

# Fourth Weekend of Lent

## March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016



Welcome in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you with us. We pray that your worship will be enriched and blessed by the Word of God. Restrooms are located in the hallway off the west side of the sanctuary. We also ask that you sign one of our Friendship Registers which are located in each of the pews. Please come and worship with us again!

### Our Worship Service

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#### WELCOME

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#### THE OPENING HYMN..... “Just As I Am, Without One Plea” *Christian Worship #397*



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea  
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not  
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout  
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind;  
 5 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive,



But that thy blood was shed for me  
 To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
 With man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt,  
 Sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,  
 Wilt wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve;

*Hymn continues on next page*



And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
 To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
 Fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
 Yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
 Be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown  
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down.  
 Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871.  
 Tune: WOODWORTH (LM) William B. Bradbury, 1816–68.

*Please Stand*

#### THE INVOCATION

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.  
**C:** And also with you.

#### THE CONFESSION OF SINS

**P:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*

**P:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



**C:** Christ, have mer - cy.

**P:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



**C:** A - men.

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## HOLY BAPTISM.....10:30 AM ONLY

### THE OPENING HYMN....."See This Wonder in the Making"

*Christian Worship #300*



1 See this won - der in the mak - ing: God him -  
2 Mir - a - cle each time it hap - pens As the  
3 Far more ten - der than a moth - er, Far more  
4 Here we bring a child of na - ture; Home we



self this child is tak - ing As a lamb safe in his  
door to heav - en o - pens And the Fa - ther beams, "Be -  
car - ing than a fa - ther, God, in - to your arms we  
take a new-born crea - ture, Now God's pre - cious son or



keep - ing, His to be, a - wake or sleep - ing.  
lov - ed, Heir of gifts a king would cov - et!"  
place *him*, With your love and peace em - brace *him*.  
daugh - ter, Born a - gain by Word and wa - ter.

### THE INVOCATION

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

### THE CONFESSION OF SINS

**P:** Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

**C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

**P:** As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**P:** In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought this child to be baptized. Jesus told us: “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God’s Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

**P:** Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Parker Kristine Young, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

*Please Stand*

#### EXHORTATION

**P:** Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Parker may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

**C: Yes, as God gives me strength.**

**P:** Let us pray: Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Parker and grant her a rich measure of your Spirit that she may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Service continues below*

#### O LORD, OUR LORD

**P:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;

you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
 ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
 but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.  
 O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;  
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the  
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,  
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray: Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

*Please be Seated*

**THE FIRST LESSON..... Isaiah 12:1-6**

*Five times the LORD, the God of free and faithful grace, is mentioned in this lesson from Isaiah. His fierce anger has turned to comfort and salvation. There is no more fear of divine retribution, but joyful singing and proclamation for he has done glorious things. The Holy One has become our salvation.*

In that day you will say:

“I will praise you, LORD.

Although you were angry with me,  
 your anger has turned away  
 and you have comforted me.

<sup>2</sup> Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust and not be afraid.

The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense!  
 he has become my salvation.”

<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water  
 from the wells of salvation.

<sup>4</sup> In that day you will say:

“Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;  
 make known among the nations what he has done,  
 and proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup> Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;  
 let this be known to all the world.

<sup>6</sup> Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,  
 for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

**THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 115**

*Christian Worship Supplement Pg. 55*

*Refrain*

Not un - to us, O Lord, but to your name be the glo - ry.

*Psalm Tone*

Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us but to your name be the glory,  
because of your love and faithfulness.  
Why do the nations say, “Where is their God?”  
Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

The LORD remembers us and will bless us:  
He will bless the house of Israel,  
he will bless those who fear the LORD—  
small and great alike.

**Refrain**

May the LORD make you increase,  
both you and your children.  
May you be blessed by the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.

The highest heavens belong to the LORD,  
but the earth he has given to man.  
It is not the dead who praise the LORD,  
it is we who extol the LORD, both now and forevermore.

**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.**

**Refrain**

**THE SECOND LESSON..... 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

*Though it appears foolish to the unbeliever, the glorious message of the cross is revealed to the repentant heart as the power of God for the salvation of souls. Therefore, we preach Christ crucified.*

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.” <sup>20</sup>Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

**P:** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (*John 3:16*)

**ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM (8:00 & 10:30 AM ONLY) ..... “Hope of the World”**

*Music by Taylor Davis & Text by Georgia Harkness*

*Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion,  
Speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.  
Save us, thy people from consuming passion,  
who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.*

*Hope of the world, God’s gift from highest heaven,  
Bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,  
Still let thy spirit, unto us be given,  
to heal earth’s wounds and end all bitter strife.*

*Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,  
showing to wand’ring souls the path of light,  
walk beside us lest the tempting byways  
lure us away from thee to endless...*

