

OCULI SUNDAY
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
March 6 & 7, 2010

WE WARMLY WELCOME ALL IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WHO HAS OPENED OUR EYES TO SEE THE TRUTH! It is a joy for us to have you worship our LORD of grace with us today! May His Word enlighten each one of your hearts to the amazing extent of His love!

Less than perfect vision is a rather ordinary situation for most people. Eye surgery, eyeglasses, and contact lenses can go a long way toward giving 20/20 vision to our physical eyes. But what about our *spiritual eyes*? In today's worship the Word of our LORD instructs us about the **natural spiritual blindness** with which we have been born, and **miracle of spiritual sight** which the Holy Spirit has given to us through the Gospel so that we see Jesus as our LORD and Savior!

We are especially delighted to welcome all our guests who are with us today! It is our fervent prayer that God the Holy Spirit will bless your worship among us with peace and joy through the marvelous message of Jesus our Savior. Please introduce yourself to our pastor and members, sign our guest book in the entryway, and worship with us again -- soon! Restroom and nursery facilities (with a video link) are located across from the west (driveup) doorway. If you have any questions about our congregation's ministries or facilities, please do not hesitate to ask our Pastor or one of our Elders. If you are looking for a church home, feel free to speak to our Pastor!

COMMUNION ORDER OF SERVICE:

"Divine Service I" from the *Christian Worship Supplement*

This service is an alternate setting of the historic liturgy which has been used by Christians around the world for many centuries. While most of the music is "new", we have been using portions of this order of worship for the last year and a half since the publication of the *Christian Worship Supplement*, so much of the music of the treasure of our historic liturgical songs is already familiar to many here at St. Paul's. In order to better learn this music, we will be using this order of worship printed on the gold folders more in the coming weeks. Please return the Divine Service I service folder to an usher as you leave for reuse in the future, (or take it home to better learn the service format and music!)

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HYMNS: 226 vs 1-6 379 226 vs 7

Through today's Scripture Readings we pray that our LORD would *open our eyes to see* the truth which He has revealed. Only through His Word do we *see* the impossibility of working our own way to heaven. Only in Holy Scripture do we *see* that Jesus is the only Answer to our greatest need, the need for a right standing with Holy God. In Him we have complete forgiveness!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON / PSALM OF THE DAY:

Psalm 25 on page 74 in the front of *Christian Worship*

PSALM OF THE DAY:

EPISTLE LESSON: Galatians 2:17-21

GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:13-25

SERMON TEXT: Galatians 2:17-21

"We Have Been Crucified With Christ!"

Prepare Your Heart For Next Weekend's Worship:

Appointed Lessons for: "Laetare Sunday -- The Fourth Sunday Lent":

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 7:6-11

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 34

Epistle Lesson: Revelation 5:8-14

Gospel Lesson: John 11:46-57

DID YOU KNOW that at the time of the 1917 merger the synod approved a cooperative program of ministerial education that involved a number of changes in the existing schools and their programs? The Wisconsin Synod Seminary in Wauwatosa would be the one seminary of the merged synod. Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota would provide teacher training and Northwestern College in Watertown, Wisconsin, would be the one pretheological college.

- The Wisconsin Synod Lutherans by the late Prof. E. C. Fredrich

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE:

Maundy Thursday – April 1st: 6:30 PM Communion Worship

Good Friday – April 2nd: 6:30 PM Communion Worship

Saturday – April 3rd: NO service

The Festival of our Savior's Resurrection – April 4th: 7:30 AM Worship

PAUSE FOR PRAYER, PETITION, AND PRAISE:

● For those **released from the hospital:**

- For Gerald Winter, who was released from Faith Regional Hospital on Wednesday to the Veterans' Home.

● For those **recuperating from surgeries / illnesses:**

- Colette Dederman who has returned home from the Golden Living Center.

- Irene Sellin at the Heritage of Bel Air Care Center.

- Ardith Wacker who has now moved from St. Joseph's Care Center to the Madison House.

- Dave Henning who is recuperating at home following surgery.

● For those who are **battling cancer:**

- 5 year old Jonathan Madarassy Dale (brain tumor)

- Bob Wittgow

- Jim O'Gorman

- Donna Appel

- Jake Bender (Jasmine Foulk's grandfather)

- Pat Tauscher (wife of Rev. James Tauscher of Loveland, Colorado) who continues chemotherapy treatments and recently received a report of "no evidence of cancer".

- Janet Seiltz (wife of Rev. Paul Seiltz of Pittsburg, Kansas)

- Shirley Bair (a neighbor of Baders)

- Jill Kanzenbach, whose husband Matt formerly served as principal and teacher at St. Mark's Lutheran School in Lincoln.

