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Weekly Announcements

March 15, 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

210 E. Pleasant St., Oconomowoc, WI 53066 | 262-567-5001 | www.splco.org

Public Recognition of Holy Baptism

During the 10:30am Worship Service, we publicly recognize the baptism of **John Michael** into St. Paul's church family. He is the son of Zachary & Krista (Klumpenhauer) **Zellmer**. His sponsors are Ben Zellmer and Heidi Hahn. We will keep John 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.

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Altar Guild volunteers needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with Altar Guild. The primary role is preparing the services for Holy Communion and cleaning up after worship. Training is provided. Please reach out to Wendy Tesch at 920-713-4988 or wendyltesch@gmail.com. Thank you!

Set Apart to Serve

Where do we get pastors who preach and care for us with God's Word? Where do we get teachers who teach our children about Jesus in our Lutheran schools? Where do we get our directors of Christian education, deaconesses and directors of parish music? Set Apart to Serve (SAS) is partnering with our seminaries, Concordia universities, districts, congregations and many others to build a Synod-wide culture of church work formation and recruitment. You can contribute toward this effort by taking this brief online survey at lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey. Please let us know how all of us can make SAS more beneficial to your congregation. It is important we hear what you have to say.

Easter food bag

If you or anyone you know would appreciate an Easter food bag, please let us know by leaving a message on LC voicemail 262.567.5001 option #4 or ext. #308, or send an email to lordscupboard@splco.org. Lord's Cupboard/Lord's Lambs is here to help our St. Paul's family and our neighbors in need in our surrounding communities. Thank you and God Bless!

Egg fundraiser for Lord's Cupboard

We are asking for donations toward purchasing eggs for our LC guests. Through March 15th, we will have baskets of colorful, plastic eggs for you to fill with your coins, bills, or checks.

Once you place your donation inside the plastic egg, please return the egg to the baskets by the church, the school entry doors, or to the church office.

Other options to help are:

- † Make a donation in an envelope marked "LC eggs" and place it in the egg basket by the entry doors, put it in the offering plate or take it to the church office.
- † Online donations are always available. Go to splco.org, click on the Donate button on the upper right, then scroll down to Lord's Cupboard.

Thank you so much for helping our neighbors with a needed food source!

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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 or 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

Easter Breakfast Served by St. Paul's Youth Group

The youth group is excited to be preparing and serving Easter Breakfast again this year! Hot breakfast will be served from 7am to 10am in the fellowship hall. The youth group will be accepting donations during breakfast to help cover the cost of their upcoming trip to Higher Things in St. Louis in June.

For an opportunity to donate breakfast food, see sign-up sheets on the table in the narthex.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Girl Scouts will be holding a cookies sale the weekend of March 21st & 22nd, after all services. All flavors will be available, including the new *Exploremores*. Help keep Girl Scouts strong at St. Paul's.

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 28th – Sunday March 22nd (there is a box located in the narthex and in the school entryway). Thank you for supporting this effort to serve pediatric patients in our community!

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Employment opportunity

Groth Accounting is looking for temporary administrative support! We offer a paid full time or part time position until April 25th. Position starts immediately. We are located 7 minutes from church. Call or text Christine at 262. 468 1022!

Sign up ends 4/3/2026



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. To date, we have approximately 10 congregants interested.

As a reminder, league rounds start after 5:00 pm beginning Friday, May 8th, and conclude on Friday, August 28th.

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 at kosterndorf@wi.rr.com.

Sign up ends on 4/3/26.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A RADIO BROADCAST?

Our radio broadcast over WTKM is a very important outreach for our congregation. Below are the dates open for 2026. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring one of these Sundays. The cost for 2026 has increased to **\$135.00**. We praise God for this valuable community outreach.

Apr. 19	Jun. 28	Sept. 20	Nov. 26	Dec. 20
May 3	Aug. 2	Oct. 18	Nov. 29	Dec. 27
May 24	Aug. 9	Oct. 25	Dec. 6	
Jun. 14	Aug. 23	Nov. 22	Dec. 13	

If you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast please fill out the bottom portion of this page and hand it into the church office or place it in the offering plate. Thank you. Any questions please call Heather in the church office 567-5001.