*Hope of the world...*

*O Christ o’er death victorious,  
Who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain,  
We would be faithful to thy gospel glorious;  
Thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign.*

*Hope of the world...*

Please Stand

**THE GOSPEL LESSON ..... Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

*The greatest comfort for the repentant heart is the full and free forgiveness, the love and welcome of the Father. Even though our sin should separate us from the family of God, he welcomes us back into the family with the full rights sons. To the self-righteous, this seems foolish, even offensive. But for the loving Father this is cause for celebration.*

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup> ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup> “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be Seated

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY ..... “Jesus Sinners Does Receive”  
Christian Worship #304**

1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich  
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the  
4 Come, O sin - ners, one and all, Come, ac - cept his  
5 I, a sin - ner, come to you With a pen - i -

say - ing pon - der Who in sin’s de - lu - sions live  
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
Lord for - sak - en; Wea - ry souls who lost their way  
in - vi - ta - tion. Come, o - bey his gra - cious call;  
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;

And from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope  
Here their ills have per - fect heal - ing Who with hum -  
Are by Christ, the shep - herd, tak - en In his arms  
Come and take his free sal - va - tion! Firm - ly in  
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words

for all who grieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
ble hearts be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
that they may live— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
these words be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
my soul re - ceive— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

6 Oh, how blest it is to know,  
Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By your blood and bitter passion,  
For these words I do believe—  
Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.  
Even I have been forgiven.  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to him I cleave—  
Jesus sinners does receive.

THE SERMON..... Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

“A Father and His Sons”

*Please Stand*

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Please be Seated*

THE OFFERING

*(We invite you to sign our Friendship Registers in each pew during the offering.)*

THE OFFERING PRAYER

*Please Stand*

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.  
 I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -  
 va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
 The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD**

*Agnus Dei*

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you  
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; grant us your peace. A - men.

*Please be Seated*

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Today we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. The Lord’s Supper is a miracle. By God’s power, the Lord’s body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord’s Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord’s Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our relationship with fellow believers. Therefore, we practice “close communion.” We invite all who are members of St. Paul’s or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord’s Supper with us. If you would like to learn more about being a member of our family at St. Paul’s, please feel free to contact the pastor.



*Refrain*

Take and eat, take and eat, this is my bod - y  
 giv - en up for you. Take and drink, take and drink,  
 this is my blood giv - en up for you. *Last time*

*Verses*

1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made;  
 2 I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;  
 3 I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;  
 4 I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid,  
 5 I am the Light that came in - to the world;  
 6 I am the First and Last, the liv - ing One;

I am the seed that died to be re - born;  
 I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;  
 I am the gate that guards you night and day.  
 A chos - en stone and pre - cious in his eyes.  
 I am the Light that dark - ness can - not hide;  
 I am the Lord who died that you might live;

*To Refrain*

I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.  
 I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.  
 You are my own: your ran - som is my blood.  
 Like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.  
 Lift up your face; in you my light will shine.  
 You are my bride; come to the mar - riage feast.

THANK THE LORD

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
 Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.  
 He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with  
 shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE CLOSING PRAYER

**P:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - - men.

**THE BENEDICTION**

**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



*Please be Seated*

**THE CLOSING HYMN** ..... **“Drawn to the Cross”**  
*Christian Worship #387*



1 Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed With heal - ing  
 2 How well you know my griefs and fears, Your grace a -  
 3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing  
 4 To pledge my la - bor will - ing - ly, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in you my  
 bused, my mis - spent years; So now to you with  
 of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing through your  
 sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 cross and pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

Text: Genevieve M. Irons, 1855–1928, alt.  
 Tune: JUST AS I AM (888 6) Joseph Barnby, 1838–96.

**Worship Participants**

**Liturgist** ..... Pastor Brian Adams  
**Preacher** ..... Pastor Jacob Hoff  
**Organist** ..... Ms. Heather Schmidt  
**Adult Choir Director** ..... Mrs. Marie Becker

**Announcements**

**BAPTISMS:** Today in the 10:30 AM service Parker Kristine Young will be received into God’s kingdom through holy baptism. Parker is the infant daughter of Brian and Kristal Young. Serving as her sponsors are Scott and Amy Pollesch. Following the 10:30 AM service today, Juliah JeanEve Carabacan will be received into God’s kingdom through holy baptism. Juliah is the infant daughter of Beethoven and Sarah Carabacan. Serving as her sponsors are Jennifer Pruess and John Pruess. May the Lord bless these families as they grow together in Christ.

