Scripture Readings

Mar. 10	Fourth Sunday in Lent	Num. 21:4-9	Psalm 107:1-9	Eph. 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
Mar. 17	Fifth Sunday in Lent	Jer. 31:31-34	Psalm 119:9-16	Heb. 5:1-10	Mark 10:(32- 34)35-45
Mar. 24	Palm Sunday	Zech. 9:9-12	Psalm 118:19- 29	Phil. 2:5-11	Mark 14:1- 15:47

We are looking for sponsors for the Radio Broadcast for the year 2024. There are a number openings that still to need to be filled. The number of openings available are in () after the month. Available openings are in July (1), September (2), & October (1). Please see the sign-up book located in the Narthex to choose your week to sponsor for the cost of \$40. You can sponsor in celebration of, in memory of, or in honor of someone or something special in your life to give thanks to God!

Please help us keep our church clean!

We are privileged to have a wonderful place to worship and grow in our Christian faith. Please help us to keep our church property in good order. When you use various items please put them away. Please tidy up after yourself when leaving rooms. Please turn off the lights and close the door when you exit a room. Your attention to these things will help keep our church clean and in good order, and an enjoyable place for all to experience the blessings of our God. Thank you!

Sunday, March 24 there will be special music during worship as the Children's Hand-Chime Choir will be performing. We are excited to have this addition to our worship.**

This Week's Schedule - March 9 through March 17

Saturday Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM			
	Unified Boards - 1:00 PM			
	Parish Directors - 2:30 PM			
Wednesday	ednesday Bulletin Deadline - Noon			
	Lenten Service - 12:05 PM & 7:30 PM			
Next Saturday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM			
Next Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM Family Education - 10:30 AM			

Welcome

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> "A Place of Grace, A Source of Hope, A Mission of Mercy!" For 135 years!!! OUR MISSION

"Existing in God's love and forgiveness, St. Paul proclaims the Gospel of Christ, helps people grow in faith, and nurtures lives of worship and service."

March 9 & 10, 2024 Jesus Is Lifted Up on the Cross so that We May Look to Him and Live

The people sinned by speaking "against God and against Moses," and the Lord called them to repentance by sending fiery serpents, which "bit the people, so that many people of Israel died" (Num. 21:4–6). When the people confessed their sin, the Lord provided a means of rescue from death. He instructed Moses to "make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole," so that "if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live" (Num. 21:8–9). Thus, God sent His Son into the world, in the likeness of our sin and death, and lifted Him up on the pole of the cross, that whoever looks to Him in faith "may have eternal life" (John 3:14–16). By His cross, "the light has come into the world," not for condemnation, but "that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:17–19). While we "were dead in the trespasses and sins" in which we once lived (Eph. 2:1), God loved us, calling us to repentance and raising us up with Christ to live "with him in the heavenly places" (Eph. 2:4–6).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored by Bev Lang. The cost to sponsor a broadcast is \$40.00. A book is in the Narthex to sign-up for dates. **WELCOME** to our guests and congregation! We are glad you are here! Thank you for joining us for worship and please feel free to join us again!

Fourth Sunday in Lent Hymn #s - 908, 571, 631, 566, 588, 555, 918 SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist	Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Gary Fredrickson
Ushers	Jerry Siebold, Allan Schmale, Ethan Schuette
Greeters	Rita Siebold, Dorothy Debenham
Live Stream	Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte	Briscoe Lehman, McKennon Lehman
Communion Assistant	Garry Stenzel, Steve Jordan
Altar Guild	Melissa Baxter, Cathy Carlson, Kim Davis, Amy Hammel,
	Courtney Hammel, Kelly Holte
Fellowship Host	Wohler

FAMILY EDUCATION - 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Preschool - Kindergarten - meet in Preschool Room (Basement)

1st Grade - 3rd Grade - meet in Tree Room (West Wing)

4th Grade - 6th Grade - meet in Puzzle Room (West Wing)

7th Grade - 12th Grade - meet in Conference Room (West Wing)

Adult - meet in Fellowship Hall (Basement)

Weekly Attendance	Sat	Sun	Total	Family Education Attendance Total
Feb 24 & 25	38	130	168	Feb 25 28
Feb 28 - Lenten			69	Mar 3 32
Mar 2 & 3	40	143	183	1

Palm Sunday brunch fundraiser: March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday brunch no Sunday school, join for brunch, fundraiser, and fellowship. Immediately following Sunday service Free will offering will help the youth attend the NYG in the summer of 2025

A Call meeting has been scheduled for March 24 at 2:00 pm. Our Circuit Visitor, Rev. Phillip Miller, will be here to lead us through the process of calling an Associate Pastor to St. Paul. Please join us for this important meeting. In the days ahead of the meeting pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as we call an Associate Pastor and continue to move forward in ministry!

