

Lent 4

March 15th & 16th, 2015



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

THE OPENING HYMN “My Song Is Love Unknown”
Christian Worship #110



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from his blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times they strew his way And his sweet prais - es
4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and
5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might
stow, But such dis - dain! So few The longed - for
sing, Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas
spite? He made the lame to run; He gave the
way. A mur - der - er they save; The Prince of

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love - ly be. Oh, who am I That for my
Christ would know! But oh, my friend, My friend in -
to their King. Then “Cru - ci - fy!” Is all their
blind their sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at
life they slay. Yet cheer - ful he To suff’r - ing



sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
deed, Who at my need His life did spend!
breath, And for his death They thirst and cry.
these Them - selves dis - please And ’gainst him rise.
goes That he his foes From death 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!

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624–83, alt.
Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN (66 66 4444) John N. Ireland, 1879–1962. © John Ireland Trust.
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Please Stand

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the
sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;
you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

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.



Please be Seated

THE FIRST LESSON.....Numbers 21:4-9

The Jews rebelled, fell under God's judgment, and were struck with a plague of poisonous snakes. Faith in God's promise was God's remedy for their troubles.

⁴They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!" ⁶Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸The Lord said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 38

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O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger*
 or discipline me in your wrath.
 For your arrows have pierced me,*
 and your hand has come down upon me.
 My guilt has overwhelmed me*
 like a burden too heavy to bear.

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All my longings lie open before you, O LORD;*
 my sighing is not hidden from you.
 I wait for you, O LORD;*
 you will answer, O Lord my God.
 Come quickly to help me,*
 O Lord my Savior.

**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

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THE SECOND LESSON.....Ephesians 2:4-10

Even when we were dead in transgressions, God made us alive with Christ. Such a free gift of God moves Christian hearts to do the good works God prepared for us to do.

⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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)

JUNIOR CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30 AM) “Oh, to See the Dawn”

Words and Music by: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

1. *Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day;
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.*
2. *Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought, every evil deed
Crowning your blood-stained brow.*
3. *Now the day-light flees; Now the ground beneath
quakes as it's Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life
“Finished!” the victory cry.*
4. *Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
For through You suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love!*

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 3:14-21



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

Jesus compares himself to the bronze snake. He was lifted up to pay for the sins of the world.

¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. ²¹But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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 HYMN OF THE DAY.....“What Wondrous Love Is This”
Christian Worship #120



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul! What won - drous love is this, O my soul!
 down, When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down,
 sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
 on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.



What won-drous love is this That caused the Lord of
 When I was sink - ing down Be - neath God's right - eous
 To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for



bliss To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 Am, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 me, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: *A General Selection of . . . Spiritual Songs*, Lynchburg, 1811, alt.
 Tune: WONDROUS LOVE (12 9 66 12 9) *Southern Harmony*, New Haven, 1835.

THE SERMON.....Mark 14:1-9

¹Now the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some sly way to arrest Jesus and

kill him. ²"But not during the Feast," they said, "or the people may riot." ³While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head. ⁴Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume? ⁵It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor." And they rebuked her harshly. ⁶"Leave her alone," said Jesus. "Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁷The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. ⁸She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. ⁹I tell you the truth, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

“I Tell you the Truth...Fruits of Faith will be Remembered”

Please Stand



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -



tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

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

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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



C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Christian Worship #125

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,
 On which the Prince of glo - ry died,
 Save in the death of Christ, my God.
 Sor - row and love flow min - gled down,
 That were a trib - ute far too small;
 My rich - est gain I count but loss
 All the vain things that charm me most,
 Did e'er such love and sor - row meet
 Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,
 And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.
 Tune: HAMBURG (LM) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

Please stand

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac - cord - ing
 to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre -

pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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: 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.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please be seated

THE CLOSING HYMN “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

Christian Worship #129

1 A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, And
2 Was it for crimes that I had done He
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While
5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The

did my Sov - 'reign die? Would he de - vote that
groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,
shut its glo - ries in When God, the might - y
his dear cross ap - pears, Dis - solve my heart in
debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give my -

sa - cred head For sin - ners such as I?
grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!
Mak - er, died For his own crea - tures' sin.
thank - ful - ness, And melt my eyes to tears.
self a - way— 'Tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.
Tune: MARTYRDOM (CM) Hugh Wilson, c. 1766–1824.

