

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

321 N 10th, Beatrice, NE 68310

March 29, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Lent – Palm Sunday



Welcome! We are glad you're here and hope to see you again soon! Please sign the guest book at the entrance of the church. If you don't have a church home, are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS), or are interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's, please speak to the Pastor, Elder, Usher, or the church office.

Communion Guidance: Visitors wanting to commune should speak to the pastor or an elder prior to the service.

Our summary of faith is available in the pews to help you determine if you share in our confession of faith. LCMS members and those from congregations in fellowship with LCMS are always welcome to commune.

Hymns are found in the Lutheran Service Book in the pews.

We're using Divine Service, Setting 3 on page 184 in the front section of that hymnal.

(♪ denotes responses that are to be sung. **P** = Pastor; **C** = Congregation)

P The grace of our Lord {✠} Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, as the people in Jerusalem gathered to welcome Your Son, our Lord, when He came into His holy city, so we sing of Your coming among us today with songs of praise. Keep us steadfast in our hope and confession of faith throughout our lives that we may meet Him with grateful hearts when He comes again in glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

P Let us go forth in peace,

C **in the name of the Lord.**

Procession of Palms & Opening Hymn 442:

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

**Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**1 You are the King of Israel
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
Our King and Blessèd One. Refrain**

**2 The company of angels
Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply. Refrain**

**3 The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present. Refrain**

**4 To You before Your passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. Refrain**

**5 As You received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Our good and gracious King. Refrain**

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☐ Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

☑ Hosanna in the highest.

Collect of the Day

☐ Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great

humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☩ Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4–9a

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.

⁹Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

℣ This is the Word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

St. Paul's School Children Sing: The King of Glory

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in

human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: *Please Stand*

John 11:1–45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

♪ **C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.” ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” ¹⁸For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.” ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” ²²Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” ²³And he said, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the

crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."²⁵ And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!"²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

³² As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶ Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷ And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴² "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and

took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

⁵⁵There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen. Please sit

Hymn 438: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

- 1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
The guilt of sinners bearing
And, laden with the sins of earth,
None else the burden sharing;
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
To slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer,
He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,
The mockery, and yet replies,
“All this I gladly suffer.”
- 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul’s great friend,
The Lamb of God, our Savior,
Whom God the Father chose to send
To gain for us His favor.
“Go forth, My Son,” the Father said,
“And free My children from their dread
Of guilt and condemnation.
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by Your passion they will share
The fruit of Your salvation.”
- 3 “Yes, Father, yes, most willingly
I’ll bear what You command Me.
My will conforms to Your decree,
I’ll do what You have asked Me.”

O wondrous Love, what have You done!
The Father offers up His Son,
Desiring our salvation.
O Love, how strong You are to save!
You lay the One into the grave
Who built the earth's foundation.

4 Lord, when Your glory I shall see
And taste Your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be,
My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before Your throne,
Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
As Your own bride shall we be brought
To stand in joy beside You.

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Sermon

♪ **Offertory:** *Please stand* LSB 192

☒ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Offering: *Please sit* St Paul's School Bell Choir

Prayer of the Church: *Please stand*

☐ Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...

☒ Responds: **Hear our prayer** after each petition.

☒ Responds: **Amen** after final petition. *Please sit*

Confirmation

LSB 272

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

♪ Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary...praising You and saying:

♪ Sanctus

LSB 195

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

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**

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

♪ **Agnus Dei**

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen. Please sit

Hymn 864: Shepherd of Tender Youth

- 1 Shepherd of tender youth,
Guiding in love and truth
Through devious ways;
Christ, our triumphant king,
We come Your name to sing
And here our children bring
To join Your praise.
- 2 You are the holy Lord,
O all-subduing Word,
Healer of strife.
Yourself You did abase
That from sin's deep disgrace
You so might save our race
And give us life.
- 3 You are the great High Priest;
You have prepared the feast
Of holy love;
And in our mortal pain

None calls on You in vain;
Our plea do not disdain;
Help from above.

4 O ever be our guide,
Our shepherd, and our pride,
Our staff and song.
Jesus, O Christ of God,
By Your enduring Word
Lead us where You have trod;
Make our faith strong.

