

Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

John 4:13-14



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Exodus 17 finds Israel on their journey from the Red Sea, where the Lord triumphed over the Egyptian host, to Mount Sinai, where the Lord will show His glory and give His Law. Israel has been redeemed by the blood of the Passover Lamb, washed and claimed in the waters of the Red Sea, and soon they will be brought into a covenant as the Lord's holy people. The Lord cares for them on the journey and defeats their enemies. **Welcome to the Lord's house!**

The Lord's Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. If you are not partaking of the Lord's Supper but would like to receive a blessing, please come up to the communion rail when sent by an elder, kneel, and cross your arms over your chest. The Pastor will then know that you desire a blessing.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US.

Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in the narthex of the church or by using the QR code.

In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Children are a vital part of our church family. They learn and grow in their faith by regularly worshipping with us. We welcome all children to be actively participating in the service but if for any reason you want or need to take your little one out, there is a Nursery available for your use. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

Through Christ Jesus, we are all able to drink this living water. For our Lord drank deeply the bitter cup of suffering that we deserved on account of our sins so that we might draw water from the well of salvation that flows from Him. The world offers us so many cups that promise to be sweet, but taste so bitter. **May we turn away in repentance and faith to lift up the cup of salvation, call on the name of the Lord and drink the living water that is found in Christ alone.**

∞ President Lee Hagen, Missouri District-LCMS, March 14, 2023 ∞

Opening Hymn 826

“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying”

(Is. 6:8; Luke 10:2; Matt. 9:37-38; Col. 4:3-4)

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*
- C Amen.**
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth. *(Psalm 124:8)*
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. *(Psalm 130:3-4)*
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:
God, be merciful to me, a sinner. *(Luke 18:13)*
- C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.**

Adult Choir “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

1. Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly.
While the nearer waters role, while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last!

2. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find:
 Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
 False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.
3. Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
 Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
 Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of Thee:
 Spring Thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity. Amen

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 84:1-4; antiphon: v. 5

- P** Blessèd are those whose strength is in You,
C in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
P How lovely is Your dwelling place,
C O LORD of hosts!
P My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;
C my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
P Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
C at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
P Blessèd are those who dwell in Your house,
C ever singing Your praise!

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

- P** Blessèd are those whose strength is in You,
C in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Kyrie ∞ *Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)*

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you. *(2 Timothy 4:22)*
C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with

penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 17:1–7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

P O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C the founder and perfecter of our faith,

P who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Epistle Lesson

Romans 5:1–8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our

sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

(John 20:31)

The Holy Gospel Lesson

John 4:5–26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁵Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as He was from His journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.” ⁸(For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to Him, “How is it that You, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”

¹¹The woman said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do You get that living water? ¹²Are You greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” ¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty

forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but You say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship."

²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him.

²⁴God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ). When He comes, He will tell us all things."

²⁶Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 436 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

(Mark 14:32-38; 15:1-20; Luke 23:33-46; Matt. 27:33-50; John 20:1-18)

Sermon "Water in the Wilderness"

Exodus 14:1-7

1. Life is _____ , but it's not an easy journey.
2. We're quick to judge Israel for their _____
_____, but we know we're seeing ourselves.
3. Come to where there's _____ for the journey.
4. Come to Christ, our Rock, and get the _____ .
5. Don't think you have to _____ .

Hymn 761 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

(1 Cor. 10:4; John 19:34; Heb. 9:14; Ezek. 36:25)

Prayers

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(Psalm 136)

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so

freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus ∞ *Holy, Holy, Holy (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9) LSB 208*



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Pax Domini ∞ *The Peace of the Lord* *(John 20:19)*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei ∞ *Lamb of God* *(John 1:29)*

LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.
Text: Stephen P. Starke

Hymn 622 "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

(1 Cor. 11:23-28 & 10:16; Matthew 11:28-29)

Hymn 620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

(Matt. 26:26-29; Heb. 7:23-27; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Rev. 7:13-17)

Hymn 526 "You Are the Way; through You Alone"

(John 14:6; 1 Tim. 2:5; Acts 4:12)

Hymn 637 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

(1 Cor. 11:23-26; Psalm 34:8; 1 Cor. 10:16)

Nunc Dimittis *Song of Simeon* (Luke 2:29-32)

LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus *Let Us Bless* (Psalm 103:1)

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn 922 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" vs. 1-4

(Titus 3:4-7; John 20:19-29; John 14:26-27; Numbers 6:24-27)

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Today's altar flowers are given by Tom & Wendy Coxey in praise and thanksgiving to God for His boundless love and mercy through His Son, Jesus.

The Playground Committee will be meeting Tuesday, March 10th in the Emmaus Room at 6:00 pm.

