dixie Flitter, Tim Andree

Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.

All the service men & women who are serving in the military: Gavin Doering, Jacob Lemmen,

Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson

Waseca Circuit Missionaries: Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John Wolff (Kenya)

Please contact the church office if you wish to speak with Pastor Grannis and Aimee will be happy to put you on his calendar during his office hours. Thank you

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on:

ınday February 18th, 2024: 93 Bible Study: 12 Sunday School: 21

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$2,297.85 Handicap Entrance Fund: \$100.00

Caring Fund: Improvement Fund: \$25.00 Pastor Discretionary Fund:

Youth Conference Higher Things: \$150.00 (reimbursement)
Radio Broadcast: \$50.00 memory of Orville and Delores Steinke

Organ Fund: \$20.00 and memorial for \$20.00 Helen Boese

\$50.00 memorial for Lucille Gregor

Other: Elevator fund: \$40.00; memorial for Millie Gerlach \$10.00

ednesday February 14th, 2024 (Ash Wednesday): 85

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$580.91

Organ Fund: \$10.00

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: February 25 - March 3rd, 2024

Sunday (25th):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 am Coffee hour and Adult Bible Study and Sunday School

Monday (26th):

10am Prayer Team

Tuesday (27th):

1pm Quilters

Wednesday (28th):

11:30 am 29er's at Oscar's

3:30p- 5:00p 6th, 7th, 8th grade Confirmation

4:30p – 5:45p Lenten Supper {Board of Ed: Chili and Hot Dog bar, chips and cakes}

6:00 pm Wednesday Lent Service

7:00 pm Senior Choir and Contemp. Ensemble

Thursday (29th):

6 am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans

Friday (1st):

Saturday (2nd):

Sunday (3rd):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 a.m. Coffee hour and Adult Bible Study and Sunday School

11:00 am Quilter's 20th Annual Pork chop Feed

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: February 25th, 2024:

NEXT WEEK: March 3rd:

DRGANIST: Cindy Wood

ORGANIST: Mathias Barents

\COLYTE: Kyler Welander

ACOLYTE: Kameron Kunkle

:LDER/DEACON: Joe Schumacher/Jim Wyffels

ELDER/DEACON: Eric Schwarz/Kraig Deling

RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

RADIO MONITOR: Ron Wood

ACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

FACEBOOK: Cindy Gilmore

Wednesday February 28th, 2024:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood **ACOLYTE**: Peyton Ross

ELDER/DEACON: Joe Schumacher/Jim Wyffels

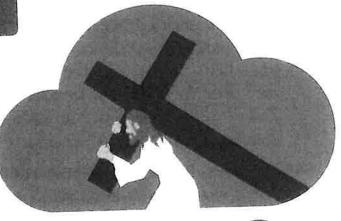
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What is "Lent"?

Lent is a season of the Church Year that lasts six weeks. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends

the day before Easter Sunday. During these six weeks we look forward to Good Friday, the day our Lord died on the cross to pay for our sins, and to Easter Sunday, the day He rose from the dead to prove it!







How can I remember to think about Jesus during Lent?

You can give up something you enjoy during Lent. You might see your parents give up their morning coffee. Maybe your brother or sister has decided not to eat candy during Lent. Every time you think about doing what you gave up for Lent, it will remind you of what Jesus gave up for you — His life! Blessings to you as you experience the wonderful journey of Lent!



Parents:

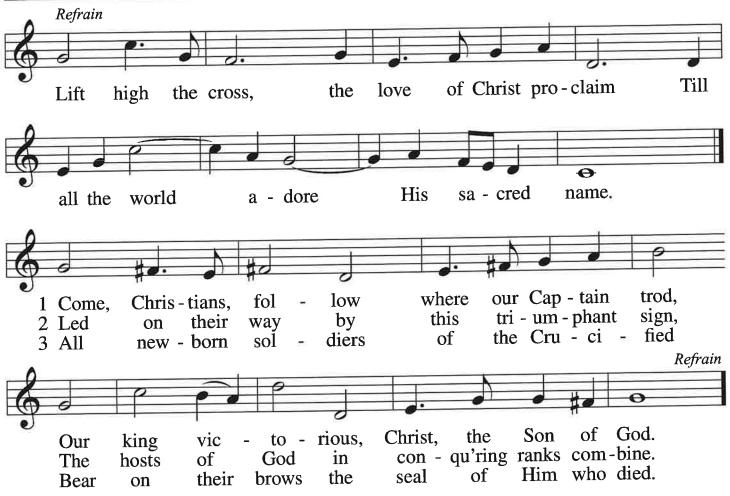
We encourage you to help your child decide on something in their life that they can give up during Lent. Be sure to give up something too. Being their example and companion on this journey makes a big difference!



ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

- Caring for Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Please remember to send your "Brother" or "Sister" a card along with a Bible verse of encouragement, and pray for him/her.
- Mark your calendar!!! The Higher Things attendee's will be having a Garage Sale fundraiser Friday May 10th and Saturday May 11th. If you are doing some spring cleaning during this nice weather and want to donate it to this cause, please bring items to the church office. We will start collecting items as soon as Feb 19th, 2024. Thanks for your support of our youth.
- Upstairs Bathroom Renovations began this past Friday (2/9), these bathrooms will be out of service for 2 weeks.
 Please use bathrooms downstairs.
- Lenten Service and meal schedules:
 - o Wednesday Feb. 28th
 - Meal from 4:30 to 5:45 hosted by Board of Ed (Proceeds go to shoebox postage)
 - Menu: Chili and Hot dog bar, chips and cake
 - Service at 6pm
 - o Wednesday Mar. 6th
 - Meal from 4:30 to 5:45 hosted by Higher Things
 - Menu: "Mystery Meal"
 - Service at 6pm
 - O Wednesday Mar. 13th
 - Meal from 4:30 to 5:45 hosted by Mission Trip Team
 - Menu:
 - Service at 6pm
 - Wednesday Mar. 20th:
 - Meal from 4:30 -5:45 hosted by Board of Ed
 - Menu

Hymn of Invocation: Lift High the Cross



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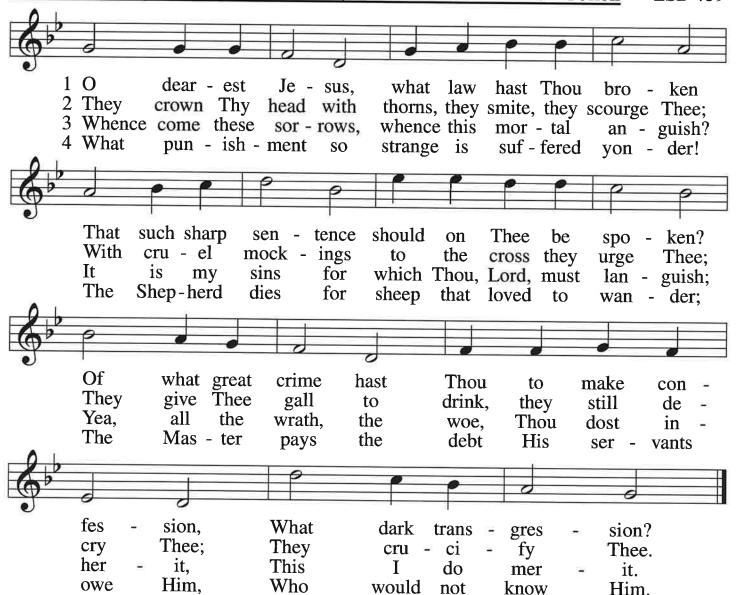
The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word. Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford. tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

Hymn: Chief of Sinners Though I Be



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- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

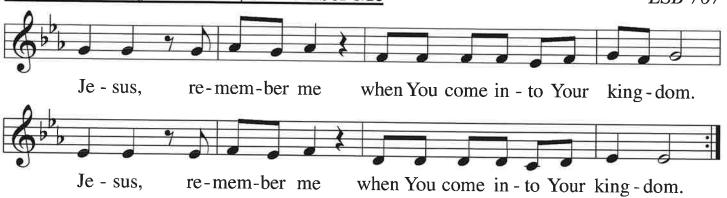
- 8 O mighty King, no time can dim Thy glory! How shall I spread abroad Thy wondrous story? How shall I find some worthy gifts to proffer? What dare I offer?
- 9 For vainly doth our human wisdom ponder— Thy woes, Thy mercy, still transcend our wonder. Oh, how should I do aught that could delight Thee! 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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Distribution Hymn: Jesus, Remember Me

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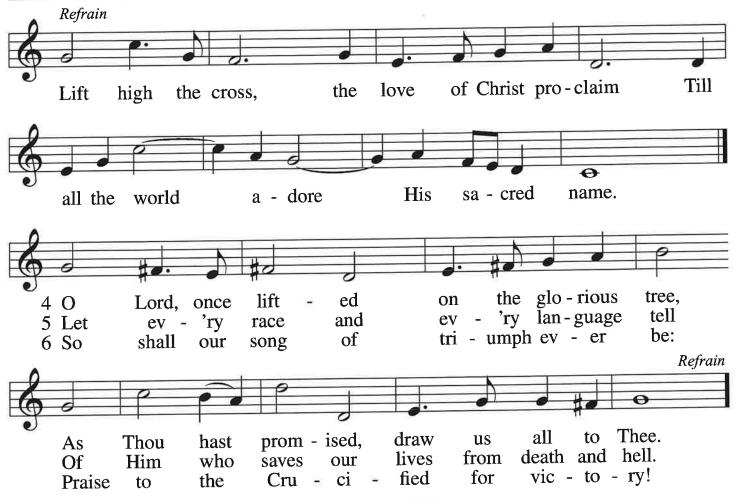
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