

Lent 3

March 8th & 9th, 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

Affirmation of Baptism In the 10:30 am Service – Begin on page 3

THE OPENING HYMN“Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening”
Christian Worship #283



1 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten
 3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in



to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or
 to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;
 thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;
 me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my
 Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened
 On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly

Hymn continues on next page



whole life through, I may serve and fol - low
 sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your
 be my light Through death's cold and drear - y
 sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems



you. Let your Word e'er be my plea - sure
 Word, But to all who feel sin's bur - den
 night; Yes, they are my sword pre - vail - ing
 raise, Till my high - est praise is giv - en



And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.
 You give peace and words of par - don.
 And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.
 In the end - less joy of heav - en.

Text: Anna Sophia of Hesse-Darmstadt, 1638-83, abr.; tr. composite.
 Tune: WERDE MUNTER (87 87 77 88) Johann Schop, c. 1590-1667.

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: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

8:00 am and 6:30 pm Service continues on page 5 with Prayer and Praise

Affirmation of Baptism..... 10:30am

Opening Hymn “Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy”

Christian Worship #294



1 Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O
 2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To
 3 My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your
 4 All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re -



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a
 be hence - forth your child and heir. My faith - ful
 prom - ise sure - ly will en - dure. Oh, cast me
 ceive it all, O Lord, from me. Let me con -



place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your saints, your
 Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of all your
 not a - way for - ev - er If words and deeds be -
 fess my faith sin - cere - ly And help me your own



cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to
 sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort
 come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I come de -
 child to be! Let noth - ing that I am or



sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
 me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.
 filed; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.
 own Serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

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

C: *(Spoken)* Amen.

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ gave his Church the command to baptize when he said: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing then in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

Scripture makes plain the universal need for Baptism. As children of Adam, we belong to a fallen race. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature and would be lost forever unless delivered by our Lord Jesus Christ. He willingly took on himself the curse of sin and by his death on the cross redeemed us and all people.

Christ’s almighty Word gives Baptism its power to save. The apostle Peter declares, “Baptism now saves you.” Scripture also clearly teaches that the power and promise of Baptism is intended for young and old alike. On the day of Pentecost the apostle testified, “The promised is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.” By water and the Spirit, we are born again and united with Christ and his people as members of the Church.

In having children baptized, parents do what is God-pleasing. Jesus himself invited little children to become part of his kingdom when he said: “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Prayer

P: Let us pray. Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, through your stern judgment the unbelieving world was destroyed by the flood, but according to your great mercy, you saved Noah and his family. You engulfed stubborn Pharaoh and his army in the waters of the Red Sea but led your people through those same waters to safety on dry land. In the waters of the Jordan your own Son was baptized and anointed with the Spirit. By these signs you foreshadowed the precious, cleansing bath which you give us in Holy Baptism. Clinging to your command and promise, we ask that you would look with favor on James. Through the water of Baptism all sin inherited from Adam, and any other evil he may do, was drowned in him. Set him apart from the unbelieving world and hold him safe and secure in the holy ark of the Church. Keep him always, fervent in spirit and

joyful in hope so that he may honor your holy name and at last receive, together with all your people, the promised inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: (Spoken) Amen.

P: Before the Lord and his Church, I ask you, was James Reinhard Liebner baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit?

Parents/Godparent: Yes, James was baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

Service continues with Prayer and Praise below

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -

ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of our power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your son, 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.....Exodus 20:1-17

The Lord speaks the Ten Commandments to his people Israel, setting out his expectations for those who are in a covenant relationship with him.

20:120 And God spoke all these words: ²"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ³"You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴"You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand [generations] of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷"You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. ⁸"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹²"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³"You shall not murder. ¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵"You shall not steal. ¹⁶"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. ¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's

wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

THE PSALM OF THE DAY.....**Psalm 19**

Christian Worship Pg. 70

Refrain



Lord, you have the words of
ev - er - last - ing life.

Psalm tone



The heavens declare the glory of God;*
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Their voice goes out into all the earth,*
their words to the ends of the world.

Refrain

The law of the LORD is perfect,*
giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the LORD are radiant,*
giving light to the eyes.
They are more precious than gold;*
they are sweeter than honey.
By them is your servant taught;*
in keeping them there is great reward.

Refrain

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart*
be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Redeemer.

**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..... **1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

The message of Christ crucified is a “stumbling block” and “foolishness” to unbelievers. “But to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ [is] the power of God and the wisdom of God.”

²²Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14,15)

ANTHEM..... **“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

CW #125 (8:00 & 10:30 am)

Soloist sings versus 1, 2, 3; Congregation joins verse 4



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

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 2:13-22

Jesus cleanses the temple at the beginning of his public ministry. When challenged to demonstrate his authority, Jesus made a veiled prediction of his death and resurrection.