From the Hospitality Crew: Our next meal preparation will be Wednesday, March 18th at 9:00 am. We will be making lasagna and are asking for donations of lasagna noodles, spaghetti sauce, mozzarella and parmesan cheeses, hamburger, cottage cheese, and fruit cups. Thank you.

2nd Thursday Bible Study will resume March 12th in the Emmaus Room at 6:00 pm. We are using the Bible study "Strength in the Struggle". While the book prefaces that it is a study for women on letting go of fear and anxiety, it is most definitely applicable to anyone and not just women. We all face fears and anxieties in our lives and we welcome anyone who would like to join us. Each "lesson" is independent from the others so it doesn't matter if you begin on Lesson 1 or Lesson 5. This study is led by Elaine Young. We'd love to have you join us.

The ingathering for Grace Food Pantry runs through Marth 15th. There are papers on the table in the Narthex with items most needed by the pantry. If you are able, please help us be a light by providing to those in need as we look forward to celebrating our risen Lord this Easter.

There are many, many, many open dates if you'd like to place flowers on the altar to glorify our Lord and/or remember or celebrate your loved ones. Please check out the flower chart in the Narthex next to the Altar Guild Room.

Things to Remember in Prayer This Week

Thanksgiving: For Christ, our rock, who gives the water of life.

Special Concerns:

That we see ourselves in Israel's journey, repent of our grumblings and doubts, and see Christ as our rock and water of life and so receive forgiveness, comfort, and strength on our own wilderness journeys.

For the Pastor Rafael & Deaconess Jamielynn Flores family.

For the Micah Wildauer family as their ministry is temporarily refocused.

That the Lord would bless our offerings that we give today.

For our country and her leaders.

For those who serve in their vocations of soldiers and first responders.

For the Lord's grace, healing, and protection for our Christian brothers and sisters who are displaced, suffering, or being persecuted in America and throughout the world. **We must shine the Gospel light!**

Worship Anew can be viewed on Sunday mornings at 11:30 am on: the local CW station-channel WCWW-TV 25 out of South Bend, Dish Channel 266 or Direct TV channel 377. For you travelers, you can view anytime at <worshipanew.org>

Please Make a Note: If you use the facilities after normal church and school hours, please make sure that all lights are off and all doors are locked and closed properly. Lately doors have been found improperly closed or unlocked allowing access into the facilities. Also, lights have been left on. If you leave a room, turn off the light. If only a half dozen people are meeting, don't turn every light in the building on. Close the doors to the Sanctuary after everyone is out because we have zone heating and it overtaxes the furnaces. These are all little things that make a big difference and show our attitude to this facility God has given us.

This is God's house and we are to be good stewards of it.

Please join us Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm in the Bethany Room for a potluck and then stay for our 3rd Lenten Worship Service at 7:00 pm.

Upcoming Lenten Meals – Wednesdays at 6:00 pm:

- March 11th – Potluck
- March 18th – Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread
- March 25th – Potluck with White Chili

All donations from the meals will go to Trinity Hope Haitian Feeding Program. Trinity Hope is dedicated to feeding over 60,000 children daily through Christian Schools, providing nutritious meals and sharing the Gospel.

Calendar of Events

TODAY..... March 8th, 2026

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am

Bell Choir..... 5:00 pm

Adult Choir 6:00 pm

MON:

PTL Meeting..... 6:00 pm

TUES:

Playground Committee Meeting 6:00 pm

WED:

Day School Chapel 11:00 am

Lenten Meal – Potluck..... 6:00 pm

Worship Service..... 7:00 pm

THURS:

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am

Preschool Chapel 9:30 am

Kindergarten Round-Up..... 5:00-7:00 pm

2nd Thursday Bible Study..... 6:00 pm

FRI:

LEGO Club 3:00-4:00 pm

SAT:

NEXT SUNDAY..... March 15th, 2026

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service..... 9:30 am

Blood Drive..... 11:00 am-3:00 pm

Adult Basketball..... 3:00-5:00 pm

Bell Choir..... 5:00 pm

Adult Choir 6:00 pm

St. Paul’s has been accepted to the CPH Resource Program. Through this program, we receive discounts on many Concordia Publishing items and free shipping for orders over \$60.00. There are “Spring Picks” flyers on the table in the Narthex. If you would like to order something, please fill out the order form and get the form and payment to the church office. If I have the orders on or before March 22nd then there is a good chance it could be here before Easter. Make checks payable to St. Paul’s and do not add tax as we are tax exempt.

We will be hosting a blood drive through The South Bend Medical Foundation following the service next Sunday, March 15th, 2026. Sign-up sheets and info are in the Narthex.

Once again, the Board of Christian Ed is in need of individually wrapped candy donations to fill over 1000 eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Donations may be placed in the designated bin located in the Narthex. Thank you for your support!