**ST. PAUL’S MOVIE MATINEE:** As part of St. Paul’s 150th Anniversary celebration we are pleased to announce “Lent Movie Matinee” with a showing of “The Return”. This is a story of a young woman who makes her living as a thief. One day she meets someone who will change her life. This is a wonderful way to share the message of salvation and celebrate the season of Lent. Please join us for this inspiring film for all ages on Sunday March 13th at 2:00pm. The movie will be shown in church and has a run time of approximately 1hr and 20 minutes. There will be time for fellowship after the movie with cookies and juice/coffee. Feel free to invite your family and friends.

**VOTERS MEETING:** On Monday, February 29th, the Voters Assembly authorized the calling of a full-time Kindergarten teacher beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. On Monday, March 14th, there will be another Voters Meeting at 7:30pm to issue that Divine Call. At that Voters Meeting, there will also be reports from the different Boards.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:** The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, March 9th, at 6:30pm.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION CLASS:** The Public School Confirmation class will meet on Tuesday, March 9th, from 6-7 pm.

**BOARD OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH:** The Board of Spiritual Growth will meet on Thursday, March 10th, at 6:00 pm.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS PICTURES WANTED:** As part of St. Paul's 150th Anniversary Celebration, we would like to collect as many confirmation class pictures as possible. If we are able to get most or many of them, they may be framed for permanent display. We already have pictures from 1994 to present. We need almost all from 1993 and back as possible. Pictures will be scanned and returned to you. Please label pictures with your name and confirmation class year. We would like to begin collecting these immediately. Pictures can be passed on to the pastors or turned into the church/school office. Thank you for your help.

**150<sup>TH</sup> UPDATE:** The new organ has been installed. What a difference it will make as we worship and celebrate what the Lord has given us. And we've raised \$51,553.00 through various generous gifts and donations. Thank you. However, we still have a ways to go. We are almost at our goal but we need your help. There are contribution envelopes in the Narthex. Any contribution is welcome and needed!

**GALA UPDATE:** The Gala committee would like to once again, thank you for your amazing participation in our 2016 Gala! Without all of you, it wouldn't be possible to raise the money we do for our kids! We are thrilled to announce that together we raised over \$38,000 this year! Over the past three auctions, we have raised nearly \$100,000 for St. Paul's School! This is truly a blessing from God! These funds have allowed the school to improve technology dramatically. Every student has access to iPads and Chromebooks, digital learning that is imperative in a competitive world. The funds from this year will also allow for the purchase of new desks and new pianos. This event is held every other year, but planning begins one year out. If you would like to be involved in the early planning stages for the next event - please send an email to [auction@stpaulsfranklin.org](mailto:auction@stpaulsfranklin.org).

**BOOK FAIR A SUCCESS:** A huge Thank You to everyone in the St. Paul's community who stopped by to check out the great book selection and bought books to enjoy. A very sincere Thank You for all the books purchased by students and parents for teachers from their Wish Lists, those books will be added to classroom resources. Mrs. Toppe's Kindergarten class was the winner of the coin collection contest! Mrs. Toppe's class received an additional seventy five dollars worth of books for the classroom! The remaining Scholastic dollars raised were used to complete the Teacher's Wish List and to add books to the St. Paul's Library for everyone to enjoy in the future. The biggest Thank You of all goes to the volunteers who generously gave their time to keep the book fair open many hours, so it was available before, during and after school as well as after church. Congratulations to everyone who celebrates literacy!

**MIDWEEK LENT 2016:** "Irony" is not a word that most people would ascribe to Jesus' passion. However, certain events in the gospel accounts—Caiaphas' unintentional prophesy, the Jewish leaders' hypocrisy, and others—are actually quite ironic. This year's theme is **"Ironies of the Passion"** will lead us to learn about the unique and lasting significance of Jesus' ministry, death,

and resurrection. The services are on Wednesdays beginning on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm & 6:30 pm. The schedule is:

- Ash Wednesday (Feb. 10) – "This Man Went Home Justified" (Pastor Adams)
- Lent 2 (Feb. 17) – "It is Better that One Man Die for the People (Pastor Unnasch)
- Lent 3 (Feb. 24) – "He Had Been Waiting to See Jesus" (Pastor Gaertner)
- Lent 4 (Mar. 2) – "We Have No King but Caesar" (Pastor Hoff)
- Lent 5 (Mar. 9) – "Don't You Fear God" (Pastor Ellenberger)
- Lent 6 (Mar. 16) – "Not During the Feast" (Pastor Marshall)

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** The theme for our Sunday Bible Class is: *"The House of the Lord."* God intended for Adam and Eve to live forever with him in the Garden of Eden. What a wonderful proposition – perfect people living with the perfect Creator. But Adam and Eve sinned and had to leave the Garden. God could have let them go their own way and then started over. Instead, he again made it possible for him to live among his people. How he did that is the subject of this study. Using examples of the types of homes we might live in, we will see God's plan for making "houses" in which he could live among us here on earth and in eternity. Those "homes" are:

- The Lord's First House (The Garden of Eden)
- The Lord's Mobile Home (The Tabernacle)
- The Lord's Palace (The Temple)
- The Lord's Model Home (Jesus Christ)
- The Lord's Current Residence (The Church)
- The Lord's Dream House (Heaven)

Please come and join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15am.

