

ST. PAUL  SAN PABLO
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Connecting Jesus with People in Our City



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 22, & Monday, March 23, 2020

Theme

The Lord brings sight to the blind and judgment to the blinded.

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Our Congregation's Mission Statement

St. Paul Lutheran Church exists to celebrate our freedom from sin, death, and hell through Christ; to nurture our church family with God's Word and Sacraments for lives of service to him and joyfully to share this good news of our salvation with the world around us (Matthew 28:18-20).



ORDER OF SERVICE

GREETING

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

ABSOLUTION

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we pray that the eyes of our hearts may be enlightened in order that we may know the hope to which you have called us, the riches of your glorious inheritance in your holy people, and your incomparably great power for all who believe; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:14-21

Who is truly blind? Who can truly see?

¹⁴ "For a long time I have kept silent,
I have been quiet and held myself back.
But now, like a woman in childbirth,
I cry out, I gasp and pant.
¹⁵ I will lay waste the mountains and hills
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn rivers into islands
and dry up the pools.
¹⁶ I will lead the blind by ways they have not
known,
along unfamiliar paths I will guide them;
I will turn the darkness into light before them
and make the rough places smooth.
These are the things I will do;
I will not forsake them.

¹⁷ But those who trust in idols,
who say to images, 'You are our gods,'
will be turned back in utter shame.
¹⁸ "Hear, you deaf;
look, you blind, and see!
¹⁹ Who is blind but my servant,
and deaf like the messenger I send?
Who is blind like the one in covenant with me,
blind like the servant of the LORD?
²⁰ You have seen many things, but you pay no
attention;
your ears are open, but you do not listen."
²¹ It pleased the LORD
for the sake of his righteousness
to make his law great and glorious.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ Is the World's Light
Hymn 343, *Christian Worship*

**Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other;
Born in our darkness, he became our brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high!**

**Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other;
No one can serve him and despise another.
Who else unites us, one with God the Father?
Glory to God on high!**

**Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other;
Sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother.
He who redeemed us reigns with God the Father.
Glory to God on high!**

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GOSPEL

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39
Jesus heals a man born blind.

¹As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

³"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. ⁷"Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath."

But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided.

¹⁷Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

The man replied, "He is a prophet."

³⁴To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

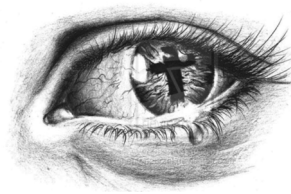
³⁶"Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

³⁷Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

³⁸Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

TRUE SIGHT

Pastor Nathan Nass



CONFESSION OF FAITH — THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give ✠ you peace.

Amen.

ON THE CALENDAR

This week's Baptismal anniversaries:



Sunday, March 22 nd	Kurt Kieckbusch Alyssa Williams
Monday, March 23 rd	Lizbeth Peserik Joshua Sargent Bryleigh Westenberger
Tuesday, March 24 th	Brandon Huettl Tammy Huettl Nolan Salzwedel Joe Terzich
Wednesday, March 25 th	Mark Bergeon Amanda Urmanski
Thursday, March 26 th	Taylor Demmin
Friday, March 27 th	Mallory Meves Michael Rusboldt
Saturday, March 28 th	Mitchell Lynch Dave Stone

All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Worship Attendance Last Week

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. — 132

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. — 79

Spanish Worship, 12:30 p.m.— 6

Monday, 6:30 p.m. — 10

Bible Study Attendance Last Week

Adult/Teen Bible Hour — 56

Kids Bible Hour — 7

“God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:8).

Ministry Financial Plan Update	Planned Contributions	Actual Contributions	\$ Ahead (Short)
Week of March 1st:	\$15,516	\$17,622	\$2,105
Month of March:	\$15,516	\$17,622	\$2,105
Since July 1st:	\$543,075	\$456,416	(\$86,658)

We give thanks for the greatest of all gifts, God's Son our Savior, and for all the gifts of God's people.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For God to bless the deliberations of Mr. Paul Schulz as he considers the call to be our 7th and 8th grade teacher...
- For our hospitalized and recovering members and those battling illness: Kathy Arntz, Russ Dedow, Viki Fager, Tom Huettl, Shelly Karstens, Wally Krueger, and Joe Munoz.