

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

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## Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025



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**PRAYER LIST:** Please pray for Roger Blum, Sheyenne Seely, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Dawn Dohn, Pam Dutenhoffer, Dora Lane, Sandy Wolf, Barb Wacholz, Nels Olson, Kathy Licht, Shane Sass, Cheryl Zinter, Roger Drevlow, Beverly Schrader, Norma Miller, Karen Johnson, Connie Green, Skip Klapperich, Irene Feickert, and Dennis Stuebner.

No power point today due to the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Bell choir playing *"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"* and vocal choir is singing *"Amazing Grace."*

**Please inform the Pastor** or the church office when you or a loved one is hospitalized. If you would like to add your name or remove a name to the above prayer list, please contact the church office.

**Save the date!** VBS 2025 will be an epic Australian adventure during the evenings of June 8 - 12. We need volunteers willing to serve a light meal, shepherd children, lead crafts, lead games, do storytelling, and help in other ways. Please call, text, or email Melanie Jacobson at 605-216-8060 or [masjacobson@gmail.com](mailto:masjacobson@gmail.com) to join the volunteer group and stay tuned! Thank you!

**Circuit Youth Retreat:** Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3:30pm. Located at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, SD. Please register before by calling 605-225-1847. Join us for learning, games, and fun! Confirmation students will study the Office of the Keys, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. High Schoolers will take a closer look at some parables. All sections are led by pastors in the circuit! Games, services, and a meal will also occur throughout the day. See you there!

**Lent worship services – April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Services at 12:15 and 6:15 pm. Lenten lunches (after the 12:15 service) and dinners (prior to the 6:15pm service). Menu is wild rice soup, tuna fish sandwiches and desserts. Come join us.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR – April 6, 2025** *"Better Than I Deserve"* Speaker: Rev. Keith Haberstock. The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYZ at 7:30 am on Sundays.

The next meeting of **St Paul's Men's Club** will meet at St. Paul's Tuesday April 8th at 6pm. Tim and Shane will be putting together a meal (grilling burgers and brats or knoephla sausage and kraut). Following dinner we will have a short devotion/Bible study covering chapter 2 of the book "Man Up" by Jeffery Hemmer. All manly men are welcome to attend, hope to see you there!

**Organist:** Sunday – Cyrece Kono Wed. –Cindy Jung/Cyrece Kono

**Camp Minneboji 2025** – June 15 to June 21, 2025. This year's theme is "*Hidden and Revealed.*" Please go to their website to register on-line. Last date to register is May 1, 2025 or when camp is full. Register early to guarantee attendance. Also, a sign-up sheet is on the table in the South Narthex so we know who is going with the bus.

**LWML** – The LWML is working on updating the by-laws and final changes will be voted on at the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Any member that wishes to review the changes, please obtain a copy from Betty or Deb.

The Church Administrator/Secretary will be retiring at the end of May. Anyone interested in the position should pick up an application and job description at the church office.

**The Lighthouse Preschool** will be holding a raffle style fundraiser from April 7-May 2. Raffle tickets are available for \$10 each and can be picked up in the office or the church narthex. Please see the flyer in the narthex for pictures of our awesome raffle prizes! All funds raised will go to our tuition assistance program. Money and ticket stubs can be turned into the church office or to Jenelle at the preschool no later than May 2. Thank you for your support!

**MAIN STREET LIVING – Mar. 30, 2025** FOX This the Life – **10:00 AM** – "*Point of No Return*" **10:30 AM – Worship** – Rev. Chris Ascher presents a message titled "*Reconciled*" The sermon is based on 2 Cor. 5:16-21. For more information go to the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

**Sunday Attendance: March 23, 2025** –

8:00am – 96 Communed - 89 10:45 – 113 Communed - 80

Wed. 12:15pm - 61 6:15 pm - 54 Communed - 29

Bible Studies: Sun – 62 Wed: 11am - 11 5:15pm - 7

**Offering: March 23, 2025 - \$10,912.00**  
Coffee - \$91.00 Sunday School - \$11.00

**Amount to meet budget: \$12,824.00 per week**

**WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (Mar. 30 – April 6)**

**Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**

9:30 am Donuts and Coffee

9:30 am Bible Study

9:30 am Sunday School

**10:45 am Worship Service**

**Mon 6:30 pm VBS Planning Meeting**

**Tue 7:00 pm Elder Meeting**

**Wed 11:00 am Bible Study**

**12:15 pm Lent Worship**

12:50 pm Soup luncheon

5:15 pm Soup supper

**6:15 pm Lent Worship**

7:00 pm Confirmation

**Thurs 9:00 am Quilting**

6:00 pm Preschool Board Meeting

6:30 pm Choir Practice

7:30 pm Bell Practice

**Fri 5:30-7:30 pm Youth For Christ**

**Sat 9 am-3 pm Circuit Youth Retreat**

**Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**

9:30 am Donuts and Coffee

9:30 am Bible Study

9:30 am Sunday School

**10:45 am Worship Service**

**Psalm 32** *antiphon: v. 11*

P: <sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
**C: whose sin is covered.**

P: <sup>2</sup>Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
**C: and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

P: <sup>3</sup>For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
**C: through my groaning all day long.**

P: <sup>4</sup>For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
**C: my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

P: <sup>5</sup>I acknowledged my sin to you,  
**C: and I did not cover my iniquity;**

P: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
**C: and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: <sup>6</sup>Therefore let everyone who is godly  
**C: offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;**

P: surely in the rush of great waters,  
**C: they shall not reach him.**

P: <sup>7</sup>You are a hiding place for me;  
 you preserve me from trouble;  
**C: you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

P: <sup>8</sup>I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
**C: I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

P: <sup>9</sup>Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
**C: which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
 or it will not stay near you.**

P: <sup>10</sup>Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
**C: but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the  
 LORD.**

P: <sup>11</sup>Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,  
**C: and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

**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**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

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

**C** Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 12:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away,  
that you might comfort me.

<sup>2</sup>“Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.”

<sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

<sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the LORD,  
call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

**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** *2 Corinthians 5:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel *Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: . . .

“There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’” <sup>20</sup>And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.



<sup>25</sup>“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup>But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup>but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup>And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.