



*Grace Upon Grace
to the Man Born Blind*

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026



St. Paul Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod
Columbus, Indiana

Welcome to St. Paul!

We are glad that you have come to God's house to be fed and strengthened by His holy Word. The order of service for today is printed on the **insert** in this bulletin. Guests, we extend a special welcome to you this morning. We are privileged to have you as our guest today and encourage you to worship with us again soon.

The Family Quiet Room and Restroom are located outside the doors of the sanctuary and to the left. In the Family Quiet Room, you can hear and see the service. **Assisted hearing devices** are available for the service. Please contact an usher.

Do you need prayer support? Please call Bonnie England at **812-447-7895** to activate our **Prayer Chain**. Your fellow church members will pray for you.

Our Communion Practice: We invite and encourage those who have been instructed, confirmed, and confess the faith of this congregation and other congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to receive the Sacrament. Communicants at this altar acknowledge their sins, believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, and desire the Spirit's help to turn from their sins.

Those who are not communing are invited to come forward and receive a blessing by placing their arms across their chest.

If you have questions regarding our Communion teaching and practice, please speak to a pastor.

Communion Preparation: To prepare for the Lord's Supper, you may wish to pray the prayer on the inside cover of the hymnal or review the Christian Questions and Answers on pages 329-330.

Today's Christian Education Opportunities

First Steps of Faith (Infants and Toddlers with a parent)
Sunday School classes for ages three-sixth grade
Confirmation Instruction (grades 7-8) led by Pastor Patterson
Sr. High Youth in the Youth Room led by DCE Probst
Bible Study meets in the fellowship room studying the Nicene Creed

Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau
Acolytes: 8 AM Service Kylie Price
10:45 AM Service Alex Essex

Church Calendar

Spring Break—No School

Mackenzie will only be in the office on Tuesday morning

Today	8:00 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish Noon Confirmation Make-Up Session 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM
Monday	10:00 AM Small Group Handbells
Tuesday	2:00 PM LWML Hosts Birthday Bingo at Lutheran Community Home
Wednesday	<i>Latino Outreach Event at Brown County State Park</i> 9:00 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Matins Service 5:30 PM Supper 5:30 PM Sr. Handbells 6:30-6:45 PM Hymn Sing 6:45 PM Lenten Service 7:45 PM Sr. Choir
Next Sunday	8:00 AM Divine Service 9:00 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish Noon Lunch 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 12:15 PM Youth Confirmation 12:15 PM Choristers Rehearsal 12:45 PM Jr. Handchimes Rehearsal 1:15 PM Jr. Handbells Rehearsal 1:30 PM Back 9 Golf Family Event 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

- + April newsletter, also available online
- + 2025 Contribution Statements
- + April-June *Portals of Prayer*
- + New edition of *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*

TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY... is sponsored in honor of Nora Cleary's 74th birthday by her husband Jim.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Small Group Handbells: *Prelude in d minor*

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Record of Fellowship

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn

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Confession of Sins

please stand pages 184-185

Introit

from Psalms 25 and 27

P My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for He will pluck my feet out of the net. One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple. For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

G *(all sing—page 186)* **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Kyrie

page 186

G *(all sing)* **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Gloria in Excelsis (pages 187-189) is omitted during Lent

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray. 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.

G *(sung)* **Amen.**

please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:14-21

[The LORD declares:] 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

[Paul writes:] 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."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Due to the length of today's Gospel reading, please remain seated.

Verse of the Day

spoken together

C **For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.**

Holy Gospel

John 9:1-41

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the ninth chapter.

C *(sung)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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 spit 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G *(sung)* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Little Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

Grace Upon Grace to Man Born Blind

John 9:1-41

Nicene Creed

please stand page 191

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

please stand

Service of the Sacrament

pages 194-198

Distribution

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Visitors: Please read our Communion statement on the inside front cover of the bulletin.

