

“THIS IS MY SON,
WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN;



LISTEN TO HIM.”

L U K E 9 : 3 5

8:00am Service

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

THE PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Come, Thou Almighty King" LSB 905 ▲

INVOCATION LSB 151

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.

G Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

G But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION LSB 151

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

G Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

INTROIT

Ps. 84:1-2, 9, 11; antiphon: Ps. 84:4

Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,*
ever sing- | ing your praise!

How lovely is your | dwelling place,*
O | LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the LORD;*
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the | living God.

Behold our shield, | O God;*

look on the face of your a- | nointed!

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor.*

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

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.
Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,*
ever sing- | ing your praise!

KYRIE

LSB 152

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154

- P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
C **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 156

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴And the LORD said to

him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." ⁵So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. ⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹²and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

LSB 156

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:

Hebrews 3:1-6

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ²who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 9:28-36

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they

became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” ³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “’Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here” LSB 414

THE SERMON “It is good to be here” Text: Luke 9:28-36

NICENE CREED LSB 158

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH LSB 159

OFFERING LSB 159

OFFERTORY LSB 159

C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE LSB 160

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. 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 161

- G** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- G** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken in unison)*

LSB 162

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
G **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 162

- 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."
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 ✠ 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 163

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

G Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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 ✠ in peace.

G Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All" LSB 613

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" LSB 618

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: THANK THE LORD LSB 164

G Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT LSB 166

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.
C Amen.

BENEDICTION LSB 166

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 ✠ give you peace.
G Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" LSB 924

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.

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 ... Eric Bledsaw (son of Vivian Bledsaw), Paul Burger (son of Helen Burger), Lawrence Kumm (father of Cliff Kumm), Lois Luebs, June Martin, Debra Mencl-Hoogestraat (daughter of Carline Mencl)

Josh & Ciera Lerma and their children Chloe, Syjlas, and Maddix on Tuesday, February 26 suffered a house fire. Their home and all their personal possessions were a total loss.

Baptisms... We rejoice with Jordan Overman & Samantha Loseman at the baptism of their son Elijah John Dale Overman.

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

School Prayer Families ... Scott & Rhonda Ragland, Kasey Ramos & Miranda Eckhoff, Dennis & Bly Rash, Brian & Kristen Riekenberg

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

In His Service

Preacher: Rev. Charles Schmidt

Organist: Beverly Duensing

8:00 am Service

Acolytes: Adam Riekenberg, Sarah Scheer, Brandon Scheer
Elders: Duane Delozier, Steven Sandman
Greeters: Floice Meyer, Lois Podendorf
Ushers: Larry Huls, Steve Norton, Larry Weishahn, Lyndon Wiegand

10:30 am Service

Acolytes: Billy Kelley, Faith Kelley, Kamree Weishahn
Elders: Ken Loemker, Dave Oltmans
Greeters: Bob & Lorelie Ankersen
Ushers: Terry Brethouwer, Dale Rickers, Dennis Wallman, Zndrew Zimmerman

Today’s radio broadcast and bulletin are sponsored by the students of St. Paul’s Lutheran School to the glory of God in honor of National Lutheran Schools Week.

THANK YOU to the students of St. Paul's Lutheran School for singing portions of "Baptized into You Name Most Holy" and "Be Still and Know That I Am God" during the 10:30am service this morning.

THANK YOU to the students of St. Paul's Lutheran School Handbell Choir for playing "Jesus Loves Me" and "Awesome God" during the 10:30am service this morning.

DOOR COLLECTION: Sunday, March 3 and Sunday, March 10 a door collection will be taken for Josh & Ciera Lerma and their children Chloe, Syjlas, and Maddix. On Tuesday, February 26 they suffered a house fire. Their home and all their personal possessions were a total loss. Checks can be made out to St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Lerma Fire in the memo line. In addition to the door collection if you would like to donate household items, clothing toys, a meal, etc., they can be dropped off at 1715 Northridge Road in Beatrice. You may also contact Ciera on her cell phone at 402-230-0654. Clothing sizes for the family are girl size 7, boy size 6/7, boy size 2-3T, mom size M/L, and dad pant XL shirt 2XL. They also have an account set up at Pinnacle Bank-Ciera Lerma.

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.

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. The second one is by Rev. Ken Klaus former Lutheran Hour speaker and the website is 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 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 \$ 26,847.25. 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 **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: Practice is 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 4th 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: Elijah John Dale Overman son of Jordan Overman & Samantha Loseman will be baptized in our 10:30am service today. His sponsors are Eyan Loseman, Ryan & Peggy Loseman.

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

CALLING OUR NEXT PASTOR: At the Special Voters' Meeting on January 20th, 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.

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 1:30pm in the church basement. This special meeting has been called to extend a call to our next pastor. Continue to pray for the Lord's blessings on our congregation as we await a faithful shepherd to guide the flock of 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

Financial Update as of March 1, 2019	
Current Checkbook balance as of 3/1/19	\$11,761.57
February Health & Pension unpaid	(\$16,074.72)
February Unpaid Bills	(\$12,336.96)
March Utility Bills Auto Deducted (approx..)	(\$3,500.00)
Payroll due 3/1/19	(\$5,478.83)
Line of Credit available	\$7,500.00
Contributions needed to pay expenses	\$18, 128.94

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 1st 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 3rd – March 9th, 2019.

THEME: Real. Present. God.

Verse: Psalm 46:10

Sunday, March 3rd: 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 4th: Real Grace

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

Michael Fitzsimmons Drum Assembly

Christine Boone, Guest Speaker

Tuesday, March 5th: Real Places

ALLITERATION DAY (PS-5)

Collect Stuffed Animals for Beatrice Fire & Rescue

Wednesday, March 6th: Real People

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

School Drone Photo

Thursday, March 7th: 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 8th: 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 8th 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!

Our Weekly Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

3 Shannon Clausen	Glen Spilker	7 Tamara DeFrain
Jackie Huls	4 Joshua Riekenberg	9 Caleb Crosier
Courtney Meyer	6 Donald Junker	Kiera Whitfield
Colby Snook	Barbara Rose	

Anniversaries:

7 Jon & Kari Murray, 24 yrs.
 9 Junior & Tammy Lofing, 31 yrs.
 Leonard & Evelyn Wortman, 51 yrs.

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Attendance & Contributions		
8:00 AM Service	0	\$0.00
10:30 AM Service at School	0	\$0.00
Monday Evening Service	15	\$2,892.02
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 Service at the School
Monday	7:00 Weekday Holy Communion Service
Tuesday	12:00 Ladies Quilting
	2:00 LWML Executive Board
	6:30 Elders, Trustees, Stewardship, Evangelism & Board of Christian Education Meetings
Wednesday	8:20 School Chapel
	2:30 Catechism Class
	4:30 Ash Wednesday Service
	7:00 Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday	9:30 Ruth Circle
	12:00 Ladies Quilting
Friday	10:00 Grandparent's Day Program
Sunday	8:00 Divine Service
	9:15 Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
	10:30 Divine Service

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.