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# Weekly Announcements

February 22, 2026



St. Paul's

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## Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

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## **Holy Baptism**

During the 10:30am Worship Service, we welcome **Grayson Johannes** into St. Paul's church family. He is the son of Trenton & Raja (Stephens) **Schroeder**. His sponsors are Cody Dennis & Victoria Tesch. We will keep Grayson in our prayers

**Flash photography is not allowed during a baptism which takes place during the worship service. The pastor may reenact the baptism after the service for picture-taking opportunities.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Interested in Serving?**

Our congregation is blessed with many gifted individuals, and we're reaching out to those who feel called to meet an important need during our Worship Services.

We are building a team of members with Medical, Police, or Fire training who would be willing to assist in the event of a medical or other emergency during worship.

Your role would be simple but vital:

- Provide care and support until EMS arrives.

If you have experience in any of these areas and are willing to serve, we would love to hear from you. Please contact [glenn.leidel@splco.org](mailto:glenn.leidel@splco.org) or [Erik.benes@splco.org](mailto:Erik.benes@splco.org) for more information.

Thank you for considering this meaningful way to care for our church family.

God bless you!

Campus Safety Team

### **Upcoming funeral**

Our sister in Christ, Jean Fisher, passed away. Her funeral arrangements are as follows:

- ✠ Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at St. Paul's
  - Visitation: 9-11am, service at 11am, committal at LaBelle and then a luncheon to follow

### **Sisters in Service**

Ladies, when you think of March, what do you think of? Lent? The beginning of spring? March Madness? St. Patrick's Day? Well, Sisters in Service hope that you are also thinking about attending our next meeting on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm! Please join us (make sure to remember to invite a friend to come with you) and those cute little leprechauns for an evening of fun, food and fellowship. Oh, and by the way, you might just learn a thing or two about Moses' mother, Jochebed, that night!

### **Easter Food Bags**

If you or anyone you know would like an Easter Food bag, please fill out the form that is on the Lord's Cupboard bulletin board that is outside of the Fellowship Hall. The form is yellow. You can drop the form off to the church office or take a photo of it and email it to [lordscupboard@splco.org](mailto:lordscupboard@splco.org) or put it in the offering plate. Please have the form filled out and returned by March 9<sup>th</sup>. The food bags will be given out during the Lord's Cupboard distribution on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## LENTEN MID-WEEK SERMON SERIES

# YOUR PLACE IN THE KINGDOM: Catechesis on the Table of Duties

**2/25 Midweek Lent 1:** *Churchly Duties: Pastors and Hearers*

1 Tim 3.2-4	1 Tim 3.6
Titus 1.9	1 Cor 9.14
Gal 6.6-7	1 Tim 5.17-18
1 Thes 5.12-13	Heb 13.17

### Midweek Lenten worship and dinner

Our midweek Lenten worship services are on Wednesdays. Worship services are held at 12:15pm and 6:30pm. Prior to the evening service, there is a hymn sing at 6:15pm. Dinner is served in the fellowship hall from 5-6:15pm for a free-will offering. This week's meal is sponsored by Sisters in Service. They will be serving Tater tot casserole, French bread, salad and desserts. Please come join us!

## YOUNG ADULTS & YOUTH GROUP INFORMATION

### St. Paul's Young Adults (SPLCO YA)

We provide opportunities at St. Paul's for young adults (18 – 30) to be together in community together and build one another up.

#### Upcoming SPLCO YA Events

- 03/03 | Monthly Study | 6:30pm @ SPLCO (Room 219)
- 03/15 | Reformation Tap Society | 4pm @ Brewfinity
- 03/21 | Curling | 11am @ Kettle Moraine Curling Club
  - Bring \$5 to cover equipment & ice rental



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Contact List!

### St. Paul's Youth Group

#### February

- February 22 High School Youth Group 7-8:30pm

#### March

- March 1 High School Youth Group 7-8:30pm
- March 8 High School Youth Group 7-8:30pm
- March 15 High School Youth Group 7-8:30pm
- March 22 High School Youth Group 7-8:30pm
- March 29 Deliver Easter Food Bags 11:45am (meet in lobby)  
ALL YOUTH MINI GOLF 1pm

## FEBRUARY IN FIRST GRADE!



February is a very busy month in the first grade classroom. We have been learning a great deal about Antarctica so we are ready for the Social Studies Fair. We have studied the animals that live there, especially the penguins. We have talked about glaciers, icebergs, ice shelves, and the Transatlantic Mountains. We learned about the Research stations that are there and all the different scientists that go there to study the earth & rocks, birds, solar system, the weather, and ocean animals. We even discussed the countries that have signed the Atlantic Treaty and use Antarctica for research.