Closing Liturgy

please stand pages 199-202

Closing Hymn

849 stanza 3

Postlude

Lord Jesus, Think on Me—J. Carlson

Holy Week Services and Special Events

Palm Sunday, March 29th

8 and 10:45 AM Divine Service with *children procession of palms*

Noon Easter Egg Hunt—March KfC Event; *Please bring candy donations by next Sunday, March 22nd*

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd

6:45 PM Divine Service concluding with the Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 3rd

10 AM Morning Service *ECM students and Sunday School Children second grade and younger sing*

10:45-11:30 AM Together as Family Activities in the Fellowship Room

10:45 AM-2 PM SPY and C4Life Service, Lunch, and Activities

6:45 PM Divine Service concluding with the Service of Darkness

Easter Sunday, April 5th

7, 9, and 10:45 AM Festival Divine Service with *children procession of Alleluia Banners*

7:30-9:45 AM Easter Breakfast Served by Youth Families

No Christian Education Classes on Easter

Grace Upon Grace to Man Born Blind

John 9:1-41

The false teaching that even the disciples believed: This man was born blind either because of his p_____ sin or a sin he committed in the w_____.

Jesus teaches the truth, and then by grace gives this man the gift of p_____ sight.

Every person is born with s_____ blindness because of our fallen nature.

The Holy Spirit is delivering this man from blindness and darkness and bringing him into the l_____ of Christ.

First, the man confesses that Jesus is a p_____.

After speaking with Jesus, the man confesses that Jesus is the Son of Man and w_____ Him.

How has the Holy Spirit delivered you and given you spiritual sight?

You were blind, but now you see! The Holy Spirit now empowers you to w_____ as a child of the light and to c_____ Christ before others through your witness.

God's g_____ is sufficient for you as you bear the crosses of disease and disability.

Wednesday's Readings *Grace Upon Grace to Naaman—Psalm 30; 2 Kings 5:1-14*

Next Sunday's Readings *Grace Upon Grace to Mary and Martha—Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:1-11; John 11:1-45*

LIVING THE SERMON... You have been delivered from spiritual blindness and now see with the eyes of faith. Seek the Spirit's help to live as a child of the light and to bring the light of Christ into this world of darkness through your witness, your love, and your compassion.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH... Give thanks that by the grace of God, though you were once blind, now you see! Pray that you would live as a child of the light, walking in the way of the light and not in the worthless deeds of darkness, and that the light of Christ would shine through you to others as you live and love graciously.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK... *Jesus said to [Martha], I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die.*" John 11:25-26a

Thrivent Members—Choice Dollars Designation

Most Thrivent members are given Choice Dollars to designate to their church or some other nonprofit organization. Choice Dollars expire on **March 31, 2026**. If you are a Thrivent member, please do one of the following:

Online: Go to thrivent.com and designate your Choice Dollars to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Columbus, Indiana.

Phone: Call 1-800-847-4836 during regular business hours. When prompted by the automated service, say "Thrivent Choice". Provide your phone number and date of birth to verify your account. You will then be connected to a customer service representative who will assist you in directing your Choice Dollars to our congregation.

If you have questions, please contact Phil Burbrink at 812-344-9946 or Rachel Fohne at 812-343-3786.

Youth Events

All Youth Families—Upcoming Youth Fundraiser

Easter Sunday, April 5th—Easter Breakfast

The sign-up sheet for Easter breakfast is posted in the gathering space. Youth families please sign up to bring a breakfast casserole or other food items needed for the Easter breakfast. Breakfast casseroles should be brought cooked and hot to the church kitchen by 7:30 AM on Easter Sunday. All other donations should be delivered to the church kitchen by Good Friday at 10 AM.



KFC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

Palm Sunday, March 29th—Procession of Palms and Easter Egg Hunt

Children are invited to process with palms at either service. Please arrive in the gathering space ten minutes before the service.

Families are invited to go to the Fellowship Room after the 10:45 AM worship service for devotions and an Easter Egg Hunt.

