

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Crookston, MN

March 15th, 2026 Fourth Sunday in Lent



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

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WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SHARING THE PEACE

OPENING WORDS/CALL TO WORSHIP

God does not see as mortals see. We look on the outward appearance; God looks on the heart.

Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

Once we lived in darkness, but now—as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.

Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As children of God's light, we are called to do what is pleasing to the Lord: to participate in what is good and right and true, and expose what is unfruitful and evil. Knowing that we turn from the light, we bring our confession to God, so that what is hidden in us becomes visible, and the shadows of our hearts may be illumined by grace. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

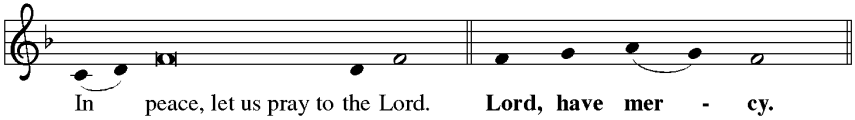
Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen. The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ. **We will live as children of the light for Christ shines on us.**

HYMN: 520 Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

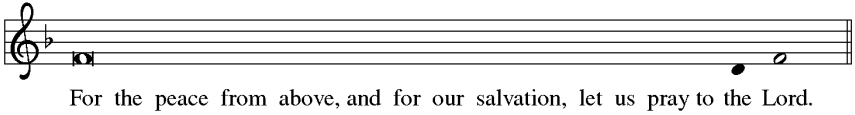
GREETING (p. 203)

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

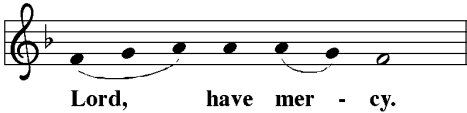
KYRIE (p. 138)



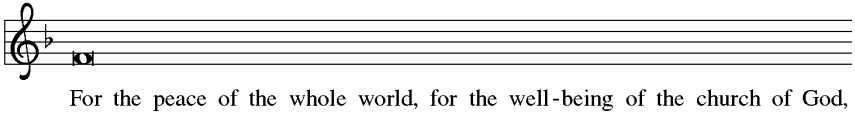
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



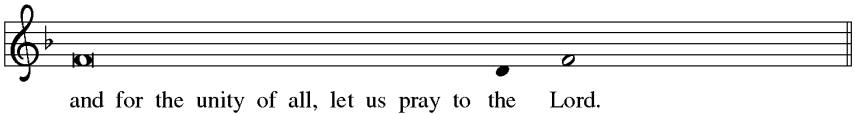
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



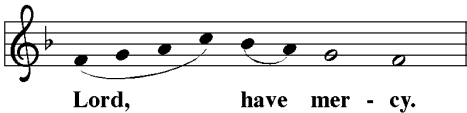
Lord, have mer - cy.



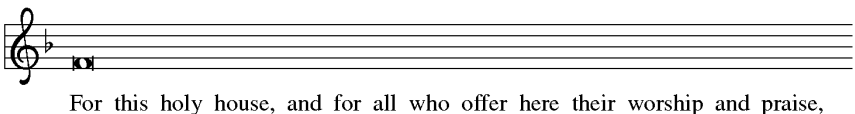
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (p. 140)

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, why is it that we look, but do not see? Bring us again and again into your light until your ways become visible to us, and bear fruit in us. Touch us so that we are utterly changed, a “before” and “after,” a “now” and “then;” that we may also say, “One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. In Christ’s light, we pray. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC St Paul’s Choir

“O My God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercies”

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (CEB)

Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the Lord, designating David as the Lord’s chosen successor to Saul.

¹The Lord said to Samuel, “How long are you going to grieve over Saul? I have rejected him as king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and get going. I’m sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem because I have found my next king among his sons.”

²“How can I do that?” Samuel asked. “When Saul hears of it he’ll kill me!”

“Take a heifer with you,” the Lord replied, “and say, ‘I have come to make a sacrifice to the Lord.’” ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I

will make clear to you what you should do. You will anoint for me the person I point out to you.”

⁴ Samuel did what the Lord instructed. When he came to Bethlehem, the city elders came to meet him. They were shaking with fear. “Do you come in peace?” they asked.