In February we have two field trips. Early in the month we went to Reichl & Kolstad Orthodontics. We had a great time learning all about our teeth. They showed us how they take x-rays, make molds of our teeth, and how braces work. And most importantly, how we should take care of the teeth that God gave us! Our second field trip is to the Planetarium in Milwaukee. Our program is called, "Solar System Expedition." It was great!

In February, we also celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school! This year is flying by. To celebrate we had 10 stations we could visit. Some of the stations included: putting together a 100 piece puzzle, making a 100 piece paper chain, taking 100 steps, using 100 blocks to make a structure, recreating a 100 chart, playing the game Race to 100, etc.

Also in February is Valentine's Day. We took some time to be thankful for each other. Mostly we are thankful for God's love for us.

**"We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:1.**



## **Congregation at Prayer**

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

The First Sunday in Lent: *His Victory is Our Victory*

February 22 – March 1, 2026

### ***His Victory is Our Victory***

The rebellion against God from which we come is great, as are our additions to the tragedy (Gen 3.1-21; Ps 32.3), yet The LORD forgives iniquity (Ps 32.5). In fact, so great is God's love for us that a great—eternal—exchange took place. A new and greater "Adam" was sent to rescue us (Rom 5.12-19), God-in-the-flesh, who was tempted in every way, just as we are, but without sin. (Mt 4.1-11) His victory over sin and death, by God's grace, becomes our victory over sin a death, our present joy and our true hope.

### ***Order Meditation and Prayer***

*Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

### **Invocation**

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

### **Apostles' Creed**

**Christ-Centered Theme:** Jesus Christ, our great champion, has conquered our greatest enemies for us.

**Verse:** John 6:35b I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

**Psalm:** Psalm 37:1-7 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

**Catechism: *Sacrament of the Altar: Where is this written? (sung) What is the benefit of this eating and drinking? How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?***

<p><i>What is the Sacrament of the Altar?</i> It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.</p>	1 <sup>st</sup> grade+
<p><i>What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?</i> These words, <b>Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,</b> show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.</p>	1 <sup>st</sup> grade+
<p><i>How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?</i> Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: <b>Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.</b> These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: <b>forgiveness of sins.</b></p>	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade+

**The First Sunday in Lent: *His Victory is Our Victory***

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
<b>Sun.</b>	King Josiah's New Book: 2 Kings 22	Psalm 84, 42, 32	Matt 4.1-11
<b>Mon.</b>	God Calls Jeremiah: Jeremiah 1; 23; 31	Psalm 119:73-80, 121, 6	Hab 1:1-2:20
<b>Tue.</b>	God Provides for Elijah: 1 Kings 16-17	Psalm 34, 25, 91	Hab 3:1-19
<b>Wed.</b>	Elijah and the Prophets of Baal: 1 Kings 18	Psalm 5, 27, 51	Zep 1:1-2:15
<b>Thur.</b>	Naaman and Elisha: 2 Kings 5	Psalm 38, 126, 102	Zep 3:1-20
<b>Fri.</b>	The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace: Daniel 3	Psalm 22. 107, 130	Hg 1:1-2:23
<b>Sat.</b>	Sunday's Gospel Reading: John 3:1-14	Psalm 43, 31, 143	Zec 1:1-2:13

**Prayers: *Collects for the Week, Daily Themes for Prayer, In Our Prayers at St. Paul's***

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## Daily Themes for Prayer

- Sunday:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*
- Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.*
- Tuesday:** *Pray for deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*
- Wednesday:** *Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*
- Thursday:** *Pray for the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deacons, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*
- Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*
- Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

## In Our Prayers this Week

**Those sick or hospitalized: MEMBERS** – Mike Hamilton–knee surgery; Tim Krause– knee surgery; Joe Dentice–heart bypass surgery; Roger Fisher; Barb Star; Dorothy Duchow–pneumonia; Kathy Mueller; Delaney Heffern; Art Schuck; John Wickersham; Joyce Anderson; Carol Lenz–hospice; Tammy Frazier–cancer; Bob Bratz; Ian McMillan; Joanne Kullman; Carol Fellin–cancer care; Jim Braatz; Ruth Polcha; Nancy Wolter; Don Meyer–cancer; Ann Duggan; Jim Duggan–Aurora; Marilyn Marohn; Sally Eubanks; Dick Allen; Truman Seifert–acute myeloid leukemia; Carolyn Nagel–lung cancer; Don Schmitt; Karen Meyer–cancer; Stan Kuehl; Marian Faltersack; Michael Stollenwerk; Marilyn Runyard; Linda Leidel; Lucille Campbell–cancer treatment

**FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS** – **Those with cancer:** Ralph (Judy Braatz's brother)–bladder cancer; Lisa (nee Rhodée) Liarokis – breast cancer; Layla Pelnar (Lynn's granddaughter)–thyroid cancer; Bob Duchow (Dorothy's son); Sue Malone (Dan & Brenda Maynard's friend)–brain cancer; daughter of Bill & Sarah Mertens; Janice Mulvaney Krueger–lung cancer; Della–Diana Radtke's sister; Dana; Daniel (Bill Merten's brother); Curt Duchow (Dorothy's son)–mantle cell lymphoma; Rhonda–breast cancer; JoyAnn; Dan Faltersack–COPD; Jeff–stage four colon cancer; Missy (Sheila Ram's niece)–breast cancer; Dawn–lung cancer; Jim (Jackie Meyer's dad)

**Other:** Kelly—health issues; Dennis & Sue Duffy (Erin Eberhardt’s parents)—health issues; Gary Barborich; Dean Wilcox (Tina Gartzke’s brother); Joe Rohde (Sue Beles’ brother)—healing; Mark—heart attack; Beth Dowhen; Todd (Sandy Raben-Roger’s cousin)—blood clots; Dorothy—Alzheimer’s; Patricia Eberhardt (Chad’s mom); Paul; Bob; George; Paul; Doug—CCL; Scott Kleist (Jim & Ann Duggan’s son)—MS; Paul Fellin

**Those serving in the military-deployed:** Madelynn Matthews—Air Force; Trevor Thiel—Alaska (Fort JBER); Joe; Sam Duggan; Justin Michener; Zach Howard; Theresa; Phil Preston; Casey, Phil, Andy & Steve Koth; Luke; Jacob; Brian; Randy; Kyle; Jake; Jeff; Matt; Brad; Ben; Mike & Rob

**Those serving God as missionaries:** Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump and family; Daniel & Marie Lowitz (Dominican Republic); Dennis Denow (Thailand), Bob & Chris Prouty (Australia), Pastor Reinke (Deaf Ministry), Rev. Bud Palmer; Rev. Ted Krey, Deaconess, Tirzah Krey in the Dominican Republic; all seminary students in the Dominican Republic, and all other pastors and missionaries in Latin America

**Those in need:** Our Shut-Ins; Sam—a young man struggling to make good choices; those struggling with addiction; Jennifer; Brian; David

**Baptism:** Grayson Johannes Schroeder—February 22<sup>nd</sup>

***Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism***

***Hymn of the Week: O Love, How Deep***

**LSB 544**

**Looking forward to the Second Sunday in Lent**

**March 1, 2026**

**Hymns: 819, 708 (571, 542, 732) 596**

***God’s Given Promises are for You (Pastor Schockman)***

The Lord called Abram (Abraham) to leave his home and go to a land that God would show him. He also promised to make of Abram “*a great nation,*” to bless him and make his name great as a blessing to “*all the families of the earth*” (Gen. 12:2–3). “*Abram went, as the Lord had told him*” (Gen. 12:4), and in Canaan “*he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord*” (Gen. 12:8). He “*believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness*” (Rom. 4:3). Here the grace of God is manifested, that He “*justifies the ungodly*” (Rom. 4:5), not by works of the Law, but through faith in His promises. He removes all of our sins and lawless deeds through Jesus Christ, the offspring of Abraham in whom all the Lord’s promises are realized. This forgiveness of sins is the Word of the Gospel, the voice of the Holy Spirit, which “*gives life to the dead*” (Rom. 4:17). It opens the eyes of faith to behold Christ Jesus, the Son of Man lifted up on the cross, “*that whoever believes in him may have eternal life*” (John 3:14–15).



# REFORMATION TAP SOCIETY

Theology and conversation  
with a bit of hops.

