

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

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Please pray for Roger Blum, Joyce Kenitzer, Miles Eisenbeisz, Barbara Dahme, Gladys Felix, Harry and Fern Preston, Sheyenne Seely, Janet Smith, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Courtney Frohling, Dawn Dohn, Lorelei Hartung, Baelyn Schwab, Pam Dutenhoffer, Karen Johnson, Chet Lane, Sally Kushman, David Mammenga, Ella Jaaska, Dan Lingor, Viril Layton, Cody Bahn, Diane Hickenbotham, and LaVonne Helmer.

Please inform the Pastors or the church office when you or a loved one is hospitalized.

Welcome new member Quinten Glass, by transfer from Zion Lutheran in Rapid City.

Little Ones' Book Club: Our youngest children (Baptism thru age 3) have a Bible based book waiting for them in the South Narthex. Please take it home, read, and enjoy! It's yours to keep!

Midweek Lent services continue each Wednesday at 12:15pm and 6:15 pm. Soup and sandwiches will be served.

The Lighthouse Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Please call 725-1855 for more information or pick up an application in the South Narthex.

Organist: Sunday – Sue Ellingson **Wednesday** – Judah Bobby.

Please sign the fellowship booklet for attendance

Camp Minneboji: Registrations for Camp Minneboji are open! Camp Minneboji is our District Youth camp for youth completing grades 4-9 held every year at Camp Okoboji in Milford, IA. This year's camp dates are **June 18-24** and the theme is "Way + Truth + Life = JESUS" from John 14:6. Early bird registration is open now through April 1st and the regular registration **closes May 1** or when we are full so register early! We are also always looking for potential counselors and counselor assistants (CA's) to help us run Camp Minneboji. To register or get more information, please check us out at minneboji.com or on the South Dakota District website.

Romans Bible Study: Wednesdays, from 7-8 pm. Join us for a study on an epistle that Martin Luther calls the “most important piece of the New Testament.” The book of Romans is full of the gospel in its purity. Let us go together to this fountain of salvation and drink deeply. Bring your Bibles and your thirst! This study will be led by DCE Michael Leapley and we will study 1 chapter per week.

Coed 3v3 Basketball Tournament – Inviting all girls, boys, and adults to join us for some friendly competition between Circuit 1 churches at Aberdeen Christian School on Sunday, April 2nd, 2023. The co-ed 3v3 basketball tournament will start at 2:00 pm and end around 7:00 pm, or when the championship game is finished (whichever comes first). Churches can bring as many teams as they want. A team must have 1 girl on the floor at all times, and no more than 1 adult on the floor at a time. No limit to the number of players on any given team. And even if you don't have a team, come anyway and we'll provide you with teammates! We will also have a Bible study and pizza will be provided depending on the length of the event. Register no later than Sunday, March 26th by emailing DCE Michael Leapley with your team's name and players: michaell@stpaulsaberdeen.org.

LWML Ladies Tea: Sat., April 15, 2023 – 2:00 pm. Join us for a luncheon tea, special music, drawings, style show and fun! Bring a friend. Tickets will be on sale after church services - \$10.00 per person. Call Jan Mammenga 605-228-3000 for details or tickets.

Offering: March 19, 2023 - \$10,168.00

Coffee - \$195.00 Missions - \$120.00

Amount to meet Budget: \$13,615.00 per week

Sunday Attendance – March 19, 2023:

8:00am – 135 Communed - 110 **10:45am** – 146 Communed - 93

Wed: 12:15pm - 40 6:15 pm – 64 Communed - 46

Bible Study: Wed: 10:45 – 6 5:15pm - 7
7pm - 7

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (Mar. 26 – April 2)

- Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**
9:30 am Bible Study/Coffee & Donuts
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service
5-7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting
2:00 pm All Boards Meeting
- Tue 6:45 pm Choir Practice**
7:10 pm Bell Choir Practice
- Wed 11:00 am Pastor Smith Bible Study**
12:15 pm Lent Worship Service
12:45 pm Soup and Sandwich
5:15 pm Women's Bible Study – Zoom
5:15 pm Soup and Sandwich
6:15 pm Lent Worship Service
7:00 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Romans Bible Study
- Thur 9:00 am Quilting**
- Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**
9:30 am Bible Study, Coffee and donuts
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service

Introit *Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: v. 15*

P: Precious in the sight of the LORD

C: is the death of his saints.

P: I love the LORD, because he has heard

C: my voice and my pleas for mercy.

P: Because he inclined his ear to me,

C: therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

P: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

C: I suffered distress and anguish.

P: Then I called on the name of the LORD:

C: “O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

P: For you have delivered my soul from death,

C: my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Precious in the sight of the LORD

C: is the death of his saints.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Ezekiel 37:1–14*

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy

over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Hebrews 12:2*

P: [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

C: the founder and perfecter of our faith,

P: who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle *Romans 8:1–11*

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel *John 11:17–27, 38–53*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷When Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will

give you.”²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” . . .

³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.”⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.”⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him,⁴⁶ but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”⁴⁹ But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. ⁵⁰Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.”⁵¹ He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation,⁵² and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Catechetical Review - The Third Article

P: Sanctification

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

**On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.
This is most certainly true.**