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,

- f Restrooms are down the hall and to the right from the back of church.
- f 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!
- f We love families! Your children are welcome in our service! Thanks for bringing them to hear about Jesus!
- f Please fill out the Friendship Registers located at the end of each row.
- f If you want to review or share today's service, you can find it on our website.
- f 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
Organist	Miss Heather Schmidt
Violinists	Kristal & Noelle Young

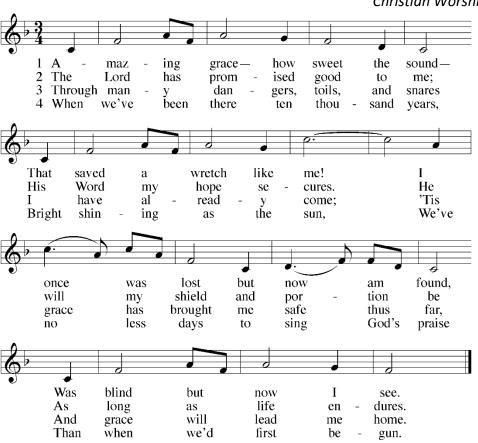
# **OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

## THE COMMON SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

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THE OPENING HYMN ......"Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound"

Christian Worship #379



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#### THE INVOCATION

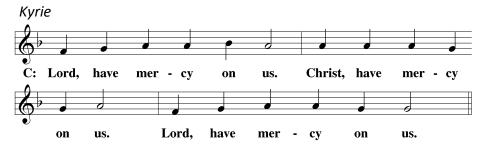
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



### THE CONFESSION OF SINS

- **P:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.

## **LORD, HAVE MERCY**



**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.



## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

sin of the world;

God the Father;

### **GLORY BE TO GOD**

Gloria in Excelsis Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ; O of the Father, you take away the O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son sin of the world; have mercy You take away the on us. O

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re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of

For you on-ly are holy;

us.



#### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



## P: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, by your almighty power you opened the eyes of the blind and showed yourself to them. Turn our eyes away from worthless things, and lead us to love you sincerely; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# Please be Seated

THE FIRST LESSON ...... Isaiah 42:14-21

God promises to lead the blind to safety and turn their darkness to light.

<sup>14</sup> "For a long time I have kept silent,

I have been quiet and held myself back.

But now, like a woman in childbirth,

I cry out, I gasp and pant.

- <sup>15</sup> I will lay waste the mountains and hills and dry up all their vegetation;
- I will turn rivers into islands and dry up the pools.
- <sup>16</sup> I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them;
- I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth.
- These are the things I will do;
  I will not forsake them.
- <sup>17</sup> But those who trust in idols, who say to images, 'You are our gods,' will be turned back in utter shame.
- <sup>18</sup> "Hear, you deaf; look, you blind, and see!
- <sup>19</sup> Who is blind but my servant, and deaf like the messenger I send?
- Who is blind like the one in covenant with me, blind like the servant of the Lord?
- <sup>20</sup> You have seen many things, but you pay no attention; your ears are open, but you do not listen."
- <sup>21</sup> It pleased the Lord for the sake of his righteousness to make his law great and glorious.



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Hear my voice when I <u>call</u>, O LORD;\* be merciful to me and <u>an</u>swer me.

Do not hide your <u>face</u> from me,\* do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my <u>help</u>er.

Do not reject me or for<u>sake</u> me,\* O God my <u>Sav</u>ior.

## Refrain

Though my father and mother for<u>sake</u> me,\* the LORD will re<u>ceive</u> me.

I am still confident of this:\*
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the <u>liv</u>ing.

Wait <u>for</u> the LORD;\*
be strong and take heart and wait <u>for</u> the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,\* is now, and will be forever. Amen. *Refrain* 

Those who have seen the light of Christ strive to leave deeds of darkness behind.

<sup>8</sup> For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) <sup>10</sup> and find out what pleases the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup> It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. <sup>14</sup> This is why it is said:

"Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

#### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

### Please Stand



Jesus miraculously enables a man who had been born blind to see the Christ both physically and spiritually.

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

<sup>3</sup> "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

<sup>6</sup> After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. <sup>7</sup> "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. <sup>15</sup> Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

<sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath."

But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided.

<sup>17</sup>Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

The man replied, "He is a prophet."

