

Lent 5

March 22nd & 23rd, 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

Divine Service 1 With Communion
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WELCOME

PRESERVICE MUSIC: Marie Becker, Megan Buschkopf, Krystal Young, Noelle Young, Lauren Roedel

THE OPENING HYMN “Oh, Come, My Soul”
Christian Worship #99

1 Oh, come, my soul, your Sav - ior see Nailed to your
 2 'Tis yours, my soul, the sin, the shame, The cross, the
 3 Oh, sing, my soul, sing end - less - ly The won-drous

cross on Cal - va - ry. Your pains he bears; Your thorns
 nails, the thirst, the pain; In ag - o - ny His blood
 love that sets you free; His dy - ing breath Brings life

he wears That yours a crown of life might be.
 runs free To write in heav - en's book your name.
 from death, Makes heav'n your home e - ter - nal - ly.

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 Tune: OH, COME, MY SOUL (88 44 8) Kurt J. Eggert, 1923-93. © 1993 Kurt J. Eggert. All rights reserved.
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Please Stand

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: 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

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

on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -
ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be Seated

THE FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Lord promises a new covenant for his people, a covenant of the full and free forgiveness of sins. Through this covenant the Lord would set apart a holy people who would know him fully "from the least of them to the greatest."

³¹"The time is coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. ³³"This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 143

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Refrain

Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm tone


Psalm continues on next page

O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;^{*}
in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

Do not bring your servant into judgment,^{*}
for no one living is righteous before you.

My spirit grows faint within me;^{*}
my heart within me is dismayed.

Refrain

Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm tone


Answer me quickly, O LORD;^{*}
do not hide your face from me.
Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,^{*}
for I have put my trust in you.
Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;^{*}
may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

**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

Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm tone


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THE SECOND LESSONHebrews 5:7-9

Jesus was obedient to God's law and his Father's will in order to win salvation for us. He became our eternal High Priest so that he could give God full payment for our sins.

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

VERSE OF THE DAY: (Sung by Senior Choir 8:00 & 10:30 AM)

P: The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45 cf. NIV)

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM (8:00 & 10:30 AM)“The Power of the Cross”

*O to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tired by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.
This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us; took the blame, bore the wrath;
We stand forgiven at the cross.
Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, “Finished!” the vict'ry cry.
This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us; took the blame, bore the wrath;
We stand forgiven at the cross. This the pow'r of the cross; Christ was slain for us.
O to see my name written in the wounds for through Your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!
This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God, slain for us. What a love, what a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross. What a love, what a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 12:20-33



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

Jesus' road to glory was the road to the cross. Through his suffering, death, and resurrection, Jesus draws all people to himself.

²⁰Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." ²²Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴I tell you the truth,

unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. ²⁷"Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. ³⁰Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³²But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." ³³He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be Seated

THE HYMN OF THE DAY“Deep Were His Wounds”

Christian Worship #107



1 Deep were his wounds, and red, On cru - el Cal - va -
2 He suf - fered shame and scorn And wretch - ed, dire dis -
3 His life, his all, he gave When he was cru - ci -

Hymn continues on next page

ry, As on the cross he bled In bit - ter
 grace; For - sak - en and for - lorn, He hung there
 fied; Our bur - dened souls to save, What fear - ful

ag - o - ny. But they whom sin has wound - ed
 in our place. But all who would from sin be
 death he died! But each of us, though dead in

sore Find heal - ing in the wounds he bore.
 free Look to his cross for vic - to - ry.
 sin, Through him e - ter - nal life may win.

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 Tune: MARLEE (66 66 88) Leland B. Sateren, b. 1913. © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*. All rights reserved.
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THE SERMON John 12:23-27

²³Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. ²⁷"Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.

“If One Dies, it Produces Life for Many”

Please Stand

CREATE IN ME

Cre - ate in me a
 pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
 in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
 pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
 me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
 hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

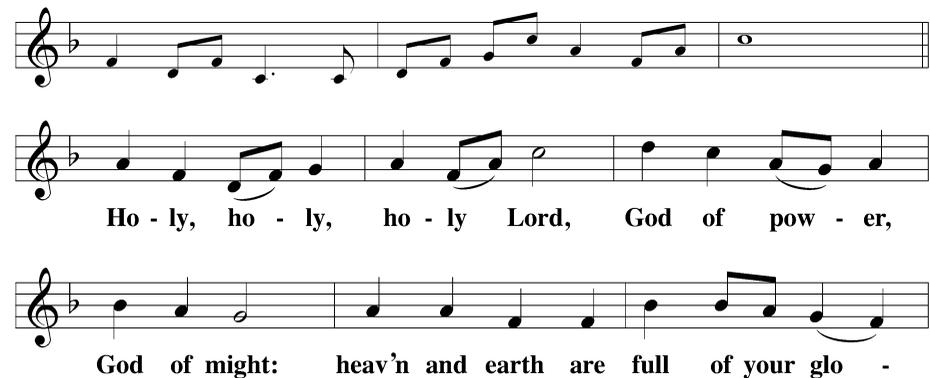
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

