

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Crookston, MN

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent



# SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

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## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SHARING THE PEACE

### OPENING WORDS/CALL TO WORSHIP

O mortal, can these bones live?

**Only the Lord God knows.**

O people, hope in the Lord.

**With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. Trusting in the Spirit of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor. And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. Amen.** O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! If Jesus Christ dwells in you, the Spirit of God will be your life and the grace of God will be your righteousness. And if the Holy Spirit dwells in you, then God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also give life to your mortal bodies. Friends, this is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**HYMN: #886 Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

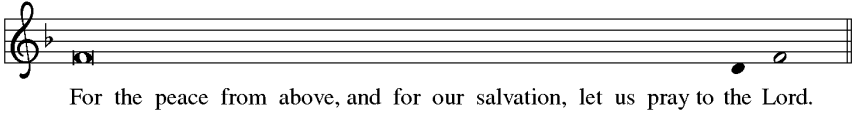
**GREETING (p. 203)**

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.**

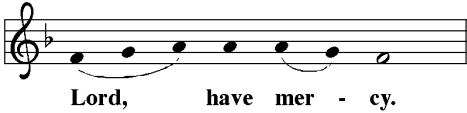
# KYRIE (p. 138)



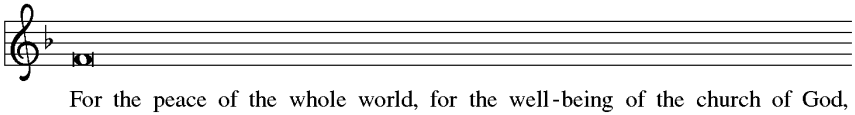
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



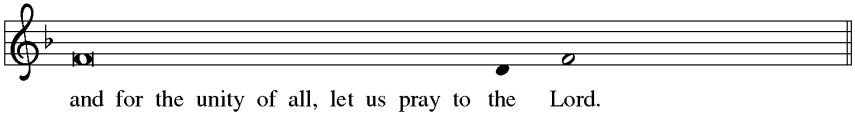
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



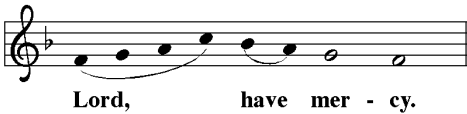
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



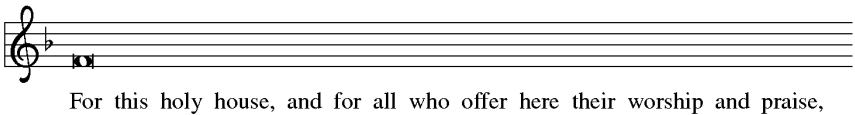
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



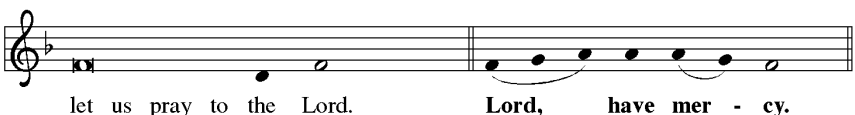
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**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)



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 resurrection and life. As we worship you this day show us who we are: bearers of good news, messengers of resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14 (CEB)**

*Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the Lord."*

<sup>1</sup> The Lord's power overcame me, and while I was in the Lord's spirit, he led me out and set me down in the middle of a certain valley. It was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me through them all around, and I saw that there were a great many of them on the valley floor, and they were very dry.

<sup>3</sup> He asked me, "Human one, can these bones live again?"

I said, "Lord God, only you know."

<sup>4</sup> He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, Dry bones, hear the Lord's word! <sup>5</sup> The Lord God proclaims to these bones: I am about to put breath in you, and you will live again. <sup>6</sup> I will put sinews on you, place flesh on you, and cover you with skin. When I put breath in you, and you come to life, you will know that I am the Lord."

<sup>7</sup> I prophesied just as I was commanded. There was a great noise as I was prophesying, then a great quaking, and the bones came together, bone by bone. <sup>8</sup> When I looked, suddenly there were sinews on them. The flesh appeared, and then they were covered over with skin. But there was still no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup> He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, human one! Say to the breath, The Lord God proclaims: Come from the four winds, breath! Breathe into these dead bodies and let them live."

