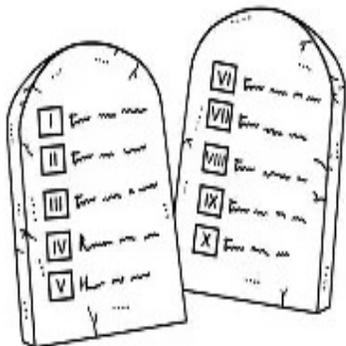


Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

321 N 10th, Beatrice, NE 68310

March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent



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)

Opening Hymn 686: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

- 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.**

- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.**

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the {†} Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the {†} Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: v. 15

P Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

C I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

P Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

C The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

P I suffered distress and anguish.

C Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”

P For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

♪ **Kyrie**

LSB 186

C Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

♪ **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪ **C** Amen. *Please sit*

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was

no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 8:1–11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is

dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

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.**

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles

off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said

these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

¶ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **☩ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

☩ 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 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 suffering 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!

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Sermon

The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Micah 2:1-2

Woe to those who devise wickedness and work evil on their beds!
When the morning dawns, they perform it, because it is in the power of their hand.

They covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them away;
they oppress a man and his house, a man and his inheritance.

Isaiah 5:8

Woe to those who join house to house, who add field to field,
until there is no more room, and you are made to dwell alone
in the midst of the land.

♪ **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

Prayer of the Church: *Please stand*

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...
- C** Responds: **Hear our prayer** after each petition.
- C** Responds: **Amen** after final petition.

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 486: If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death

1 If Christ had not been raised from death

Our faith would be in vain,

Our preaching but a waste of breath,

Our sin and guilt remain.

But now the Lord is ris'n indeed;

He rules in earth and heav'n:

His Gospel meets a world of need—

In Christ we are forgiv'n.

2 If Christ still lay within the tomb

Then death would be the end,

And we should face our final doom
With neither guide nor friend.
But now the Savior is raised up,
So when a Christian dies
We mourn, yet look to God in hope—
In Christ the saints arise!

3 If Christ had not been truly raised
His Church would live a lie;
His name should nevermore be praised,
His words deserve to die.
But now our great Redeemer lives;
Through Him we are restored;
His Word endures, His Church revives
In Christ, our risen Lord.

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Hymn 420: Christ, the Life of All the Living

1 Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

3 Thou hast borne the smiting only
That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,
Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.
All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,
That as Thine Thou mightest own me
And with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented

That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

- 7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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Hymn 575: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

- 2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

- 3 His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

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♪ **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 635: From High Atop the Mount

1: From high atop the mount where Moses stands,
Thro' cloud and storm the voice of God is heard:
"I am the Lord, and these are my commands.
In all you do, obey my ev'ry word."

4: Your highest love and trust belong to me;
To these no other god has any right.
Not health or wealth or self or family
But I alone shall be your chief delight.

13: Another's spouse, employee, trusted friend -
let none of these become your heart's desire.
Encourage them to faithfully attend
to all that their vocations may require.

3: Your life, O Christ, is counted as our own;
Our guilt was crucified in none but you.
In keeping your commands our love is shown
Now work within us both to will and do.

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Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Bob & Vicki Frerking in celebration of their 40th anniversary. Happy Anniversary!

Please remember with prayers, cards, texts, or calls, our sisters- and brothers-in-Christ who are hospitalized or ill at home: Verda Riekenberg (hospitalized); 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 to this prayer list.

We also keep the **family of Joyce Neumann** in our prayers. Joyce passed away March 16 at the age of 91. Her funeral service is Monday, March 23 at 10:30 am at St. Paul's. Interment will be at 1:30 pm at Prairie Home Cemetery, Diller. Visitation today at Harman-Wright from noon to 8.

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 time of scheduling. You may also call the church office to schedule. **Sponsorships of radio broadcasts** are \$125 (this includes bulletin sponsorship).

