



8:00am Service

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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## THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE

### Setting Four

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#### THE PRELUDE

#### THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made" LSB 903

INVOCATION LSB 203

*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** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION LSB 203

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.  
Amen.

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

#### INTROIT

*Ps. 37:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 37:7a, b*

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;\*  
fret not yourself over the one who prospers | in his way.

Fret not yourself because of evil- | doers;\*

be not envious of wrong- | doers!

For they will soon fade | like the grass\*

and wither like the | green herb.

Trust in the LORD, | and do good;\*

**dwell in the land and befriend | faithfulness.**  
 Delight yourself | in the LORD,\*  
 **and he will give you the desires | of your heart.**  
 Commit your way | to the LORD;\*,  
 **trust in him, and | he will act.**  
 **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.**  
 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;\*,  
 **fret not yourself over the one who prospers | in his way.**

**KYRIE**

LSB 204

**C Lord, have mercy.**  
 **Christ, have mercy.**  
 **Lord, have mercy.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

LSB 204

**C To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;**  
 **Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!**  
 **We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing—**  
 **Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;**  
 **O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.**  
 **Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,**  
 **Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.**  
 **Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;**  
 **You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,**  
 **In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

LSB 205

**P The Lord be with you.**  
 **C And also with you.**

**P Let us pray.**  
 O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

Jeremiah 23:5-8

<sup>5</sup>"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.' <sup>7</sup>"Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' <sup>8</sup>but 'As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.' Then they shall dwell in their own land."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL

LSB 205

Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all | nations!\*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\*  
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

## THE EPISTLE FOR THE DAY:

1 Corinthians 15:21-26; 30-42

<sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

<sup>30</sup>Why am I in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup>I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup>What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." <sup>33</sup>Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." <sup>34</sup>Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. <sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup>You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup>For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup>There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. <sup>41</sup>There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. <sup>42</sup>So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 205

**G Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**G These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**G Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 6:27-38

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>[Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup>And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. <sup>32</sup>"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>And if

you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup>“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## NICENE CREED

LSB 206

**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 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.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** “No Temple Now, No Gift of Price” LSB 530

**THE SERMON** “Behold the days are coming” Text: Jeremiah 23:5-8

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** LSB 207

**OFFERING** LSB 207

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**PREFACE** LSB 208

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now

risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

LSB 208

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 209

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken in unison)*

LSB 209

- 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LSB 209

- 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  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** 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  $\text{†}$  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

LSB 209

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

- C** O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

**DISTRIBUTION**

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.

**G** **Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** "What Is This Bread" LSB 629

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** "O Lord, We Praise Thee" LSB 617

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" LSB 623

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: NUNC DIMITTIS** LSB 211

**G** O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT** LSB 212

**A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**

**BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION** LSB 212

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

**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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**G** **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" LSB 338

**POSTLUDE**

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**WELCOME TO St. Paul's Lutheran Church:** We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you have not already done so, we ask that you would sign the

guest book at the entrance to the church. If you do not have a church home and are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, or if you are interested in becoming a member here at St. Paul’s, please contact the church office.

**The Sacrament of the Altar:** In bread and wine of the Lord’s Supper, our Lord Jesus comes to us in His true Body & Blood. In this Holy Meal, one receives full forgiveness and perfect unity with each other. Scripture requires that each communicant first examine himself/herself regarding confession of sin, trust in Jesus for salvation, belief in the Real Presence, and the desire to grow in grace. We believe that Communion is a time when believers of like mind come close to the Lord and to one another. We do practice ‘close’ Communion, which means that all communicants believe as we do, and graciously receive this gift. If you are supportive of these beliefs, we welcome you to the Lord’s Supper. If, however, at this point you are unsure or question whether your beliefs differ from those of our church, we ask that you use the communion time to meditate and pray. For these reasons, it’s best for our new (first time) guests/visitors to talk briefly before the service with the pastor or an elder. A cup with white grape juice is located in the center of the communion tray for those who are allergic to alcohol. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:**

*Please note: The names listed below will remain on our public prayer list for two weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise. Thank you.*

We pray for ... Paul Burger (son of Helen Burger), Lois Luebs

Called to Glory... In the wisdom of Almighty God Sid Vitosh was delivered from this veil of tears to the nearer presence of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Sid was a parent of our school community, the father of Alaina (5th grade), Noah (5th grade), and Eli (1st grade) and wife of Tracy Vitosh.

Baptisms... We rejoice with Brandon Thomas & Victoria Lopez at the baptism of their son Leo Martin Thomas.

Continuing Prayers ... Elaine Girl (sister of Jane Oletjen), Mel Girl (brother-in-law of Jane Oeltjen), and Ann Kelley

School Prayer Families ... Mark Polson and Stephanie Corter, Ryan & Amy Rademacher, Delores Rahe

Please call 402-228-1540 by Thursday if you have a petition to be included in the prayers.