<sup>34</sup>To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

<sup>36</sup> "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

<sup>37</sup> Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

<sup>38</sup> Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."



#### 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.

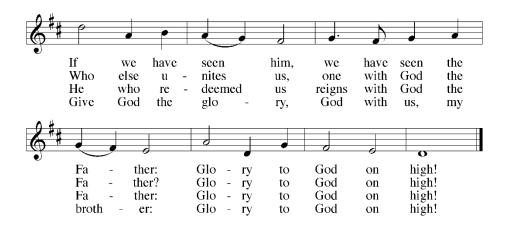
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THE HYMN OF THE DAY..... "Christ Is the World's Light"

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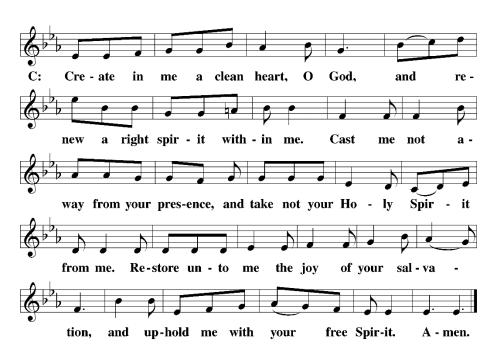


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THE SERMON ......John 9:1-7,13-17,34-39

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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

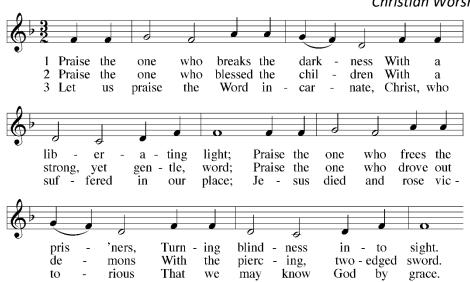
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

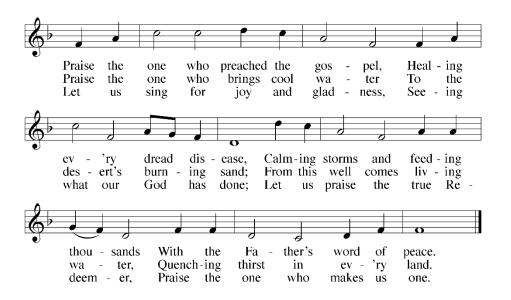
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CONGREGATIONAL HYMN ...... "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Christian Worship #353



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# THE SACRAMENT

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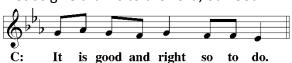
P: The Lord be with you.



**P:** Lift up your hearts

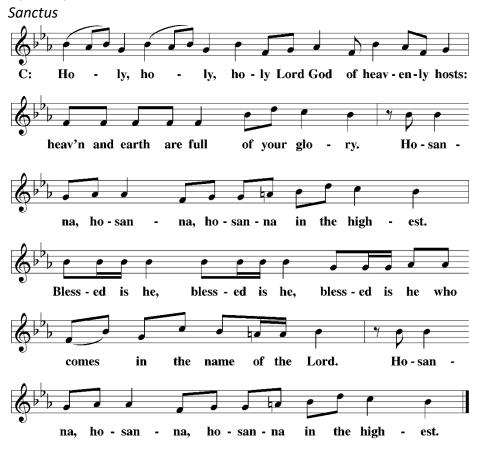


P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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



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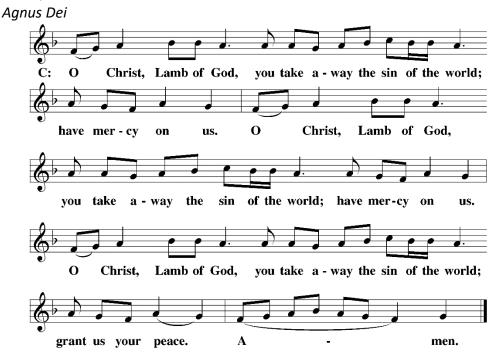
**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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



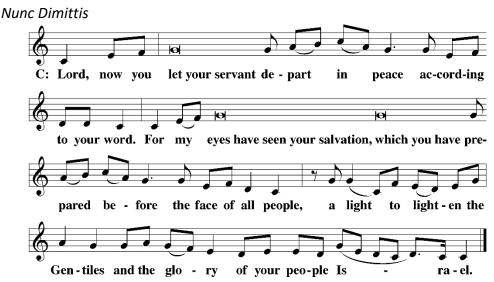
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#### DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

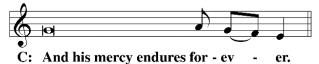
Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a miracle. By God's power, the Lord's body and blood are with the bread and wine. In the Lord's Supper, God gives strength and comfort to His believers. While the Lord's Supper is first about our relationship with Jesus, it is also about our 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.