Happening this week:

Sunday, Mar 22	8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 am Children's SS, Adult Bible Study
Monday, Mar 23	10:30 am Funeral of Joyce Neumann
Tues, Mar 24	7:00 pm LWML Elizabeth Circle
Wednes, Mar 25	10:30 am Lenten Worship with meal to follow 5:30 pm Lenten Worship with meal to follow 6:30 pm Confirmation Class
Sunday, Mar 29	8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week
Palm Sunday	9:00 am Divine Service with Palm procession Confirmation St. Paul's school children sing
	10:00 am Reception for Confirmands in the Fellowship Hall.

Seven youth are being confirmed next Sunday, March 29: Drake Eckhoff, Alison Helmke, Travis Landon, Ivan Long, Miles Norris, Chloe Oltmans, and Lydia Siefken. **Please join us** in celebrating our Confirmands in the Fellowship Hall following service.

The final Lent Service is this Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. with a meal served after. **Please invite friends and neighbors** from the community!

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 at 8am.
 - Divine Service at 9am.
 - Resurrection Egg Hunt at 10:15am.

The **Resurrection Easter egg hunt** does not have origins in the Bible, but rather from later Christian traditions symbolizing the resurrection. Early Christians used eggs to represent the empty tomb. The hard shell represents the sealed tomb, while breaking the shell symbolizes Jesus' rising from the dead. The specific tradition of hunting eggs is attributed to **Martin Luther** in the 16th century, where men hid eggs for the family to find – **mimicking the discovery of the empty tomb**, like Mary Magdalene and the other women did on the first Easter.

There will be a 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.

Join us downstairs following Sunday worship for refreshments and Bible Study “*See Through the Scriptures*” with Pastor Hollibaugh. This study makes the Bible more accessible by taking readers step-by-step from Genesis to Revelation, putting everything in clear context. You will see how the Old Testament and the New Testament books of the Bible fit together and help you more fully understand Jesus’ ministry and servanthood. **Jr/Sr High students: “*See Through the Scriptures*” is for you too!** Please join the study following worship.

Brad Long has received a call to Wolf River Lutheran High School in Shawano, Wisconsin. He’s asking for prayers as he deliberates this call.

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 forming a Historical Committee to help preserve and document the history of our church and school and are looking for volunteers to join us. Everyone is welcome—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. Time and date of the first meeting and subsequent meetings will be determined by the volunteers. **Please call the church office to let us know you are interested in this committee.**

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

The Gage County Sheriff's Department is holding an open house at the Gage County jail March 21 & 22 from 1pm to 5pm each day.

Remaining March Anniversaries- Happy Anniversary!

(if yours is missing, let us know!)

- 21 Robert & Vicki Frerking, 40 yrs., Matt & Jill Helmke, 17 yrs.
- 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!)

- 21 Rodney Aden, Norman McConnell
- 22 Marilyn Adam
- 24 Chelsea Guiffre
- 26 Kathleen Buhr
- 27 Cooper Fralin, Christopher Teeter
- 28 Olivia Aden
- 29 Connie Oltmans
- 31 Carolyn Junker, Rose Pittman

March & April School Events & Announcements

Mar. 25 - 4 Grade Class Chapel 8:15 am in the gym

Mar. 26 - PTL Meeting 6:30PM

Mar. 29 - K-5 Singing 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

Apr. 24 - Rotary Field Day, 3rd -5th grades

Apr. 24 - PTL Wine Tasting Fundraiser Event. More info coming!

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!

We are **accepting applications for new students** in Pre-School, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten through 5th grade 2026-2027. Please contact the school office if you need an application: 402-223-3414.

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.

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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
 - **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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- **YouTube:** Search for St. Paul's Lutheran Church Beatrice NE.
- **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.

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Lead Teacher: Jonetta Hagemeyer

Childcare Director: Sheridan Martinez

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

1. You shall have no other gods.
2. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
3. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not murder.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

