

+The Divine Service+

The Fourth Sunday in Lent | March 30, 2025 | 10:15AM



The Parable of the Prodigal Son

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!

ST. PAUL is a liturgical, confessional congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For 150 years, Christ's holy Word has been preached and his blessed Sacraments have been administered here. If this is your first time worshipping with us, welcome. We are delighted to have you join us. Please sign the guest registry in the narthex and introduce yourself to one of the pastors today. They would be happy to speak with you.

Holy Communion.

WE CONFESS the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. The Sacrament is offered to baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Christian faith, and who are members of our congregation or another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. If it has been over a year since the last time you communed, or if you are a visitor today, please speak to one of our pastors before receiving Holy Communion. Thank you.

Prayer Before Worship.

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house,
and the place where your glory dwells. Ps. 26:8

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand
elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper
in the house of my God than dwell
in the tents of wickedness. Ps. 84:10

O LORD, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.



When the bells ring, stand and face the cross.

Processional Hymn | 915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

Confession and Absolution

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?

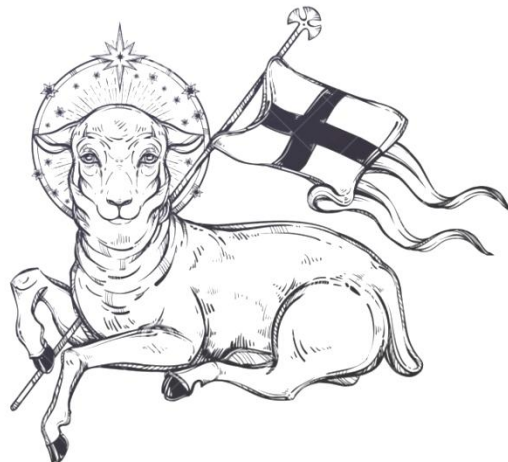
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

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.

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

C Amen.



The Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 51:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

**For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

**Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

**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.**

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*

Kyrie | 942 Kyrie! God, Father



Ky-ri - e! God, Fa-ther in heav'n a-bove, You a-bound in gra-cious love,



Of all things the mak-er and pre-serv - er. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!



Ky-ri - e! O Christ, our king, Sal-va - tion for all You came to bring.



O Lord Je-sus, God's own Son, Our me-di - a - tor at the heav'n-ly throne:



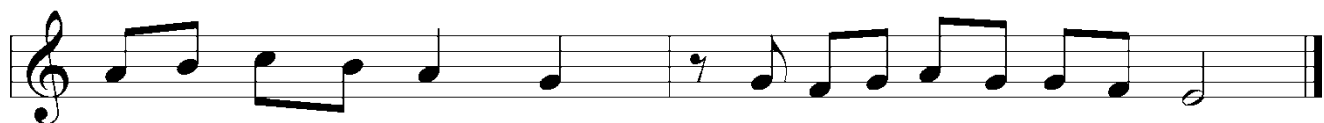
Hear our cry and grant our sup-pli-ca - tion. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!



Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, Guard our faith, the



gift we need the most, And bless our life's last hour, That we leave this



sin - ful world with glad - ness. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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.

Sit



Readings

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12:1–6

¹You 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.

²“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.”

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And 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.

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

⁶Shout, 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.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

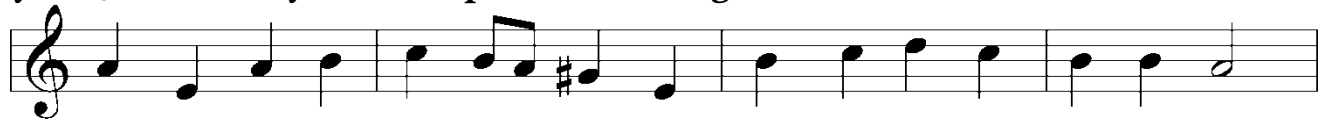
¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through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

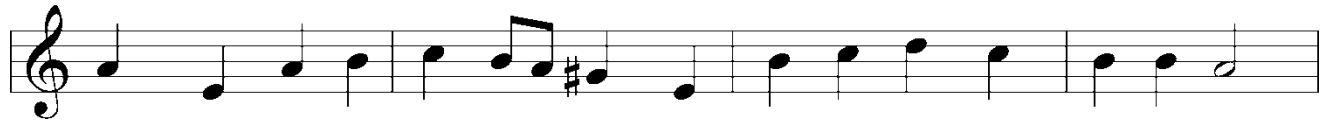
C Thanks be to God.