NAME _____ DATE– 1ST CHOICE _____ 2ND CHOICE _____

Please dedicate to (i.e. in memory of, wedding anniversary, to the Glory of God, in honor of...etc.)

Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer
The Fourth Sunday in Lent: *Wrong Question*
March 15 – 22, 2026

Wrong Question

The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. *“For his righteousness’ sake,”* He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns *“the darkness before them into light”* (Is. 42:16) because He is *“the light of the world”* (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh *“while it is day,”* until that night *“when no one can work”* (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though *“at one time you were darkness,”* now *“you are light in the Lord”* (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to *“awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead”* (Eph. 5:14).

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: Christ Jesus bears our blame and shame of sinners.

Verse: Psalm 26:8 LORD, I have loved the habitation of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells.

Psalm: Psalm 142 and/or the appointed daily psalms for General Psalms in Psalm Schedule **LSB, p. 304**

Catechism: Ten Commandments—1-3 (Primary Texts)

Table of Duties— To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers: 1 Timothy 3:2-4; 1 Timothy 3:6; Titus 1:9

What is the First Commandment? You shall have no other gods.	Preschool +
What is the Second Commandment? You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.	Preschool +
What is the Third Commandment? Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.	Preschool +
To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers The overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,	1 st grade+
not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. 1 Timothy 3:2-4	2 nd grade+
He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. 1 Timothy 3:6	3 rd grade+
He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. Titus 1:9	4 th grade+

The Fourth Sunday in Lent: *Wrong Question*

Day	Bible Stories for Families with Young Children	Readings for Adults & Older Children	
Sun.	The Visit of the Wise Men: Matthew 2	Psalm 84, 42, 32	Jn 9.1-41
Mon.	The Boy Jesus in the Temple: Luke 2	Psalm 119:73-80, 121, 6	Mt 1:1-2:23
Tue.	John Prepares the Way of the Lord: Matt 3; Luke 3	Psalm 34, 25, 91	Mt 3:1-4:25
Wed.	The Baptism of Jesus: John 1; Matthew 3	Psalm 5, 27, 51	Mt 5:1-7:29
Thur.	The Temptation of Jesus: Matthew 4; Mark 1; Luke 4	Psalm 38, 126, 102	Mt 8:1-9:38
Fri.	Jesus Calls Disciples: John 1	Psalm 22. 107, 130	Mt 10:1-11:30
Sat.	Sunday's Gospel Reading: John 11.1-45	Psalm 43, 31, 143	Mt 12:1-13:58

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 – Tim Krause; Roger Fisher; Dorothy Duchow; 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; 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: Janet–metastatic breast cancer; Ralph (Judy Braatz's brother)–bladder cancer; Lisa (nee Rhodee) Liarokis–breast cancer; Layla Pelnar–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; 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: Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Greu; 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

Public Recognition of Holy Baptism: John Michael Zellmer – March 15th

Public Reception of New Members: Paul & Carol Fischer

Lord’s Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism
Hymn of the Week: God Love the World So That He Gave

LSB 571

Looking forward to the Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

Hymns: 685, 552 (433, 440, 752) 575

Hope is Heard (Pastor Schockman)

The illness and death of Lazarus happened *“that the Son of God may be glorified through it”* (John 11:4). Jesus’ miracle of raising Lazarus prompted His arrest and crucifixion, whereby He would die *“for the nation”* and gather *“into one the children of God who are scattered abroad”* (John 11:51–52). As He called Lazarus from the tomb and commanded others to *“unbind him, and let him go”* (John 11:44), Jesus also calls us and releases us from the bondage of sin and death. We would not *“submit to God’s law,”* nor could we *“please God”* (Rom. 8:7–8), but *“he condemned sin”* in His own flesh so *“that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us”* (Rom. 8:3–4). What HOPE! For through the Gospel, *“the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells”* in us (Rom. 8:11). His Word breathes His Spirit into our mortal flesh, animating us with His own life. As His ministers preach according to His divine command, the Lord Jesus calls us from the grave into the good land that He gives us (Ezek. 37:12, 14).