Reformation Tap Society talks are casual and thoughtful adult conversations about important things. *Under the theme, "Lead Me to Christ, the Rock," the 2025-2026 Reformation Tap Society season explores the various ways in which Christ is the foundation of a holy and purposeful life.* Though we welcome adults of any age, topics and language are aimed at those 18-35. Our speakers understand that RTS is a public event, so the conversation won't be raw, but our speakers are encouraged to practice candor geared towards younger adults. Parents of children under high school age should collaborate on a babysitter, then come and enjoy the beverages, food, and conversation. RTS is an opportunity to hear perspectives not regularly heard in popular culture. All are welcome.

RTS is held on the 3rd Sundays, September through May. We gather at 5pm, have a "beer talk" from the brewmaster at about 5:25, and at about 5:30 our speaker takes the mic. The speaker will present on a topic of interest, then take questions until 6:15 or so. (BTW, you're welcome even if you're not a beer fan. Other beverages are available.)

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**March 15, 2026**

*Church Planting as Spiritual Warfare*

Presenter: Joshua Benisch

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**5-7p.m.**

**BrewFinity Brewery**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Love golf?

We are reaching out to all golfers with the opportunity to create a new Golf League for members and friends of St. Paul's.

Whether you're a scratch golfer chasing a club championship or a weekend warrior, this league is designed for anyone who loves the game. Our goal is simple: to create a league where competitive spirit meets great fellowship and camaraderie.

End your week, or start your weekend with our Friday 9-Hole League at Kettle Moraine Golf Club.

League rounds start after 5:00 p.m. beginning Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, and concluding Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Sign-up fee is \$125.00 per person for the season, with weekly League rate at \$16.00 walking, additional \$10.00 per person with a cart, per round.

To start this league, we will need a minimum of 24 players. If we field enough players, we will have an intro league meeting in mid – April.

If interested, or with questions, please contact Kevin Osterndorf @kosterndorf@wi.rr.com

### Coloring Book Drive for Children's Wisconsin

Emily Brands, a student at Wisconsin Lutheran College, is organizing a coloring book drive as part of a leadership service project. All donations will benefit pediatric patients at Children's Wisconsin. The congregation is invited to participate by donating new, store-bought coloring books for children or teens (including adult coloring books suitable for older children).

Donations of brand-new crayons and colored pencils (in original packaging) are also welcome. These items will help bring comfort and creativity to young patients during their hospital stay. Donations will be collected Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for supporting this effort to serve pediatric patients in our community!



**Matthew 4:7 – “Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written.’”** Jesus defeats Satan in our place, not by using His power as God, but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to

them. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY February 23	Lord's Cupboard & Lord's Lambs Drive-Thru & Meal	Parking Lot	5:30 pm
TUESDAY February 24	St. Luke Small Group Bible Study	Room 202	6:30 pm
WEDNESDAY February 25	Midweek Lenten Worship Midweek Lenten Dinner Midweek Lenten Hymn Sing Midweek Lenten Worship	Church Fellowship Hall Church Church	12:15 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm 6:30 pm
THURSDAY February 26	Church Choir Rehearsal Praise Team Rehearsal	Balcony Church	6:30 pm 7:30 pm
SATURDAY February 28	Journeyman Jean Fisher Visitation Jean Fisher Funeral Jean Fisher Funeral Luncheon Divine Worship	Maxim's Church Church Fellowship Hall Church	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm
SUNDAY March 1	Divine Worship Blood Pressure Screening Public School Confirmation Sunday School Life Application Bible Study Divine Worship High School Youth Group	Church Office Meet in F.H. Meet in F.H. Fellowship Hall Church Room 219Y/Gym	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30am 7:00 pm

### BIBLE STUDIES

#### Life Application Bible Study

Sunday: 9:15 am – Fellowship Hall  
262-567-5001

#### Sunday School

Sunday: 9:15 am - Gym  
February 22, 2026

#### The Wine Sign

Bible Truth: Our God Jesus miracles.  
John 2:1-11

#### Women of Joy

Saturday (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) - 8:00 am  
Whelan's

#### Journeyman

Saturday (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) - 8:00 am  
Maxim's

