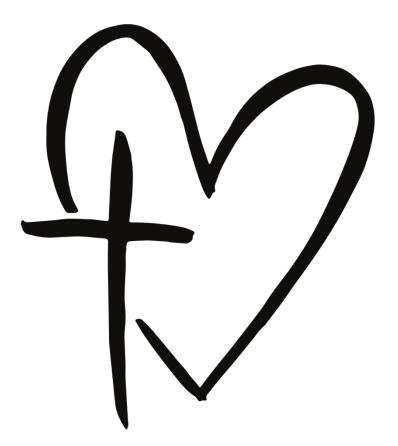
# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH FRANKLIN, WISCONSIN



March 5-6, 2023

W elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before Jesus our Savior to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. Also,

- *t* Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- <sup>\*</sup> Our congregation stands at various times throughout the service. If your mobility is limited, please do not feel that you have to stand. You are welcome to remain seated!
- *t* We love families! Your children are welcome in our service! Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus!
- *t* Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- *t* If you want to review or share today's service, you can find it on our website.
- *t* For upcoming events and activities, "like" us on our Facebook page.

Please come again and worship with us very soon!

# **Worship Participants**

Liturgist and Preacher	Pastor Brian Adams
Pianist	Mrs. Rachel Manske

# **OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

### SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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THE OPENING HYMN ...... "Not unto Us" Christian Worship #392 1 Not un - to glo us be us, not un - to ry, 2 A - maz-ingthat chose us the worlds graceere were 3 O faith-ful lovethat shep-herd - ed through faith less to your name be 4 Not un - to us but glo ry, Not un - to Lord: us but be praise; to your name made; A - maz - ing grace - that sent vour Son to save: For - giv - ing love led your truth; years; that us to For grace so rich, Lord, wide, SO high, free. SO SO Not un - to us but to your name all hon - or be A - maz - ing robed us in right gracethat your eous -Un - yield - ing would not lovethat let turn from us trav - 'ling days A - bide with till us are o - ver and giv'n For match - less mer - cy, for - give-ness, and grace. And taught our lips ness to sing glo - ry and praise. But sent us forth to par - don you speak and peace. done, And pil - grim feet lead us home, Lord, you. to

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## 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.

# **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- **P:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

# **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

# LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

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



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



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

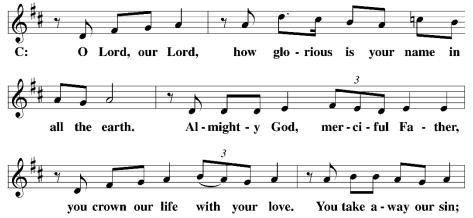


**P:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



## O LORD, OUR LORD

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





## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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# THE WORD

The Lord promised Abram that one of his descendants would be a gift for the world. The Lord also gave Abram the gift of faith to believe that promise.

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

<sup>2</sup> "I will make you into a great nation,

and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,

and you will be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you,

and whoever curses you I will curse;

and all peoples on earth

will be blessed through you."

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. <sup>5</sup> He took his wife Sarai, his nephew

Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

<sup>6</sup> Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

<sup>8</sup> From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY ......Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes <u>to</u> the hills.\* Where does my help <u>come</u> from?

My help comes <u>from</u> the LORD,\* the maker of heav<u>en</u> and earth.

He will not let your <u>foot</u> slip,\* he who watches over you will not <u>slum</u>ber;

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Christian Worship pg. 112 Refrain Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye. Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings. Psalm tone \*

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> The LORD watches <u>o</u>ver you,\* the LORD is your shade at <u>your</u> right hand.

The LORD will keep you <u>from</u> all harm,\* he will watch o<u>ver</u> your life;

the LORD will watch over your coming and <u>going</u>\* both now and for<u>ev</u>ermore.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son<sup>\*</sup> and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,<sup>\*</sup> is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

indeed, he who watches over <u>Is</u>rael\* will neither slum<u>ber</u> nor sleep.

THE SECOND LESSON...... Romans 4:1-5,13-17

Abraham provides an example of how salvation is not earned but received as a gift through faith.