<sup>10</sup> I prophesied just as he commanded me. When the breath entered them, they came to life and stood on their feet, an extraordinarily large company.

<sup>11</sup> He said to me, "Human one, these bones are the entire house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope has perished. We are completely finished.' <sup>12</sup> So now, prophesy and say to them, The Lord God proclaims: I'm opening your graves! I will raise you up from your graves, my people, and I will bring you to

Israel's fertile land. <sup>13</sup> You will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my breath in you, and you will live. I will plant you on your fertile land, and you will know that I am the Lord. I've spoken, and I will do it. This is what the Lord says."

**Psalm: Psalm 130**

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths

I cry to you, O Lord;

<sup>2</sup> **O Lord, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.**

<sup>3</sup> If you were to keep watch over sins,

O Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> **Yet with you is forgiveness,**

**in order that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup> I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup> **My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,**

**more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love;

with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup> **For the Lord shall redeem Israel**

**from all their sins.**

**Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11 (CEB)**

*For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.*

<sup>6</sup> The attitude that comes from selfishness leads to death, but the attitude that comes from the Spirit leads to life and peace. <sup>7</sup> So the attitude that comes from selfishness is hostile to God. It doesn't submit to God's Law, because it can't. <sup>8</sup> People who are self-centered aren't able to please God.

<sup>9</sup> But you aren't self-centered. Instead you are in the Spirit, if in fact God's Spirit lives in you. If anyone doesn't have the Spirit of Christ, they don't belong to him. <sup>10</sup> If Christ is in you, the Spirit is your life because of God's righteousness, but the body is dead because of sin. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your human bodies also, through his Spirit that lives in you.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

### **Gospel: John 11:1-45 (CEB)**

*Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.*

<sup>1</sup> A certain man, Lazarus, was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (<sup>2</sup> This was the Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped his feet with her hair. Her brother Lazarus was ill.) <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent word to Jesus, saying, "Lord, the one whom you love is ill."

<sup>4</sup> When he heard this, Jesus said, "This illness isn't fatal. It's for the glory of God so that God's Son can be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup> Jesus loved Martha, her sister, and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> When he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was. After two days, <sup>7</sup> he said to his disciples, "Let's return to Judea again."

<sup>8</sup> The disciples replied, "Rabbi, the Jewish opposition wants to stone you, but you want to go back?"

<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, “Aren’t there twelve hours in the day? Whoever walks in the day doesn’t stumble because they see the light of the world. <sup>10</sup> But whoever walks in the night does stumble because the light isn’t in them.”

<sup>11</sup> He continued, “Our friend Lazarus is sleeping, but I am going in order to wake him up.”

<sup>12</sup> The disciples said, “Lord, if he’s sleeping, he will get well.” <sup>13</sup> They thought Jesus meant that Lazarus was in a deep sleep, but Jesus had spoken about Lazarus’ death.

<sup>14</sup> Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died. <sup>15</sup> For your sakes, I’m glad I wasn’t there so that you can believe. Let’s go to him.”

<sup>16</sup> Then Thomas (the one called Didymus) said to the other disciples, “Let us go too so that we may die with Jesus.”

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Bethany was a little less than two miles from Jerusalem. <sup>19</sup> Many Jews had come to comfort Martha and Mary after their brother’s death. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary remained in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn’t have died. <sup>22</sup> Even now I know that whatever you ask God, God will give you.”

<sup>23</sup> Jesus told her, “Your brother will rise again.”

<sup>24</sup> Martha replied, “I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day.”

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. <sup>26</sup> Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

<sup>27</sup> She replied, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, God’s Son, the one who is coming into the world.”

<sup>28</sup> After she said this, she went and spoke privately to her sister Mary, “The teacher is here and he’s calling for you.” <sup>29</sup> When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> He hadn’t entered the village but was still in the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who were comforting Mary in the house

saw her get up quickly and leave, they followed her. They assumed she was going to mourn at the tomb.

<sup>32</sup> When Mary arrived where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn’t have died.”

<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her crying also, he was deeply disturbed and troubled. <sup>34</sup> He asked, “Where have you laid him?”

They replied, “Lord, come and see.”

<sup>35</sup> Jesus began to cry. <sup>36</sup> The Jews said, “See how much he loved him!” <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “He healed the eyes of the man born blind. Couldn’t he have kept Lazarus from dying?”