**CHILDREN'S OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Children age 4 and older are issued their own set of church offering envelopes. If we've missed anyone, or if you have a younger child that would like their own set, please contact the office.

**LUTHER PREP SPRING MUSICAL:** Luther Prep will be performing My Fair Lady March 11-16 at 7:00 PM. For ticket information; call weekdays (920) 261-4352.

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** St. Paul's is collecting box tops for our school. There is a container on the counter in the narthex to put them in. So far our church members have brought in 154 box tops! We have collected 7,002 tops since September. Our goal is 10,000 for the school year, so keep bringing them in! This is a great program for our school to earn money. Thank you for your help!

**WLHS SACRED CHORAL:** The WLHS Spring Sacred Choral Concert, *Begin the Song of Glory Now*, will be held Saturday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. The concert

will feature the A Cappella, Cantorei, and Freshman Choirs of WLHS, Inspiration, Jubilation Handbell Choir. Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be taken during the concert.

**WLHS MUSICAL MARY POPPINS:** Set in 1910 England, young Jane and Michael Banks have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family how to value each other again. One of the most popular Disney movies of all time, Mary Poppins is now delighting theater audiences. **Performances will be held on Friday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 6 at 1:30 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium.** Reserved seat tickets are available at the WLHS reception desk, or by printing out the on-line ticket order form at [www.wlhs.org/events](http://www.wlhs.org/events).

**SAMARITAN PARTNERS - WELS CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP:** On Tuesday, March 22 from 6:30-8PM at St. John's Wauwatosa on Harwood and Dewey we will have our next gathering. We will be honored to welcome our guest speaker, Sarah Owens, WLIM, whose topic will be "Confronting our Emotions with Courage and Hope". The driveway door at the church will be unlocked after 6PM. There is parking behind the church. Signs will direct you to the St Matthew's room. Please RSVP to this email [schatzy999@yahoo.com](mailto:schatzy999@yahoo.com) or Carol, 414-543-7532 or Paula, 262-782-0524. We do respect privacy so if you are not a caregiver, please do come but let that be known to Carol before the event.

**VOLUNTEERS**

**GREETERS THIS WEEK (March 6 & 7)**

- 8:00 AM – Jeff & Chris Romeis; Nolan
- 10:30 AM – Ron & Jaime Petricek; Austin, Arthur & Aaron
- 6:30 PM – Joan Shevey

**GREETERS LENT (March 9)**

- 3:30 PM – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 6:30 PM – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen

**GREETERS NEXT WEEK (March 13 & 14)**

- 8:00 AM – Bob & Karen Hille
- 10:30 AM – Richard & Betty Patin
- 6:30 PM – Richard & Kathy Hinz

**USHERS FOR MARCH**

- 8:00 AM – TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Brad Johnson, Frank Krajewski
- 10:30 AM – TEAM #7 – Dave Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Brandon Wirtz, Austin Wirtz, Ian Wirtz, Randy Raduenz, Peter Eppen, Ian Eppen
- 6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Curt Stellwagen, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

**USHERS FOR LENT (March 9)**

- 3:30 PM – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students
- 6:30 PM – TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser

**ALTAR GUILD:**

- March 2-8 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek
- March 9-15 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

**The Weekly Schedule**

**Sunday, March 6**

- Worship Service with Communion.....8:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study/Sunday School .....9:15 AM
- Worship Service with Communion.....10:30 AM

**Monday, March 7**

- Worship Service with Communion..... 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, March 8**

- PSCIC ..... 6:00 PM
- Church Council ..... 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, March 9**

- Midweek Lent Service ..... 3:30PM
- Midweek Lent Service ..... 6:30 PM

**Thursday, March 10**

- Board of Spiritual Growth ..... 6:30 PM

**Friday, March 11**

- CDS Grandparent’s Day with Breakfast.....7:30 AM
- School Devotion.....8:30 AM
- CDS Dismissal..... 12:00 PM

**Saturday, March 12**

- School Cleaning.....9:00 AM

**Sunday, March 13**

- Worship Service.....8:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study/Sunday School .....9:15 AM
- Worship Service.....10:30 AM

**Statistics – Last Week**

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 110, 10:30 AM – 155, 6:30 PM – 52, Total Attendance – 317  
Bible Class – 22, Sunday School – 6