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*In His Service*

Preacher: Rev. Charles Schmidt

Organist: Arvid Wiest

**8:00 am Service**

Acolytes: Adam Riekenberg, Trevin Lang, Travis Ruskamp

Elders: David Doering, Terry Brethouwer

Greeters: Duane & Irene Daubendiek

Ushers: Wilferd Deke, Brian Hoops, Steven Sandman, Vaughn Wright

**10:30 am Service**

Acolytes: Parker Tegtmeier, Kiera Whitfield, Ellie Whitfield

Elders: Ron Buss, Steven Sandman

Greeters: Wayne & Chris Schulz

Ushers: Clair Duensing, Mike Duever, Jason Duff, Doug Tegtmeier

**Today’s radio broadcast and bulletin are sponsored by David & Peggy Doering to the glory of God in honor of their 32<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary, which was February 14.**

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**BUSY BAGS** for your child to use and return are available in the Narthex of the church. If you need assistance, please ask an usher or greeter.

**VISITATION PASTOR:** Rev. Timothy Brisbois serves St. Paul's as our visitation pastor. Pastor Brisbois does not have church office hours. Anyone needing / wishing to visit personally with Pastor Brisbois or have him visit you, please contact the church office. Pastor Brisbois can also be reached at 402-806-1822 or by email at [trbrisbois@gmail.com](mailto:trbrisbois@gmail.com).

**CHURCH SERVICES:** We will be having church services in the school gym at 10:30 AM on March 3 and April 7. These services will be in place of the 10:30am service at church. A shortened Sunday School and Adult Bible Class time will still be held on these Sunday's in the church basement.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** Would you like to have a new type of devotion each day? Here are two that you can listen to or read from your computer or smartphone. Each are 4 to 5 minutes in length. The first one is from Lutheran Ministries and the website is [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org). The second one is by Rev. Ken Klaus former Lutheran Hour speaker and the website is [www.thesaviorsstory.com](http://www.thesaviorsstory.com). For each of these you go to the website and click on the daily devotion line. Enjoy.

**COFFEE CREW:** Share your smile and great cooking by being part of the Coffee Crew! Evangelism is looking for people to serve coffee hour between services. Evangelism will provide the coffee and supplies; you provide the treats and a smile. If you have questions, please see a member of the board. There is a sign-up sheet next to the window in the basement. Thank you for your help!

**DONATE YOUR CHANGE:** Would you like to be able to support our school while doing shopping? Click on the link below to learn how change from your everyday purchases can make a huge impact for our school. [www.stpaulbeatrice.donateyourchange.com](http://www.stpaulbeatrice.donateyourchange.com) Any questions contact the school or church office.

**OFFERING CAMPAIGN:** We are beginning a new special offering campaign, "***Back in the Black for our new Pastor***". We will incur additional expenses when we are blessed with our new Pastor, including expenses for when he comes to visit, moving expenses, possible parsonage update, etc. You are encouraged to contribute to this special fund. You may put "Back in the Black" or "Special Offering" on the memo line. Thank You!!!

**SUNMART RECEIPTS:** SunMart cash register receipts update: our current total is \$26,408.91. Thanks to all your help we made our goal of \$150,000.00 and have received a check for \$1,000.00. Our school also collects Box Tops and Best Choice UPCs so please remember to save those too and drop them off at the school or church office.

**RADA CUTLERY:** LYF members going to the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis next summer are selling Rada Cutlery's 100% USA Made kitchen products to raise money for this exciting trip. There are catalogs in the Narthex, or at [Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.](#) Our group number is 2041021. These products make great wedding, anniversary, or birthday gifts. Or maybe it's time to enhance your own kitchen. Please check out the products. When ordering online it doesn't take long for you to receive them in your home. Please contact Tamra D'Andrea or the church office for more details.

**SAVE THE DATE—FRIDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>:** On Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, we will hold our second Wine and Ale Tasting Event at the 4 Generations Barn. This is our main PTL fundraising event. Please plan to join us for an evening of fun! Get your tickets now for \$30 each. On February 27, the cost goes up to \$40 each. Contact Kathryn Katz with any questions: [kathrynkatz@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynkatz@gmail.com) or 402-239-6998.