5 So now, and till we die,
Sound we Your praises high
And joyful sing:
Infants and all the throng,
Who to the Church belong,
Unite to swell the song
To Christ, our king!

Text: attr. Clement of Alexandria, c. 170–c. 220; tr. Henry M. Dexter, 1821–90, alt. Text: Public domain

Hymn 443: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed
Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving
And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
Rode on in lowly state

Nor scorned that little children
Should on His bidding wait.

- 3 “Hosanna in the highest!”
That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heav’n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice!

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Hymn 430: My Song is Love Unknown

- 1 My song is love unknown,
My Savior’s love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend,
My friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes they strew His way
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then “Crucify!”
Is all their breath,

And for His death
They thirst and cry.

4 Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
Themselves displease
And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

♪ **Nunc Dimittis:** *Please stand*

LSB 199

☞ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

♪ **Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Collect**

LSB 200

☞ O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

☞ and His mercy endureth forever.

☞ Let us pray....one God, now and forever.

☞ Amen.

♪ **Salutation and Benedicamus**

LSB 201 & 202

☞ The Lord be with you.

☞ And with thy spirit.

☞ Bless we the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

♪ **Benediction**

LSB 202

☞ The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and {✠} give you peace.

☞ Amen, amen, amen. *Please sit*

Departing Hymn 444: No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

1 No tramp of soldiers' marching feet

With banners and with drums,

No sound of music's martial beat:

"The King of glory comes!"

To greet what pomp of kingly pride

No bells in triumph ring,

No city gates swing open wide:
“Behold, behold your King!”

2 And yet He comes. The children cheer;
With palms His path is strown.
With ev’ry step the cross draws near:
The King of glory’s throne.
Astride a colt He passes by
As loud hosannas ring,
Or else the very stones would cry
“Behold, behold your King!”

3 What fading flow’rs His road adorn;
The palms, how soon laid down!
No bloom or leaf but only thorn
The King of glory’s crown.
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries,
The streets with tumult ring,
As Pilate to the mob replies,
“Behold, behold your King!”

4 Now He who bore for mortals’ sake
The cross and all its pains
And chose a servant’s form to take,
The King of glory reigns.
Hosanna to the Savior’s name
Till heaven’s rafters ring,
And all the ransomed host proclaim
“Behold, behold your King!”

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Please remember with prayers, cards, texts, or calls, our sisters- and brothers-in-Christ who are hospitalized or ill at home: Mary Scheve, Angie Fossler, Mike Holthus, Cheri McConnell, Cindy Weise (all with cancer); Duane Delozier (hospitalized), Pat Nave; Michelle Baker (hip surgery); Chuck Baker (leukemia); Lilly Baker (thyroid cancer); Olivia Hatzenbuehler and William Kelley (military). ****Please contact the church by Thursday morning** with additions or corrections.

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Martin & Marlene Seckel in celebration of their April 5 wedding anniversary. Happy 63rd Anniversary!

Sunday's available for sponsorship in 2026 are July 12, 19, 26; August 2, 9; Sept 20; October 4, 11; Nov 15, 29, and Dec 6, 13, 27. You can schedule a sponsorship in the **scheduling book outside of the church office**. Find the Sunday you want to sponsor and put your name and other information. Payment (by check) should be made at the time of scheduling. You may also call the church office to schedule. **Sponsorships of radio broadcasts** are \$125.

Happening this week:

- Sunday, March 29** 9:00 am Divine Service with Palm procession
Palm Sunday **Confirmation**
St. Paul's school children choir & bell choir
10:00 am Reception for Confirmands in the Fellowship Hall. **(No Sunday School!)**
- Monday, March 30** 7:00 pm Congregational Call meeting in the Church basement for all members
- Wednesday, April 1** 4 pm Clean-up of school grounds at school
- Thursday, April 2** 10:30 am & 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday services
- Friday, April 3** 10:30 am & 7:00 pm Good Friday services
- Sunday, April 5** 8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week
Easter 7:00 & 9:00 am Divine Service
7:45 – 8:45 am Easter Breakfast
served by the youth group
10:15 am Resurrection Egg Hunt
- Monday, April 6** 7:00 pm Special Voter's meeting to call teacher