*Stand. In Lent, there is no Alleluia or Gospel Procession.
The Holy Gospel is read from the Lectern.*

The Hymn | 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

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

C (*spoken*) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

³So he told them this parable: . . .

“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And 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. ¹³Not 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. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷“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! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ ²⁰And 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. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But 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. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵‘Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And 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.’ ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but 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. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It 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 (*spoken*) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Mirror of Confession

P This Lent, as an aid for self-examination, we will rehearse the Ten Commandments. Then the pastor will ask the following questions.

The Seventh Commandment

P What is the Seventh Commandment?

C **You shall not steal.**

P What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbors money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve his possessions and income.**

P Have I been lazy at work, doing poor work in school or on the job, or working hard only when the teacher or boss is around?

Have I been stingy in paying my workers, or greedy, demanding best pay for poor work?

Have I worked for myself rather than for Christ and the benefit of my neighbor?

Have I stolen from the office, school, or the Church, or stood silently by while others took what was not theirs?

Have I been stingy when it comes to giving the Lord a generous portion as a thank-offering for what he has given me?

Have I stolen from my neighbor by not helping him in time of need?

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

The Eighth Commandment

P What is the Eighth Commandment?

C **You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

P What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.**

P Have I told the truth in court or in school before authorities or before my parents when I knew the truth?

Have I been afraid to speak the truth, or to correct my neighbor for his faults directly rather than speak ill of him behind his back?

Have I gossiped, delighting to tell others about the faults or mistakes of another?

Have I reconciled with those who sinned against me, and with those whom I sinned against?

Have I flattered others, or put on a front to make them think differently of me than what is true?

Have I slanted stories to my benefit or deceived others by withholding some evidence of the story?

Have I found ways to explain in the best possible way, those words or actions of others who have hurt me?

Have I been faithful in keeping the secrets of another entrusted to me in confidence?

Have I learned to hear the weaknesses and faults of others without repeating them, so as not to bring them to open shame?

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

The Nicene Creed

Sit

Hymn of the Day | 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

Sermon

At the close of the sermon, stand, as the pastor speaks the following blessing:

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus unto life everlasting!

C **Amen.**

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

The Offering

The 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 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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. At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

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."

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei | 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

st. 1



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Sit

Distribution

Holy Communion at St. Paul

Our congregation confesses the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Altar is open to those baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or of another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of our Pastors before communing today. Thank you.

Distribution Hymn | 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

Distribution Hymn | 615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need

Distribution Hymn | 616 Baptismal Waters Cover Me

Stand

The Dismissal

P The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace. **Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

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 in 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.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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.

C Amen.

Hymn to Depart | 609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

The Service is ended. Depart in peace!

The Parable of the Prodigal Son

A Meditation on the Word of God | Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The entire Christian faith is so beautifully pictured in this Parable. Sin and grace, rebellion and forgiveness: it's all right here. The son wishes his father dead. That's why he asks for the inheritance. He wants to be his own god. He is tired of living under his father's authority. He wants to make his own way in the world without his father in his life. Is there a better depiction of sin than this? Life lived on our terms, without God. But on his own, without his father, the son meets misfortune, famine, and death. When we sow in sin, we reap the fruits of destruction and death. The wages of sin is death! The son has destroyed himself. Sitting among pigs, he realizes his pitiful condition, hungry and poor. This is contrition—sorrow over sin. He comes to himself, and remembers his father's love for slaves. **How many of my father's servants have more than enough bread, yet I perish here with hunger!** His father loves the slaves; maybe he will receive him back as a slave. He has faith in his father's love.