**Summerfield Breakfast Buffet** sponsored by the **First Lutheran Church (Summerfield, Kansas)** will be held on **Sunday, March 17th** at the Border Bar and Grill from **9:00 AM – 12:30 PM** – Free Will Donation. Serving Homemade Sausage Gravy & Biscuits, Pancakes, Sausage Patties, Cheesy Potatoes, Scrambled Eggs, Made to Order Eggs, Homemade Pastries, Coffee and Juice

**Attention Thrivent members:** All 2018 Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31, 2019. You may do this on-line. If you need help, Carla Loemker is willing to help you. Her number is 402-520-0015. You may also do it on the phone. Here are the directions for doing it that way: 1. Call 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say “Thrivent Choice.” 2. Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars or 2 to hear Thrivent Choice Dollars® program Terms and Conditions. (If prompted, say or enter your phone number and date of birth.) 3. A representative will work with you to direct Choice dollars. Please consider supporting our church and school when directing your Dollars.

**LYF SOUP LUNCHEON:** St. Paul’s LYF will host a soup luncheon on Sunday, March 3, 11:30am to 1:00pm at the school (immediately following the 10:30am service in the gym). Please join the LYF for great food and fellowship. Proceeds to be used for youth to attend the National Youth Gathering.

**CHOIR:** Practices are February 27 at 7pm and March 6 at 6pm in the balcony for those who are interested in participating in an adult choir. Please consider joining us if you have an interest in singing. Thank you!

**St. Paul’s Night Out at Burger King:** Please mark your calendars for our next PTL Night Out! On Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 p.m., Burger King will donate 20% of all proceeds to St. Paul’s Lutheran PTL. We would love for you to join us as we eat out with our church and school community, while supporting our school!

**BAPTISM:** Leo Martin Thomas, son of Brandon Thomas & Victoria Lopez will be baptized in our 10:30am service today. His sponsors are Martin Lopez, Jr., Anissa Padgett, Courtney Blake Thomas, and Wesley White.

**CALLING OUR NEXT PASTOR:** At the Special Voters' Meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul's extended a call to Rev. Timothy Geitz of Grace Lutheran Church, Le Mars, IA. Pastor Geitz has respectfully declined our call. Continue to pray for the Lord's blessings on our congregation and for God to send a faithful shepherd our way to guide the flock as St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

**LETTER RECEIVED IN CHURCH OFFICE:**

February 14, 2019

Dear Fellow-Redeemed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

I would like to thank you for giving me the chance to see and examine your ministry at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School in such an in-depth way as through the Divine Call process. It truly is a privilege to be able to take such a close look at the ministry of another church.

After seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and after talking with Rev. Stuckwisch, Vacancy Pastor; you District President, Rev. Richard Snow; and my own District President, Rev. Steve Turner, and after much careful and prayerful consideration, I wish to let you know that I have been led by the Holy Spirit to decline the call to serve as your Pastor. Although it is always challenging to make a decision of this kind, I am fully convinced that it is the Lord's will to send a different servant into your midst at this time.

I know that you long for a Pastor who will continue to help heal your congregation and who will help equip you in your continuing mission to serve the community of Beatrice. It will be my prayer that God will soon give you a Pastor who will be able to lead you and your staff forward faithfully. It is clear to me that you have much potential for reaching your community with the Gospel. I pray that you will never lose zeal to serve the Lord by serving those around you.

I would like to thank you for your prayers and petitions on my behalf in this very important matter. It is my sincere prayer that the Lord of the Church grants you wisdom by His Spirit as you continue to call for a Pastor to be your under-shepherd.

May "the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit" who dwells within you. (Romans 15:13)

In Christ's Service,  
Pastor Tim Geitz

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Lenten  
Dinner

**Every Wednesday during Lent**

4:30pm Lenten Service

5:00pm Lenten Supper

*Meals are served by various boards of the congregation*

7:00pm Lenten Service

*Come for dinner and enjoy fellowship  
with other congregation members!*

All are welcome, and a freewill donation is appreciated (but not required) to benefit our various organizations and missions.

There is no meal on Ash Wednesday, March 6.



**LILIES FOR EASTER SEASON 2019**

During the 2019 Easter Season, we will again decorate our church with lilies. The price is \$16.00 per plant. If you would like to purchase a lily, please fill out the section below and return it to the church office or in the offering plate by Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> with your money. The plants may be picked up following the second service on Sunday, April 21, 2019. Lilies may be designated in memory or in honor of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special occasion, etc. If you would like to participate in this special display on behalf of yourself or your family, feel free to do so.

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Recognition of \_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

I will order \_\_\_\_\_ lily(s) at \$16.00 each. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

**Lutheran Schools Week is March 3<sup>rd</sup> – March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

**THEME:** Real. Present. God.

**Verse:** Psalm 46:10

**Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Real Worship**

Sing at Special Worship in the School Gym at 10:30 a.m.