⁵ “Yes,” Samuel answered. “I’ve come to make a sacrifice to the Lord. Now make yourselves holy, then come with me to the sacrifice.” Samuel made Jesse and his sons holy and invited them to the sacrifice as well.

⁶ When they arrived, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, That must be the Lord’s anointed right in front.

⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Have no regard for his appearance or stature, because I haven’t selected him. God doesn’t look at things like humans do. Humans see only what is visible to the eyes, but the Lord sees into the heart.”

⁸ Next Jesse called for Abinadab, who presented himself to Samuel, but he said, “The Lord hasn’t chosen this one either.” ⁹ So Jesse presented Shammah, but Samuel said, “No, the Lord hasn’t chosen this one.” ¹⁰ Jesse presented seven of his sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord hasn’t picked any of these.” ¹¹ Then Samuel asked Jesse, “Is that all of your boys?” “There is still the youngest one,” Jesse answered, “but he’s out keeping the sheep.”

“Send for him,” Samuel told Jesse, “because we can’t proceed until he gets here.”

¹² So Jesse sent and brought him in. He was reddish brown, had beautiful eyes, and was good-looking. The Lord said, “That’s the one. Go anoint him.” ¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him right there in front of his brothers. The Lord’s spirit came over David from that point forward.

Then Samuel left and went to Ramah.

Psalm: Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

² **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures**

and leads me beside still waters.

³ You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;**
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,**
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14 (CEB)

Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.

⁸ You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord, so live your life as children of light. ⁹ Light produces fruit that consists of every sort of goodness, justice, and truth. ¹⁰ Therefore, test everything to see what's pleasing to the Lord, ¹¹ and don't participate in the unfruitful actions of darkness. Instead, you should reveal the truth about them. ¹² It's embarrassing to even talk about what certain persons do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed to the light is revealed by the light. ¹⁴ Everything that is revealed by the light is light. Therefore, it says, *Wake up, sleeper! Get up from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Before: The holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

¹ As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who was blind from birth. ² Jesus' disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned so that he was born blind, this man or his parents?"

³ Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents. This happened so that God's mighty works might be displayed in him. ⁴ While it's daytime, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ After he said this, he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and smeared the mud on the man's eyes. ⁷ Jesus said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (this word means *sent*). So the man went away and washed. When he returned, he could see.

⁸ The man's neighbors and those who used to see him when he was a beggar said, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?"

⁹ Some said, "It is," and others said, "No, it's someone who looks like him."

But the man said, "Yes, it's me!"

¹⁰ So they asked him, "How are you now able to see?"

¹¹ He answered, "The man they call Jesus made mud, smeared it on my eyes, and said, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and then I could see."

¹² They asked, "Where is this man?"

He replied, "I don't know."

¹³ Then they led the man who had been born blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴ Now Jesus made the mud and smeared it on the man's eyes on a Sabbath day. ¹⁵ So Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.

The man told them, "He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and now I see."

¹⁶ Some Pharisees said, "This man isn't from God, because he breaks the Sabbath law." Others said, "How can a sinner do

miraculous signs like these?” So they were divided. ¹⁷ Some of the Pharisees questioned the man who had been born blind again: “What do you have to say about him, since he healed your eyes?” He replied, “He’s a prophet.”

¹⁸ The Jewish leaders didn’t believe the man had been blind and received his sight until they called for his parents. ¹⁹ The Jewish leaders asked them, “Is this your son? Are you saying he was born blind? How can he now see?”

²⁰ His parents answered, “We know he is our son. We know he was born blind. ²¹ But we don’t know how he now sees, and we don’t know who healed his eyes. Ask him. He’s old enough to speak for himself.” ²² His parents said this because they feared the Jewish authorities. This is because the Jewish authorities had already decided that whoever confessed Jesus to be the Christ would be expelled from the synagogue. ²³ That’s why his parents said, “He’s old enough. Ask him.”

²⁴ Therefore, they called a second time for the man who had been born blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know this man is a sinner.”

²⁵ The man answered, “I don’t know whether he’s a sinner. Here’s what I do know: I was blind and now I see.”

