



Welcome to our worship today! St. Paul is here to serve God and all those who seek Him. If you are looking for a church, we would be glad to have you join us.

Please sign the Record of Fellowship pads in the pews.

Secretary: Hilary Klevesahl: 920-621-4569; klevesahlh@gmail.com

Elder: Jack Schmoll

Altar Guild: Dawn Schmoll

Greeters/Ushers: Judy Specht & Sheila Zastrow

April 6: Jim & Jessica Lederer

Organist: Sheila Raddant

Acolyte: Brantley Lierman

April 13: Duane Falk & Sid Krueger

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Sermon: “The Parable of the Prodigal Father”

Opening: 424 O Christ, You Walked the Road; **Sermon:** 423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary; **Communion:** 635 O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing; 613 To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All; **Closing:** 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

Offering from March 23

Current: \$635 Missions: \$218 Communion: \$25 Loose: \$6

Parish Weekly Calendar

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| Monday, March 31 | 9a – Matins @ IM 6p – Chimes @ IM 7p – Choir @ IM |
| Tuesday, April 1 | 8a-12p – Pastor Office @ IM 9a – Matins @ SP 6p – Bible Study @ SP |
| Wednesday, April 2 | 8:30a – Matins @ IM 9a – Bible Study @ IM 11a – Lent Worship @ SP (Lunch to follow) 7p – Lent Worship @ IM (Dinner to follow) |
| Thursday, April 3 | 8a-12p – Pastor Office @ SP 9a – Matins @ SP 7p – LWML @ IM |
| Friday, April 4 | 9a – Matins @ SP |
| Sunday, April 6 | 8:30a – Worship @ IM (SS @ 9:45a) 10a – Worship @ SP (SS @ 9:10a) 3p – Private Confession @ IM 4p – Adult Education @ IM 5:45p – Evening Prayer @ IM 6p – Confirmation IM |

Pastor Craig will be gone for a quick 3 day jaunt to OKC on April 10-12th. Pastor Burke is on call (414-807-5571).

Please keep in your prayers: **Dan Schutt, David Korth, Lois Weisnicht, Judy Specht, Chuck Milis, John Bauer, Tim Treptow, David Raddant, Ralph Torbeck, Betsy Stanke, Carol Brede, Ed Stanek, Ron Muck, Glenn Schreiber, Brice Huntington, Rebecca Bonnin, Judy Manthei, Steve Olson, Mary Ellen Fisher, Pam Beilfuss, Dan Krause, Bryan Poirier, Terri Kowalczyk, Ernie Pelky, Jason Kor, and Carissa Baker.**

Church & Parish Announcements:

Lent Worship Services are being held on Wednesdays at 11a (St. Paul) and 7p (Immanuel). This year we are participating in a round-robin with Circuit 13. The theme is “Faith in the Midst of Darkness.” We’ll be holding a lunch/snack after worship at SP and dinner at IM. Consider signing up to serve.

April 2: Vicar Kaiser, St. James

April 9: Pastor Conradt, Hermansfort & Stony Hill

Last year's **Palms' Ashes** will be found throughout the season in a bowl at the entrance to the Nave. You are invited to make a cross in the bowl as you enter, allowing the dust to remain and dirty your fingers, drawing to mind your constant need to turn to your God for your forgiveness.

Sign up today to purchase **Easter Flowers** to help adorn the church for Easter!

The Ladies Aid/LWML is again making **Personal Health Kits** for Lutheran World Relief. During Lent we are asking for donations from our congregation to help supply items for these kits. Needed items are:

*lightweight towels (preferably darker colors) *fingernail clippers

*sturdy combs (no pocket combs) *4 oz. or larger bars of bath soap

We appreciate all the help we have gotten in the past years!

Mark your calendars!

*The children's **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on April 12th. Donations of candy or money towards the event are appreciated! Let Cindy Wians know if you'll be attending so we don't run out of prizes.

*St Paul is at **Charlie's Red Barn** June 19th-21st. We desperately need volunteers for the afternoon of the 21st. Sign up in the Narthex.

*Our **Annual Parish Picnic** will be held at Immanuel on Sun., August 10th.

***Summer Services** will be held at Immanuel on Wednesdays at 7p from June 4th through August 27th.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 12:1–6

¹You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ²“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: . . . “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’” ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate. ²⁵“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

April 6, 2025 Fifth Sunday in Lent



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The mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church is to serve the members of the congregation through the preaching of the Word of God and the administration of the Sacraments, to encourage Christian fellowship and charity, to share the Gospel of the Kingdom of God with the unchurched, and to support the work of the North Wisconsin District and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