Good Friday, April 3rd—Together as Family Day

Following the 10 AM Good Friday service, please join us in the fellowship room for activities from 10:45-11:30 AM that will reinforce the significance of this day. The early childhood ministry children and Sunday School children second grade and younger will be singing at the 10 AM service.

Easter Sunday, April 5th—Alleluia Banner Procession

Children are invited to process with Alleluia Banners at the 7, 9, or 10:45 AM service. Please arrive in the gathering space ten minutes before the service.

SPY (high schoolers) and C4Life (sixth-eighth grade)

Next Sunday, March 22nd—Fill Easter Eggs and Back 9 Golf Outing

Sixth graders and SPY youth are invited to stay for lunch and then to fill Easter eggs with candy while the seventh and eighth graders are in confirmation class.

SPY and C4Life youth, friends, and family are invited to join us for fun and fellowship at Back 9 Golf. Meet in the gathering space at 1:30 PM. Bring money for snacks and drinks. We will return to church at 6 PM.

Palm Sunday, March 29th—Hide Easter Eggs

Youth who attend the 8 AM service are invited to hide Easter eggs during the 10:45 AM service.

Good Friday, April 3rd—Servant Event, Lunch, and Fellowship

Youth are encouraged to attend the 10 AM Good Friday service. After the service, youth will assist with Together as Family, set-up for the Easter breakfast, enjoy lunch together, and participate in fun and fellowship in the afternoon. Pick-up is at 2 PM.

Easter Sunday, April 5th—Serve Easter Breakfast

Youth and families should plan to assist with serving and cleanup for the Easter breakfast. Youth attending the 7 AM service are encouraged to serve after the service. Youth attending the 9 and 10:45 AM services are encouraged to serve before they attend worship.

Friends are always welcome! For more information, contact DCE Jen Probst or a youth counselor.

Opportunities to Serve

EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN-UP... The sign-up sheet for the Easter breakfast is posted in the gathering space. Please consider supporting our youth ministry by bringing a breakfast casserole or donating food items.

BASKET SILENT AUCTION... The LWML is sponsoring a Basket Silent Auction in conjunction with the Lenten supper they are sponsoring. If you would like to donate a basket, please contact Sariina Kalli at 218-451-1026 for more information or to donate a basket. Bidding on the baskets will begin this Wednesday, March 18th and conclude on Wednesday, March 25th.

VBS CRAFTS DONATION NEED... A craft being planned for Vacation Bible School is to make a replica of Solomon's Temple using shoe boxes. We are collecting ALL sizes of shoe boxes. You may place them in the box in the gathering space indicating Shoe Box Donations. Thank you!

JUST FRIENDS DONATION DRIVE... Just Friends adult day services is seeking items for their annual donation drive. Your generosity helps provide a welcoming day center where people can connect, engage, and be truly valued. The most needed items are paper towels, napkins, peanut butter and jelly, and Folgers coffee. A longer list is on the poster of the donation box which is in the gathering space until **Sunday, March 29th**.

Stewarding HIS Gifts

There are multiple ways to give to St. Paul. You can always donate online through the website or the QR code on the back page of this bulletin. You can make a one-time donation or schedule weekly or monthly donations that you can adjust or cancel at any time. If you have a question about donating to St. Paul, please reach out to Rachel Fohne at 812-343-3786 or rachel.fohne@stpaulcolumbus.org.

Extending Christ's Love Pledges

Do you need a reminder about what you pledged for Extending Christ's Love, or do you need an update on how much you have already donated? Fulfilling your Extending Christ's Love pledge is an essential part of our overall financial plan for the project. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Financial Updates

The Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) rules allow IRA owners to make a direct transfer from their IRA to a qualified charity without including the distribution in taxable income. Eligible individuals may contribute up to \$111,000 in 2026 directly from their IRA to a charitable organization such as St. Paul Lutheran Church. These transfers can also be applied toward satisfying their Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year. Please consult with your tax advisor about your specific situation. A QCD from an IRA can be an excellent way to give to St. Paul.