But he also thinks in a works-righteous way. He imagines the debts he owes to his father, he will have to pay off. He sinned hugely, against heaven and his father. He, by his sins, lost the right of son-ship. This is all true. Indeed, he is no longer worthy to be called his father's son.

But here is where we see the surprise of grace. The father was looking for his son the whole time! He saw his son while he was a long way off, and felt, not anger, but **compassion** [V20]. And, for free and totally without any works or merit of the son required, the father restores the son to the full rights and privileges of son-ship—that's what the ring, the robe, and the shoes mean. In other words, the father forgives his son freely, and without requirement of penance or desire for retribution. This is the grace of God manifest to sinners in Jesus Christ. The prodigal son returns? No. The seeking father loves his wayward son, more like it. So it is with God.

But there is an older brother too. Let's not forget him! He is a picture of the Pharisees who grumbled that our Lord was eating with sinners. Jesus sinners doth receive is a scandal to the self-righteous Pharisees. So the older brother is scandalized by the father's love. He believes that he, by his behavior, has been righteous, and that his younger brother is not worthy of such a gracious reception. He believes he is justified before his father by works, not grace. That is why he is mad when he hears of his father's graciousness. In pride, he thinks himself better than his brother, just like the Pharisees saw themselves as more holy than the sinners Christ was receiving. **All these years I have served you, yet you never gave me a young goat to celebrate!** What is the older brother's theological error? He believes he is no more than a slave to his father, and that he is justified by his obedience to the Law. The father corrects now *this* wayward son. **You have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours.** The father entreats him to see that his place in his father's house and kingdom is also by grace. Slaves serve according to the letter of the law, and out of fear of punishment. Sons serve in the freedom of the Gospel, out of gratitude for the God who loves and regards us as sons in Christ. Our place in God's kingdom, because of Jesus Christ, is not that of slave, but of son. We are saved by grace, through faith alone. God receives sinners. This is good news!

Announcements

St. Paul

The Season of Lent continues with midweek Lent services held Wednesdays at 7PM, for the next two weeks. Midweek Lent will be preceded by a supper at 5:45.

Confession/Absolution will be offered **Sundays in Lent from 6:30-7:30AM** and **Wednesdays in Lent from 5:45-6:15PM** in the sanctuary. The sanctuary will be marked off limits at these times, to give privacy to the pastor and penitents. Come to the pastor's study and wait until pastor invites you into the sanctuary. In all, Confession usually takes 5 minutes. The benefit of private Confession and Absolution is to hear the word of forgiveness pronounced directly toward those sins which we know and feel in our hearts. The pastor is bound by his office never to divulge the sins confessed to him. No appointment is required; all are invited.

Collection for the Hope Clinic. We love babies! And we love their moms and dads! In support of Sanctity of Human Life, we are asking you to purchase new baby items for the Hope Clinic.

Baby equipment: cribs/mattresses, pack n' plays with bassinet, swings, bouncer seats, highchairs, baby gates, strollers, car seats/booster car seats, high back booster seats, potty chair or ring, baby monitors.

Baby care items: baby wash/shampoo/lotion, formula (especially Enfamil), baby food, laundry soap, infant care kits (clippers, medicine dispenser, suction bulb, etc.), crib and pack n' play sheets, baby wash cloths and hooded towels, baby bathmat/tubs.

Supplies: diaper bags, bottles, teething and baby toys, diapers (newborn, 4, 5, 6) and wipes, pull ups, sippy cups/baby tableware, clothes/coats (newborn thru 7T), toys/boardgames (newborn to age 5), backpacks/school supplies, children's books (infant to age 5). For our mothers, we need new or gently used maternity clothes and Instant Pot Cookers. Items not needed at this time are burp cloths, hats, diapers in sizes 1 and 2, baby powder/oil. Laverne Borne has totes in narthex for items and will be glad to take your donation till March 31, 2025. Thank you!!

