

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH.** We wish you God's richest blessings during your time with us. **Green prayer cards are on the podium in the Narthex or in the pews if you have prayer requests. Please give to an usher to give to pastor.**

**OUR VISION STATEMENT** *Our vision is to be a people transformed by the Gospel to live out and pass on the legacy of faith in Jesus Christ in our homes, community and world. We will empower and equip people to mentor following generations so that the legacy of faith continues.*

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT** *Our mission is to grow in our faith in Jesus Christ in order to share that faith with others.*

**LWML MITEBOX CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2024**

**The First Sunday of the month will go towards National LWML Mites/Missions The remaining 3 weeks of the month for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter will be supporting the Ida Grove Ambulance** Your coins will make a difference on the national level as well as in Ida Grove in 2024! Please drop your coins in the large Mite Box located in the Narthex whenever you visit our church!

**EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN UPS - if you plan to attend Easter Breakfast there is a sign up sheet on the table, so the youth can have an idea of how to plan for the preparation of food they will serve. You are still welcomed to come the day of the breakfast.**

**JR HIGH YOUTH volunteer sign up sheet on table as well.**

**EASTER LILIES**, if you are wanting to share an Easter Lily with the congregation, please contact the church office 364-2918, to adopt an Easter Lily (cost is \$18) if you have mentioned it to Diane please check with her to make sure she has you on the list

**LYF EASTER EGG FUNDRAISER** – if you would like to have the LYF hide Easter Eggs in your yard please see enclosed insert. Deadline to sign up is March 20, you can pick time frames for the eggs to be hidden on March 30.

**USHER SIGN UP SHEET FOR HOLY WEEK** is on black table, your help is GREATLY APPRECIATED!

**SIGN UP SHEET TO DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS IN APRIL** to volunteer for delivering of Meals on Wheels.for the month of April or indicate as well if you would be a substitute for someone. Pick up at the Rec Center by 11:00AM

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364-2918

Website: [www.stpaulig.org](http://www.stpaulig.org)

**March 16 & 17, 2024**

**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP 5:00PM**

**ACOLYTE: Sat. 5PM:**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00AM**

**ACOLYTE: Sunday 9:00AM**

**CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b> <b>3/17/24</b>	<b>Worship – Live Streamed</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
	<b>Coffee &amp; Fellowship</b>	<b>10:15AM</b>
	<b>Sunday School &amp; Youth</b>	<b>10:15-11:15AM</b>
	<b>Adult Bible Class (in the fellowship hall) – Revelation</b>	<b>10:30AM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Bells</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>LWML Bible Study Leaders meeting</b>	
	<b>LWML Exec. Board Meeting</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Bible Study at Jimmy’s</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
	<b>Bible Study – Lent, A Liturgical Journey</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>
	<b>CIA – Catechism Instruction Academy 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> grades</b>	<b>5:00-5:45PM</b>
	<b>CIA -- 7<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	<b>5:15-6:30PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>LENTEN WORSHIP - No Friend of Caesar’s</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
	<b>LWML Zone Prayer Service at St. Paul, Hanover</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
	<b>Willowdale</b>	<b>2:00PM</b>
	<b>More than Bread Bible Study at Subway - Revelation</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>3/24/24</b>	<b>Worship – Live Streamed</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
	<b>Coffee &amp; Fellowship</b>	<b>10:15AM</b>
	<b>PALM Sunday School &amp; Youth</b>	<b>10:15-11:15AM</b>
	<b>SUNDAY Adult Bible Class (in the fellowship hall) - Revelation</b>	<b>10:30-11:15AM</b>

Offering this week:\$

Attendance Saturday Eve:36

Sunday Morning:103

Lent: 51:

**CONGREGATION SURVEY is enclosed in bulletin regarding Worship – a drop box is on the Welcome Center or Offering plate or Church office. This Survey will be an agenda item for our April 14, 2024 Voters’ Meeting.**

**LWML NEWS:**

**LWML EXEC. BOARD MEETING** will meet on Tuesday, March 19 at 4:30PM, in the Conference room.

**LWML ZONE PRAYER SERVICE is Thursday, March 21 at 9:00AM** (rolls and coffee) at St. office know or arrange with your circle ladies

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 22:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>2</sup>He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together. <sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>12</sup>He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

## EPISTLE

*Hebrews 9:11–15*

<sup>11</sup>When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. <sup>15</sup>Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 8:46–59*

<sup>46</sup>“Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? <sup>47</sup>Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.” <sup>48</sup>The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” <sup>52</sup>The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ <sup>55</sup>But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” <sup>57</sup>So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” <sup>59</sup>So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.