There will be **no Children's Sunday School today or next Sunday.**

Holy Week Services are scheduled for:

- Maundy Thursday, April 02, 2026 at 10:30am and 7pm.
 - Good Friday, April 03, 2026 at 10:30am and 7pm.
 - Easter, April 05, 2026:
 - Divine Sunrise Service at 7am.
 - Breakfast served by the youth group, 7:45 – 8:45am.
 - Divine Service at 9am.
 - Resurrection Egg Hunt at 10:15am.
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There will be a special **Congregational Call Meeting on Monday, March 30** at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. **The Call Committee will be presenting the candidates.** Afterwards a vote will be taken with the possibility of issuing a call. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in watching Pastor Joey Bluege's interview with the call committee, it is available to watch on a computer in the office. A video will also be shown during the call meeting on March 30. The interview lasts approximately 1 ½ hours and will not be shown in its entirety in the interest of time.

The Board of Education has requested a **special voter's meeting** for the purpose of possibly **calling a new teacher** for the school. This meeting will be held **Monday, April 6** at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Joanna Gellerman-Long has received a call to St. John's School in Suring, WI. She is asking for prayers as she discerns this call.

To the Congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

On March 3rd, I was issued a call to be a High School Social Studies Teacher and Athletic Director at Wolf River Lutheran High School in Shawano, WI. After visiting the school and community along with prayerful consideration as to where the Lord would want to use not only myself but my family, I have decided to accept the call to Wolf River. This was one of the hardest decisions I have ever had to make. I never

thought I would leave Nebraska after moving back but I feel that this is where God is calling me and my family to serve him. I humbly ask for prayers for not only myself, but for Joanna, Anthony, Ivan, Logan, and Jasmine. Thank you.

In Christ, Brad Long

Thank you to the School Children for your beautiful music today!

Join us downstairs following Sunday worship for refreshments and **Bible Study “*See Through the Scriptures*” with Pastor Hollibaugh. Jr/Sr High students** will enjoy this Study too.

Help Preserve the Story of St. Paul’s – Volunteers Needed

For more than a century, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church has been shaped by the faith and dedication of the generations of families who have worshiped here and helped build this ministry. In later years, St. Paul’s Lutheran School became an important part of that ministry, with many students, families, and teachers passing through its doors.

We are inviting storytellers, historians, organizers, photographers, researchers, or anyone who simply enjoys hearing and sharing the memories of those who came before us. If you have old photographs, documents, stories, or knowledge about the history of our stained glass, organ, church artifacts, or the families who helped build St. Paul’s, we would love to hear from you. If you are interested in helping preserve the heritage of St. Paul’s for future generations, please contact the church office or speak with a council member. **Please call the church office to let us know you are interested in this committee.**

The church will not be taking group subscriptions for the LCMS magazine ***Lutheran Witness*** in 2026. Current subscriptions will end with the May 2026 issue. Members who wish to subscribe to ***Lutheran Witness***, either by hardcopy or digital subscription, may place their order through Concordia Publishing House directly by calling the Magazine Department at 1-800-325-3040 and pressing option 2. You will have the option to pay by debit or credit card. You may also place an order at cph.org or by emailing lwsubscriptions@cph.org.

Don't let your Choice Dollars expire! Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until March 31, 2026 to direct your 2025 Choice Dollars.

Remaining March Anniversaries- Happy Anniversary!

(if yours is missing, let us know!)

27 Richard & Mary Scheve, 55 yrs.

31 Steven & Phyllis Schmidt, 47 yrs.

Remaining March Birthdays – Happy Birthday!

(If yours is missing, please let us know!)

28 Olivia Aden

29 Connie Oltmans

31 Carolyn Junker, Rose Pittman

March & April School Events & Announcements

Mar. 29 - K-5 Choir and Bell Choir in Church 9:00 a.m.