# NEXT WEEKEND

**5:00 PM**

**8:00 AM**

**10:30 AM**

<b>Readings</b>	Gen 12.1-9	Ps 121	Rom 4.1-8, 13-17	Jn 3.1-17
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	Addison Etzel	TBD	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jackie Meyer	Cindy Fredrickson	Barb Star	
<b>Elders</b>	Dave Meyer	Chuck Laabs	Erik Benes	
<b>Greeters</b>	Carole Schmeda Elaine Schmeda	Dona Thurow Judy Mueller Chris & Pam Kroupa	Gary & Leah Johnson	
<b>Live-Stream</b>	N/A	Hertneky	N/A	
<b>Radio</b>	N/A	Chuck Muecke	N/A	
<b>Ushering Team</b>	Dan Friedrich	Gary Flanagan	Erik Benes	

MARCH 1, 2026

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Pastor: Jason A. Schockman

Title: *God's Given Promises are for You*

5pm & 8am Worship

LSB, Divine Service, Setting 1, pg. 184

10:30am Worship

Special Order

## ST. PAUL'S STAFF

Rev. Lance Armstrong O'Donnell, Senior Pastor  
Allison Mackie, Director of Parish Music  
Jill George, Principal

Rev. Jason Schockman, Associate Pastor  
Christine Flores, ECC Director

Office Hours: 7:00 am – 3:30 pm (Monday-Friday)

### The First Sunday in Lent

#### Genesis 3:1–21

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

#### Romans 5:12–19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

#### Matthew 4:1–11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him.'" Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

February 22, 2026



# St. Paul's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ



### Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

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# Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, School, & Early Childhood Center

† Please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate. † *As the prelude begins, worshipers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare for worship.*

## GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome! We're delighted that you've joined us for worship.

If you have questions, or would like more information about St. Paul's, a greeter, elder, or pastor will be happy to help you.

Please fill out an attendance card, located on the pew in front of you, and place it in the offering plate.

We welcome young children to the service. Try sitting closer to the front by a side aisle. There are activity bags located behind the back pews, and a simulcast downstairs if necessary.

## HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is not a private meal, but a body-and-soul communion with Christ and His body, the Church. In keeping with the Lord's instruction (cf. 1 Corinthians 11.17-34) and with the common historical practice of the church, St. Paul's welcomes only those who are in full confessional agreement to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. If you hold a confession differing from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or are not yet confirmed in our confession of faith, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing (Please indicate by folding your hands over your heart.). If you are physically unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will come to you and give you communion. Those communing should mark this on the attendance card. If you have questions, our pastors will be pleased to speak with you.

### Distribution and Communion Wine

Please place open hands out to receive the Body of Christ and also to indicate whether you are receiving the Blood of Christ from the common cup or the individual cup. The wine glasses in the center of each tray contain **one drop** of communion wine. The glasses that contain more wine are dark in color.

## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

5:00 pm – 88      **Total: 386**  
8:00 am – 168  
10:30 am – 130

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## Reading: Psalm 32:1-7



Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,\*  
whose sin is | covered.

**Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts  
no in- | iquity,\***

**and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.**

For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed away\*  
through my groaning | all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy up- | on  
me;\***

**my strength was dried up as by the heat of |  
summer.**

I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my in- | iquity;\*

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the iniquity | of my sin.

**Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you | may  
be found;\***

**surely in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not | reach him.**

You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from | trouble;\*  
you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

# **Sermon Outline:**

## *His Victory is Our Victory*

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The 1st Sunday in Lent  
22 February, A.D. 2026  
Gen 3.1-21; Ps 32.1-7; Rm 5.12-19; Mt 4.1-11

### **Introduction**

What is a core reality of life for all of us? (See John 16.33; Acts 14.22)

CCT: Jesus Christ, our great champion, has conquered our greatest enemies \_\_\_\_\_.

### **His Victory is Our Victory**

What are some things that cause great spiritual struggle?

How does the devil tempt Jesus to take the easy way out? How does Jesus respond? (See Mt 4.2-4)

How does the devil tempt Jesus to take life "into His own hands"? How does Jesus respond? (See Mt 4.5-7)

How does the devil tempt Jesus with the seductiveness of idolatry? How does Jesus respond? (See Mt 4.8-10)

*“Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”* (Hebrews 4:14–16, ESV)

Overall, how does Jesus respond to temptation? What does that mean for us? (See Heb 4 above)

However, how do we often respond when the devil tempts us in similar ways?

In the midst of our struggles, rather than focus on our own weakness and the struggle itself, what can we remember? (See Heb 12.2; Heb 10.12; Rom 5.18)

## **Conclusion**

What is Jesus doing, right now, for us?

Of what does the promise of “the Comforter” (Jn 16.14) remind us? How does St. Peter express this confidence? (See Jn 6.68-69)

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