Recovering and Homebound members. Some have asked for the addresses of the recovering and homebound, to send cards, letters, etc. Here are the current addresses of the homebound:

Betty Becker Room 325 Coventry Meadows, 7843 W Jefferson Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46804

Gene Bulmahn 720 E Dustman Road, Bluffton, IN 46714

Lurna Bulmahn, Woodcrest, 1300 Mercer, Decatur 46733

Cindy Gallmeyer, Woodcrest, 1300 Mercer, Decatur 46733

Don Haines, 4215 W 750 N, Decatur 46733

Mike Hoffman 9210 Maysville Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46815.

Marge Merriman, Woodcrest, 1300 Mercer, Decatur 46733

Warren Scheumann, Woodcrest, 1300 Mercer, Decatur 46733

Ron Selking, 2300 Village Point, Chesterton, IN 46304

Marilyn Werling, Woodcrest, 1300 Mercer, Decatur 46733

Noodles. From the Ladies Aid: We will be making noodles in June two weeks in a row. Starting Sunday, June 15 with set up after church. We'll make noodles on the 16,17,18, bag on the 19th, rest then start again on the 22nd making the loaves and then cutting them into noodles the 23, 24, 25. with bagging and clean up in the 26th. All are invited to come and help! We start at 8am on the week days and try to finish up by 1-2pm. Also, lunch is a carry-in.

Upcoming meeting dates/times. Wyneken Association meeting is **Tue, April 29 at 7PM** at Wyn. gym. Our next St. Paul Voters Assembly is **April 22 at 7PM** in the fellowship hall.

From our Field Workers. The Skove family and the Innvaer family would like to thank everyone for all the support that has been given, especially all the gas and food gift cards over Christmas. Your help has been a tremendous blessing and we look forward to continuing to serve, learn, and grow at Saint Paul's.

Wyneken

Cornhole Tournament. To benefit Wyneken wrestling. **Saturday, April 12th. Start time 11AM,** Zion Freidheim Family Life Center. Registration from 10-10:45. First place \$100, second place \$50. Single elimination: team winning first 2 of 3 games moves to the next round. Opportunity to buy back in available. Registration is \$40/team and can be submitted day of tournament. Checks can be made to Wyneken. Contact Shane McBride 260-223-1149 or Corbin Bultemeier 260-223-7352 with questions. Proceeds will go to wrestling equipment and singlets. Concessions available!! Join us!!

Teacher Subs – Aide Subs – Kitchen Subs Needed: If you are interested in being able to serve as a teacher sub, an aide/office sub, or a kitchen sub, please call the school office at 260-639-6177 for information and to get an application. All applicants for the teacher sub position must have a valid teaching license or substitute teaching license with the state of Indiana. All applicants will also have to complete an Expanded Criminal Background Check.

Youth

Saturday, April 5; 6-9:30 p.m. – P.F.W. Men's Volleyball Match (RSVP Required by March 23). We will meet in the Bingen parking lot at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 5 to carpool to P.F.W. and watch the Mastadons take on Ball State. The cost is \$5, and RSVP by March 23.

District/Community

Camp Lutherhaven. Registration for summer camp is now open. Camp Lutherhaven has so many fun activities: simming, hiking, making crafts, and capture the flag. These activities are available for those from Kindergarten to High School, even for the whole family. Register online at lutherhave.org or call for more information 260-636-7101.

On Palm Sunday, March 28, 1920, an estimated F4 tornado traveled from Ossian, Indiana to Edgerton on the Indiana-Ohio state line, killing 13 and causing millions of dollars of damage to houses and farmsteads in its path. The village of Townley, north of Monroeville, was completely destroyed. Many of those affected by the tornado were German Lutherans. To mark its 105th anniversary, **the Friends of Wyneken will retell the story of the twister and its aftermath with a presentation on Sunday, March 30 at 2 pm. The presentation will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6514 E 750 N, Ossian, Indiana.** All are welcome.