- Rev. Earl Lindemann of Trinity Lutheran of Winner, South Dakota, who continues treatments.

● For those **dealing with health problems:**

- LeRoy Haase (Barb's father)

- Dan Graae

- Melvin Hille

- Mimi Richmond (Maria Sweigard's sister)

● **Other Prayer Requests:**

- For the family of Val Ray Planer (Delilah's son) whom the LORD called home to glory last weekend.

- For Marvin Konopasek whom our LORD has blessed to celebrate his 80th birthday this coming Tuesday.
- For the people of Haiti and Chile who continue to struggle in the aftermath of the earthquake, and for the relief efforts which are striving to alleviate some of the suffering.
- For the Holy Spirit's blessings on our use of new worship materials from the *Christian Worship Supplement*.
- For Miles Nelson, Brett Bader and all who are serving in the military.

"The LORD will guide you always..." (Isaiah 58:11)

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in our service today. In the Bible, God describes the astounding blessings He gives in the Lord's Supper to those who receive it properly (Matthew 26:26-29). Scripture also teaches us that the communicant "ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord, eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:28-29).

In love for our LORD's Word, and in love for souls which are precious to God, our congregation follows the historic Christian practice of **CLOSE COMMUNION**. By this, we are recognizing our spiritual responsibility for the people who receive the Lord's Supper with us. We therefore ask that only those who share a common confession of faith with us by their membership in a congregation of the WELS or ELS, would attend the Lord's Table in our service today. We ask our visitors who wish to commune with us to please speak with our Pastor or one of our Elders before the service. Please contact our Pastor if you are interested in joining our fellowship of faith!

All those intending to receive Christ's blessings in the sacrament are asked to announce their intentions to commune on the Lord's Supper registration sheet in the entryway of the church. Prayers and materials for **worship and communion preparations** can be found on pages 10-11, 134-139, and 156 in the front of the hymnal.

We welcome all to...come to faith...grow in faith...live the faith...share the faith.
Sunday School & Youth Bible Class every Sunday from 10:30 - 11:15 AM
Sunday Bible Class starting at 10:30 AM

The Mission Statement for WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod):

As men, women, and children united in faith and worship by the Word of God, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod exists to make disciples throughout the world for time and for eternity, using the Gospel to win the lost for Christ and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service, all to the glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Members and guests of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church are asked to fill out the **Friendship Register**. It is the maroon colored booklet that can be found at the end of each pew. The person on the end rows are asked to tear out the page(s) and give them to an Usher when they come around. Your help is greatly appreciated.

OUR ANNUAL LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO CALVARY CONTINUES! We invite everyone to join us as we journey again to the hill of Golgotha to see the incomprehensible price Jesus paid to win our forgiveness at our **6:30 PM Wednesday worship services**. Our overall Lenten theme is "We Preach Christ Crucified". This week we will zero our attention in on Colossians 2:13-15 as Pastor Nathaniel Winkel of Immanuel Lutheran of Hadar reminds us of the new life we have in Jesus, our Savior.

Here is another opportunity to **invite** an unchurched friend or co-worker to join us to learn more about what our gracious God has done for us!

Lenten Suppers will be served by various groups starting at 5:00 PM (and possibly following the services) prior to the Wednesday Lenten worship services. Come and join us as we feed both body and spirit!

This week's Lenten supper will be served by the Adult Fellowship Group.

Arrangements have been made to **BROADCAST OUR MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES ON CABLEONE TELEVISION** (cable channel 14) on Tuesdays at 5:00 PM. *Our regular weekend worship* is broadcast on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 AM, and a *Spanish service* is broadcast weekly on Thursday afternoons at 2:00 PM (originating from St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church, our sister WELS congregation in Phoenix, Arizona).

Invite your friends to tune in to be nurtured with God's Word!

The **NEBRASKA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING** and **LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING** scheduled for two weeks ago on the NELHS Campus in Waco were postponed to today (Sunday, March 7) at 4:00 PM. We especially encourage all of our NELHS delegates and friends to be in attendance!

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE "KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE" CHOIR from Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran High School in Waco and their directrix Mrs. Martha Johnson for glorifying our Savior in our Lenten Service last Wednesday with music. The door offering gathered for the KRT and sent along with the choir director was \$225.00. Many thanks!

