

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

17 March 2024

Welcome! *In the Holy Sacraments, We Share the Glory of the Cross of Christ.*

Jesus catechizes His disciples in the way of the cross, revealing that He will be condemned and put to death “and after three days he will rise” (Mark 10:33–34). But the Twelve do not understand. Instead, they argue among themselves about who will be the greatest, with James and John requesting the places of honor on either side of Jesus in His glory. However, Jesus has come to make Himself the “slave of all” and “to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:43–45). He shares the true glory of His cross with all who are baptized with His Baptism and with those who drink His cup of salvation, the New Testament in His blood (Mark 10:39). By these Holy Sacraments, the Lord makes Himself known to all His people, forgiving their sins “from the least of them to the greatest” (Jer. 31:33–34). Though He is the very Son of God, “he learned obedience through what he suffered” and so became our great High Priest, that we may enter His glory by the way of His sacrifice (Heb. 5:8–10). We invite you all to worship with us again.

In Our Prayers:

Those recovering from surgeries and illness:

Geraldine Albrecht-recovering
Paul Albrecht-recovering
Royce Albrecht-recovering
Chris Birnbaum-recovering.
Trey Fritsche-recovering
Roselie Johnson-recovering (mother of Carie Oltmann)
Judy Kalbas-hospitalized
Claudelle Krska (friend of Antionette Richardson)
Cindy Umphries-recovering (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Conway Whited-recovering (nephew of Brad & Ashley Schmidt)
Tim Weise-recovering
Ruby Weiser-recovering

Our members in nursing homes and our shut-ins.

Those fighting cancer including:

Lillian Bamsch (sister-in-law of Charlyn & Marvin Matthijetz)
Randy Belz (uncle of Amanda Carter)
Teresita Brodrick (aunt of David Wittman)
Vernon Bryant (friend of Arthur & Dianna Noack)
Russell Cleghorn (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Brandon Cleland (brother of Sonya Schautschick)
Ginger Clifford (sister of Nancy Kasper)
Ian Hailes-great nephew of Marian Wiederhold and Stephen Kasper)
Franklin Hoffman (father of Maxine Bradshaw)
Devin Jackson (brother-in-law of Chris and Michelle Birnbaum)
Brenda Karisch (friend of Bonnie Wenke family)
Steven Kelly (cousin of Jessica Gruetzner, brother-in-law of Christi Bradford)

Betty Kildair (aunt of Dorothy Schautschick)
Bethany Lara (daughter of Kathy Gersch)
Heather Lilly (granddaughter of Irene Noack)
Ruby Maass (mother of Linda Schonhoeft)
Cannon Martin (nephew of Christopher Taylor)
Gladys Mathena (sister of Frances Miertschin and Marilyn Miertschin)
Rhonda Mitschke (friend of Christi Fritsche)
Walter Rehle (friend of the Arldt's from Germany)
Carol Sander
Diane Sanders (friend of James & Kathy Kalbas)
Karen Symm (sister of Michael Symm)
Martin Werchan
Judy Westbrook (mother of Heather Krause)

Those serving in the Armed Forces including:

Steven Cutlip (brother of Stephanie Symm), Fort Bliss, El Paso
Kosh Ozmun (son of Stephanie Miertschin), Ft. Cavazos, TX
Coy Hunt (son of Shannon & Christine Hunt) Ft. Drum, New York
Jacob Knapp (cousin of Mark Gruetzner, son of Nathan & Heather Wenke) Ft. Stewart, Georgia
Randall Weise (grandson of Bernice Doebbler) Ft. Huachuca, Arizona
Dylan Robbins (cousin of Michelle Birnbaum) Jacksonville, NC
Aron Marak (nephew of Mike and Susie Maass) Fr. Bragg, North Carolina
Manuel Camacho (friend of Randy & Janice Becker) active Reserves

Those who mourn:

The family of Robert House (father of Jim House)

Rain

Those affected wildfires in the panhandle

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our Sunday morning prayers either call the church office through the week or write out the request and give it to pastor on Sunday morning.