Worship Participants

Liturgist and Preacher..... Pastor Brian Adams
Organist Miss Heather Schmidt
St. Paul’s Junior Choir Mrs. Marie Becker

Announcements

2nd PASTOR CALLED: On Sunday, March 8th, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church extended a Divine Call to Pastor Daniel Lange to serve as the second pastor at St. Paul’s. Pastor Lange currently serves “Light of Life Lutheran Church” in Covington, Washington. Below is a short biography written by him.

“Where are you from?” has always been a tough question for me. My dad was a pastor and so we moved around. I was born in Arkansas, spent a good portion of my childhood in Arizona, and then moved and went to high school in Minnesota. From there I went to college in New Ulm, MN and the seminary in Mequon. While we did move around a lot in my childhood, I did spend all my summers in Northern Wisconsin on a family resort outside of Eagle River. It was there that I developed my deep love for the outdoors, fishing, and the Packers. (I figured that’d be safe to share with the members of St. Paul’s...and yes my heart still breaks every time I reflect on the NFC championship, the outcome of which Seattle Seahawks fans will not let me forget.)

My wife, Sara, is from Livonia, MI. We met each other during our college years in New Ulm. After she spent a year teaching in Japan and I spent my first year at the seminary, we were married in the summer of 2007. We spent our vicar (intern) year at Immanuel in Salem, OR. After one more year at the seminary, the Lord in his wisdom called us back to the Pacific Northwest to serve here at Light of Life in Covington, WA.

We moved out here with our oldest daughter Madelyn (6 months old at the time...now just turned 5 yrs.) And since then the Lord has blessed us with another daughter, Olivia (3 yrs.) and a son, Zachary (5 months).

We are blessed over the next few weeks to deliberate the two calls God has placed in our lives and we welcome your prayers and your input. (cell: 253-740-7326; email: pastorlange@lightoflife.us)

Pastor Daniel Lange

Please keep Pastor Lange in your prayers as he deliberates the two calls God has extended to him – the Call to continue to serve at Light of Life Lutheran Church or at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES: We are fast approaching Holy Week and Easter. Below is the schedule for our Holy Week and Easter services.

Palm Sunday – March 29 & 30 (8, 10:30am, 6:30pm)

Maundy Thursday – April 2 (3:30 & 6:30pm)

Good Friday – April 3 (1:00 & 6:30pm)

Easter Sunday – April 5

Sunrise Worship – 6:00am

Easter Breakfast – 7:00am

Easter Festival Worship – 8:30am

All are welcome to join us.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE CHANGES: With the all the special services in the next month, there are some changes in the communion schedule for March and April. The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated on the following dates for March and April. They are:

March 15 & 16 – Communion in all Services

March 22 & 23 – Communion in all Services

March 29 & 30 – Palm Sunday – No Communion

April 2 – Maundy Thursday – Communion in both services

April 5 – Easter – No Communion

April 12 & 13 – Communion in all Services

April 19 & 20 – Communion in all Services

Following the weekend of April 19/20, we will return to the regular schedule of having communion offered on the 1st and 3rd weekends. Please take note of these adjustments for March & April.

ALL INVITED TO ROLLER SKATE! The Milwaukee District of Lutheran Girl Pioneers is holding its annual roller skating party at Incredi-Roll, 10928 W. Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee, on Tuesday, April 7th from 6-8p.m. This is a private event for Girl Pioneers, their families, friends and congregations. Everyone is invited! The cost is \$5.00 per person which includes skate rental. Please join us for a fun evening of roller skating!

