



March 14 & 15, 2026 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome to St. Paul

We are **broken** and **blessed** followers of Christ providing a **home** for all who wander the weary road.

We invite you to sign a guest card in the pew rack, noting your attendance and place it in the offering plate as the offering is taken or you may sign the attendance book in the Fellowship Hall.

Holy Communion

To Our Guests: We're glad you're here! Lutherans believe this sacrament is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine. Here he gives himself and all that he promises. Receiving the sacrament is also an expression of full unity in faith with those with whom you are communing. Based on this theological principle, if you are a member of a congregation that shares the confession of faith of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have been instructed concerning the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to commune with us today. We continue to pray for the day when all divisions in the body of Christ will cease. Anyone who wishes may receive a pastoral blessing by kneeling at the altar rail with your arms folded across your chest. If you desire to commune at St. Paul and would like to learn more about the Lutheran Church, please speak with the pastor.

To Those Communing Today: God's Word instructs those who come to the Lord's Table to first examine themselves. You may use the meditation material in this bulletin to prepare yourself to receive the Sacrament.

The pastor will distribute the body of Christ followed by an usher with a tray of individual cups. The pastor will then follow with the Chalice.

Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the pastor or an usher before the service.

Lent 2026: In the Hands of the Artist

In our Lenten series this year, we will place ourselves in the hands of some of history's great painters as they guide us into the Scriptures. Today, we are invited to contemplate the story of our salvation through: Christ Healing the Sick in the Temple, Benjamin West (1738-1820, British-American Historic), 1815, oil on paper mounted on canvas, 72.7x115.3cm, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Three (page 184)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand as you are able

“Repentance, therefore, is nothing else than a return and approach to baptism, to resume and practice what has earlier been begun but abandoned” (Large Catechism)

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 ✝ 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 ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Sit

SERVICE OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE HYMN “Amazing Grace” **LSB 744**

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven’s joy and peace.
- 5 When we’ve been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise Than when we’d first begun.

Text (sts. 1–4): John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.; (st. 5): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790, Richmond
Tune: Columbian Harmony, 1829, Cincinnati

Stand as you are able

KYRIE

Lord Have Mercy

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Silence for individual prayer – You may use the petitions below to guide you

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 42:14-21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. ¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, “You are our gods.” ¹⁸Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the Lord? ²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. ²¹The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness’ sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL READING

John 9:1-41

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the fourth chapter.



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” ¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born

blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” ²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

After the reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

(All may bow:

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man); and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY “O Son of God, in Galilee” **LSB 841**

- 1 O Son of God, in Galilee
 You made the deaf to hear,
 The mute to speak, the blind to see;
 O blessèd Lord, be near.
- 2 O listen to the silent prayer
 Of Your afflicted ones.
 O bid them cast on You their care;
 Your grace to them make known.
- 3 The speechless tongue, the lifeless ear
 You can restore, O Lord;
 Your “Ephphatha,” O Savior dear,
 Can instant help afford.
- 4 Meanwhile to them the list’ning ear
 Of steadfast faith impart,
 And let Your Word bring light and cheer
 To ev’ry troubled heart.

5 Then in Your promised happy land
Each loss will prove a gain;
All myst'ries we shall understand,
For You will make them plain.

Text: Anna B. D. Hoppe, 1889–1941, alt. Tune: Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842 Text: © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001849

SERMON

Your Attending Physician

John 9:1-41

OFFERTORY



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, our income, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.



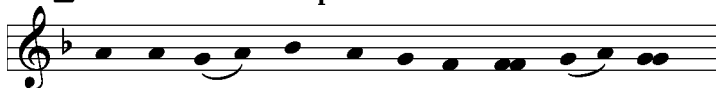
C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Note: Sabaoth (SAH-bay-oath) is Hebrew for "heavenly hosts. Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now"

HYMN "Our Father Who Art in Heaven" LSB 957

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal-low - ed be Thy name,
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as
it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly
bread; and for-give us our tres-pass - es as we for-give
those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -
to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -
ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Text: Traditional Tune: Plainsong, mode VII

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI *The Peace of the Lord*



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to His Supper. *John 1:29; Revelation 19:9*

C Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed. *Matthew 8:8*

AGNUS DEI *Lamb of God*



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

FOR MEDITATION DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Small Catechism – The Sacrament of the Altar

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Taste and See”

LSB 547

Taste and see, taste and see the
 good - ness of the Lord. O,
 taste and see, taste and see the
 good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

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Stand as you are able

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

THANKSGIVING

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

Silence for individual prayer

We give thanks to You, almighty God.....one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

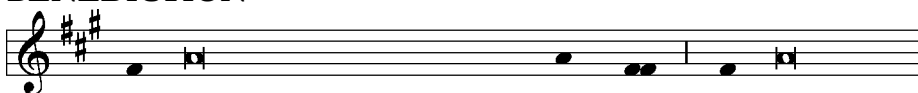


A Bless we the Lord.

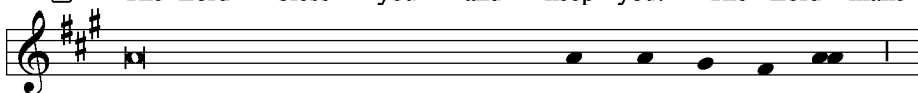


C Thanks be to God.

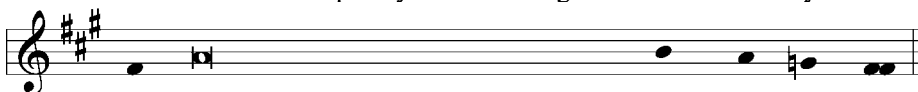
BENEDICTION



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

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Flowers on the Altar are for

A.J. & Angela Osterkamp
in memory of Albert (Skip) Osterkamp

Preparing Yourself For Worship

In order to help prepare your selves for our worship services, we are listing below the scripture readings for the coming week.

