

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Crookston, MN

March 8th, 2026

3rd Sunday in Lent



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

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WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SHARING THE PEACE

OPENING WORDS/CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

The hour is coming and is now here.

In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Trusting in God's overflowing grace, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen. This is the good news of God's grace: Though we were sinners, Christ died for us. Though we were enemies of God, God loved us. Once we were lost and dead— now Christ has become our life and salvation. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

HYMN: #533 Open Now the Gates of Beauty

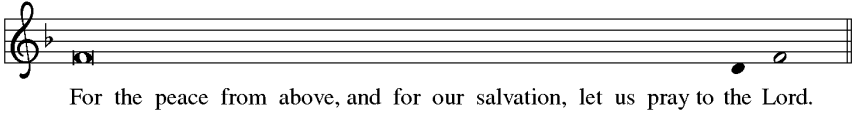
GREETING (p. 203)

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.**

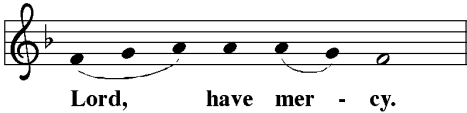
KYRIE (p. 138)



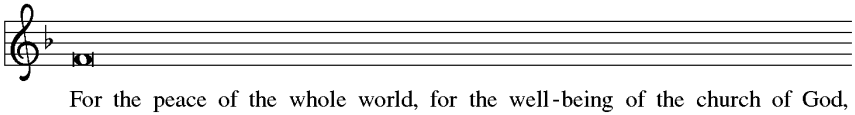
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



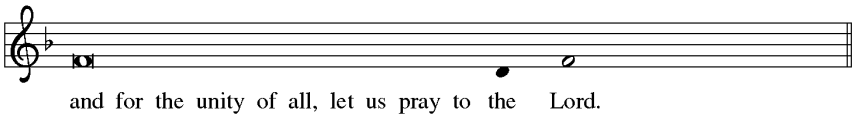
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



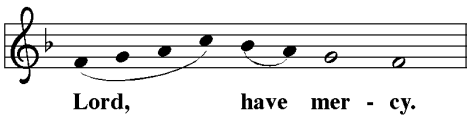
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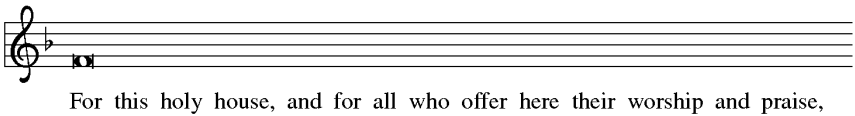
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



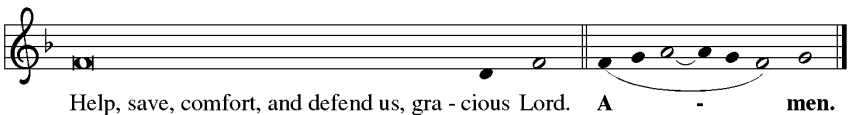
Lord, have mer - cy.



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)



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, Great I Am, you are living water. As we worship you this day show us who we are: channels of your love and vessels of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC Sunday School "The B-I-B-L-E"

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7 (CEB)

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—“Is the Lord among us or not?”—received a very positive answer.

¹ The whole Israelite community broke camp and set out from the Sin desert to continue their journey, as the Lord commanded. They set up their camp at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people argued with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses said to them, “Why are you arguing with me? Why are you testing the Lord?”

³ But the people were very thirsty for water there, and they complained to Moses, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?”

⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What should I do with this people? They are getting ready to stone me.”

⁵ The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of Israel’s elders with you. Take in your hand the shepherd’s rod that you used to strike the Nile River, and go. ⁶ I’ll be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Hit the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will be able to drink.” Moses did so while Israel’s elders watched. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites argued with and tested the Lord, asking, “Is the Lord really with us or not?”