Plans are coming together for the 2010 edition of our **EASTER EGG HUNT**, scheduled for the Saturday afternoon before Easter, April 3, at 1:00 PM. Can you help by supplying small, soft, individually wrapped candy that will fit into a plastic egg? (Note: we are also in need of plastic eggs.) With preparations in filling the eggs? With setup on the day of the event? With publicity in our community? Please speak to a member of our Evangelism (Outreach) Committee or to Pastor Bader if you can help! Watch the bulletin for further details on Work Night.

The Spirit of Martyrdom presentation on Christian persecution will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in Rising City on Sunday, March 21, at 6:00 PM. The presenter is David Witt, the founder of Spirit of Martyrdom ministries, and is an author and international speaker. For more information, call 542-2526.

DO YOU SUBSCRIBE to the *Forward In Christ* magazine, the official voice of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod? Do you subscribe to *Meditations* the daily devotion booklet published by Northwestern Publishing House, the official publisher of the WELS? There is no time like the present to do so! Phone Subscription Services at 1-800-662-6093 ext. 8, or order online at www.nph.net.

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH YOUR FORWARD IN CHRIST MAGAZINES AND MEDITATIONS BOOKLETS when you are finished with them? If you would like to *pass them on* so that others can be blessed by the Word of our LORD, please drop them off in our church library area so that they can be distributed to hospitals, doctors' offices, and various waiting rooms around our community and beyond. (Or better yet, take them to a waiting room where you visit or work, or share them with a friend!) Only our LORD knows whose life you might touch with His Gospel through your efforts!

Have you heard? St. Paul's School is participating in a school competition for Relay for Life. The school raising the most money (per student) will be awarded the traveling trophy, an end of year party, and publicity in the newspaper, the radio, and recognition at Relay for Life. **What can you do to help?** The competition runs through March. We will have a change jar in the church entryway to collect your donations. Luminaria are also being sold. Contact Seth Fitzsimmons for info on other ways you can help.

LADIES

Women In Christ's Service (WICS) will meet on March 18 at 7:00 PM. Those on the serving committee are Jan Schlomer and Betty Hille. Please join us in discussing our Easter and Graduation plans and setting up our visits to the shut-ins. All ladies are invited to join us for our meeting and Christian fellowship.

A **WELS WOMEN'S RETREAT** will be held March 19-20 at Aurora, NE, in the Leadership Center. Registration forms are at the Communication Center in the church entryway. Registrations should have been in by March 1st.

LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) News: The **NE-IA Circuit Rally** will be on April 24, 2010 at Living Hope Lutheran Church in Omaha. A **sign-up** sheet is on the Communication Center shelf. The Rally will begin at 9:00 AM and will last till about 1:30 PM. A lunch will be served. The speaker will be Rev. Shiloh Monday from the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

YOUTH

OUR ANNUAL YOUTH TRIP TO VISIT OUR SYNOD SCHOOLS is scheduled for April 22nd-24th! The 7th and 8th grader students from our Lutheran Elementary/Middle School are planning to make the trip, but it is certainly not limited to our St. Paul's Lutheran School students! If public school students or home school students are interested in going on the trip please contact your pastor. (Most schools will readily release students from classes for career exploration reasons or education exploration trips.) Plans are to visit our Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, Wisconsin, our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin, as well as historic WELS sites in the area.

The dates have been set for **CAMP MESSIAH, OUR SUMMER YOUTH BIBLE CAMP** for kids entering fifth grade through entering 9th grade. Our camp is scheduled for June 27th-30th at Ponca State Park (near Sioux City.) Watch for more details soon!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN CAMP (a WELS Youth Camp in the Rocky Mountains) is scheduled for July 10th-17th in Leadville, Colorado. It is for students entering grades 6 through 9. Junior Counselors are for students entering grades 10 to incoming freshmen in college. Check out the website at <rmcc-wels.com> for more information.

THE NORTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT WELS YOUTH RALLY is scheduled for July 19-22 at East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania. Youths and youth leaders will gather there under the theme "Journey of Hope." A trip to New York City is also planned. See the poster on the bulletin board at our Communication Center and check out www.welscyd.net

SCHOOL

An Update from Mr. Fitzsimmons -- Over the past two weeks, the Lord led two more Kindergarten families to enroll. That makes 12 enrolled for next year's K class! Praise the LORD!

I've had 3 visits this past week with families considering our Lutheran Elementary School. Enrollment decisions for these families will likely happen over the next two weeks.

We are in the process of OUT-reaching to community families through our "free-tuition giveaway" at the Children's Day Festival. We've placed this now into the Lord's hands.

We are trying to raise funds to update our school's technology outside of our school budget. Are you able to help?

We are celebrating Lutheran Schools Week (LSW) this week. You will hear me on the radio sporadically on WJAG and 106.7 FM.

