

## This Week at St. Paul

### Sunday, March 15th, 2020

Worship Services - 9:00 a.m.  
 Fellowship and Coffee -10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School—10:15 a.m.

### Wednesday, March 18th, 2020

Quilting- 9:00 a.m.  
 Coffee - 10:00 a.m.  
 Confirmation—5:00 p.m.  
 Soup Supper- 6:00 p.m.  
 Worship- 7:00 p.m.  
 Council Meeting after worship

<b>3/15/20</b>	9:00 am		
<b>Ministers</b>	The St. Paul Community		
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Dan Hanson		
<b>Reader</b>	Aimee Lenth		
<b>Organist</b>	Pam DeVries      Power point projectionist: Cael Burmester		
<b>Greeters</b>	Torie and Steph Korth		
<b>Ushers</b>	Kent Cramer, Larry Spear, Joe Kirschbaum and Larry Alquist		
<b>Acolytes</b>	Dawson Wikert		
<b>Communion Helpers</b>	Sandy Pralle		
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lowell and Shirley Lange		
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Cael Burmester and NEED		
<b>3/22/20</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	Jaymes Stevens	
<b>Greeters</b>	Marcus and Robyn Kofoot and family		
<b>Communion Helpers</b>	Diane Weldin, Mike and Evelyn Cross and Paul Flint		
<b>Reader</b>	Della Speich		
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lowell and Shirley Lange		
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Tara Krull and NEED		
<b>Ushers for March Church President</b>	Kent Cramer, Larry Spear, Joe Kirschbaum and Larry Alquist Diane Weldin		

<b>Attendance - 3/8/20</b>	74		<b>Weekly Giving Goal</b>	<b>\$3,405.00</b>
<b>Offering - 3/8/20</b>	General:	\$ 2,119.00		\$
	Building:	\$ 220.00	Simply Giving	\$ 180.00
		\$	Total -	\$ 2,519.00



*St. Paul Lutheran Church*  
*March 15th, 2020*

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Third Sunday in Lent

*All page numbers & song numbers are from the red ELW.*

## Announcements

Welcome to St. Paul! - We are called through baptism to be a welcoming community of faith, grounded in worship and prayer, so that we may grow in Christ-like forgiveness and love.

### GATHERING

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** - *(Please pass the friendship pads located at the end of each pew)*

**SHARING OF THE PEACE** - The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN: #321 “Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church”**

**GREETING** - The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### Ministry

**Soup Suppers and mid-week worship continue March 18th.** *Exploring Our Faith Story* will be this year's theme.

**The Church Council Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, March 18th after worship.

**Priscilla Circle** will meet on Thursday, March 19th in the home of Evelyn Cross at 7:00 pm.

**2020 Lenten Devotional—Luther Seminary “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”-** copies are available for your reading on the round table in the back of the church.

**What Love Looks Like-** will be the theme for this years Riverside Cluster Spring Gathering to be held at St. Petri Lutheran Church in Story City on April 25th from 9:00 am 1:00 pm. The cost is \$8.00. There is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall.

**Thrivent Choice-** A reminder to Thrivent members, Choice Dollars for 2019 must be distributed by March 31st.

### Protecting our Community:

As we continue to read about the advance of Covid-19, it is clear there are practices we can take to help prevent the spread of the illness. We will do our best to keep you safe during worship. Following direction to faith communities from the Iowa Dept. of Health, to prevent the spread of illness, we will:

- Refrain from shaking hands with one another and the greeters.
- Collect the morning offering in a basket as we come forward for Holy Communion
- Only offer individual cups for Holy Communion
- Communion servers will use hand sanitizer before offering bread
- If you are feeling ill or concerned for your health, please stay home. Weekly sermons are available on Facebook and the church website (splchampton.com).

These changes are temporary. We pray that these precautions turn out to be unnecessary. They are wise precautions, however, as the last thing we want is for any of our members or friends to contract Covid-19. Please continue to pray for areas in our country and around the world that are most severely impacted by the Corona virus.

## Collecting Personal Care Supplies for Lutheran World Relief

We will be collecting personal care items during Lent:

**March 15:** Sturdy Combs -no fine toothed combs

**March 22:** Towels

**March 29:** Nail Clippers

**These kits are distributed around the world to people affected by natural disaster and war in their countries.**

**A list of supplies needed is on the table by the collection.**

## Schedule for Worship

March 18th	6:00 Soup Supper	Worship at 7:00pm	<i>Experiences of Uncertainty and Doubt</i>
March 25th	6:00 Soup Supper	Worship at 7:00pm	<i>Dwelling with God</i>
April 1st	6:00 Soup Supper	Worship at 7:00pm <i>at St. John's</i>	<i>Where God is Calling You Next</i>
April 9th	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship	
April 10th	7:00 pm	Good Friday Worship	
April 12th	9:00 am 11:00 am	Easter Worship Easter Worship <b>at St. John's</b>	

KYRIE - P. 138

HYMN OF PRAISE - P. 139 "Glory to God in the Highest"

PRAYER OF THE DAY— Let us pray.

**Son of God, you spoke words to Jerusalem's leaders that were hard to hear. Give us ears to receive your word of life so that we can follow you faithfully. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

### CHILDREN SERMON

### FIRST READING: PSALM 86: 8-13

<sup>8</sup>There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

<sup>9</sup>All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

<sup>10</sup>For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

<sup>12</sup>I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

<sup>13</sup>For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - P. 142

### GOSPEL: MARK 12: 1-12

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>Then he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>2</sup>When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. <sup>3</sup>But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>4</sup>And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted.

<sup>5</sup>Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. <sup>6</sup>He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>7</sup>But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ <sup>8</sup>So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. <sup>9</sup>What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. <sup>10</sup>Have you not read this scripture: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; <sup>11</sup>this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?’”  
<sup>12</sup>When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON -**

**HYMN OF THE DAY - #800 “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE-** Hear us, O God. Response: **Your mercy is great.**

**OFFERING —**Will be collected as we come forward for communion.

**CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART - P. 186** (*hymn section*)

**OFFERING PRAYER -**

## **MEAL**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING - P. 144**

**PREFACE -**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - P. 144**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION -**

**LORD’S PRAYER - P. 145**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION -**

**LAMB OF GOD P. 146**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: #838 “Beautiful Savior”**

**#803 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

**#471 “Let Us Break Bread Together”**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

## **SENDING**

**BLESSING -**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: #335 “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”**

**DISMISSAL -** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

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