The Order of Service— Page 184 of the hymnal

The Hymns: 435, 430, 781 v. 1&2, 392, 685, 438,433

Sermon Text: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Sermon: **“Who Is Your God?”**

- † **The Altar flowers** are placed to the glory of God in memory of Frieda Noack by Arthur & Dianna Noack and Wilbert & Carol Jean Noack.
- † **January Financial Statements** are available from the ushers this morning.
- † **Portals of Prayer.** The April-June Portals of Prayer are available from the ushers this morning and in the church office.
- † **Easter Lilies.** The LWML is taking orders for Easter lilies to decorate the sanctuary on Easter morning. The order form is included in the bulletin. Orders are due by **Monday, March 25th** **Due to availability, no orders will be accepted after March 25th.** The cost of the lilies is \$12.00 each.
- † **Serbin 4-H** will be having their annual Fried Chicken Scholarship fundraiser Sunday, April 7th 10:30 am-12:00 pm at the picnic grounds. Tickets are \$15.00. Tickets will be available through March 22nd please contact Rebecca Burgdorf at 979-540-6105 or Janis Lehmann at 979-540-0830 if you are interested in purchasing tickets.
- † **Altar Cross** – When the Wends came over in 1854 they brought with them the Processional Cross with a matching Altar Cross and Altar candle sticks. These were replaced in August of 1949 with the brass candelabra and Altar Cross. In 1950 the Altar cross and candle sticks were loaned to Trinity Lutheran Church, a mission start in Taylor Texas. These were returned to St. Paul in the early 1980’s when they purchased their own. When the Wendish Museum was created these items were placed on loan for all to enjoy. The Corpus (body of Christ) on the brass cross was showing some wear with the passage of years. In 2012 the cross was shipped to Concordia University Nebraska’s Ecclesiastical arts department for repair. These repairs took place during the season of Lent and the Altar Cross was repaired and returned in time for the Easter services. Since that time during the season of Lent the Original Altar cross has been placed on the altar from Ash Wednesday through Good Friday. The beginnings of this change were out of necessity but have grown into a tradition.
- † **Pictorial Directory:** Plans are underway for our 2024 Pictorial Directory. Photography dates for the directory will be June 17 – June 23 and July 15 – July 21. Sign up for photography times will be online March 24 – April 22, or sign up in the church office beginning Sunday April 7. Check your calendars and get ready to come and be a part of this 2024 edition of the directory.
- † **Confirmation Cards.** There are Confirmation cards available in the church office. Price of cards is \$.50/each.
- † **Orphan Grain Train** will be coming to pick up donations on March 21st at 9:00 a.m.

LUTHERAN HOUR: Next Sunday, March 24th, **“Repurposed Joy and Junk”**. Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. There are artists who can take old junk and turn it into something new and beautiful. Dr. Michael Zeiger tells how Jesus repurposes both the junk and the joy in our lives. (Mark 14L1-11). Hear *The Lutheran Hour* each Sunday on station KBUK-FM 104.9 at 7:00 a.m. or on station KANJ-FM 91.5 at 12:30 p.m. or go to lhm.org for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year:

March 17 – Lent V

Jesus Christ embodies the God who abides beside us in our ailments and frailties. Our incarnate and crucified Savior suffers with and for those who cannot sustain or save themselves. He regards even human beings beset by weakness or sickness high enough to take on our condition Himself (Hebrews 5:7-9). The Gospel just leaves no room for abortion or assisted suicide.

THE CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Today **Worship Service w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.**
 Bible Class and Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting – 10:15 a.m.
 Wendish Fish Fry

Monday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Circuit Meeting @ Elgin – 9:00 a.m.
 Spring Begins

Wednesday Staff Bible Study – 7:30 a.m.
 School Chapel – 8:30 a.m.
 Youth Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
Lenten Worship Service – 7:00 p.m.
 Acolytes: Addyson Early and Tyler Fritsche
 Greeter: Bonnie Bise
 Adult Choir – 7:45 p.m.

