

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT ~ FEBRUARY 26, 2023

**GOD  
CALLS**

...in the world



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**"Being Transformed By God's Grace To Love And Serve."**

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*If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.*



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*please stand in body or spirit*

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

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Greeting

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*please be seated*

Reading

Genesis 2:15 - 17, 3:1 - 7

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.  
<sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." <sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

**<sup>2</sup>Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

**<sup>4</sup>For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

**<sup>6</sup>Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**<sup>8</sup>"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

<sup>10</sup>**Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller

Gospel Acclamation

"We Are Turning"

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Gospel

Matthew 4:1 - 11

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 4th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

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Hymn of the Day

"O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

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FORTY  
Days

## Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

## Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*please be seated*

## Offering

*please stand in body or spirit*

## Offertory

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

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## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



## Words Of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**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.**

*please be seated*

## HOLY COMMUNION

By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine  
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.  
Red wine or white grape juice is available.

### Communion Hymns

"Lamb of God"

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

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*please stand in body or spirit*

### Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

### Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With our ears and hearts open to your calling, send us forth in repentance and with hope to touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

### Blessing

The holy Three, the holy One increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and ✠ grant you peace. **Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

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### Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the call of God.

**Thanks be to God.**



# "OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD"



**Welcome:** Greetings, in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit on this first Sunday in Lent. Let us walk with Jesus and one another these sacred 40 days.

*We invite everyone to enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!*

**In Our Prayers:** "Unspoken prayer concerns", Nathan Vanderlinden, Gordon Ives, Dewey Jobe, Mary Haluptzok, Judy Smith, and Kyle Luetjen.



Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Kathy Regekr, Bill Talbot (friend of Connie Gerken), Shirley Boose (mother of Melisa Balke), Annie Bright, Kiley Simon (friend of Jenna Nash), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), Rebecca Heimsoth (friend of Norma Schlesselman), Gerald Goodson (uncle of Melisa Balke), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin Lackas (brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), Reagan Phillips, Bill Hampton, Alex Stevens (friend of Tina Ives), Jeffery Jones (son of Bonnie Bohling) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



**Nursing Home:** Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Huth Schlesselman, Luella Viebrock, Marie Viebrock, Florence VonHolten & Cecelia Wiedemann: *GSCC*. Wayne Hall: *Warsaw Health & Rehab*. Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms*.

**Military:** Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in-law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Cpt. Joseph Strathman, Sgt. Russell J. Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann) and Cpt. Wayne Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann).



**With Sympathy:** We also pray for those families who have lost loved ones; family and friends of Irene Viebrock.

**Prayers:** If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.



**LBPS:** Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, **February 28th** and Wednesday, **March 1st** from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.

**Mid-Week Service:** Throughout the upcoming season of Lent, we encourage you to carve out a bit of time for worship. Midweek Lenten Services will be held on Wednesdays, starting at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This year's worship will continue to encourage us in how we listen for and live out God's call in our lives. Our theme will be based on the book *The Centered Life*. You do not need to read the book to participate in worship, but if you would like a copy of the book to dig even deeper into the theme please sign up on the bulletin board in the Link or call the church office and we will order one for you. See you there!



**Health Care:** The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **March 2nd** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.

**Meeting:** Communities of Calling committee will meet on Sunday, **March 5th** at 6:00pm.



**Time:** Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, **March 12th**. Move your clocks forward.

**Mowing:** Bids are being accepted for mowing at St. Paul's Cemetery. Anyone interested in submitting a bid may contact Mark Oelrichs, Bill Viebrock or John Oelrichs by **Sunday, March 30th**.



**Attention:** To all wishing to pursue higher level education. The Central States Women of the ELCA has an Educational Scholarship available for women who are members of an ELCA congregation. Applications for the scholarship can be found at both ushers' stands. The application provides the needed guidelines. For any questions, please contact Janice.

*Scholarship*

~ \* ~ **IN OUR COMMUNITY** ~ \* ~



**Music Booster Dinner:** The Music Booster will host a dinner on Friday, **March 10th** in the high school gym. They will be serving salad, baked chicken, mashed potatoes and mushroom gravy, green beans, rolls and cake. The band and choir kids will be performing through the night and serving guests at tables. Tickets are \$12 doors open at 5:30pm. Food will be served from 6:00pm - 8:00pm.

The Cole Camp music students in the HS Band and Encore will be travelling to Nashville in March for an unforgettable experience. These students will get to perform and get a workshop with professionals that work in Nashville. Students will get to experience different attractions such as The Grand Ole Opry, Jackson Showboat, and the Nashville Zoo. Students will experience and create memories with their ensembles that will last a lifetime.