#### Please Stand

### **SONG OF SIMEON**



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



#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

**P:** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### THE BLESSING

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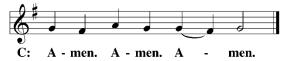
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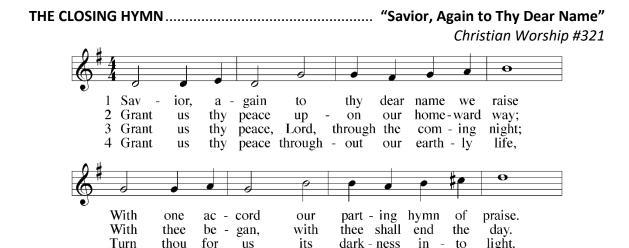
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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



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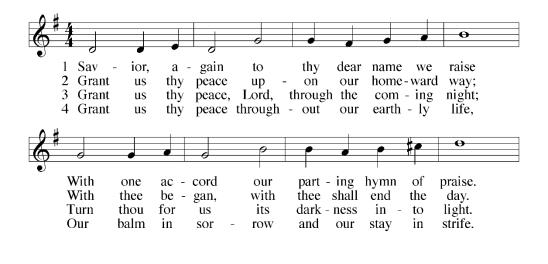
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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HEATHER SCHMIDT CALL RETURNED:** Dear Members of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, As you know, over the past few weeks, I have been deliberating a call to King of Kings in Maitland, FL. After much prayer and many conversations with people at both congregations, the Lord has led me to return the call to King of Kings and continue serving here at St. Paul's. I would like to thank all who offered prayers on my behalf or shared their thoughts and opinions with me. I am truly blessed to serve this congregation. To God be the glory! In His Service, Heather R. Schmidt

**EASTER FLOWER ORDERS/DONATIONS**: Our church will be decorated with flowering plants for Easter. If you would like to purchase any to take home after the services, the cost is as follows:

Easter Lillies - \$8.50 each, Chrysanthemum - \$8.50 each, Tulips - \$7.50, Daffodil - \$7.50, Hyacinth - \$7.50. Orders can be placed in the basket on the narthex counter, or in Sharon's church mailbox. The deadline to place an order is Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. If writing a check, please make it out to Sharon Kiesow. This year we will also have an envelope for donations to help beautify the Easter services!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: It's that exciting time of year again! The St. Paul's Scholastic Book Fair is coming! The book fair opening day is after church services on Sunday March 19th through the end of the Social Studies Fair on Thursday, March 23rd! The annual book fair is held to support classroom libraries and the St. Paul's School Library. A classroom coin collection and daily poster raffle will be held! So please come to the school lobby and check out what's new and join the fun! Volunteers are what makes the book fair a huge success each year. Please sign up for an hour or two that fit into your schedule, no experience needed. We can't do it without you! Sign up here, or call the office!

**FRANKLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT GUEST SPEAKER:** Please join us this Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR**: Everyone is invited to attend our Social Studies Fair in the school gym this Thursday, March 23rd at 6:30 PM. All class projects will be on display, and students in Grades 5-8 will be presenting their projects as you walk around the fair.

**EASTER BREAKFAST:** We will be having an Easter breakfast on Easter Sunday, April  $9^{th}$  beginning at 7:00 AM. To help us with the planning, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you plan on attending. We are also looking for a few volunteers to help with serving and clean up – a sign up sheet for volunteers is on the counter as well.

**TRACK COACHES:** Due to our large 5-8th grade numbers, we hope to have a track and field team represent St. Paul's Franklin at our Wisco Track and Field event. For that to happen, however, we need coaches to work with our athletes and (hopefully) also attend the meet on May 5th at Wisco. There are sprints and distance events as well as some field events! Please contact Mr. Clough at cclough@stpaulsfranklin.org if you're interested!