Thursday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 Board of Elders Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Friday Staff Devotions – 7:30 a.m.
 K-4th grade Field Day @ Immanuel

Next Sunday **Palm Sunday Worship Service**
w/Rite of Confirmation - 9:00 a.m.
 Acolytes: Jagger Garner and Lane Gersch
 Greeter: Marian Wiederhold

Birthdays: 18th – David Fritsche; 19th – Eva Kieschnick, Keri Schatte; 21st – Kelton Schulze, Peyton Stanfield, Lisa Teinert; 22nd – Trenton Grange, Bradley Schmidt. God’s Blessings to you.

ST. PAUL NOTES:

Attendance Last Week: Midweek Lent (3/6/2024)- 97, Morning Worship- 220, Bible Class- 18; Sunday School- 15, Offering- \$14.00.

Offering Last Week: \$32,624.97

Home:		Mission:	
General	\$16,754.11	Mission	\$300.00
Sunday School	\$14.00	Concordia St. Louis	\$428.00
Thrivent Choice	\$1,594.00	Concordia Ft. Wayne	\$428.00
Lunch Room	\$2,555.50	Mission Total	\$1,156.00
ECC Operating	\$1,631.25	Savings/Other:	
Use of Facility	\$150.00	School Fund	75.00
LWML	\$100.00	Building Fund	\$1,000.00
School Registration	\$1,450.00	Savings/Other Total	\$1,075.00
Tuition	\$6,060.00		
Other Income	\$85.11	Total	\$32,624.97
Received 3/10/2024	\$30,393.97		
Est. needed per week	\$ 29,635.00		
Received MTD	\$ 59,233.22		
Est. needed per month	\$128,417.00		

MEMORIALS: General: In memory of Elmo Schulze by Shelly Pietsch - \$25.00. In memory of Monroe Becker by J.C. & Carol Schramm - \$50.00. **LWML:** In memory of Theresa Krause by Guy & Dorcus Coulter - \$100.00. **ECC Operating:** In memory of Josey Fajkus by Monroe & Eleanor Krause - \$25.00; by Rev. John & Lisa Schmidt - \$25.00. **School Fund:** In memory of Josey Fajkus by Amy Jatzlau - \$50.00; by Jason, Teshia & Lucy Becker - \$25.00. **Texas Wendish Heritage Society:** In memory of Walter “Billy” Losey by James & Kathy Kalbas - \$150.00. In memory of Klara “Kay” Losey by James & Kathy Kalbas - \$150.00.
Serving today: Elders– David Fritsche and Gary Oltmann

Organist- Daniel Krause
Acolytes- Jasmine Bailey and Everett Corn
Head Ushers- Donald Becker
Captain- Craig Oltmann **Assistant-** Payton Oltmann
Ushers- Bradley Albrecht, Thomas Birnbaum, Seth Kalbas,
 Chase Oltmann, Gary Oltmann, Grant Oltmann,
 David Michael, Nathan Michael, Austin Schmidt
Counting and Posting offering this week:
Chairman- Glen Albrecht
 Tommy Miertschin, Ty Kasper, Payton Oltmann

Join us for our continuing observance of the Passion of our Lord.

HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 6

7:00 p.m.

Worship w/Communion

GOOD FRIDAY

April 7

9:00 a.m.

Worship w/ Communion
 Service of Darkness

7:00 p.m.

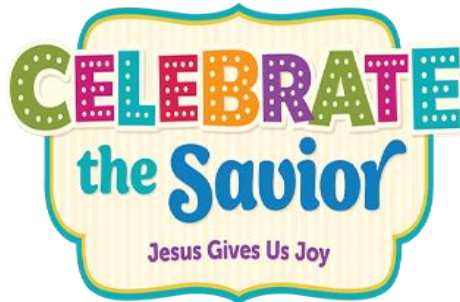


EASTER DAY

April 9

Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m..

Festival Worship 9:00 a.m.



REGISTER NOW for VBS June 10th -14th! We're having a party- a party to celebrate the Savior- and you're invited! Of all the blessings God gives us, His Son, Jesus is the biggest reason to celebrate! **Register before APRIL 1st to receive a FREE VBS t-shirt!** You will be able to pick up your VBS shirt on the first day of VBS.
Volunteer for VBS- Please let Krista Rodriguez know if you would like to assist with VBS this Summer. (979-716-0143).