Psalm: Psalm 95

¹ Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

² **Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

³ For you, Lord, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴ **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵ The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶ **Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

⁷ For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's
pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

⁸ **"Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

⁹ There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

¹⁰ **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,**

**'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my
ways.'**

¹¹ Indeed I swore in my anger,

'They shall never come to my rest.'"

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11 (CEB)

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

¹ Therefore, since we have been made righteous through his faithfulness, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² We have access by faith into this grace in which we stand through him, and we boast in the hope of God's glory. ³ But not only that! We even take pride in our problems, because we know that trouble produces endurance, ⁴ endurance produces character, and character produces hope. ⁵ This hope doesn't put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ While we were still weak, at the right moment, Christ died for ungodly people. ⁷ It isn't often that someone will die for a righteous person, though maybe someone might dare to die for a good person. ⁸ But God shows his love for us, because while we were still sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ So, now that we have been

made righteous by his blood, we can be even more certain that we will be saved from God’s wrath through him. ¹⁰ If we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son while we were still enemies, now that we have been reconciled, how much more certain is it that we will be saved by his life? ¹¹ And not only that: we even take pride in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, the one through whom we now have a restored relationship with God.

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 4:5-42

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

⁵ [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, which was near the land Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob’s well was there. Jesus was tired from his journey, so he sat down at the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me some water to drink.” ⁸ His disciples had gone into the city to buy him some food.

⁹ The Samaritan woman asked, “Why do you, a Jewish man, ask for something to drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” (Jews and Samaritans didn’t associate with each other.)

¹⁰ Jesus responded, “If you recognized God’s gift and who is saying to you, ‘Give me some water to drink,’ you would be asking him and he would give you living water.”

¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you don’t have a bucket and the well is deep. Where would you get this living water? ¹² You aren’t greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave this well to us, and he drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.”

¹³ Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life.”

¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will never be thirsty and will never need to come here to draw water!”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, get your husband, and come back here.”

¹⁷ The woman replied, “I don’t have a husband.”

“You are right to say, ‘I don’t have a husband,’” Jesus answered. ¹⁸ “You’ve had five husbands, and the man you are with now isn’t your husband. You’ve spoken the truth.”

¹⁹ The woman said, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you and your people say that it is necessary to worship in Jerusalem.”

²¹ Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you and your people will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You and your people worship what you don’t know; we worship what we know because salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the time is coming—and is here!—when true worshippers will worship in spirit and truth. The Father looks for those who worship him this way. ²⁴ God is spirit, and it is necessary to worship God in spirit and truth.”

²⁵ The woman said, “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one who is called the Christ. When he comes, he will teach everything to us.”

²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I Am—the one who speaks with you.”

²⁷ Just then, Jesus’ disciples arrived and were shocked that he was talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?” ²⁸ The woman put down her water jar and went into the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ “Come and see a man who has told me everything I’ve done! Could this man be

the Christ?”³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to see Jesus.

³¹ In the meantime the disciples spoke to Jesus, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”

³² Jesus said to them, “I have food to eat that you don’t know about.”

³³ The disciples asked each other, “Has someone brought him food?”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “I am fed by doing the will of the one who sent me and by completing his work. ³⁵ Don’t you have a saying, ‘Four more months and then it’s time for harvest’? Look, I tell you: open your eyes and notice that the fields are already ripe for the harvest. ³⁶ Those who harvest are receiving their pay and gathering fruit for eternal life so that those who sow and those who harvest can celebrate together. ³⁷ This is a true saying, that one sows and another harvests. ³⁸ I have sent you to harvest what you didn’t work hard for; others worked hard, and you will share in their hard work.”

³⁹ Many Samaritans in that city believed in Jesus because of the woman’s word when she testified, “He told me everything I’ve ever done.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ Many more believed because of his word, ⁴² and they said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of what you said, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this one is truly the savior of the world.”