¹³When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸then the Jews demanded of him, "What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." ²⁰The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be Seated

CHILDREN'S TALK 10:30 AM

THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "Delay Not! Delay Not"
Christian Worship #337

1 De - lay not! De - lay not! O sin - ner, draw near!
2 De - lay not! De - lay not, O sin - ner, to come,
3 De - lay not! De - lay not! The Spir - it of grace,
4 De - lay not! De - lay not! The hour is at hand;
5 De - lay not! De - lay not! Why long - er a - buse

Hymn continues on next page

The wa - ters of life are now flow - ing for you.
For mer - cy still lin - gers and calls you to - day.
Long grieved and re - sist - ed, may take his sad flight
The earth will dis - solve, and the heav - ens will fade.
The love and com - pas - sion of Je - sus, your God?

No price is de - mand - ed; the Sav - ior is here.
Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;
And leave you in dark - ness to fin - ish your race,
The dead, small and great, in the Judg - ment must stand—
A foun - tain is o - pened—how can you re - fuse?

Re - demp - tion is pur - chased; God's prom - ise is true.
Its mes - sage, un - heed - ed, will soon pass a - way.
To sink in the gloom of e - ter - ni - ty's night.
What pow'r, then, O sin - ner, can lend you its aid?
Come, wash and be cleansed in his par - don - ing blood.

Text: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872, alt.
Tune: MALDWYN (11 11 11 11) Welsh melody, 17th century.

THE SERMON Luke 21:25-36

²⁵There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²"I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. ³⁴"Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

"I Tell you the Truth...My Words will never pass away"

Please Stand

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 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.

Please be Seated

CONGREGATION HYMN "Great God, What Do I see and Hear"

Christian Worship #208



1 Great God, what do I see and hear? The end of
2 The dead in Christ shall first a - rise At that last
3 But sin - ners filled with guilt - y fears Be - hold his
4 O Christ, you died, and yet you live; To me ac -



things cre - a - ted; The judge of man - kind shall ap - pear
trum - pet's sound - ing, Caught up to meet him in the skies,
wrath pre - vail - ing, For they shall rise and find their tears
count your mer - it, My par - don seal, my sins for - give,



On clouds of glo - ry seat - ed. The trum - pet
With joy their Lord sur - round - ing. No gloom - y
And sighs are un - a - vail - ing; The day of
And cleanse me by your Spir - it. Be - neath your



sounds; the graves re - store The dead which they con -
fears their souls dis - may; His pres - ence sheds e -
grace is past and gone; They trem - bling stand be -
cross I view the day When heav'n and earth shall



tained be - fore: Pre - pare, my soul, to meet him!
ter - nal day On those pre - pared to meet him.
fore his throne, All un - pre - pared to meet him.
pass a - way, And thus pre - pare to meet you.

Text: *Psalms and Hymns*, Sheffield, 1802, st. 1, alt.; William B. Collyer, 1782-1854, st. 2-4, alt.
Tune: ES IST GEWISSLICH (87 87 887) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535.

Please Stand

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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 **“In the hour of Trial”**
Christian Worship # 116



1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me
 2 With for - bid - den plea - sures Should this vain world charm
 3 Should your mer - cy send me Sor - row, toil, and woe,
 4 When my life is end - ing, Though in grief or pain,



Lest by base de - ni - al I un - wor - thy be.
 Or its tempt - ing trea - sures Spread to work me harm,
 Or should pain at - tend me On my path be - low,
 When my bod - y chang - es Back to dust a - gain,

Hymn continues on next page



When you see me wa - ver, With a look re - call,
 Bring to my re - mem - brance Sad Geth - sem - a - ne
 Grant that I may nev - er Fail your cross to view;
 On your truth re - ly - ing, Through that mor - tal strife,



Nor for fear or fa - vor Ev - er let me fall.
 Or, in dark - er sem - blance, Cross-crowned Cal - va - ry.
 Grant that I may ev - er Cast my care on you.
 Je - sus, take me, dy - ing, To e - ter - nal life.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.
 Tune: ST. MARY MAGDALENE (65 65 D) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

Worship Participants

- Preacher** Pastor Wayne Shevey
- Liturgist** Pastor Brian Adams
- Organist** Mrs. Sharon Larsen
- Soloist** Mr. Dick Miller
- Harmonica** Mr. John Mertz
- Xylophone** Mrs. Theresa Mess

Announcements

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM: We publically recognize that James Reinhardt Liebner was baptized into the family of God on January 16, 2015 through the sacrament of baptism. His parents are Bradley and Margaret Liebner. His sponsor is Andrew Liebner. May God continue to bless the Liebner family as they grow together in Christ.

THANK YOU: We thank Pastor Wayne Shevey for sharing God’s Word with us this weekend. Pastor Shevey serves as the Campus Pastor at Wisconsin Lutheran College.