<sup>38</sup> Jesus was deeply disturbed again when he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone covered the entrance. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “Remove the stone.”

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said, “Lord, the smell will be awful! He’s been dead four days.”

<sup>40</sup> Jesus replied, “Didn’t I tell you that if you believe, you will see God’s glory?” <sup>41</sup> So they removed the stone. Jesus looked up and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me. <sup>42</sup> I know you always hear me. I say this for the benefit of the crowd standing here so that they will believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup> Having said this, Jesus shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his feet bound and his hands tied, and his face covered with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup> Therefore, many of the Jews who came with Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

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

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON: “The God Who Weeps and Wakes”**

**HYMN: #666 What Wondrous Love is This**

**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: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### **OFFERING**

Without the breath of God, we are dry bones, and without the Word of God, we are dust. With gratitude, let us offer our lives to the Lord of all life.

**Offering Song: #186 Create in Me a Clean Heart**

**Offering Prayer: Holy God, giver of life, we thank you for raising us up and joining us together as one people, your people, flesh and bone in the body of Christ. As you have delivered us from death, use our lives to proclaim the good news of new life in 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 Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life, bless and keep you in this life and the life to come. **Amen.**

**HYMN: #774 What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine**

### **CHARGE**

Arise, dry bones, and live! Come out, Lazarus, and give glory to God! **Thanks be to God.**

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

St. Paul's Lutheran, Crookston, MN

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

## PRAYER LIST

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 Casmey
Lucile Torkelson	Delores Sandager	Carol Chaffee
Kari L Trudeau	Leah Knotek Elleson	
<u><i>For our missionaries:</i></u>	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](mailto:marianbakken@gmail.com).

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Matthew 21:1-11  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Matt. 26:14 - 27:66

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Phil. 2:5-11

Readings for March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Palm and Passion Sunday

## MISSION

### To bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people

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## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

Ushers

Richard and Denise Niemela

Scripture Reader

Ingrid Remick

Acolyte

Colton Tronnes

Altar Guild

Ingrid Remick

Offering Counters

Kathie Barnes and Candace Brouse

Livestream

Anna Peterson

Fellowship

CYF (Yummy rolls!)

**\*\*WORSHIP SERVERS ARE GREATLY NEEDED DURING**

**HOLY WEEK, MAUNDY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY.**

**Please consider how you can take part in these holiest days.**

**THANK YOU!**

## APRIL WORSHIP SERVICES TEAM

Thank you, April's Marvelous Worship Service Team, for being part of worship; your roles are needed and appreciated.

**Please check out the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.**

**Thank you so much! 😊**

Bruce and Betty Arvidson

Marilyn Flateland

Gina Gunderson

Ronald and Connie Haller

Pearl Johnson

Carol Solheim

## 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](https://facebook.com/stpaulscrookstonmn)

### *Sunday, March 22*

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

### *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*

SS/Adult Bible Study  
Worship  
Fellowship

### *Monday, March 23*

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

LWR Quilting  
CYF Mtg.  
Church Council Mtg.

### *Tuesday, March 24*

7:00 am  
7:00 pm

Men's Coffee Fellowship  
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### *Wednesday, March 25*

5:15 pm  
6:30 pm

Lenten Supper  
Lenten Worship

### *Ezra-Nehemiah Bible Study following worship.*

7:00 pm

Choir Practice

### *Thursday, March 26*

6:30 pm

First Communion Class

### *Friday, March 27*

Church office closed

Pastor's day off

### *Saturday March 28*

10:30 – 11:30 am

Fellowship Hall Reserved

### *Sunday, March 29*

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

### *Passion and Palm Sunday*

SS/Adult Bible Study  
Worship  
Easter Egg Hunt

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

**March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Attendance: 65**

***Our gifts towards Budget:***

Sunday Envelopes	\$5,949.72
Loose Offering	\$ 20.00
Over and Above Benevolence	\$ 10.00
General Treas/No Benevolence	\$ 130.00
Lent	\$ 170.00
General Fund (State of MN)	\$ 70.00

***Other (non-budget) Receipts:***

Improvement Fund	\$ 35.25
Parsonage siding Fund	\$ 100.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 701.00
Memorials	\$ 40.00

<b><i>Needed weekly towards 2026 Budget:</i></b>	\$ 4,675.42
Total received towards Budget	\$ 6,349.72
Total (non-budget) Receipts	\$ 876.25
Total Received	\$ 7,225.97

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**Lent: March 11, 2026**

**Attendance: 47**

Total Offering	\$ 591.00
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The updated Parsonage Siding Fund: **\$25,906.63.**

We only have **\$3,479.33** 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 1<sup>st</sup> or contact Tammy in the office and she can provide a copy.