SAVE THE DATES: Our Vacation Bible Camp dates for this summer have been set with the staff from Camp Phillip. Our VBC program will be on July 6-10 from 9am – 3pm. Registration forms and help forms will be available at a later date. We just wanted to let everyone know what the dates are for this summer.

SPECIAL MLC CONCERT: We are pleased to invite you to a unique concert. *Mass of the Children* by John Rutter will be presented on Sunday, April 12 at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1052 White Rock Ave., Waukesha, WI. This work is scored for adult choir, children’s choir, soloist, and orchestra. Participating in the concert will be the Martin Luther College Choir from New Ulm, MN along with children’s ensembles from Our Redeemer Lutheran, Madison, Trinity Lutheran, Waukesha, and WISCO, Milwaukee all accompanied by an orchestra from the Waukesha area. Soloists for the performance are Jonathan Laabs and Emily Lai. Each ensemble will perform individually as well as joining in the performance of Rutter’s work. Please join us for this special event.

WLHS SACRED CHORAL CONCERT: The WLHS Spring Sacred Choral Concert, Voices Raised to God We Offer, will be held Thursday, March 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS

auditorium. The concert will feature songs of praise and meditation from various cultures and genre by the A Cappella, Cantorei and freshman choirs, Inspiration, Jubilation Handbell Choir, orchestra, and percussion ensemble. Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be taken during the concert.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE UPCOMING EVENTS:

Choir Concert: The Wisconsin Lutheran Choir presents its Florida Tour Home Concert on March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the college's Center for Arts and Performance. Free tickets are available by calling 414.443.8802.

Gary's Gallop: Wisconsin Lutheran College will host the 12th-annual Gary's Gallop 5k run/2-mile walk on April 11 at the college's Outdoor Athletic Complex. Advance registration is \$20. For information or to register online, visit wlc.edu/garysgallop.

Theatre Production: Wisconsin Lutheran College's Theatre Department presents "The Miser" by Molière April 16, 18, and 23-25 at 7:30 p.m. and April 19 at 2:30 p.m. Visit wlc.edu/boxoffice or call 414.443.8802 to order \$10 tickets.

EASTER FLOWERS: There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for Easter flowers. The deadline for ordering is March 22. The prices are as follows: Easter lilies \$8.00; Daffodils \$7.50; Hyacinth (blue or pink) \$7.50; Tulips (red, purple, yellow, pink) \$7.50; Mums (purple or yellow) \$8.00.

SUNDAY SERMON SERIES FOR LENT: We live in a world where the Devil is speaking all around us. That is why it is so important for us to listen to the voice of the One (Jesus) who is the Truth. Over the next weeks, we'll walk with Jesus in his Word. As we listen, we'll hear him repeatedly assure, *"I tell you the Truth..."*

February 22 & 23 - "I tell you the truth.. . Anyone who sins is a slave to sin" (John 8:31-36)

As Christians, what do we want to do? We certainly don't want to sin. But by nature, we are slaves to sin. As slaves to sin, we deserve to die. As slaves to sin, we deserve hell. Yet, Jesus has set us free. Sin is no longer our master. We are free to live with Jesus forever.

March 1 & 2 – "I tell you the truth...Faith can move mountains" (Matthew 21:18-22)

We often fail to utilize prayer in our lives and trust in its power. That all changes when we realize that the power of prayer rests on the One who invites us to pray. When we realize how powerful he is, stronger than nature and stronger than death, God willing we will tap into the power of prayer regularly. May we trust his promise... I tell you the truth, faith can move mountains.

March 8 & 9 – "I tell you the truth... My words will never pass away" (Luke 21:25-36) Earlier in the week, Jesus had entered Jerusalem with crowds and palm branches. As Jesus sits on the Mount of Olives overlooking the temple area, he speaks again to

his disciples of the coming end of Jerusalem and of the world. They can trust his words because they will never pass away.