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON: “The Jar We Leave Behind”

HYMN: #611 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (Alt tune)

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: Wellspring of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

See how the fields are ripe for harvest! Already, God is gathering fruit for eternal life. With rejoicing, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offering Song: #186 Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Prayer: O Lord, you are our God; we are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your hand. As you have fed us by your mercy, may it be our daily bread to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

BLESSING

Now the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, springing up like living water, fill your heart, and flow through your life. **Amen.**

HYMN: #618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

CHARGE

The hour is coming and is now here. Go forth to worship the Lord your God in spirit and in truth, in all that you say and do. **Thanks be to God.**

SUNDAY BULLETIN

St. Paul's Lutheran, Crookston, MN

March 8th, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

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	Glorryayne Casmeay
Lucile Torkelson	Delores Sandager	Carol Chaffee
Kari L Trudeau	Leah Knotek Elleson	
Family of Bev Montieth		
Family of Denise Hogenson		

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.

MISSION

To bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people

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THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

Ushers

Rick and Denise Niemela

Scripture Reader

Ingrid Remick

Altar Guild

Barb Erdman

Offering Counters

Kathie Barnes and Dan Halland

Livestream

Anna Peterson

Fellowship

CYF (yummy rolls!)

MARCH WORSHIP SERVICES TEAM

Thank you, Wonderful March Service Team, for signing up to serve this month! Please check out the remaining openings needed to fill. 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

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Readings for March 15th, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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 8

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

Third Sunday in Lent

SS/Adult Bible Study
Worship
Fellowship

Monday, March 9

8:30 am
5:30 pm
6:30 pm

LWR Quilting
Stewardship mtg.
Fellowship mtg.

Tuesday, March 10

7:00 am
7:00 pm

Men's Coffee Fellowship
AA

Wednesday, March 11

5:15 pm
6:30 pm

Lenten Supper
Lenten Worship

Ezra-Nehemiah Bible Study following worship.

7:00 pm

Choir Practice

Thursday, March 12

Friday, March 13

Church office closed Pastor's day off

Sunday, March 15

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

SS/Adult Bible Study
Worship and Communion
Fellowship

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

March 1st, 2026

Attendance: 68

Our gifts towards Budget:

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,944.72
Loose Offering	\$ 41.81
Over and Above Benevolence	\$ 10.00
General Treas/No Benevolence	\$ 530.00
Lent	\$ 80.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 20.00

Other (non-budget) Receipts:

Improvement Fund	\$ 225.00
Parsonage Siding Fund	\$ 100.00
Food Shelf	\$ 20.00
Memorials	\$ 90.00

<u>Needed weekly towards 2026 Budget:</u>	\$4,675.42
Total received towards Budget	\$3,626.53
Total (non-budget) Receipts	\$ 435.00
Total Received	\$4,061.53

Lent: February 25th

Attendance:36

Total Offering	\$ 435.00
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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 11:	Pulled Pork	CYF
March 18:	Chili and Cornbread	Choir/Worship/Music
March 25:	Soup and Bread	Quilters

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 Sunday School/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 3rd 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

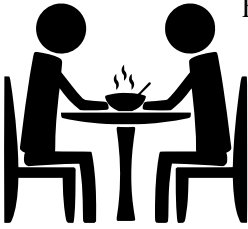
The Lenten season began with Ash Wednesday worship. The congregation is encouraged to participate in worship services during this valuable time of the year for Christians.

Thank you so much for serving during Lent, as well as Holy Week.

****Lenten Devotional books** are available to pick up from the table in the Fellowship Hall.

LENTEN SUPPERS

The Parish Fellowship Committee gives thanks to everyone who has committed to serving one of the upcoming Lenten suppers. In the Bible, "breaking bread" refers to the act of sharing a meal, 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

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.

SCAN THE CODE
TO PURCHASE
YOUR TICKET
TODAY!



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. Whether you're a morning person or you need that first cup to get there, we'd love to see you.

SAFE-HOME SURVEY

The Crookston Fire Department is offering a Safe Home Survey, where they will come and check to see if your carbon monoxide and smoke detectors are in good order. Call 218-281-4584 to set up an appointment.