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

3/18 Midweek Lent 4: *Economic Duties: Employers and Workers*

- † Eph 6.5-8
- † Eph 6.9
- † 1 Pet 5.5-6

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 the Board of Elders. They will be service soups, sides, desserts & refreshments. 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

- 03/15 | Reformation Tap Society | 4pm @ Brewfinity
- 03/21 | Curling | 11am @ Kettle Moraine Curling Club
 - Bring \$5 to cover equipment & ice rental

St. Paul's Youth Group

March

- 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



Join Our
Contact List!



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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Church Planting as Spiritual Warfare

Presenter: Joshua Benisch

5-7p.m.

BrewFinity Brewery

N58W38900 Industrial Rd. Suite D

Oconomowoc, WI 53066

www.brewfinitybrewing.com

**First time guests
get a free
beer or soda on us!**

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY March 16	Lord's Cupboard & Lord's Lambs Drive-Thru & Meal	Parking Lot	5:30 pm
TUESDAY March 17	St. Luke Small Group Bible Study	Room 202	6:30 pm
WEDNESDAY March 18	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 March 19	New Member Sponsor Committee Meeting Church Choir Rehearsal Praise Team Rehearsal	Room 202 Balcony Church	1:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm
SATURDAY March 21	Women of Joy Divine Worship	Whelan's Church	8:00 am 5:00 pm
SUNDAY March 22	Divine Worship Public School Confirmation Sunday School Life Application Bible Study Divine Worship High School Youth Group	Church 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 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
March 15, 2026
A Life Restored

Bible Truth: Our God Jesus has power over death.
Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

Women of Joy

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

Journeyman

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

NEXT WEEKEND

5:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Readings	Ezek 37.1-14	Ps 130	Rom 8.1-11	Jn 11.1-45
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Bernita Krenzke	Amber Butler	Barb Star	
Elders	Jim Juneau	Dan Eifert	Jerad Luedtke	
Greeters	Larry & Bonnie Vasatko	Dutch & Lynda Holland Dave & Bonnie Schlieve	Frieda Antoniak Marty Antoniak	
Live-Stream	N/A	Prockl	N/A	
Radio	N/A	Tom Krenzke	N/A	
Ushering Team	Mark Baganz	Dave Meyer	Jerad Luedtke	

MARCH 22, 2026

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Pastor: Jason A. Schockman

Title: *Hope is Heard*

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 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:14–21

For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the Lord? He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8–14

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41

As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Receiving and giving the love and hope of Christ



Fourth SUNDAY IN LENT

Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Special services during Advent, Lent & Summer

210 E. Pleasant St., Oconomowoc, WI 53066

262-567-5001

www.splco.org

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. The worship service is simulcast downstairs in our Fellowship Hall for your convenience.

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 – 67 **Total: 347**
8:00 am – 146
10:30 am – 134

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THOSE SERVING THIS WEEKEND

	5pm	8am	10:30am
Celebrant	Ps. Schockman	Ps. O'Donnell	Ps. O'Donnell
Preacher	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman	Ps. Schockman
Musicians	Allison Mackie	Allison Mackie	Praise Team
Acolytes	TBD	TBD	TBD
Altar Guild	Jackie Smith	Barb Hentz	Karen Dentice
Elders	Pat Smith	Rick Zastrow	Ryan Schneider
Greeters	Margie Hertneky Char Binney	Matt Wawrzyn Dutch & Lynda Holland	Al Mueller
Live Stream	N/A	Granzin	N/A
Radio	N/A	Jim Juneau	N/A
Ushering Team	Joel Tesch	Gary Flanagan	Mike Neff

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- † **Web: Anytime at www.splco.org or YouTube**

DIVINE SERVICE

Lutheran Service Book
Setting 3, pg. 184

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Sermon Outline: *Wrong Question*

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The 4th Sunday in Lent
15 March, A.D. 2026
Is 42.14-21; Ps 142; Eph 5.8-14; Jn 9.1-41

Why can it be a legitimate question to ask how sin causes suffering? Is there always a direct cause and effect relationship?

Does being able to assign blame actually help?

How does Jesus deal with the blame question?

Everyone can see the result of sin, Jesus wants us to see the _____.

When we are tempted to play the blame game and ask "who is the sinner", what's the only right answer?

Jesus is still working in the world in His _____ and _____. That we may say "I am the _____ but my sin is _____!"

If your sin is on _____ then it is no longer _____.

What's the right question in the face of our sin?

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