**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY SPRING RALLY**: All ladies are invited to attend the LWMS Spring Rally, which will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 7:45 AM – 12:45 PM at Living Hope Lutheran Church – 2217 S. 99<sup>th</sup> Street, West Allis, WI. Flyers with more information are available on the narthex counter.

**CHURCH CLEANING REMINDER**: A reminder to the crew that has volunteered to clean the church in preparation for our Easter services – we will be cleaning on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM.

**LWMS DOOR COLLECTION:** Next weekend, March 26-27<sup>th</sup> we will be having our semiannual door collection to support the ministry of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS). For more information on the work of LWMS, visit their website: http://www.lwms.org. They thank you for your support!

**TEACHER CALL EXTENDED**: 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 cell phone at (517) 281-4050 or email at byedder@comcast.net.

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:



- **February 22** His Final Steps Led to a Dinner Celebration (Pastor Adams) John 12:1-11
- 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 your church mailboxes. Children's envelopes have not yet arrived.

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: Isaiah 42:14-21, Ephesians 5:8-14 and John 9:1-7,13-17,34-39. 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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**: Children ages 3 – Grade 6 are invited to join our Sunday School class, which meets each Sunday at 9:15 AM! Class is located in the After School Care room of the school.

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR SCHOOL - K4 Aide - Classroom Aide - After School Care: St. Paul's is blessed to have a great PreK program! We are looking for a teacher's aide to support our growing enrollment numbers. There are also other classrooms that would benefit from a part-time aide.

We are also looking for an individual or individuals that could help with our After School Care program. If you are available for a single day, a few days, or all days please get in touch with us. It is a great opportunity to connect with some of our students and help our families that are unable to pick their children up right away after school.

If you are interested in supporting your school by giving us a hand, please reach out to Principal Schulmeister by email at <a href="mailto:nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org">nschulmeister@stpaulsfranklin.org</a> or by phone at 414-421-1930.

**WLHS VIKING STEEL CONCERT:** If you enjoyed the music of Viking Steel here at St. Paul's last Sunday, you are invited to attend a free concert at Wisconsin Lutheran High School on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, held in the WLHS auditorium. The concert will also be livestreamed here.

WLHS SPRING CONCERT: Please join us for an evening of concert music on Thursday, March 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. Music includes selections by Mackey, Waters, Grundman, Ticheli and more. The concert will feature Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, and Woodwind Ensemble. Seating is general admission. A livestream link to the concert can be found at wlhs.org.

WLHS WORK DAYS: Do you have yard work or spring cleaning that needs to be done, such as hedge trimming or window washing? Consider hiring hard-working members of the WLHS Student Council for a few hours for a free-will donation. All money raised will go to the 22-23 WLHS mission project to Thailand and Central Africa to aid in their mission work. Work days will be held on any Saturday or Sunday from April 1 & 2 to April 29 & 30, excluding Easter Sunday (April 9). To request a team, please E-mail workdays@wlhs.org and include your name, address, the work you need accomplished, and the day(s) this work could be completed.

#### 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 22)**

3:30 PM - Grades 7 & 8

**6:30 PM** – TEAM #7 – David Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Randy Raduenz, Luke Raduenz

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

March 15-21 – TEAM #3 – Jane Koplein, Carol Willms, Connie Myer March 22-28 – TEAM #4 – Marge Gebert, Renate Nazimek

### REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

March 19: Set-up – Don & Marge Gebert, Clean-up – Beverly Garves March 26: Set-up – Don Druml & Connie Myer, Clean-up – Diane Parker

## THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 19	
Worship Service with Communion	8:00 AM
Adult Bible Study/Bible Information Class/Sunday School	9:15 AM
Worship Service with Communion	
Monday, March 20	
Public School Confirmation Class	5:00 PM
Lutheran Girl Pioneers	6:00 PM
Worship Service with Communion	
Tuesday, March 21	
Franklin Fire Department Guest Speaker	6:30 PM
Wednesday, March 22	
Midweek Lent Worship	3·30 PM
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Midweek Lent Worship	6:30 PM
Midweek Lent Worship  Thursday, March 23	6:30 PM
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Midweek Lent Worship  Thursday, March 23 Social Studies Fair (in school gym)  Sunday, March 26	6:30 PM6:30 PM

## Statistics - Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 109 10:30 AM – 146 6:30 PM – 19 Total Attendance – 274 Midweek Lent – 112