Some LSW activities include: 1) a kids' books BOOK FAIR on Thursday from 1:00-7:00 PM, 2) a "Dress-Down Day for Relay" for the kids with a \$10 family donation, 3) P/T Conferences on Thursday, 4) our March Madness Dance on Friday night (7:00-10:00 PM), and 5) a Christian Education theme worship service next Sunday.

We'd love you to join us for any of these activities as we celebrate the jewel that our Lutheran School is to our church and community.

SERVING THE LORD		
Worship Leader: Pastor Randy Bader		
Organist: Mrs. Diane Herbolsheimer		
Radio Broadcasters: Ron Kraemer / Scott Uecker		
Television Broadcast Technician: Darol Dusseau		
	On Duty This Week:	On Duty Next Week:
ELDER:	John Kouba	Jamie Jamison
GREETERS: Saturday 6:30 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. Wednesday Lent Service 6:30 p.m.	Walt & Marian Tinius Corinne Swogger & Neva Winter Ryan & Kathy Plisek, Dominick, Abbigail & Ashlee	Jim & Winnie Stratton Lynette Klug / Pat Klug Rosemary Bohn
USHERS: Wednesday Lent Service 6:30 p.m.	Curt Dinkel / Neal Winter Don Lau / Austin Sweigard	Peyton Price / Levi Kenny Gary Johnson / Neal Winter
TECHNOLOGY:	LeAnn Sweigard / Elizabeth Sweigard	Jayce Anderson

“HONOR TO THE LIVING LORD!”
ATTENDANCE: Sat. 6:30 PM - 67; Sun. 9:00 AM - 120; **TOTAL = 187**
Wed. Lenten Service (2/24) - 163; Wed. Lenten Service (3/3) - 204
Sunday School - 15; Sunday Bible Study - 54
Bible Info. Class - N/A; Wednesday Bible Class - 9
Known to be Worship Visitors: 23

“GIVE THE LORD REGULAR FIRSTFRUITS”					
WEEK #9	Projected Need for Year End 2010	Budgeted Need as of Last Week	Actual Received as of Last Week	Income Needed Per Week	Income Received Last Week
General Fund Offerings / Misc	\$410,775.00	\$ 71,100.00	\$ 75,991.97	\$ 7,900.00	\$ 5,374.00
Synod Mission Offerings: Lent	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 4,851.00	\$ 5,082.38	\$ 539.00	\$ 312.00 \$ 495.00
"Walking Together"			\$ 70.00		\$ 00.00
NELHS Offerings: Lent	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,592.00	\$ 2,944.38	\$ 288.00	\$ 144.50 \$ 495.00
SPECIAL OFFERINGS: Property Improvement Fund			\$ 719.00		\$ 96.00

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OUR WEEK WITH CHRIST

- Sun./7** - **9:00 AM WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION!**
- "Worship With The Word" Radio Service over KNEN-FM 94.7 live broadcast
- 10:30-11:15 AM Sunday School / Youth Bible
- 10:30 AM Sunday Bible Class
- Parent / Child Game in Stanton
- 4:00 PM Rescheduled NELHS Association and Ladies Auxiliary Meetings on Campus in Waco
- 6:00 PM Winter Activities Banquet at NELHS
- Mon.** - 7:30 PM WORSHIP SERVICE at Immanuel Lutheran, Hadar, NE (in school)
- Tues.** - 1:30 PM Worship Service at Bel Air Nursing Home
- 6:30 PM Elders Meeting
- Wed.** - "Epistle" Newsletter Deadline
- 9:00 AM Worship Service Broadcast on Local Cable (Channel 14)
- 5:00 PM Public School Youth Confirmation Class
- 5:00 PM Lenten Supper (Adult Fellowship Group)
- 6:30 PM Lenten Service
(Pastor Winkel) Organist: Mrs. Sharon Braun
- 7:30 PM Choir
- Thurs.** - 12:15 School Dismissal (Parent / Teacher Conferences)
- 2:00 PM Spanish Worship Service Broadcast on Local Cable (Channel 14)
- 7:00 PM Lenten Service at Beautiful Savior Lutheran in O'Neill
- Fri.** - No School! (In Service)
- 7:00 PM School Family Bible Study Dance
- Sat./13** - 6:30 PM WORSHIP! Organist: Mrs. Karen Pufahl
- Daylight Savings Time Begins!**
- Sun./14** - 9:00 AM WORSHIP!
- 10:30-11:15 AM Sunday School / Youth Bible Class
- 10:30 AM Sunday Bible Study

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