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 NWMN Synod Get Together!*

This one-day event is all about reconnecting, learning, and sharing ministry. We'll enjoy fellowship, conference time, and breakout sessions—plus a little preview of our 2026 Synod Assembly theme, "Grace in a Digital Space." See Kiosk poster for more information.

Scan the QR code to register.

REGISTER BY MARCH 13



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

Come discover the many ways we serve, grow, and worship together here in Crookston. To RSVP or ask questions, please reach out to Pastor Curt or contact the office.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA... SAVE THE DATE

Your **SWO... Synod Women's Organization** Convention Planning Committee is excited to announce the theme and accompanying Bible verse for our 2026 convention event, that will be hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church in Crookston, on **September 18th & 19th**. Our chosen theme is "Button up your Faith." The event verse focuses on Hebrews 11:1, "Now Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." We are planning an interesting interactive project that all attendees will be asked to assist with through the two-day event and completed by end of day 2.

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! Please see the insert for more information. Thank you, Marian, for organizing this once again!

COMING IN 2026

Mark Your Calendars

As we look ahead, please note these important dates in your calendars:



March Lenten Season Join us on Wednesdays in Lent for suppers and a transformative Lenten journey with our theme: "**Rebuilding: A Lenten Journey of Repentance and Renewal,**" as we explore powerful themes from Ezra and Nehemiah.

Holy Week & Easter

- **Sunday, March 29:** Palm/Passion Sunday
- **Thursday, April 2:** Maundy Thursday
- **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. There



are many ways that volunteers can get involved. We have roles to fit everyone's talents and time available:

Patient Care	Respite Care
Office	Courier
Veteran Companionship	Celebration Bears
Special Events	Floral
Special Roles	

See the kiosk poster for more information. Copy the link below.

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

FAITH FORMATION

Sunday School: A Mountain Top Experience

This week, our Sunday school kids are exploring the story of **The Transfiguration**. They'll learn about the moment Peter, James, and John joined Jesus on a high mountain and saw him transformed in radiant light. Alongside Moses and Elijah, they heard the voice of God from a cloud saying, *"This is my Son. Listen to him."*

Ask your kids this week: *If you heard God's voice from a cloud, what do you think He would say to you?*

Confirmation: Lenten Service & Stewardship

While there are **no formal Confirmation classes** during the season of Lent, our students remain active in their faith through service and worship.

Student Expectations for Wednesdays:

- **Worship:** Attendance at our Wednesday Lenten services is expected.
- **Service:** Students will be rotating through roles as **ushers and acolytes** during the services.
- **Stewardship:** Following the Lenten suppers, students are asked to stay and assist the serving groups with cleanup.

Thank you for supporting our youth as they take on these important leadership roles in our church family!

REFLECTION AND PRAYER

As you read John 4:5–42, think about the meaning of water—its symbolic qualities, its presence in nature, and its use in human life. How is Jesus like water? What are the things that are most necessary in your life? Where do you get them? Contribute to or participate in a service project that provides clean water (or some other necessity of life) to people in need. As you do so, make a commitment to pray for all the providers and recipients of this service.

Household Prayer: Morning

God, my maker, hold me this day, Ps. 95 with the same hand that shapes the mountains, with the same hand that cradles the deep. Keep my heart soft and supple, make my faith strong and firm. Renew me, re-form me, re-create me into the image of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

We come to you now, O Lord, Exod. 17:1; John 4:6; Rev. 22:1 weary from the day's journey, thirsty for rest, hungry for peace. Renew us in your love and restore us by your grace, until we find our rest at last by the river of the water of life. Amen.

“The B-I-B-L-E”

The B-I-B-L-E,
Yes that's the book for me;
I stand alone on the Word of God,
The B-I-B-L-E.

I'm S-A-V-E-D
By G-R-A-C-E;
I'm saved by grace
The Scripture says,
The B-I-B-L-E.