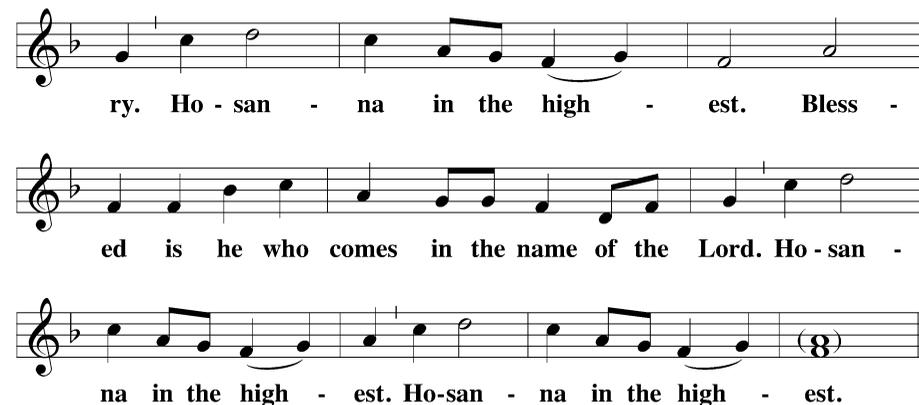
M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -



ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: 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."

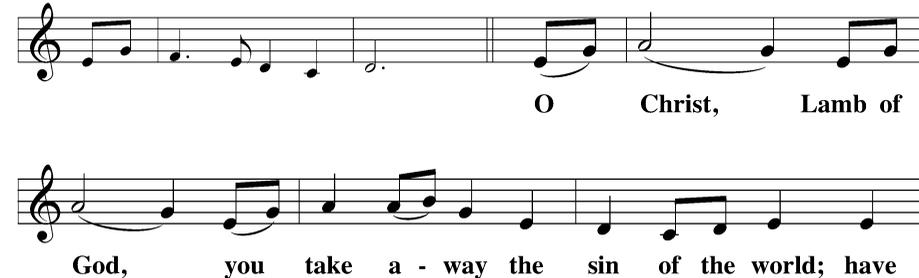
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



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. 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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Christ, the Life of All the Living"
Christian Worship #114

1 Christ, the Life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the Death of
 2 Thou, ah, thou hast tak - en on thee Bonds and stripes, a
 3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might
 4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur - round thee, Treat - ing thee with
 5 Thou hast suf - fered men to bruise thee That from pain I
 death, our foe, Who, thy - self for me once giv - ing
 cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on thee,
 all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
 cru - el scorn, And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned thee.
 might be free; False - ly did thy foes ac - cuse thee—
 To the dark - est depths of woe— Through thy suf - f'rings,
 O thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst thou my
 Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of
 All dis - grace thou, Lord, hast borne That as thine thou
 Thence I gain se - cu - ri - ty. Com - fort - less thy
 death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
 soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
 God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing,
 might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.
 soul did lan - guish Me to com - fort in my an - guish.

Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
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6 Thou has 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.

Text: Ernst C. Homburg, 1605–81, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-2, 5, 7, alt.;
Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, St. Louis, 1912, st. 3-4, 6.

Tune: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN (87 87 88 77) *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687, alt.

Please stand

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

In peace, Lord, you let your
 ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my
 eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for
 ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
 glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: 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.

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: Amen.

Please be seated

THE CLOSING HYMN “God Loved the World So that He Gave”

Christian Worship #391

1 God loved the world so that he gave His on - ly
 2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die— His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God’s own Son For - gives the
 5 When you are sick, when death draws near, This truth your
 Son the lost to save That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in
 sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the
 sins that you have done. You’re jus - ti - fied by
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus saves my
 him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word does teach How we the bless - ed goal may reach.
 Je - sus’ blood; Bap - tized, you are a child of God.
 soul from death— This is the an - chor of my faith!

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To you, O blessed Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

Text: *Heiliges Lippen . . . Gesangbuch*, Stettin, c. 1778; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
 Tune: ST. CRISPIN (LM) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

Divine Service I

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Worship Participants

Liturgist and Preacher.....Pastor Brian Adams
OrganistMrs. Marie Becker

Announcements

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL: On Saturday, March 14, 2015, Lois Martin was called to her Heavenly Home at the age of 87. Funeral services for Lois were held here at St. Paul's on Thursday, March 19th. May the Lord comfort her family with His everlasting peace in Christ.

BAPTISM: After the 10:30 service this morning, Weston Maverick Seymer will be received into God's family through the sacrament of holy Baptism. Weston's parents are Scott and Amy Seymer. Serving as his Godparent is Susan Rothus. May God continue to bless this family as they grow together in Christ.