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter?<sup>2</sup> If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God.<sup>3</sup> What does Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

<sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. <sup>5</sup> However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup> It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. <sup>14</sup> For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, <sup>15</sup> because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup> As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

### 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*)

#### Please Stand

THE GOSPEL LESSON...... John 3:1-17

By sharing the gospel of God's love for the world, Jesus gave the gift of faith to a Pharisee named Nicodemus.

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

<sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

<sup>4</sup> "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup> You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

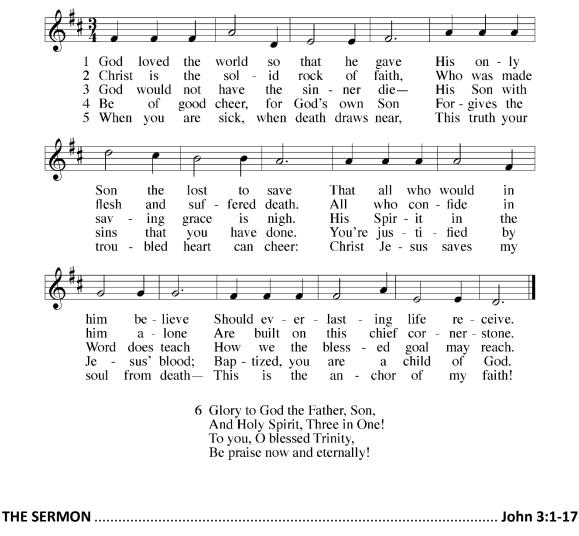
<sup>10</sup> "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup> I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

<sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.



## THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "God Loved the World So that He Gave"

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### 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.

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### THE OFFERING

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

### THE OFFERING PRAYER

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

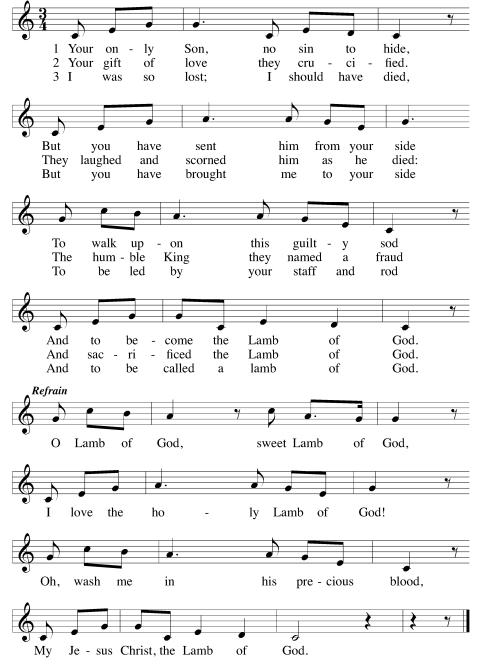
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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# THE SACRAMENT

**P:** The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.

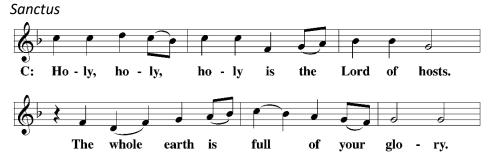


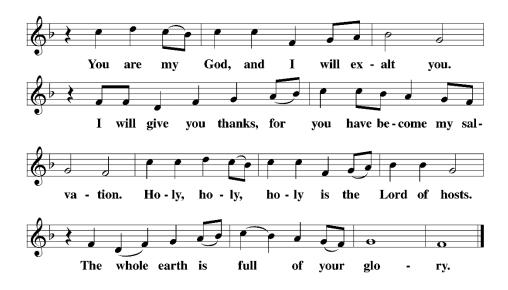
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





### 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."

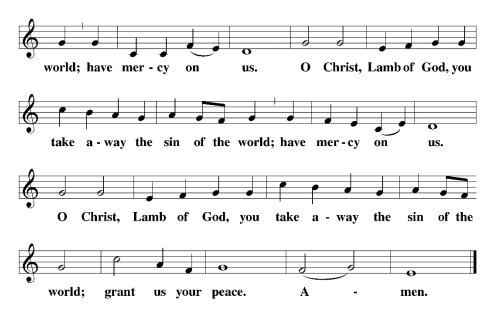
**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