March 21 & 22 – 5th Sunday in Lent

Ezekial 37:1-14, Romans 8:1-11, John 11:1-45 or John 11:17-27

Worship Assistants

	Sat. Mar 14 – 5:30pm	Sun, Mar 15 – 9:00am
Head Usher:	Dave Kelley	Greg Kittle
Organist:	Matthew Walsh	David Pitt

February 7 & 8 Statistics

In-Person Attendance:	78
Views* on Facebook:	39
Overall Participation:	117

* The number of devices playing our service for one minute or longer. This does not account for groups who watched together on the same screen.

Anniversaries This Week

None

Baptismal Birthdays

11-Kip Weland, Jr.

Birthdays This Week

16-Leslie Davis	16-Dr. Heyo Tjarks
17-Kathy Patton	18-Mark Litka
18-Angela Osterkamp	19-Elleanna Clark-Adams

- **Salvation Army Food Pantry** - For the month of March, we are collecting the following items for the Food Pantry:

<i>Tuna</i>	<i>Mac & Cheese</i>	<i>Apple Sauce</i>	<i>Deodorant</i>
<i>Salt</i>	<i>Facial Tissue</i>	<i>Toothpaste</i>	

- **GriefShare:** Our next GriefShare grief support group begins February 24th. This group is for anyone who is grieving a loved one's death. At the weekly GriefShare meeting, group participants will view a video featuring respected counselors, teachers, and healthcare professionals on grief-related topics. After that is a small-group discussion to allow people a time of sharing, support, and personal application of what they learned on the video. Group participants will receive a book to take home filled with valuable exercises for navigating their personal grieving process. Please join us: Tuesday evenings, March 17- May 19, 2026 from 6-8 PM at St. Paul Lutheran, 2025 Jackson St. For more information and to register visit: <https://find.griefshare.org/groups/283674>.
- **Thank you** so much to the people who came to clean the church on Monday night. It looks and smells so nice and is ready for Easter. Thank you to Mark Litka, Misty Lutz, Angela Osterkamp, Nancy and Tammy Henry, Dan Rusch, Charlotte Tigges, Misty, Joe, JJ and Gabe Strangel, Janet Smith, Martha and Roger Driscoll. Thank you again everyone. Many hands make like work. Hopefully I didn't forget anyone. *Nancy*
- Doris Remington will be stepping down from her cleaning job and we will need someone to fill in her spot. She was in charge of Pastor's office, the copy machine room, secretary's office and the 3rd office. She also ran the vacuum in that small hallway and the steps going up to the fellowship hall. She will be willing to show someone what is involved. Thank you. Nancy
- **Usher, Greeter, and Altar Guild Training Workshop:**
For anyone who already indicated interest in serving as an usher or greeter, or as part of the altar guild, OR if you are still interested, please plan to join us for a training (or refresher) session on Saturday March 21, from 9-10:30am. Thanks for your willingness to serve!

Prayer Requests

Mindful of the Father's great mercy shown to us in Jesus, we pray on behalf of those who are in need.

For those undergoing cancer treatment:

Roger Riechmann (father of Teri Riechmann & Sheila Zasada)
Jayme Niemeier (nephew of Dave & Sue Krause)
Raymond Kruser (brother-in-law of Dave & Sue Krause)
Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)
Mark Goetschius (brother of A.J. Osterkamp)
Toni Jo Stelpflug (niece of Doris Pergande)
Matthew Kittle (brother to Greg Kittle)
Rhonda Kittle (sister-in-law to Greg Kittle)
Brittni Strege (niece of Richard & Kim Weed)
Jerry (family friend of Richard & Kim Weed)
Heidi Zimmer & Pat Zimmer her caregiver (friends of Misty Lutz)
Kevin Engler (brother of Nancy Clark, Sr.)
Becky O'Connor (former Dubuque Lutheran School Teacher)
Dan Pergande, Debra Spear, Richard Weed, Jill Adams

For our members who are homebound:

Laverne Ball (Jackson Ridge, Maquoketa), Nancy Clark, Jean Henningsen (Sunnycrest Manor), Judy Pergande, Doris Pergande, Dusty Colby, Jayson Eichman (Harmony), Damaris Eichman, Jan Anderson

Additional Prayer Request

- Joseph Maus (co-worker of Teri Riechmann & Nicole Oliver)
- Kristie Fry
- Mary LuGrain

**Note: The "additional" section of the prayer list will be cleared at the beginning of each month. If you would like a name to remain on the list into the next month, please contact the church office and we would be happy to continue praying for your intention.*

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Schedule For The Week

4th Sun in Lent Sat. Mar 14	5:30pm	Divine Service
4th Sun in Lent Sun. Mar 15	8:00am 9:00am 10:30am	Choir Practice Divine Service Bible Study/Sunday School
Mon. Mar 16		
Tues. Mar 17	6:00pm – 8:00pm	GriefShare Support Group
Wed. Mar 18	8:00am 5:30pm – 6:00pm 6:30pm	TOPS Soup Supper Lent Midweek Service
Thurs. Mar 19	4pm – 5:30pm	Confirmation
Fri. Mar 20		
5th Sun in Lent Sat. Mar 21	5:30pm	Divine Service
5th Sun in Lent Sat. Mar 22	8:00am 9:00am 10:30am	Choir Practice Divine Service Bible Study/Sunday School