

Scripture Readings

Mar 22	Fifth Sunday in Lent	Ezek. 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Rom. 8:1-11	John 11:1-45
Mar 29	Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 118:19-29	Phil. 2:5-11	Matt. 26:1-27:66
Apr 5	The Resurrection of Our Lord	Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 16	Col. 3:1-4	Matt. 28:1-10

Pantry Needs for the Lighthouse:

Hamburger Helper
 Canned Fruit
 Canned Chicken
 Peanut Butter
 Snacks for Kids (prepackaged)
 Pasta Sauce
 Graham Crackers

Thank you for your donations!

We are looking for sponsors for the Radio Broadcast for the year 2026. 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), August (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!

This Week's Schedule - March 14 through March 22

Saturday Worship Service with Holy Communion - 6:30 PM
Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM
 Family Education - 10:30 AM
Monday **Newsletter Deadline - 4:00 PM**
Wednesday **Bulletin Deadline - Noon**
 Lenten Service - 12:05 PM & 7:00 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

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 14 & 15, 2026

By His Word of the Gospel,

Jesus Calls Us Out of the Darkness into His Marvelous Light

The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. "For his righteousness' sake," He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns "the darkness before them into light" (Is. 42:16) because He is "the light of the world" (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh "while it is day," until that night "when no one can work" (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though "at one time you were darkness," now "you are light in the Lord" (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to "awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead" (Eph. 5:14).

RADIO BROADCAST this week is sponsored - 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 - 697, 411, 744, 398, 392, 345, 849

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Organist Sat. Connie Paronto/Sun. Connie Paronto
Ushers Tim Burger, Dave Jermark, Deron Rosenow, Stan Lohmeyer
Greeters McKennon & Briscoe Lehman
Live Stream Jarrett Wachsnicht
Acolyte McKennon & Briscoe Lehman
Communion Assistant Gene Ferguson
Altar Guild Amy Hammel, Cathy Carlson, Melissa Baxter, Cari Pfizenmaier, Judy Riek
Fellowship Host Linda Underwood

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
February 28 & March 1	30	96	126
March 4 - Lenten - Midweek 3			94
March 7 & 8	20	138	158
March 11 - Lenten - Midweek 4			103

Family Education Attendance	Total
March 1	30
March 8	35

CANCELLATION
 Women's Bible Study
 Tuesday, March 17
 has been cancelled.
 We will meet again on
 Tuesday, March 31 @ 9:30 AM

March 2026 Year to Date Actual Income to Expense	
Income	\$79,789
Expense	\$91,817
Net Profit (Loss)	<u>(\$12,028)</u>

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.

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, Nancy Kemp, 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.

Sorrow: Family & friends of Robert Kolle

Larger Community Members

Healing: Mike Rothfuss, Trudy Hedberg, Denise Kidwell, Marcia Woods, Idonna Perkins, Bobbi Holz, Dee Knitter, Jackie Hall, Sarah Tessaro, Ron Baehr, Ryan Withee, 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 DuBois, 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.

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

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

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!

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.

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

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