

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: March 1 – March 8, 2020

Sunday:

9:00 a.m. Worship Service w/communion (broadcast on KOWZ 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:00 a.m. Fellowship, Coffee & Treats
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study (in the old parish hall downstairs)
11:00 a.m. Seating 1: Quilters Pork Chop Dinner
12:30 p.m. Seating 2: Quilters Pork Chop Dinner

Monday:

10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class w/Pastor Griffin (parish hall)
5:30 p.m. Revitalization Task Force

Tuesday:

10:00 a.m. Service @ Lakeshore Inn
1:00 p.m. Quilters
6:30 p.m. Board of Stewardship
7:00 p.m. Board of Elders

Wednesday:

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
1:00 p.m. Board of Evangelism
3:30 p.m. 6,7,8 Catechism
4:30-5:45 p.m. Supper
6:00 p.m. Worship Service
Organist: Cindy Wood Acolyte: Avery Gaul
Elder: Jerry Flogstad Radio Monitor: Ron Wood
6:45 p.m. Interview Task Force
7:00 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday:

6:30 a.m. Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans
7:00 p.m. Structure Taskforce Meeting

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SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK:

ORGANIST: Kaleb Schmidt
ACOLYTE: Joseph Schumacher
ELDER: Jerry Flogstad
DEACON: Kraig Deling
RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

NEXT WEEK:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Derek Hammer
ELDER: Jerry Flogstad
DEACON: Kraig Deling
RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore



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SUNDAY MORNINGS:

- ✚ Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. (Broadcast on KOWZ 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ✚ Fellowship/Coffee: 10:00 a.m.
- ✚ Sunday School: 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
- ✚ Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

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WELCOME! 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 the black notebook (located in the pew). We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Sunday School begins at 10:15 a.m. and Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m.



"The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church is to provide opportunities through which everyone might be made aware of their Savior Jesus Christ, nurture a strong foundation of faith, and receive the Sacrament regularly as directed by our Savior Jesus Christ."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Today's Radio Broadcast is dedicated to the glory of God and is sponsored by our Cotta Guild.
- The Quilters Annual Pork Chop Dinner is TODAY with two seating's: 11 AM and 12:30 PM.
- The Youth Mission Team is sponsoring the midweek Lenten supper this Wednesday from 4:30-5:45 p.m. Hamburgers/Brats, Potato Salad, Bars, Coffee. All proceeds support the Youth Mission trip in August 2020.
- Today's Bible Class will meet downstairs in the old parish hall. In what ways was Jonah's life and ministry like the ministry of Jesus? What did Jonah's prayer sound like from the inside of a big fish? How could Jonah still have a bad attitude about the grace of God after enduring what he did? Join us as we study the prayer of a reluctant missionary in Jonah chapter 2.
- Dial A Prayer from former Vicar at St. Paul Lutheran and now Pastor Nabil Nour in Armour, South Dakota and Fifth Vice President of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod: You are invited to listen daily to Dial A Prayer (DAP). Every day a new Scripture reading, a brief devotion and concluding prayer is shared. You will find it very uplifting. If you desire to listen to DAP call 605-724-2444 any time 24/7.

Upcoming Sermons:

Lenten Midweek Sermon Series: "Words from the Cross"

- March 4 - "I'll See You Soon"
- March 11 - "Take Care of My Mom"
- March 18 - "Alone in the Dark"
- March 25 - "I'm Thirsty"
- April 1 - "I'm Finished"
- Maundy Thursday - "Do This Often"
- Good Friday - "Into My Father's Hands"

Lenten Sunday Series - "Questions of Lent"

- March 8 - "Where Are You Going?"
- March 15 - "Why Do You Quarrel?"
- March 22 - "Why Was He Born Blind?"
- March 29 - "Can These Bones Live?"
- April 5 / Palm Sunday - "Why Such Humiliation?"
- Easter Sunday - "Why Are You Crying?"

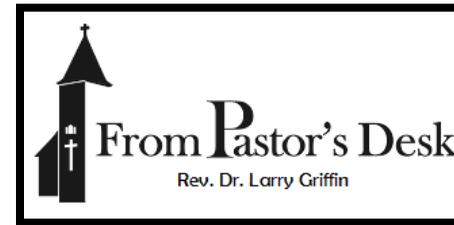
Upcoming Events:

- March 1: Quilters Annual Pork Chop Feed (Two seating's: 11 AM & 12:30 PM)
- March 4, 11, 18, 25: Lenten Midweek Meals (4:30-5:45) & Worship (6 PM)
- March 7 (Saturday): Leadership Seminar in Owatonna
- **March 8: re:Vitality Survey begins**
- March 27: Youth Mission Hamburger/Fish Feed from 5-7 PM @ American Legion
- **March 29: re:Vitality Survey ends**
- April 1: Lenten Midweek Meal & Service
- April 6: Church Council Meeting, 6-7 PM
- April 9: Maundy Thursday Service w/Communion at 6 PM
- April 10: Good Friday Service at 6 PM
- April 12: Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 AM, Easter Breakfast 7:30-8:45 AM, and Easter Worship Service at 9:00 AM.
- April 17: Youth Mission Hot Beef Commercials & Pie from 5-7 PM @ American Legion
- April 26: Quarterly Voters' Meeting

Lent

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Cross	Rejection	Arrest	Denial
Crucifixion	Betrayal	Garden	Example
Washing Feet	Last Supper	Disciples	Peter
Good Friday	Holy Thursday	Palm Sunday	Jerusalem
Holy Week	Ash Wednesday	Ashes	desert
Jesus	forgiveness	penance	prayer
almsgiving	fasting	forty days	



Telling God's Story Here at St. Paul Lutheran:

A glimpse of ministry this past week included our Confirmation Class learning how to pray. We explained the acronym P.R.A.Y., which invites us to Praise, Repent, Ask, and Yield in our conversations with God. At the end of the session, our students put into practice what we had just learned. You will be pleased to know that our Confirmation Class students prayed from their hearts in sincere fashion, they are growing in their faith journey, and it is a privilege to be their pastor in these days!