March 15 & 16 – "I tell you the truth...Fruits of Faith will be remembered" (Mark 14:1-9) While Scripture doesn't tell us the thought that went into the offering, we can assume that Mary didn't simply coincidentally bring this expensive perfume to the party. There was preparation that behind her gift. So, too, with our offerings or other fruits of faith, we will have preparation time during which we consider the blessings we have received from the Lord.

March 22 & 23 – "I tell you the truth.... If one dies, it produces life for many" (John 12:23-27) Jesus wants to bring life to us and wants to share life with us. In order for that to happen, sin needed to be paid for. The payment for that sin was death. Through Jesus' death, he brings life for many. As we draw closer to Holy Week, Jesus wants us to see that his death means our life, and our new life means death to our old one. I tell you the truth. Amen.

"GIVING UP SOMETHING FOR LENT:" During the season of Lent, we often will hear people saying that they are giving up something for Lent. Going without something can be helpful when it reminds us on a daily basis that the Lord Jesus gave up his life so that we might be freed from the curse of our sins. In the Christian Church, the season of Lent runs for 40 days. It is a great time to give up some of our time to read God's Word. Therefore, as was mentioned on Ash Wednesday, we would like to encourage everyone to read both the book of Luke and the book of Romans. Luke has 24 chapters and Romans have 16 chapters. If we read one chapter per day, we will be reminded as to why and how Jesus came (Luke) and what his coming means for our lives (Romans). We also will have an insert in the bulletins over the next several weeks that will have questions for each of the chapters for that week. As a way to remind us of what Jesus gave up for us, there are some of us men who are going to give up shaving and cutting our hair for the season of Lent. (We invite others to join us.) Then on Easter Sunday, it will be cut to remind us of the new life that Jesus brings to us as we celebrate his Resurrection from the grave.

COLLEGE STUDENTS ADDRESSES: Many pastors across the country are involved in WELS' ministry to college students. For a complete listing of WELS churches, including service times and directions, use the WELS Locator at www.wels.net. Did you know that as a college student, they can get both "Forward in Christ" magazine and "Meditations," a book of daily devotions, mailed to them for free. Therefore, we ask that you would please forward to the church/school office the following information: The College that they attend, their address and the year that they expect to graduation. You can email the information to our office at: office@stpaulsfranklin.org.

MIDWEEK LENT SERVICES: Our theme for this years Midweek Lent services is: *"Jesus Showed Us the Full Extent of His Love."* We will be looking at various sections of the Gospel

of John. We will be rotating with the pastors from St. Lucas and St. Paul's, Cudahy. Our weekly themes are:

Feb. 18 – “In His Treatment of the Twelve in the Garden” – John 18:1-8 (Pastor Wayne Shevey)

Feb. 25 – “In His Treatment of the High Priest & Governor – John 18:19-24, 33-38 (Pastor Dan Marshall)

March 4 – “In His Treatment of the Twelve” – John 13:1-17 (Pastor Bob Gurgel)

March 11 – “In His Treatment of Peter” – John 13:31-38 (Pastor Brian Adams)

March 18 – “In His Treatment of Judas” – John 13:18-30) (Pastor Brian Adams)

March 25 – “In His Treatment of the Troubled” – (Pastor Unnasch)

Our services are on Wednesdays at 3:30pm & 6:30pm. Please come and join us as we focus on the passion of our Lord.

HOSTS NEEDED--Wisconsin Lutheran High School is closed during Easter break and international students living in the student housing on campus need a place to stay from Friday, April 3, until the afternoon on Sunday, April 12. Consider opening your home to share Christ's love to one or more of these students. Compensation is given to help cover the cost of food for the student(s) staying in your home during this time. For more information, please contact Micah Ricke at micah.ricke@wlhs.org or [414-453-4567](tel:414-453-4567) ext. 1174.