More Ways to Give

Did you know? You can donate appreciated securities directly to St. Paul to fulfill your General Fund or Extending Christ's Love pledges. Donating appreciated securities such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds may offer a tax advantage to the donor. Generally, the tax-deductible value of a gift of securities is the current market value as of the date of the gift. Appreciation (capital gains) of this donated security is generally not taxable to the donor. As always, please consult with your tax advisor about your specific situation.

St Paul Scholarship Granting Organization

Donate to our Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization at St. Paul!

A donation to our St. Paul Lutheran SGO directly benefits our Early Childhood Ministry by helping us fund our mission and ministry! Why donate to our Lutheran SGO? Donors receive a 50% state income tax **CREDIT!** You can donate stocks, bonds, and mutual funds to the SGO and receive a 50% tax credit! Please consult your tax advisor for specific tax advice. You can visit www.lutheransgo.org for more information!

2025-2026 St. Paul SGO Fundraising Goal: \$135,000 Amount Raised as of February 28, 2026: \$92,753

IN OUR PRAYERS... Phyllis Fox (surgery on Thursday), Julia Bense, Catherine Nolting, Henry Wischmeier, Janice Scheidt, Gene Wint, Doug Essex, Danny Johnson, Doug Brown, Riley Walton, Katrina Smith, Dennis Hoeltke, Sheila Shaffer, Marie Tellman, Gloria Schultz, Joan Wilcox, Beverly Neawedde, Gerald Helt, Jill Scheidt, Bob and Marilyn Runge, Katy Garza (Clearys' niece), Al and Pat Abrams (Pam Roth's brother and sister-in-law), Evan Dunn (Oliver's friend), Sherri Heath (Sally Haak's sister), Michelle Matthews (Ray and Pat Hall's niece), Steve Kennedy (Ray and Pat Hall's friend), Amy Coombs (Darlene Bower's friend), Sam Straub (Kathy Adams' nephew), Lynn Ramberg, Ty Ramberg, Deb Larsen, and Ozzy Hentges (Kallis' friends), Connie Ball, Lisa Williams (Ann Linke's niece/Jordan Patterson's aunt), Pastor Craig Wulf and Jesse Lopez (John and Gail Jones' friends), Lori Lucas (Katrina Smith's friend), Mary Putz (Anne Wiltsey's mother), Curt Carothers, Marcia Carson and Linda Hall (Gayla Alesandro's friends), Jami Maher (Joanne Kirby's niece), Bob McDonald (Wendy Wiederhoeft's father), Ed Vogel (Eddie Vogel's father), William Leitshuh (Clearys' friend), Marilyn Gifford (Hinds' friend); **Grieving:** Family of Eugene Haak (Larry Haak's uncle); **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Bryce Cleery (Judy Sullivan's friend), Shane McGowen (Sally Haak's nephew), Peyton Mullins (Sperrys' friend), Ty Chamberlain (Taffy Schroer's relative), Devin Klein (Adam and Kristy Hall's nephew)

SUNDAY LUNCHES...

Today— No Lunch Served—Spring Break
Next Sunday, March 22nd— Latino Families Hosting
March 29th— Spaghetti and Meatballs
April 5th—No Lunch Served—Easter

SPRING BREAK WEEK... Due to Spring Break, there is no lunch, afternoon confirmation class, or youth choirs today. Pastors Patterson and Bauman will be available after second service for a confirmation make-up/work ahead session. Due to Spring Break, Mackenzie will be in the office only on Tuesday morning this week. If you need pastoral care, please contact our pastors directly.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE... is **this Wednesday, March 18th** at 6:45 PM as we focus on the theme *Grace Upon Grace to Namaan*. The service will be preceded by a hymn sing from 6:30-6:45 PM.

Supper will be served from 5:30-6:15 PM by the Board of Evangelism and spouses. The menu is soups, chicken salad sandwiches, veggies, and desserts. The freewill

offering will benefit appliances and supplies for the new kitchen in the Christian Education Center.