Intentional Interim Ministry Corner (16th) in a Series of 52 Notes:

Our congregation is exploring participation in the LCMS *re:Vitality* revitalization program. "Vital" is the key component of "revitalization." Wherever the Word is proclaimed in its purity and God's Sacraments are rightly administered, there is spiritual vitality. *re:Vitality* builds upon spiritual vitality and guides the church in positive action for sustainable, adaptable, focused, and healthy ministry for years to come. The first step in the *re:Vitality* process is to submit honest feedback about our congregation from everyone involved.

Beginning March 8th, I want to encourage every confirmed member of St. Paul Lutheran Church to fill out this simple online questionnaire. *(For members who are unable to participate online, we will be providing printed copies of the questionnaire on March 8th at the church entrances, on the table near the bulletin board, and in the church office. Please return completed paper questionnaires to the church office by March 29th.)*

When you are ready to begin the online survey, please visit: www.lcms.org/survey/revitality and enter our congregation **code: C947211**

Your responses are completely anonymous. No one will know your name, and I will not see individual responses. It is important to be honest in your feedback so that we can have an accurate assessment about where we are as a congregation.

Help us find the answer to, "Where are we...really?" **Thank you for submitting your responses by March 29th.**

Blessings,
Pastor Griffin



The Board of Stewardship wishes to remind everyone that forms are available in the church entry (or church office) which you could use to authorize regular giving through your bank checking or savings accounts. If you have questions, contact the church office or Gene Schwarz.



Matt. 4:7 – Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Jesus defeats Satan in our place – not by using His power as God but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity.

Jesus defeats Satan – not by miracles but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory – on the Word of God alone.



“God only has one ‘natural’ child. He adopted all the rest. (See Galatians 4:4-5.)” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



IN OUR PRAYERS:

Hospice: Harold Hoffmeister (brother-in-law to Mark Pehrson)

Hospitalized: Jim Ross

Upcoming Surgery: Bob Roemhildt

Treatment: Eva Bickell, Jolaine Burmeister (sister to Carol Ulschmid), Marcia Meiners (daughter of the late Lorraine Miller), Brian Schroeder

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

All the service men & women who are serving in the military: Noah Berg, Ryan Berg, Jacob Claybaugh, Jordan Labiack, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Kylie Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson

Waseca Circuit Missionaries: Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver

1st Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2020

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Today, we begin a seven-part series of sermons, "Questions of Lent." Soon after Adam and Eve fell into temptation and ate the forbidden fruit, God came looking for them in love and asked a series of questions as a way of leading them to a confession of their sins. His first question was "Where Are You?" Adam responded with shame and fear, "I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid." In today's sermon, the Spirit would invite us to confess the sinful habits into which we have been falling in these days, that the grace of God might sweep over our souls and be ruling in our hearts and minds.

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OPENING HYMN: "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" # 610
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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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FIRST READING: Genesis 3:1-21

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." ¹⁶ To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you." ¹⁷ And to Adam he

said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." ²⁰ The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM or GRADUAL

VERSE for Lent

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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" # 657

SERMON: "Where Are You?" Rev. Dr. Larry Griffin

Parts:

- 1) What do we learn about the strategies of Satan as he tries to lead us into temptation?
- 2) What do we learn about the strategies of God as He comes looking for lost sinners?
- 3) What do we learn about our life together in this fallen world?

APOSTLES' CREED (back inside cover of hymnal)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING *[During the offering, please sign the black care book in the pew. Visitors: Please include your address and phone number. Thank you!]*

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DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS:

“Your Table I Approach” # 628

“Christ, the Life of All the Living” # 420

“Eat This Bread” # 638

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CLOSING HYMN: *“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”* # 451

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St. Paul Lutheran Church

- **Nursery available:** For families with small children, there is a designated room in the basement (down the hall, on the right, from the youth room). You will find a changing table, crib, a few books and toys. Please feel free to use anytime during the worship service. During Sunday School and Bible Class there will be someone there to help with your child so you may attend the Adult Bible Class.
- **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 cups and the 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.
- **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 the following radio stations: WCCO, 830 AM radio, Minneapolis, Sunday, 6:05 AM; KDHL, 920 AM radio, Faribault, Sunday, 6:00 PM; KJLY, 93.5 FM, Owatonna, Sunday, 6:00 PM; and KJLY, 104.5 FM, Blue Earth, Sunday, 6:00 PM.
- **Sunday School:** Today in Sunday School we study the calling of Jesus’ first disciples with “Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael.” In Jesus, access to heaven is given to all who believe. *You might discuss, “How did Philip and Nathanael know that Jesus was the Christ? How do we learn that Jesus is the Christ?”*

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The Lord’s Supper

- ✠ 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 this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes. Therefore, whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. 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. **(Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers)**
- ✠ 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.