

Scripture Readings

Mar 29	Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalms 118:19-29	Phil. 2:5-11	Matt. 26:1-27:66
Apr 5	The Resurrection of Our Lord	Acts 10:34-43	Psalms 16	Col. 3:1-4	Matt. 28:1-10
Apr 12	Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 5:29-42	Psalms 148	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31

We are looking for sponsors for the Radio Broadcast for the year 2026. There are a number openings that still need to be filled. The number of openings available are in () after the month. Available openings are in July (1), September (1), & December (2). 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!

REMINDER
All Thrivent Choice Dollars need to be designated by March 31, 2026 to either St. Paul Preschool or St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Seeking a New Director for Lighthouse for Christ

If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please visit lighthouseccks.org/director (Password: **apply**) for the full job description and information on how to apply.

This Week's Schedule - March 21 through March 29

Saturday Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM
 Family Education - 10:30 AM
Monday Men's Bible Study - 7:00 PM
Tuesday Friendship Circle - 7:00 PM
Wednesday **Bulletin Deadline - Noon**
 Lenten Service - 12:05 PM & 7:00 PM
 Midweek - 5:30 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
 LYF Brunch after service

Welcome

to

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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 21 & 22, 2026

Jesus Christ Is the Resurrection and the Life

The illness and death of Lazarus happened "that the Son of God may be glorified through it" (John 11:4). Jesus' miracle of raising Lazarus prompted His arrest and crucifixion, whereby He would die "for the nation" and gather "into one the children of God who are scattered abroad" (John 11:51-52). As He called Lazarus from the tomb and commanded others to "unbind him, and let him go" (John 11:44), Jesus also calls us and releases us from the bondage of sin and death. We would not "submit to God's law," nor could we "please God" (Rom. 8:7-8), but "he condemned sin" in His own flesh so "that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us" (Rom. 8:3-4). Now through the Gospel, "the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells" in us (Rom. 8:11). His Word breathes His Spirit into our mortal flesh, animating us with His own life. As His ministers preach according to His divine command, the Lord Jesus calls us from the grave into the good land that He gives us (Ezek. 37:12, 14).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored - Mary & Lynn Greenlee.

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!

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Hymn #s - 905, 427, 547, 588, 623, 606, 919

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Gary Fredrickson
Ushers Nicholas Lehman, Brett Ohlde, Kirk Hammel, Brad Dieckmann
Greeters Clyde & Rita Wollenberg
Live Stream Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte Isabel Mesalles, Kody Schmale
Communion Assistant Caleb Davis
Altar Guild Amy Hammel, Cathy Carlson, Melissa Baxter, Cari Pfizenmaier, Judy Riek
Fellowship Host The Baxter Family

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

Preschool - Kindergarten - meet in Room 11 (West Wing)

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

4th Grade - 8th Grade - meet in Conference Room (West Wing)

9th Grade - 12th Grade - meet in High School Room (Basement)

Adult - meet in Fellowship Hall (Basement)

Weekly Attendance	Sat	Sun	Total
March 7 & 8	20	138	158
March 11 - Lenten - Midweek 4			103
March 14 & 15	23	100	123
March 18 - Lenten - Midweek 5			64

Family Education Attendance	Total
March 8	35
March 15	34

Friendship Circle meets Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 pm.
 Hostess/devotion is Mary Greenlee
 Topic is Barb Reiner

2026 Easter Lily Order
 There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to provide a Easter Lily in memory or honor of someone you love or a special occasion.
 The cost of the plant is \$12.00.

Our youth group in sponsoring a fundraiser at the Family Life Center located at the Methodist Church Wednesday, March 25th.

LYF Palm Sunday brunch fundraiser: March 29, 2026
 join our youth for brunch and fellowship.
 Free will offering.

IN OUR PRAYERS
Congregational Members

Remembering our shut-ins: Bonnie VonLehe-Wakefield Care/Rehab, Larry Rakowsky - Presbyterian Manor; Julie Hillman-Linn Nursing Home; Cedric Pfaff-Well Springs of Westmoreland; Mary Ann Mall-Liberty Place; Pauline Burger-Legend; Larry Ernsting - Topeka VA; Georgie Dierking; Lola Lehman-Leonardville Nursing Home.

Health concerns: Grace Lee, Dwight Koch, Raef Schuette, Larry Ernsting, Stan Ohlde, and Larry Rakowsky.

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

Larger Community Members

Healing: Katie Donovan, Mike Rothfuss, Trudy Hedberg, Denise Kidwell, Marcia Woods, Idonna Perkins, Bobbi Holz, Dee Knitter, Jackie Hall, Sarah Tessaro, Ron Baehr, Ryan With-ee, Emmitt Budy, Malissa Milum, Rev. David Grouner, Scott Trautwein, Gary Hilton, Donna Watson, Ron McDaniels, Micah Helms, Addie Voelker, Ann Huninghake, Mike Dunn, Sandy Larkey, Irene Bane, John Zeller, Rev. Greg Du-Bois, Melissa Martin, Benjamin Willroth, Jennifer Zimmerman, Gail Thomas, Lois Nash, Melissa Dunn, Darlene Miller, Darla Wilder, Rachelle Smith, Joe Parrlli, Sheila McGrew, Grant & Grace Goodin, Connie Winter, and Kerri Brown

Military: Mitchell, Kyle, Enrique, and Cooper.

Mission Efforts beyond St. Paul

You Matter Tour; Hope House; LeadaChild; For the Sake of the Church; Lutheran Bible Translators; Lutheran Heritage Foundation; KansaSEED Deaf Ministry; Lutheran Hour Ministries; Zion Lutheran Church Outreach, Concordia, KS

Please remember to inform the church office when the person for whom you requested prayer should be removed from the prayer

****Sunday, March 29**** there will be special music during worship as the Children's Hand-Chime Choir will be playing. We are excited to have this addition to our worship.

Looking for volunteers to sign-up to do Fellowship Host on Sunday Mornings. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those who would like to volunteer. Any questions talk to Gene Ferguson or Pastor Tessaro. Thank you!

Building Project Update
 The initial Capital Fund Raising Campaign has been a success and \$1 million has been raised to begin construction of our building project. Any future contributions for the building project should continue to be identified as made for the "New Building Fund" and will help reduce the amount needed to be financed to complete the project. Please continue to keep the building project and our congregation in your prayers.

March 2026 Year to Date Actual Income to Expense	
Income	\$87,966
Expense	\$103,044
Net Income (Expense)	(\$15,078)