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## In Our Thoughts Prayers

Makayla Bell - recovery & healing from foot surgery on Feb.  
27 (granddaughter of Peggy Fick)

*Continued prayers and/or healing for:*

Shirley Havener Jo Palmer Gene & Colleen Knop Corlys Boysen  
Jolene Ladwig Makayla Bell Stella Turnbull Austin Mollhoff  
Ron Kraphl Jeff Pierce Rose Schuldt Jim Wilcox Seth Hamann  
Mark Queen Dan Grell Kenton Petersen Lody Smith Erin DeBoer  
Diane Olsen Sue Bubb Kayla Baker Tiffany Lindberg Trisha McCormick  
Ashley Collins Ivy Claussen

### March Birthdays this week:

March 14 Silvia Buns Blake Christiansen Donna Hansen  
Elliot Vohs (Carl & Steph Vohs)  
March 15 Kyla Ladwig Neil Senhen  
March 16 Sandy Sykes  
March 17 Byron Godbersen (Ryan & Amy Godbersen)  
March 18 Jared Bogue Brent Rohlk Wesley Swanger  
March 19 Jeanne Bell Preston Hinkeldey Trey Riessen  
March 21 Angela Goodman  
March 22 Julianna Mefferd

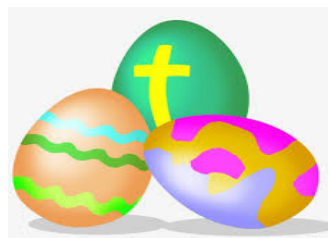
**COMMUNITY BASKET DONATIONS for March are beverages: coffee, tea, juices, hot chocolate etc.** place your donation in the shopping cart in the Narthex. *All items are appreciated as well, as they can always use donations.* The Community Basket is open on Thursdays (except 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday), from 2:30-5:30PM. **The mobile food pantry will be on March 21 from 4:30-5:30PM, at the Battle Creek Fire Station. If you're able to help, with sorting or carrying a box, it would be appreciated.**

## LYF Easter Egg Hunt Fundraiser

**We will bring your Easter Eggs to you!! Choose the amount of eggs you would like us to hide and we will scatter them in your yard filled with yummy treats!**

**Eggs will be delivered Saturday  
March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Order by: Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**



**24 Eggs - \$20**

**48 eggs - \$30**

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Time: 10-12\_\_\_\_\_ 12-2\_\_\_\_\_ 2-4\_\_\_\_\_

Special Instructions/placement of eggs \_\_\_\_\_

# of Eggs\_\_\_\_\_ Total \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Can leave in the bucket provided or at the church office**

**Worship Service for Sat. & Sun., March 16 & 17, 2024**  
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**Hymn** **The Lamb LSB 547**

**Invocation** **p. 184**

**Introit** *Psalm 43:3–5; antiphon: vv. 1–2a*

Vindicate me, | O God,\*  
and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,  
**from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!\***  
**For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.**  
Send out your light and your truth; let them | lead me;\*,  
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your | dwelling!  
**Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my ex- | ceeding joy,\***  
**and I will praise you with the lyre, O | God, my God.**  
Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil with-  
| in me?\*,  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation | and my  
God.

**Vindicate me, | O God,\***  
**and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,**  
**from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!\***  
For you are the God in whom I take | refuge.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**Hymn**

**O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken LSB 439v. 10**

**Old Testament Reading** **Genesis 22:1-14**

**Gradual – read responsively** *Psalm 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a, c*

Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!\*,  
**Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!**  
[You] delivered me from my | enemies;\*,  
**you rescued me from the man of | violence.**

**Epistle Reading** **Hebrews 9:11-15**

**Tract – Pastor only**

“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth”—\*,  
let Israel | now say—  
“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth,\*  
yet they have not prevailed a- | gainst me.  
The plowers plowed up- | on my back;\*,  
they made long their | furrows.”  
The LORD is | righteous;\*,  
he has cut the cords of the | wicked.

**Holy Gospel** **John 8:46-59**

**Nicene Creed** **p. 191**

**Hymn** **My Song Is Love Unknown LSB 430**

**SERMON**

**Offertory** **p. 192**

**Prayer of the Church**  
Pastor: ...let us pray to the Lord  
**Congregation: Lord, have mercy**

**Service of the Sacrament** **p. 194**

**Preface**

**Sanctus**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini**

**Agnus Dei**

**Distribution**

**Hymn** **Not All The Blood of Beasts LSB 431**

**The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord LSB 634**

**Dismissal**

**Thanksgiving** **p. 200**

**Benedicamus/Benediction** **p. 202**

**Announcements**

**Hymn** **Lamb of God LSB 550**

*Psalm 129:1–4*