MID-WEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

1st week of Lent	March 1st
2nd week of Lent	March 8th
3rd week of Lent	March 15th
4th week of Lent	March 22nd
5th week of Lent	March 29th

Services at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall



Palm Sunday	April 2nd at 10:00am	Procession of Palms
Maundy Thursday	April 6th at 7:00pm	Stripping of the Altar
Good Friday	April 7th at 7:00pm	Service of Darkness
Easter Saturday	April 8th at 5:30pm	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunrise	April 9th at 7:00am	Breakfast to follow
Easter Sunday	April 9th at 10:00am	Holy Communion



LENTEN BREAKFAST

The Cole Camp Area Church Alliance will host a Lenten breakfast here at St. Paul’s Church each Wednesday morning beginning at 7:30am. *(Please note: If Cole Camp schools are closed due to weather, the breakfast will also be cancelled that day.)* All are invited each week. The following churches will host each week:

March 1st	St. John’s and Holy Cross
March 8th	First Baptist and Ionia United Methodist
March 15th	St. Peter & Paul and Faith Chapel
March 22nd	St. Paul’s and Cole Camp United Methodist
March 29th	Brauersville and Trinity Lutheran

## **LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPER**

Each Wednesday prior to the weekly Lenten service, a "simple supper" will be served in the fellowship hall. Volunteers are needed to prepare the soups, prepare the sandwich spread, and to assist with the serving and clean-up. Contact Janice for any questions.

**What's for supper?** The menu for the "Simple Supper" this week (Wednesday, **March 1st**) is chili and chicken noodle soup with hot dogs/ chili dogs on the side. Serving will begin approximately 5:45 pm and conclude at 6:45 pm (to allow time for clean-up). Come and enjoy a light supper and fellowship! See you there!



## **AFTER LENTEN SERVICE**

There will be the traditional fellowship time (cookies, coffee, and hot chocolate) following each Lenten service beginning on March 1st. To insure that there are enough cookies each week, each family is asked to provide cookies according to the following schedule. Additionally, please note the organizations asked serve for each of the five Lenten services.

March 1st .....	A - E.....	WELCA Executive Board Serving
March 8th .....	F - H .....	Junior Lutherans Serving
March 15th .....	I - P .....	Luther League Serving
March 22nd .....	R - T .....	Congregational Council Serving
March 29th .....	V - Z.....	Esther Circle Serving

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

<b>Sunday, February 26:</b>	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	Sunday School & Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
<b>Tuesday, February 28:</b>	8:00am	LBPS
<b>Wednesday, March 1:</b>	7:30am	Lenten Breakfast
	8:00am	LBPS
	6:00pm	Simple Supper
	7:00pm	Lent Worship
<b>Thursday, March 2:</b>	8:00am	BCHD
<b>Saturday, March 4:</b>	5:30pm	Casual Worship
<b>Sunday, March 5:</b>	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	Sunday School & Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion at the Altar



**~ \* ~ Coming Events ~ \* ~**

March 1 .....	Lenten Breakfast, Simple Supper & Worship
March 8 .....	Lenten Breakfast, Simple Supper & Worship
March 12 .....	Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 15 .....	Lenten Breakfast, Simple Supper & Worship
March 20 .....	First Day of Spring

# Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**Ministers** ..... The Whole Congregation  
**Presiding Minister** ..... Pastor Stephen Zeller  
**Organist** ..... Lois Viebrock  
**Pianist** ..... Jeannette VonHolten  
**Altar Guild** ..... Janice Gerken & Rhonda Schlesselman



## First Sunday in Lent ~ February 26, 2023

**Assisting Minister** ..... Melisa Balke  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Debbie Vaughan & Sharel Wienberg  
**Reader** ..... Shirley Cash  
**Children's Sermon** ..... Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller  
**Acolytes** ..... Lucas Eckhoff & Bradyn Rehmer  
**Flowers** ..... Sara Jackson  
**Ushers** ..... Justin Tinney, Assistant Head Usher  
..... Vickie Fox, John Oelrichs, Braden Poe & Ryan Schlesselman



## Second Sunday in Lent ~ March 5, 2023

**Assisting Minister** ..... Darin Oelrichs  
**Communion Assistants** ..... At the Altar  
**Reader** ..... Luke Goosen  
**Children's Sermon** ..... Pastor Stephen Zeller  
**Acolytes** ..... Wyatt Keith & Lane Smith  
**Flowers** ..... Meghann Smith  
**Ushers** ..... Kelly Viebrock, Head Usher  
..... Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman, Melinda Strathman & Steve Tripplet