WLHS SPRING BAND CONCERT—Please join us for an evening of beautiful music on Thursday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium as the concert band presents their spring concert. The concert will feature guest conductor Maestro Filippo Salemmi from Italy, and a high school world premier piece “Good Night, Dear Heart” by Dan Forrest. The WLHS A Cappella Choir and 8th grade members of the Jr. Viking Band will also perform with the high school band. Seating is general admission.

THE WLHS DINNER AUCTION: Everyone is invited to Wisconsin Lutheran High School for the 19th annual dinner auction, “Building on the Rock” on Saturday, March 28, at 5:00 p.m. The WLHS gym will be transformed into an unbelievable dinner venue and the evening will include a cash bar, a silent and verbal auction, raffles and valet parking. Reservations can be made at www.wlhs.org/auction until March 6. For auction information, sponsorship opportunities, or to donate an auction item contact Ann Nischke at [414-453-4567](tel:414-453-4567), ext. 2012 or ann.nischke@wlhs.org.

MEN’S CONFERENCE: “Ironmen of God Wisconsin” - Last year over 180 men from all over southern Wisconsin gathered to hear God’s Word aimed right at them! Hear Pastors Wayne Shevey, Jason Ewart, Clark Schultz, and Jim Buske remind us of our God-given roles as "Ironmen of God." Our theme this year: “His Sacrifice... Our Response.” (Galatians 2:20) Enjoy a delicious catered lunch and fellowship with your brothers in Christ! Ironmen of God

is being held at St. Paul’s Lutheran School in Ixonia, WI from 9 am to 2 pm on March 21, 2015. Cost is \$25. Space is limited! Register today at www.ironmenofgodwi.org

Volunteers

GREETERS THIS WEEK 3/15 & 3/16)

8:00 AM- Steve & Theresa Mess
10:30 AM- Carl & Carolyn Streeter; Eli & Sam
6:30 PM- Dave & Janet Long

GREETERS FOR WEDNESDAY LENT SERVICES (3/18)

3:30 PM- 7th and 8th Grade Students
6:30 PM- Jerry & Alyce Lehitnen

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (3/22& 3/23)

8:00 AM- Randy & Nancy Willms
10:30 AM- Peter & Diane Eppen; Andrew, Austin & Ian
6:30 PM- Richard & Kathy Hinz

USHERS FOR WEDNESDAY LENT SERVICES March 18th:

3:30 PM-7th & 8th Grade Students
6:30 PM-TEAM #4-Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser

USHERS FOR MARCH:

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

ALTAR GUILD:

March 4-17-Team #2- Jane Koplein, Karen Hille, Kelly Cannistra
March 18-31 Team #3- Jane Koplein, Carol Wilms

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, March 15

Worship Service with Communion8:00 AM
Adult Bible/Sunday School9:15 AM
Worship Service with Communion.....10:30 AM

Monday, March 16

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

Tuesday, March 17

PSCIC 6:00 PM

Mary Martha 6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 18

Wednesday Lent Service..... 3:30 PM

Wednesday Lent Service..... 6:30 PM

Senior Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM

Thursday, March 19

Adult Hand Bells..... 6:30 PM

Friday, March 20

Grandparents Day (Christian Day School)8:00AM

School Devotion.....8:30 AM

Preschool Power Hour10:45 AM

School Dismissal..... 12:00 PM

Sunday, March 22

Worship Service.....8:30 AM

Adult Bible/Sunday School.....9:15 AM

Worship Service.....10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Worship Attendance: 8:00 AM –93; Communed n/a 10:30 AM –155, Communed n/a;
6:30 PM –44, Communed n/a; Total Attendance – 292; Total Communed n/a; Bible Study 24;
Sunday School 4; Wednesday Lent Services: 3:30 PM-133; 6:30 PM-40; Total Attendance-173;
Total Communed for Wednesday Lent 96