#### O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei





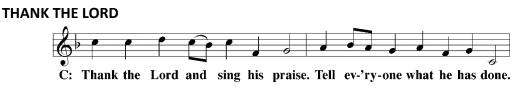
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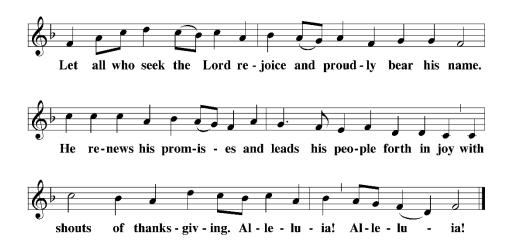
### **DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

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.

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# THANKSGIVING





## THE CLOSING PRAYER

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



### THE BLESSING

**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.

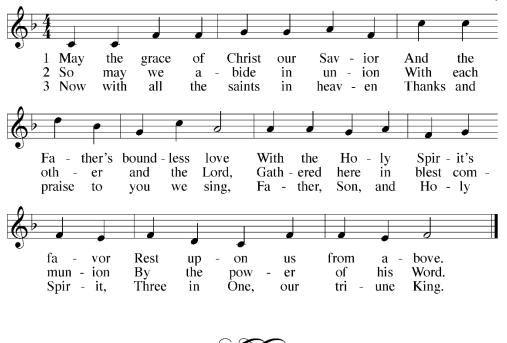
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



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THE CLOSING HYMN ...... "May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

Christian Worship #326



ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL STEEL BAND:** We welcome the Steel Band from Wisconsin Lutheran High School who will join us for both worship services on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. The Viking Steel was started in 2017 and uses the steel pan native to the Caribbean islands of Trinidad and Tobago. Wisconsin Lutheran High School has the largest steel band program in the state of Wisconsin.



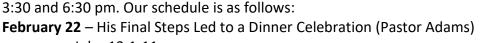
**TEACHER CALL MEETING**: On Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> we extended a call to Mrs. Rebecca Vedder, currently serving at Emanuel Lutheran School in Lansing, Michigan. We've received this letter from Mrs. Vedder: Dear Members of St. Paul's, On Monday, February 27, your congregation extended me a Call to serve in your school as First Grade teacher as well as teaching some Second Grade. I look forward to learning more about your school

and the ministry of St. Paul's. I would welcome any communication from leaders and members of your church and school. I will be discussing both of my Calls with my current congregation as well. Please keep the ministries of both congregations in your prayers. Please also pray for my family and me as I deliberate where to best use my abilities. In Christ's Service, Becky Vedder She can be reached via email at bvedder@comcast.net.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**: Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 AM. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday!

**CHURCH OFFERINGS:** The Church Council and Board of Elders would like to thank the congregation for their generous offerings this budget year. Our year-to-date offerings are 9% higher (July 2022 thru January 2023) than last budget year. We pray this pattern will continue. The Bible says the following in 2 Corinthians 9:6-7: Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP SERVICES:** The theme for this year's Midweek Lent services is: "His Final Steps." The series ponders the significance of the people and places on Jesus' resolute final steps to the cross and three days later, his first steps from the tomb. We will exchange pulpits with the pastors at St. Paul's, Cudahy and St. Lucas, Bay View. The services are at 3:30 and 6:30 pm. Our schedule is as follows:



- John 12:1-11 March 1 – His Final Steps Led to His Father's House (Pastor Unnasch)
- March 1 His Final Steps Led to His Father's House (Pastor Unnasch) Matthew 21:12-17
- March 8 His Finals Steps Led to Some Greeks (Pastor Marshall) John 12:20-33
- March 15 His Final Steps Led to a Fig Tree (Pastor Adams) Mark 11:12-14, 20-25
- March 22 His Final Steps Led to His Enemies (Pastor Unnasch) Luke 20:9-19
- March 29 His Final Steps Led to a Tomb (Pastor Gaertner) John 11 (Selected verses)



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: Our Holy Week worship schedule is as follows:
April 2 & 3 (Palm Sunday Weekend) – Sunday – 8 & 10:30am; Monday – 6:30pm
April 6 – Maundy Thursday – 3:30 & 6:30 pm
April 7 – Good Friday – 1:00pm; Tenebrae – 6:30 pm
April 9 – Easter Sunrise – 6:00am; Easter Breakfast – 7:00am; Easter Festival – 8:30 & 10:30 am

**2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES**: Adult offering envelopes are here! They are in Bible classroom. Children's envelopes have not yet arrived.

**FRANKLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT GUEST SPEAKER:** Please join us on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM for a CPR-non-certification-hands only demonstration by Shannon Anthoine, Assistant Chief-EMS City of Franklin. All are invited to attend.

**2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**: The 2022 Contribution Statements are in your church mailboxes.

**VIDEO/SOUND TEAMS:** When lightning hit the church last summer, it did a lot of damage to electronics in our complex of church and school. One of the systems that was hit very hard in church was the video system that we use in church. A new system is being installed to replace all the damaged equipment. Once it is all fully installed, the company that is installing it will train us how to use it. We would like to put together teams of people who are willing to run it during the worship services. If this is something that you would like to be part of, please let us know. If you wish to help with this, please drop an email to Pastor Adams (badams@stpaulsfranklin.org), and we will put you on a list. Once it is fully installed, we will set up a time to train everyone who is interested.

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Our Adult Bible Class continues today at 9:15 in the Bible classroom, led by retired Pastor Andy Backus. All are welcome, including young people! We'll be studying an overview of the Scripture Lessons in this Weekend's Worship Services. They are: Genesis 12:1-8, Romans 4:1-5,13-17 and John 3:1-17. A handout is available if you want to take notes. Join us, won't you?

**SAVE THE DATE**: Vacation Bible Camp is scheduled for Monday, June 26th – Friday, June 30th. Camp Phillip will be joining us again this year for full days of activities! Registration will take place later this spring.

**TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND:** St. Paul's has offered assistance to families through a "forgiveness program" in which the congregation has taken on the debt for part of their tuition. On average we have been able to help 10-12 families seek Christian Education here at St. Paul's through this method. What a great gift to share the love of Christ with others using the gifts God has granted us. We have a need and an opportunity to help families and we are asking you to help financially. In addition to your offerings, these additional funds will help support the education for families that may not otherwise be able to afford it. We thank you for considering and remind you of the words recorded in Matthew 25:40 *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* If you would like to give, please fill out the envelopes provided on the narthex counter and place in the offering plate.

**LUTHER PREP SACRED SPRING CONCERT**: The Luther Preparatory School's Sacred Spring Concert will be held on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. This concert will be held in the Luther Prep gymnasium. The concert will also be live-streamed:

https://www.lps.wels.net/apps/pages/lpsconcertsstream.

## **USHERS FOR MARCH**

8:00 AM – TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Todd Grunze, Frank Krajewski 10:30 AM – TEAM #7 – David Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Randy Raduenz, Luke Raduenz

6:30 PM – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

### **USHERS FOR MIDWEEK LENT (MARCH 8)**

**3:30 PM** – Grades 7 & 8 **6:30 PM** – TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Todd Grunze, Frank Krajewski

### ALTAR GUILD

March 1-7 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh March 8-14 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer

### **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE**

March 5: Set-up – Jerry & Alyce Lehtinen, Clean-up – Carl & Carolyn Streeter March 12: Set-up – Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Andy & Chris Backus

## THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

## Sunday, March 5

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

## Monday, March 6

Public School Confirmation Class	5:00 PM
Lutheran Girl Pioneers	6:00 PM
Worship Service with Communion	6:30 PM

## Wednesday, March 8

Midweek Lent Worship	3:30 PM
Midweek Lent Worship	6:30 PM

## Sunday, March 12

Worship Service	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Bible Information Class/Sunday School	
Worship Service	

#### **Statistics – Last Week**

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 78, Communed – 67 10:30 AM – 76, Communed – 52 6:30 PM – 37, Communed – 32 Total Attendance – 191 Total Communed – 151