Voters' Assembly Minutes – Copies of the minutes from the Sunday, February 22 Voters' Assembly meeting are available on the table in the narthex. The minutes contain activity reports and future plans of the various boards of our St. Paul's congregation and information regarding the restructuring of St. Paul's administrative boards. If the supply has run out and you desire a copy for yourself, please contact Ken Eichinger. If you prefer an electronic copy, email Ken at keneichinger@gmail.com.

YOUTH NEWS

Each Wednesday through Lent - Youth will be assisting with the Lenten Meals on Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm before the Worship Service.

Easter Breakfast – Youth in grades 6-8, please let us know if you can help with the Easter Breakfast on **April 5th at 8:00 am**. We need help with serving and clean-up!

Look for more Youth Group information via our “St. Paul’s Youth” GroupMe chat (*If you’d like to be added, let us know) or contact Youth Board Director **Scott Hundt at 574-209-2084** with any questions.

SCHOOL CORNER

Preschool and Kindergarten Round-Up is this Thursday, March 12th, 5:00-7:00pm! *Please encourage family and friends to learn more about St. Paul's!* We offer a Christian alternative to education for Preschool through 8th Grade, not only focusing on core curriculum, but also providing a Biblical, Christ-centered focus. **With our comprehensive scholarship program, a Christian education can cost little or nothing.** *Scholarships are even available for Pre-K!* Word of mouth is the best form of advertisement, so please encourage your family/friends to check us out!

We have eight students going to the Lutheran Math Competition in Valparaiso this week: 5th Grade- Olivia Cunningham and Liam Hill; 6th Grade- Zane McGowen and Wyatt Wildauer; 7th Grade- Rachel Rogers and Josie Wildauer; and 8th Grade- Kellan Guse and Harmony Prior. Good luck, students!

Spring Musical practices have started! **Please mark your calendars for the musical “iAM” on May 1st, 7:00pm!** Visit the App Store with students as they learn some different names for God and how He communicates with us! It’s lively and fun- “iAM”!

Please see the article about the Playground Committee in the bulletin. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Beth Miller, 260-519-2884.

Please note this month’s Star Students on the bulletin board! These students, nominated by the staff, have exemplified one or all of the three “Rs”- Respect, Responsibility, and Righteousness. New Star Students will be highlighted each month.

Please see updates to the SGO announcement!

SGO Announcement

The donations do not have to end at the end of the year! Donations for 2026 have started! See all the benefits below and please encourage businesses to donate.

Update to the new federal tax credit:

- This is a 100% Federal Tax Credit, up to \$1,700 per taxpayer.
- Taxpayers can begin making donations on January 1, 2027.

Taxpayers would receive the Federal Tax Credit when completing taxes in the **spring of 2028 (individuals, not businesses).** Further details are available on the bulletin board.

Other benefits to donors-

- **LSGO is MATCHING donations from new donors up to \$1000 per donor (\$5000 per school)!**
- **Universal Charitable Deduction has been restored!** Taxpayers can receive a \$1000 Federal Charitable Donation, even if they can’t itemize, beginning January 1, 2026.
- Taxpayers still receive a 50% state tax credit!

We use the SGO both for elementary school scholarships and Pre-K scholarships, and it has been a great benefit to our families. **(The Choice Scholarships for Kindergarten through 8th Grade only provide for 75% of tuition. SGO supports the rest.)** Please continue to give, and receive the tax credit and deduction for your donations! **Now, there is a link to donate to the LSGO on the church’s website under the School drop-down menu.**

You can also find several (easy) ways to donate at www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate. Donations can be given through a check,

IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, and **NOW electronic giving!** Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction, and a 100% federal tax credit for individuals up to \$1700 (starting in 2027). These scholarships make a big difference for our families. Please contact Jennifer Harman, in the school office, if you have questions.

We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.

Servants for Today's Worship March 8th, 2026

Pastor Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Mark Wildauer & Dakota Schmeltz

Acolyte: Josie Wildauer

Elder: Dave Burcham

Communion Assistant: Larry Britt

Video Streamer: Bruce Schmidt

Servants for Next Week's Worship March 15th, 2026

Pastor Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Paul Wonnacott & Larry Winterboer

Acolyte: Emiliano Mejia

Elder: Larry Britt

Video Streamer: Paul Wonnacott

St. Paul's Eggciting Easter Party

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, March 28, 2026

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
605 S. Center St. in Bremen
Meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Join our "egg-citing" egg hunt
Hear the Easter story
Sing songs
Make an Easter craft
Enjoy refreshments

2-year-olds to Grade 3

*Parents are welcome to attend.
Bring an Easter basket or bag.*