LWML TO HOST BIRTHDAY PARTY AT LUTHERAN COMMUNITY HOME... **This Tuesday, March 17th**, the LWML will host Birthday Bingo at the Lutheran Community Home in Seymour. We are asked to provide bingo prizes, two dozen cupcakes, and three angel food cakes for the event. A few of us are planning to carpool from the church to lunch at a Seymour restaurant before bingo at 2 PM. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please reach out to Wendy Wiederhoeft at 812-371-4271 to donate baked goods or rideshare. Bingo prizes can be dropped off in the bin in the coat room before Tuesday.

JOIN US IN BROWN COUNTY... You and your family are welcome to join many of our Latino families for a spring break outing to Brown County State Park **this Wednesday, March 18th**. We'll gather at church for Matins at 10:15 AM followed by a lesson and craft on Holy Week. Granted the weather is agreeable, we'll then make our way to the park for lunch and outdoor fun. We'll finish back at church for another Holy Week lesson, supper, and Lenten service. Don't be shy! Please let Pastor Fickenscher know if you'd like in on the fun. All ages welcome!

BACK 9 GOLF FAMILY EVENT... is **next Sunday, March 22nd** meeting at church at 1:30 PM. A few openings remain. If you would like to attend, please speak to Eric Scheidt **today**.

LEFTOVER ITEMS CLEANUP... Congregational members are asked to look over the items in the coat room and dishes in the southwest corner of the kitchen and take them home. If you recognize any objects that belong to someone you know, please let them know to pick it up or feel free to take it to them. Remaining items not picked up by 1 PM **next Sunday, March 22nd** will be donated to Orphan Grain Train. Thank you for helping us spruce up our church as we get ready to welcome family and friends for our Easter celebration!

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITY... The Board of Education is looking for individuals who would be interested in hosting a small group. Small groups are great ways for people to strengthen their relationship with Christ through Bible study and build relationships with others in a smaller setting. Small group leaders will be supported with topical resources, church staff

guidance, and much more. Please contact Crista Burbrink, Chad Fohne, Sarah Lewis, or Jen Probst for more information.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL... It is important for God's people to always have opportunities to grow in their faith through the study of God's Word. At St. Paul, we are blessed to continue hosting Sunday morning Bible study throughout the summer months. During the summer, Sunday school classes are generally combined into two groups: Elementary (preschool-fifth grade) and Jr/Sr High (sixth-twelfth grade). We are looking for individuals who would be willing to serve as teachers for either of these groups during the summer. A sign-up sheet is located in the gathering space for volunteers to sign up for one or more teaching sessions. Lessons will be provided to those who sign up.

ECM REGISTRATION... *Help us promote our school!* All registration is online so encourage families to visit the church website (stpaulcolumbus.org) to learn more and to register. Families are also invited to tour our school. Financial aid is available to all families so that no student is turned away. The Little Doves class (four-year-olds) is currently full and a waiting list has started, but openings remain in the Little Lambs and Kindergarten classes. Please contact Director Jen Probst (812-376-6504; director@stpaulcolumbus.org) for more information.

TEACHERS NEEDED... Trinity Lutheran High School is seeking a full-time math teacher and a full or part-time science teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. Interested applicants should send a letter of interest and resume to Principal Clayton Darlage at cdarlage@trinitycougars.org.

THANKS TO... the Bower, Forbes, and Walton families for serving the Lenten supper on Wednesday.

The Response of God's People

Wednesday, March 4th

Lenten Service: **130**

Sunday, March 8th

Divine Service: **318**

Communion: **247**

Sunday School: **166**

Offering

General Fund: **\$12,526.57** Weekly Need: \$17,721

Extending Christ's Love: **\$13,048.01** including \$500 for kitchen equipment from Tri-W

Radio Ministry: \$250

Youth Fund: \$392 Lenten Meal Proceeds



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ECM Assistants: Gayla Alesandro, Sarah Lewis, Laurie Schultz,

Claudia Sims, Caroline Wilcox, Amy Yeley

Reaching out with Christ's Love to Serve and Grow