## FINAL WEDNESDAY LENTEN SUPPER 5:15

**March 25: Soup and Bread** Quilters

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

## FINAL WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP 6:30

**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** 8:45 am SS/Adult Bible Study  
10:00 am Worship  
11.00 am 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## SPECIAL MESSAGES

### LENT/HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVERS

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

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

### 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: **April 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.**

See kiosk poster for more information.

### ST. PAUL’S WOMEN’S BOOK READ

St. Paul's Women's Book Read will meet on Sunday, APRIL 19th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Our April book read is - "*Theo of Golden*" by Allen Levi. Carol, Paulette and Julie will host and lead our discussion. We extend a warm welcome to all who may be interested. Join us for lively discussion and Christian fellowship!

### 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.

## 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 this Wednesday in Lent (March 25) for supper and Bible Study, "**Rebuilding: A Lenten Journey of Repentance and Renewal.**" Holy Week, Easter, and Beyond

- **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, and literally make



a life changing difference. We have roles to fit everyone's talents and schedules. See the kiosk poster for more information or use the link below.

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

## **VETERANS BENEFIT FAIR**

The Polk County Veterans Affairs will host the annual Veterans Benefit Fair on **Friday, March 27, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the Crookston National Guard Armory, 1801 University Ave, Crookston, MN.

### **Key Details for the Event:**

- **Location:** Crookston National Guard Armory, 1801 University Avenue, Crookston, MN 56716
- **Date:** Friday, March 27, 2026
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- **Focus:** Information on benefits, services, and resources for veterans and their families.
- **List of Vendors:**
  - Beyond the Yellow Ribbon
  - Chapter 14 DAV Post, Auxiliary & DAV Transport
  - Local County Veteran Service Officers
  - Crookston VFW / American Legion Post & Auxillary
  - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
  - Fargo VA: Multiple Departments
  - MDVA - Veterans Nursing Homes
  - MDVA Education
  - ND Job Services
  - Tri-Valley
  - ND/MN Honor Flight
  - Regional Vet. Center
  - Options, Interstate Resource Center for Independent Living
  - UND Veterans Education Services
  - DEED Vet Center
  - Veteran Outdoors Vendors
  - Polk County Social Services
  - Polk County Health Services
  - And more
- **For more information:** Contact Polk County Veterans Services or check KROX Radio.



## **SPRING THING FOR 6-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**

All 6th-12th graders are invited to the 5th annual Spring Thing, hosted by **Common Grounds!** Common Grounds is a partnership of Crookston area churches dedicated to giving our youth a chance to experience fun and fellowship together, no matter what church they call home.

Here are the details for this year's event:

- **Who:** All 6th–12th graders
- **When:** Wednesday, April 22nd | 6:30 PM – 8:45 PM
- **Where:** Crookston High School
- **What to Expect:** Fun games, worship time together, inspiring faith journeys shared by older youth, and tasty desserts!

Come hang out, meet new friends, and enjoy a great evening of community. Feel free to bring a friend!

## **QUESTIONS AND REFLECTION**

Why did Jesus weep in John 11:35? Was it out of compassion for Mary and Martha? Out of love for his friend Lazarus? Out of frustration with the people's lack of understanding or faith? Think about someone in your life who is grieving. Find a way to extend to that person the grace and peace of Christ.

### **Household Prayer: Morning**

O God, I know that you are the Lord, for you gave me my life, and caused me to rise this day. Put your Spirit within me, and let my words and actions help others to know that you are my Lord and my God.  
Amen.

### **Household Prayer: Evening**

My soul waits for you, O Lord, more than those who watch for morning, more than those who watch for morning. Help me to sleep this night in peace, trusting that you will awaken me; through Jesus Christ my Savior. Amen.