Right to Life of NE Indiana 4th Annual Spring Banquet will be held at the Mirage **April 12th, 2025**. Come celebrate our 51st year of defending innocent human life! Keynote speaker Super Bowl Champion Matt Birk. \$400/table of 8. Doors open at 5:30PM and the program begins at 6:30PM. Space for the banquet is already ½ sold out, so get your tickets now!! For online table and sponsorship registration please contact phoebe@ichooselife.org or visit <https://www.ichooselife.org/resources/events/upcoming-events/spring-banquet>.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 30

8AM The Fourth Sunday in Lent—Matins

9:15AM Bible Class/Sunday School

10:15AM The Fourth Sunday in Lent—Divine Service

11:30-12:30AM Confirmation Instruction

Tuesday, April 1

9:30AM Early Bird Bible Class—St. John Bingen

Wednesday, April 2

5:45-6:15PM Confession/Absolution

5:45PM Lenten Midweek Supper

7PM Lenten Midweek Service #4—Divine Service

Sunday, April 6

8AM The Fifth Sunday in Lent—Divine Service

9:15AM Bible Class/Sunday School

10:15AM The Fifth Sunday in Lent—Matins

11:30-12:30AM Confirmation Instruction

Lent Midweek Services

Ash Wednesday | March 5 | 7PM

*The Divine Service with the Imposition of Ashes
There is no supper preceding Ash Wednesday's service.*

Lent Midweek 1 | March 12 | 7PM*

Vespers | Preacher: Seminarian Gunstein Innvaer

Lent Midweek 2 | March 19 | 7PM*

Divine Service | Preacher: Seminarian Gunstein Innvaer

Lent Midweek 3 | March 26 | 7PM*

Vespers | Preacher: Seminarian Ryan Skove

Lent Midweek 4 | April 2 | 7PM*

Divine Service | Preacher: Ryan Skove

Lent Midweek 5 | April 9 | 7PM*

Vespers | Preacher: Pastor Daniel Brege

*A Supper precedes at 5:45PM.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Maundy Thursday | April 17 | 7PM

Divine Service with Individual Absolution

Good Friday | April 18

Tre Ore: at St. John, Bingen, led by Decatur Circuit Pastors | 12-3PM

Chief Service: at St. Paul, Preble | 7PM

Easter Vigil | April 19 | 8PM

At St. John, Bingen, led by Decatur Circuit Pastors

Easter Sunrise | April 20 | 6AM

Divine Service—Service ends at the Cemetery (bring your coats!)

Easter Breakfast | 7:30-8:30AM

Served by the youth of St. Paul, Preble

Easter Day | 9AM

Divine Service

Prayer of the Church

- +**Sick and recovering:** Jeff Bulmahn, Carol Selking, Marcia Selking, Scott Marbach.
- +**Wyneken:** our teachers, Jennifer Conrad, students, staff, and childcare.
- +**Expectant mothers:** Chloe Johnson, Kelly Skove, Karley Walker, Danielle Meshberger.
- +**The Homebound:** Marge Merriman; Larna Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling, Cindy Gallmeyer (all at Woodcrest); Mike Hoffman (Cedarhurst Fort Wayne); Gene Bulmahn (Christian Care, Bluffton); Don Haines (home), Ron Selking (Assisted living facility—Chesterton, Indiana).
- +**Birthdays:** Jim Brune, Pete Melcher, Madalyn Fravel, Jen Fuelling, Darin Koenemann, Pam Smith.

Acolytes 3/30

8AM Lucas Blum

10:15AM Charlie Faurote

Attendance

7PM 3/19: 78

8AM 3/23: 101

10:15AM 3/23: 90

Stewardship

Offering 3/9: \$7,546.12

Online: \$1,107.02

Total F.T.W.: \$8,653.14

vs. weekly goal (of \$9,675): -\$2,128.88

Y.T.D.: -\$34,589.42



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