²⁶ They questioned him: “What did he do to you? How did he heal your eyes?”

²⁷ He replied, “I already told you, and you didn’t listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?”

²⁸ They insulted him: “You are his disciple, but we are Moses’ disciples. ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses, but we don’t know where this man is from.”

³⁰ The man answered, “This is incredible! You don’t know where he is from, yet he healed my eyes! ³¹ We know that God doesn’t listen to sinners. God listens to anyone who is devout and does God’s will. ³² No one has ever heard of a healing of the eyes of someone born blind. ³³ If this man wasn’t from God, he couldn’t do this.”

³⁴ They responded, “You were born completely in sin! How is it that you dare to teach us?” Then they expelled him.

³⁵ Jesus heard they had expelled the man born blind. Finding him, Jesus said, “Do you believe in the Human One?”

³⁶ He answered, “Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him.”

³⁷ Jesus said, “You have seen him. In fact, he is the one speaking with you.”

³⁸ The man said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshipped Jesus.

³⁹ Jesus said, “I have come into the world to exercise judgment so that those who don’t see can see and those who see will become blind.”

⁴⁰ Some Pharisees who were with him heard what he said and asked, “Surely we aren’t blind, are we?”

⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you wouldn’t have any sin, but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

After: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON “The Accidental Theologian”

HYMN: 779 Amazing Grace

APOSTLES’ CREED (p. 105)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

OFFERING

Our lives overflow with the goodness of God. Sharing what we have so abundantly received, we bring now our tithes and offerings to God, with gladness and gratitude.

Offering Song: #186 Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Prayer: In gratitude, O God, we come to your table, into your presence, into your house. For all that you have done for us, most especially, for bringing us into the light of Jesus Christ, we offer our thanks and praise. We long to live as children of light, doing what is pleasing to you and bearing the fruit of the light through Jesus Christ, who awakens those who sleep, and raises those who are dead to new life. In his name we pray. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING / HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (p. 144)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praise upon praise belongs to you, God of David, for through the length of days your goodness faileth never. You created a world of verdant pastures and streams of living water where we should nothing lack. Out of the house of Jesse you named a shepherd son to be your people's king. With rod and staff you walked with your children through the shadow of slavery and the valley of exile and every kind of evil. When your sheep strayed in sin, you sent your own Son to be our shepherd king and to restore our souls. He came to lay each one of us across his shoulders and bring us home to you. He set a table in the face of his enemies and laid down his life that you might take it up again in glory. And because you promise goodness and mercy to follow us all our days, we give our thanks with all who dwell in your house forever, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven as we join the unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION/EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
 (p. 145)**

...Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p. 145)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD (p. 146)

Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy. Let us sing:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Each group at the altar rail will be dismissed with a blessing. Please give a family Communion card to an usher. Please follow the guidance of the ushers as you come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

Distribution Hymns: 614 There Is a Balm in Gilead

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Now the love of God pursue you, the light of Christ enfold you, and the Holy Spirit keep you; as you dwell in the house of the Lord your whole life long. **Amen.**

HYMN: 793 Be Thou My Vision

CHARGE

Arise! Shine! for the light of Christ is upon you. Go into the world bearing the fruit of Christ's light so that all might see what is good and right and true; and live as children of the light to the glory of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SUNDAY BULLETIN

St. Paul's Lutheran, Crookston, MN

March 15th, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

PRAYER LIST

For those who need healing in body, mind, or spirit:

Julie Love	Eunice Sondrol	Judy Luettjohann
Darleen Jackson	Katie Bakken	Julian Bertils
Marlo Moren	Evie Gunderson	Nancy Eia
Mike Ophus	Loiland family	Trevin Monahan
Dale Knotek	Nash Erdman	Stuart Hanson
Mark Peterson	Lenny Devos	Glorrayne Casmeay
Lucile Torkelson	Delores Sandager	Carol Chaffee
Kari L Trudeau	Leah Knotek Ellesson	

For our missionaries:

Steve & Kelly Solheim
City of Joy Rwanda

For our servicemen:

Brandon Johnson D.J. Brace

Please keep them in your prayers this week.