CHURCH CAMPING WEEKEND: We are planning a church camping weekend on June 19th & 20th, 2015. It will be at Yogi Bear’s Jellystone Camp Ground in Caledonia (jellystone-caledonia.com). Amenities include: restrooms/showers, pool, water slides, mini-gulf, game room and outdoor movies and play grounds. Since it is in Caledonia, it isn’t very far from

Franklin. The cost is \$50-\$60 per campsite per night depending on water/electric/sewer options. 2 night minimum is required. In order to get the above rate, we need to RSVP by Thursday, March 12. Reservation forms are on the counter in the narthex and in the church/school office. Drop completed form in the box in the back of church, drop it off in the office or contact the Spiritual Growth Board. If you wish more information, please contact Mark Ziegler at mziegler@mpcmech.com or 262-620-1614 with questions.

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.

2ND PASTOR CALL MEETING: There will be a special voters meeting today at 2:30 to call a second Pastor. Pastor Rutschow will be here to lead that Call Meeting. We continue to rely on the Holy Spirit to guide our efforts and bless the ministry of St. Paul's.

PASTORS' ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: St. Paul's Lutheran Church exists for the purpose of "*Reaching out to the people of the world through worship and education by living and sharing the Gospel of Christ.*" As we work together to carry out this mission, a list of roles and responsibilities has been developed by our Board of Elders and Church Council for our two pastors. Below is a summary of what has been communicated to the District President to assist him in developing a call list for St. Paul's:

Pastor of Outreach Ministries – New Pastor

His responsibilities would include:

- Develop and implement a ministry plan for outreach, including training of God's people to reach out with the Gospel message, developing and implementing a presence on social media and the website for the purpose of reaching out with the Gospel of Jesus

- Assisting in developing a plan to assimilate the members of St. Paul's into its ministry
- Working with the Principal and teachers of our Christian Day School to use our school and preschool for the purpose of reaching out with the Gospel message
- Helping to maintain a strong connection to the school families
- Assisting in establishing a Christian youth group

Pastor of Administration and Worship – Pastor Adams

Pastor Adams would continue to help St. Paul's carry out its mission by overseeing the following responsibilities:

- Administration responsibilities
- Communication within St. Paul's, including being responsible for newsletters, bulletins, overseeing the church website (internal information), etc.
- Developing ministry plans that are aligned with the mission, purpose and objectives of St. Paul's by leading the direction of worship, including: scheduling and planning the participation of God's people in the worship services such as choirs and musicians; planning worship themes and the use of technology in the worship services
- Working with the members of St. Paul's to encourage fellowship activities within St. Paul's to strengthen the Christian ties between fellow believers.

Shared Responsibilities:

- Preaching
- Bible classes and Confirmation classes
- Attending to the needs of "shut-in" members
- Working with the Board of Elders to reach out to the less active members of St. Paul's.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The WLHS Dinner Auction is just around the corner on Saturday, March 28, and it's the help of many volunteers that make this night a success. Volunteers are still needed for decor planning, silent auction, valet parking, volunteer coordination, and many other tasks. Please consider gathering a group of friends and helping us out! Contact Nicki Parato at nicki.parato@wlhs.org or [414-453-4567 ext. 2016](tel:414-453-4567) for more information or to sign up.

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 3/8 & 3/9)

8:00 AM- Larry & Marilee Stujenski; Courtney
 10:30 AM- Mark & Rosemary Derouin
 6:30 PM- Dave & Janet Long

GREETERS FOR WEDNESDAY LENT SERVICES (3/11)

3:30 PM- 7th and 8th Grade Students
 6:30 PM- Nancy Adams

GREETERS NEXT WEEK (3/15& 3/16)

8:00 AM- Bob & Karen Hille
 10:30 AM- Carl & Carolyn Streeter; Eli & Sam
 6:30 PM- Dave & Janet Long

USHERS FOR WEDNESDAY LENT SERVICES March 11th:

3:30 PM-7th & 8th Grade Students
 6:30 PM-TEAM #7-Dave Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Ian Wirtz, Brandon Wirtz, Austin Wirtz

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 8

Worship Service8:00 AM
 Adult Bible/Sunday School9:15 AM
 Worship Service.....10:30 AM
 Pastoral Call Meeting 2:30 PM

Monday, March 9

Worship Service 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 10

PSCIC 6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 11

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

Thursday, March 12

Preschool Family Fun Night 6:00 PM
 Adult Hand Bells..... 6:30 PM

Friday, March 13

School Devotion.....8:30 AM

Sunday, March 15

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

Statistics – Last Week

Worship Attendance: 8:00 AM –107; Communed 92 10:30 AM –176, Communed 93;
 6:30 PM –47, Communed 35; Total Attendance – 330; Total Communed 220; Bible Study 24;
 Sunday School 8; Wednesday Lent Services: 3:30 PM-99; 6:30 PM-36; Total Attendance-135