Mar. 30 - 4 Grade Field Trip-Capital Building

Apr. 1 - Outdoor School Clean-up, 4 pm

Apr. 2 -6 - Easter Break

Apr. 8 - Spelling Bee for 1st-5th, 6 pm in the gym

Apr. 17 Spring Musicals, 6 pm, Pre-School, Pre-K, Kindergarten
7 pm, 1st-5th grades

Spring Landscape Clean-Up at school is Wednesday, April 1st beginning at 4:00pm. We will clean up the flower beds, spread mulch, till the long jump pit, and prepare our grounds for the track meet in May. We appreciate all volunteers who can come help that evening!

All Russ's Register Receipts must be turned in to school or church by March 29th, 2026. Our current total \$356,154.65. This promotion only goes through March. Please continue to save **Our Family and Best Choice UPC** codes. They can be put in the box in the narthex.

The church office is sending out a **weekly email** with announcements and a bulletin for that week attached. **If you are not getting the weekly emails**, we probably do not have a good email address for you. Please call or email the church office requesting to be included. Because of this, we are no longer creating a **monthly newsletter**. Our goal is to communicate more frequently with current information via emails with the bulletin. This will save postage and paper. Monthly **calendars**, for those who want them, are available in the narthex. Thank you.

2026 Confirmands Confirming their Lutheran Faith March 29, 2026

Drake Jalen Eckhoff

Son of Alexa Ballard & Jeremy Ballard

Baptized on January 16, 2012

Baptism sponsors: Holly & Zach Carpenter

Confirmation Verse: 2 Corinthians 4:6

For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness", has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Alison Mae Helmke

Daughter of Matt & Jill Helmke

Baptized on June 5, 2011

Baptism Sponsors: Jason & Laura Helmke, Scott Helmke

Confirmation Verse: Philippians 4:13

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Travis Benjamin Landon

Son of Andrew & Nicole Landon

Baptized on January 14, 2012

Baptism Sponsors: Anthony Landon & Scott Keller

Confirmation Verse: Romans 6:23

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Ivan David Long

Son of Brad & Joanna Long

Baptized on January 28, 2024

Baptism Sponsors: Jennifer DeWitt, Kevin & Lisa Horak

Confirmation Verse: Philippians 4:6-7

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Miles Dean Norris

Son of Randy & Laura-Leigh Norris

Baptized on October 2, 2011

Baptism Sponsor: Lexie Meyer

Confirmation Verse: Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Chloe Ann Oltmans

Daughter of Dave & Lisa Oltmans

Baptized on January 1, 2011

Baptism Sponsors: Joel & Corrina Robbins,
Anita Evans, Natasha Jobman

Confirmation Verse: Matthew 5:16

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Lydia Siefken

Daughter of Jen & Rich Siefken

Baptized on November 27, 2011

Baptism Sponsors: Angie & Thom Worth

Confirmation Verse: Deuteronomy 31:6

*“Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them,
for it is the Lord your God who goes with you.
He will not leave you or forsake you.”*



****Please come down to the Fellowship Hall following the service today and help us congratulate and celebrate the Confirmands with a cake reception.**

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- **March & April calendars are available at the church entrance.**
 - **Church office** is open Thursdays. Please leave a message at 402-228-1540 or email stpaulbeatrice@gmail.com at other times.
 - **For immediate assistance:** contact Church Chair Rod Aden {402-239-5305}; Head Elder Chuck Baker {714-232-2794}; or Finance Committee member Dave Doering {402-806-1015}.
 - **For school or church reservations,** call Wayne Oestreich 402-440-5054.
 - **Busy Bags and books** for kids are in the narthex by the bulletin board.
 - **Large print bulletins with large print hymns included** are available from an usher.
 - **Portals of Prayer** and **Children's devotion books** are free and available on the table near the front door of the church for all for home use.
 - Sign up for **NE LCMS** weekly emailed newsletter at ndlcms.org.
 - **Communion Guidance:** Visitors wanting to commune should speak to the pastor or an elder prior to the service. Our summary of faith is available in the pews to help you determine if you share in our confession of faith. LCMS members and those from congregations in fellowship with LCMS are always welcome to commune.
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- **Facebook:** Follow St. Paul's Lutheran Church.
(Be sure you're following the one with our church photo.)
- **Our website or app:** stpaulbeatrice.org.
- **The bulletin** is on the website so you can follow along.