If you have prayer requests, please contact the church office at 218 281-3638 or our prayer chain coordinator, Marian Bakken: (h) 218-281-1584, (c) 218-275-3143, marianbakken@gmail.com.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11

Psalm 130
John 11:1-45

Readings for March 22nd, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent

MISSION

To bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people

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THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

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Altar Guild

Ingrid Remick

Offering Counters

Kathie Barnes and Penny Blokzyl

Livestream

Anna Peterson

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Parish Fellowship Committee

PLEASE CONSIDER PARTICIPATING DURING HOLY WEEK, MAUNDY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY. ALL SLOTS FOR SERVING ARE OPEN TO FILL. THANK YOU!

MARCH WORSHIP SERVICES TEAM

Thank you, Wonderful March Service Team, for signing up to serve this month! Please check out the remaining openings that need to be filled. Thanks so much! 😊

Jeffrey and Ingrid Remick

Mark and Anna Peterson

Dwain and Kirsten Fagerlund

Kathy Normandin

Richard and Denise Niemela

Cole and Kelli Bertils

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9am- 2pm

Please leave a message after 2 pm on the answering machine/drop something in the mailbox (north side of building)/call ahead. Pastor Curt is usually in the building but may be out on other church business. Worship via Facebook: facebook.com/stpaulscrookstonmn

Sunday, March 15

**8:45 am
10:00 am
11:00 am
6:30 pm**

Fourth Sunday in Lent

**SS/Adult Bible Study
Worship and Communion
Fellowship
Women's Book Read**

Monday, March 16

8:30 am

LWR Quilting

Tuesday, March 17

**7:00 am
9:30 am
1:30 pm
6:30 pm
7:00 pm**

**Men's Coffee Fellowship
Joanna Naomi Circle
Lydia Rachel Circle
Property/Legal mtg.
AA**

Wednesday, March 18

**5:15 pm
6:30 pm**

**Lenten Supper
Lenten Worship**

Ezra-Nehemiah Bible Study following worship.

7:00 pm

Choir Practice

Thursday, March 19

Friday, March 20

Church office closed

Pastor's day off

Sunday, March 22

**8:45 am
10:00 am
11:00 am**

Fifth Sunday in Lent

**SS/Adult Bible Study
Worship
Fellowship**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

March 8th, 2026

Attendance: 55

Our gifts towards Budget:

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,736.44
Loose Offering	\$ 20.00
Over and Above Benevolence	\$ 10.00
General Treas/No Benevolence	\$ 260.00
Lent	\$ 190.00

Other (non-budget) Receipts:

Improvement Fund	\$ 110.00
Noisy Offering	\$ 54.02

Needed weekly towards 2026 Budget:

	\$4,675.42
Total received towards Budget	\$3,216.44
Total (non-budget) Receipts	\$ 164.02
Total Received	\$3,380.46

Lent: March 4, 2026

Attendance: 47

Total Offering

\$ 560.00

The updated Parsonage Siding Fund: **\$25,105.63.**

We only have **\$4,280.33** to go to reach the goal of **\$29,385.96.**

WOW! Thank you for your generosity towards this project!

The most recent Treasurer's Report was approved at the last Church Council meeting. You can review it in the bulletin or web bulletin from March 1st, or contact Tammy in the office and she can provide a copy.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SUPPERS 5:15 PM

March 18: Chili and Cornbread Choir/Worship/Music
March 25: Soup and Bread Quilters

The Parish Fellowship Committee gives thanks to everyone for serving one of the upcoming Lenten suppers. We give thanks to God for a warm building to prepare and serve nourishing food that is readily available at nearby stores!

WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP 6:30 PM

February 25: Returning from Exile (Ezra 1:1-11)
March 4: Laying the Foundation (Ezra 3:8-13)
March 11: Facing Opposition (Nehemiah 4:1-6, 15-20)
March 18: Confession and Covenant (Nehemiah 9:1-3, 32-38)
March 25: Reading the Word and Celebration (Nehemiah 8:1-12)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 29: Palm Sunday: 9:00 am SS/Worship
Easter Egg Hunt

April 2: Maundy Thursday: 6:30 pm Worship
First Communion

April 3: Good Friday: 6:30 pm Worship

APRIL 5: EASTER: 10:00 AM WORSHIP
COMMUNION

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

First Communion class for third graders and their parents will be Thursday, March 26th, at 6:30 pm. Sign up with Pr. Curt. First Communion will be celebrated Maundy Thursday, April 2nd.