The Linn LWML Zone Spring Event will be Sunday, March 17, at Zion Lutheran Church in Linn, KS. Registration will begin at 1:30 and the event will begin at 2:00. Pastor Timothy Koch will be the speaker. Ingathering will go to Swaddling Clothes in Greenleaf and area food pantries. Items needed are most food items especially canned fruit and meat with pop-top lids, Ramen noodles, toilet paper, feminine hygiene items, diapers and wipes. Elections will be held. Please join us for an afternoon of fellowship!

IN OUR PRAYERS Congregational Members

Remembering our shut-ins: Bonnie VonLehe-Advena, Irma Burger, Georgie Dierking-Presbyterian Manor; Betty Sump-Leonardville Nursing Home; Julie Hillman-Linn Nursing Home; Cedric Pfaff-Well Springs of Westmoreland; Bob Bauer, Lola Lehman-Liberty Place.

Health concerns: Mark Meier, Sarah Fredrickson, Carolyn Brown, Rhen Davis, Stan Ohlde, Kinsey Hillman, Loyde Hager, Janet Thurlow, Kay Osthoff, Larry Rakowsky, and Dee Noffsinger.

Our outreach programs: Small Group Ministry, St. Paul Preschool, Radio Ministry, LWML Friendship Circle, and our Youth groups.

Larger Community Members

Healing: Brian, Mark Koepsel, Joe Bunij, Gavin Carson, Jennifer Zimmerman, Gail Thomas, Sharon Wachsnicht, Ken Henry, Dwight Ferguson, Melody Maki, Anna Lippe, Eunice Meyer, Sarah Tessaro, Jackie Monroe, Sharon Schweitzer, Lois Nash, Lee, Melissa Dunn, Darlene Miller, Darla Wilder, Lon Gallup, Megan Loberg, Brody Reed, Rachelle Smith, Joe Parrlli, Taylor James, Sheila McGrew, Donald, Sandy Wohler, Marla Forsyth, Grant & Grace Goodin, Connie Winter, Kerri Brown, Ethan, Luke, and Ella Turner

Military: Kyle, David, Enrique, Liam, Cooper, Michael, and Evan.

REMINDER All Thrivent Choice Dollars need to be designated by March 31, 2024 to either St. Paul Preschool or St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Mission Efforts beyond St. Paul

You Matter Tour; LeadaChild; For the Sake of the Church; Lutheran Bible Translators; Lutheran Heritage Foundation; KansaSEED Deaf Ministry; Lutheran Hour Ministries; North Central Kansas LCMS Outreach

<u>Please remember to inform the church office</u> <u>when the person for whom you requested</u> <u>prayer should be removed from the prayer list.</u>

Linn Lutheran School in Linn, KS is looking to fill a teacher position beginning next school year. This position is for the 3rd/4th grade classroom. Linn Lutheran School is a growing 1st-8th elementary school in North Central Kansas. We currently have 68 students in our elementary school, with 4 dual grade classrooms, and are a part of a vibrant LCMS community. This person should be motivated to work with our school students and help them to grow in their knowledge and faith in our Lord. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree with a Kansas Teaching License or ability to obtain one. Other qualifications include the passion to work with elementary students, exceptional verbal, written, and interpersonal skills, creative, resourceful, and a flexible team member. If you are interested or have questions, please send your resume and a cover letter to David Beikmann at (785) 348-5792 or e-mail davebeikmann@linnlutheran.eduk12.net

The Preschool Board will like to extend a big THANK YOU to all who contributed to the Spaghetti Supper, whether it was by food donations, silent auction donations, working, and/or coming to eat & enjoy the fellowship of one another. It was a wonderful evening & we are truly blessed by the continued support that is given to the preschool. Once again we say THANK YOU!!