Roller Skating Party @ Rolla Rena, 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$4/person

**Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>: Real Grace**

*CRAZY HAT & SOCK DAY (K-5) ALLITERATION DAY (Pre-K)*

Michael Fitzsimmons Drum Assembly

Christine Boone, Guest Speaker

**Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>: Real Places**

*ALLITERATION DAY (PS-5)*

Collect Stuffed Animals for Beatrice Fire & Rescue

**Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>: Real People**

*JESUS' LOVE DAY ~ WEAR RED (K-5) PAJAMA DAY (Pre-K)*

School Drone Photo

**Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>: Real Time**

*PAJAMA DAY (PS-5)*

Dress Rehearsal for Grandparent's Day ~ 9:30 a.m.

D.E.A.R. Drop Everything and Read Time with Reading Buddies

**Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>: Real Praise**

*SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY (PreK-5)*

Grandparent's Day Program at 10:00 a.m.

Early Dismissal after program

**Grandparents Day at St. Paul's Lutheran School on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.:** An exciting program of skits, songs, and a drum presentation with our artist in residence for the week, Michael Fitzsimmons, has been planned by the students in Grades K-5 for your entertainment. Everyone is invited to attend and celebrate the blessings of our Lutheran School with us!

**LWML MITE CHALLENGE:** At the end of January 2019 we are \$450,000 short on our Mission Grant Goals. So, the NE South and North District Presidents have a Great LWML Mission Challenge of 2019 for us. The district president whose district donates more Mites in the month of February 2019 will get to wear a crown and the other district president will wear a gown ... of the other president's choosing. You can be sure it will not be an updated piece of fashion. The unveiling will be held at the Dual District Seek and Serve day on April 27<sup>th</sup> at St. John, Seward. Anyone who would like to help the NE South District (St. Paul's, Beatrice is in this district) win, please consider donating. You may place your donations in the LWML Mite box in the narthex or place them in an envelope marked LWML in the offering plate. The challenge ends February 25, 2019.

**LWML PRAYER SERVICE** will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Odell on Sunday, February 24 at 2pm. The theme is "God CARES for You!" based on Psalm 94:17-19. Everyone is welcome to attend. Those wanting to attend and would like to carpool, please meet in St. Paul's parking lot by 1:15pm and we will all go together. Offerings collected will go towards Trinity Cookers Easy as 1-2-3 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lexington, NE.

**LWML MEMBERS:** All LWML members are invited to attend the Assembly of Leaders Training hosted by St. Paul's, Beatrice on March 31<sup>st</sup> 1:00-4:00pm in the church basement. Please RSVP to Kelly in the church office by Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you all there. If you would like more information on this event contact Kelly Mees or another LWML board member.

## **LWML Spring Fling**

March 2, 2019

9:30-11:30am

In the church basement

Theme: "JOY and Laughter in Christ"

Psalm 126:2

A light breakfast will be served.

Come enjoy a morning filled with laughter.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

LWML members are asked to check with your circle on what you are to bring.

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<b>Financial Update as of February 15, 2019</b>	
Current Checkbook balance as of 2/15/19	\$4,522.46
Bills due by 2/28/19 (approx.)	(\$25,975.91)
Payroll due 2/28/19 & 3/1/19	(\$14,900.00)
Line of Credit available	\$7,500.00
<b>Contributions needed to pay expenses</b>	<b>\$28,853.45</b>

# *Our Weekly Birthdays & Anniversaries!*

Birthdays:

24	Balinda Schwisow Dakota Wallman		Trevin Lang Paige Rambou		Kinzie Lofing Leonard Wortman
25	Vicky Moon Lisa Oltmans	27	Randall Crouse Nathan Mohling	29	Sherry Bittfield Kenneth Crosier
26	Lonnie Duensing Wayne Huls	28	Isabella Ruskamp Amy Cisneros	2	Wayne Oestreich Nichole Williams

Anniversaries:

27 Ronald & Kathleen Buss, 53 yrs.

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## *Gifts of Time and Treasure*

Attendance & Contributions		
8:00 AM Service	50	\$545.00
10:30 AM Service at School	70	\$3,879.00
Monday Evening Service	21	\$1,285.00
Coins for Christ (Loose Coins)		Lutheran Family Services--\$26.36
Back in the Black Campaign		\$5,405.95

## *The Lord's Week*

Today	8:00	Divine Service
	9:15	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
	10:30	Divine Service
Monday	7:00	Weekday Holy Communion Service
Tuesday	12:00	Ladies Quilting
Wednesday	8:20	School Chapel
	2:30	Catechism Class
Thursday	12:00	Ladies Quilting
Sunday	8:00	Divine Service
	9:15	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
	10:30	Service at the School

**Church office hours** are 9:00am-3:00pm, Monday thru Friday  
The office may be closed on occasion, so please call ahead.

Pastor Stuckwisch will be in the church office on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Anyone needing / wishing to visit personally with Pastor Stuckwisch, please contact the church office. Pastor Stuckwisch can also be reached at 402-230-0698.