SPECIAL MESSAGES

LENT/HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVERS

Thanks a million to all who have, and will be, helping
during Lenten Worship Services!

*Help yourself to Lenten Devotional books in the Fellowship Hall.

LENTEN SUPPERS

In the Bible, "breaking bread" symbolizing deep fellowship, unity, and covenantal relationship among believers. It signifies a practical act with profound spiritual meaning, referencing The Lord's Supper and joyous fellowship meals in the early church.

A big THANK YOU TO ALL!

UP NORTH WOMEN OF FAITH EVENT

SCAN THE CODE
TO PURCHASE
YOUR TICKET
TODAY!



Join Up North Women of Faith for a joyful time of fellowship and inspiration with sisters in Christ from across our region. Build

friendships, share encouragement, and leave "Renewed, Refreshed, and Restored... Psalm 51. See kiosk poster for more information.

ST. PAUL'S WOMEN'S BOOK READ

Our next Book Read group will meet on Sunday, March 15th, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Our March book is, "*Everything is Tuberculosis*," by John Green. Ingrid will lead and Amy Ellingson will host.

MEN'S TUESDAY MORNING CUP OF FELLOWSHIP



Join us every **Tuesday at 7:00 am** for a fresh pot of coffee and even better conversation. We gather to share the stories of our lives—the highs, the lows, and everything in between—while trusting the Holy Spirit to stir some faith into the mix.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

WELCA invites you to help with Personal Care Kits. During Lent we will be collecting new or gently used lightweight bath towels. (Sizes 20" x 40" to 52" x 27,"") and bars of soap, (3-4 ounces.) Donation collection is in the Fellowship Hall.

THE GREAT NWMN SYNOD GET TOGETHER

Join us on March 21, 2026, at Calvary Lutheran in Bemidji for *The Great NW MN Synod Get*

Together! This one-day event is all about

REGISTER BY MARCH 13



reconnecting, learning, and sharing ministry. See Kiosk poster for more information. **Scan the QR code to register.**

HOME DELIVERED MEALS

St. Paul's will be doing Home Delivered Meals, March 30 - April 3, Holy Week, and April 6 - 10. What a privilege for us to bless the homebound with a bit of holiness during this important

week! Sign up sheets are on the WELCA easel in the Fellowship Hall.

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

Find Your Place at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

We invite all those who are interested in joining our congregation to a two-part New Member series this April. These sessions are a wonderful opportunity to share your story, meet church leadership, and explore our shared faith through the lens of our baptismal promises.

- **When:** April 12 & April 19 (after morning worship)
- **Where:** The Family Room (the room with a table, couches, and bookshelves by the East entrance).
- **New Member Welcome:** Sunday, April 26, during worship.
To RSVP or ask questions, contact Pastor Curt or the office.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA... SAVE THE DATE

The SWO... Synod Women's Organization Convention is excited to announce the 2026 convention event, which will be hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church in Crookston, on **September 18th & 19th**. Save the date!

LENTEN WORSHIP

Join us each Wednesday in Lent for supper and Bible Study, **"Rebuilding: A Lenten Journey of Repentance and Renewal."**
Holy Week & Easter

- **Sunday, March 29:** Palm/Passion Sunday
- **Friday, April 3:** Good Friday
- **Sunday, April 5:** Easter
- **Sunday, May 3:** Confirmation—celebrating our 9th grade confirmands.

HEARTS IN ACTION

HOSPICE

Volunteer with **HIA Hospice**,

formerly Hospice of the Red River Valley.) Make a literal life-changing difference. We have roles to fit everyone's talents and schedules. See the kiosk poster for more information. Copy the link below.

<https://www.hiahealth.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

FAITH FORMATION

Our Sunday School children learned about the greatest commandment, to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind. And another commandment is like it, to love your neighbor as yourself.