PASTOR CONFERENCE: On Monday, April 13th, 9:00am – 4:00pm, St. Paul's is hosting the Western Lakes Pastor Conference. The Conference is made up of about 50 pastors in the Milwaukee area. The host congregation will also provide refreshments and lunch for the conference. In order to help with the cost, there are sign-up sheets on the counter in the narthex for people to donate food items for that day. Thank you for helping us out.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (LWMS) COLLECTION: We will be conducting our bi-annual door collection to support the work of LWMS - on Palm Sunday, March 29-30, 2015. This collection will support many WELS mission projects that are NOT funded by the WELS budget. If you are able to support WELS mission work through LWMS, it would be greatly appreciated! Please write checks payable to 'LWMS' - all donations are tax deductible!

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY 'BEFRIEND A MISSION': Our new WELS missionary assignments to 'befriend' for 2015-16 are: 2 World Missions: Pastor Douglas Weiser - Nigeria and Pastor Aaron West - Asia Lutheran Seminary/ Hong Kong, China and 2 Home Missions: Pastor Pheng Moua - Immanuel Hmong Lutheran Church (Hmong Ministry) in St. Paul, MN and Pastor Bill Limmer - Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel and Student Center (Campus Ministry) in Madison, WI. A display will be set up in the church narthex on Palm Sunday, March 29-30, 2015, with more information about these missionaries, their contact information, and their specific prayer requests.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY SPRING RALLY: The LWMS Milwaukee Metro South Circuit cordially invites grandmothers, mothers, and daughters of all ages to attend their Mother/Daughter Spring Rally - which will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Muskego, S66W14325 Janesville Road, Muskego, WI. Registration is from 8:00 - 8:15am - with the rally starting at 8:30am. Join with your sisters in Christ to hear the mother/daughter team of Karen and Talia Spiegelberg share how fun and easy mission work as a family can be - and that you don't have to go to overseas mission fields

to share the love of Jesus! You're also invited to stay for our FREE 'Tea' (light lunch) following the rally. Feel free to fancy dress for a tea - if you so desire (don't forget your hats, ladies!) Door prizes and a 'fashion show' follow. For more information and a map, the LWMS Spring Rally flyers are located in the church narthex. There is no cost to attend our rallies (but a freewill offering is collected to support LWMS/WELS missions). Hope to see you at our rally!

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.

MARY AND MARTHA THANK YOU: Because of the generous support of St. Paul's congregation, the Mary and Martha Society is able to help support various projects and missions of the WELS locally, nationally and around the world. Following the craft/bake sale in November, Mary and Martha sent \$150 to WELS Special Ministries—Military Services, \$200 to WELS Christian Aid and Relief and \$200 to Jesus Cares Ministry. Due to an incredible amount of Christmas cookies that were baked and donated by St. Paul's members in December, more than 130 boxes of cookies were sold. As a result, \$250 was donated to Northside Lutheran Ministries, \$250 to WELS Institutional Ministries—Prison Ministry, and \$150 to Luther Preparatory School in honor of their 150th anniversary. The Mary and Martha Society thanks St. Paul's congregation for supporting these projects, so that we in turn can

support others. And ladies, please consider joining us for a meeting and see what else is going on in Mary and Martha.

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:

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.

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.

Volunteers

GREETERS THIS 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

GREETERS FOR WEDNESDAY LENT SERVICES (3/25)

3:30 PM- 7th and 8th Grade Students
 6:30 PM- Pete & Sherry Kosovich

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (3/29 & 3/30)

8:00 AM- Bob & Karen Hille
 10:30 AM- Jean Villwock
 6:30 PM- Donna LaBlanc

USHERS FOR WEDNESDAY LENT SERVICES March 25th:

3:30 PM-7th & 8th Grade Students
 6:30 PM-TEAM #5-Mark Klein, Chris Klein, Bob Dittrich, Gary Eickhorst, Todd Grunze, Dan Mertz, Brett Abramowski

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 18-31 - TEAM #3; Jane Koplein, Carol Wilms
 April 1-14 – TEAM #4; Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, March 22

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

Monday, March 23

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

Tuesday, March 24

PSCIC 6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 25

Wednesday Lent Service..... 3:30 PM
 Wednesday Lent Service..... 6:30 PM
 Senior Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM

Thursday, March 26

School Devotion.....8:30 AM

Friday, March 27

NO School Parent/Teacher Consultations

Palm Sunday, March 29

Worship Service8:30 AM
 Adult Bible/Sunday School.....9:15 AM
 Worship Service10:30 AM

Statistics – Last Week

Worship Attendance: 8:00 AM –99; Communed 71 10:30 AM –214, Communed 132;
 6:30 PM –32, Communed 25; Total Attendance – 313; Total Communed 203; Bible Study 26;
 Sunday School 15; Wednesday Lent Services: 3:30 PM-126; 6:30 PM-39; Total Attendance-126