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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM

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Serving in God's House

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Organist	Owen Reyda
Elder	Chuck Draga
Reader	Sue Werner
Greeters	John & Brenda Cartmell
Altar Guild	Fran Draga, Debbie Smith
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Dan Streza, Bob Kemmerle
Sound	Mike Warnock, Judy Bloom

Tonight we receive Holy Communion joyfully trusting Jesus' clear promise that He gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but also His real body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our relationship with Him and with one another. Jesus invites to receive this gift all who trust in His words, are sorry for their sin and do not want to return to it, and all who set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. The Bible teaches that anyone may be hurt spiritually who receives Holy Communion not according to Jesus' words, not trusting Him, refusing to forgive, or not turning from what the Ten Commandments say is sin. For this reason, we instruct people how to receive Holy Communion so they are blessed by God and not harmed. If you sincerely believe that you are forgiven and saved by the gift of God's grace because Jesus died to completely pay for your sins, and that Jesus is really present in the bread and wine of Communion, then please joyfully participate in receiving this Sacrament. If you are unsure or in doubt, please speak with pastor before service.

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Wednesday

RETURN
TO THE
LORD
YOUR
GOD

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Wednesday, March 5, 2025
7:00 PM



Welcome Guests! We're honored that you've chosen to be with us at St. Paul. We hope you'll see that our welcome mat is out to you. Please relax, get to meet others, and experience God.

ABOUT TONIGHT'S WORSHIP: Since ancient times Lent has been a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter, a season of spiritual spring-cleaning. During the 40 days of Lent, Christians battled against the powers of darkness and their sinful self by the practice of fasting and self-examination, meditation and prayer. Since it was a time of repentance, they often wore sackcloth and covered themselves with ashes.

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. This day gets its name from the custom of marking a cross with ashes on the forehead as a sign of mortality, repentance, and faith in Christ.

We invite you to join in repeating this ancient custom today as a mark of your acceptance of God's just sentence of death on you as a sinner and your reliance on Jesus for the gift of eternal life. "The wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 6:23

IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE ASHES as a symbol of genuine confession before God, you may receive them before or after tonight's worship service. The ashes are normally placed on the forehead, although if you wish to have the ashes placed on the back of your hand, please raise your hand to the pastor. The ashes form a small cross. The cross placed on your forehead or hand reminds you of Jesus who is our hope. The pastor addresses each person with the words, "*Though you mourn you sin with ashes, through the cross of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.*"

THIS LENT @ ST. PAUL - Lent is a season that calls us to reflect on the great love that Christ has for us – a love so great that it moves Him to die. We, of course, are not only to reflect on Christ's love, but reflect out His love to the world. As Jesus Himself commands: "*Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another*" John 13:34. This Lent season we look at some of the ways we can reflect Jesus' love, using Paul's description of what love is from 1 Corinthians 13.

TONIGHT'S SERVICE

Receiving Ashes

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell/Call to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting One Another With God's Peace

Opening Sentences

Hymn "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" LSB 610

Invocation

Invitation to Confession

Confession of Our Sinfulness

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Prayer

✠ WORD ✠

Old Testament Reading Joel 2:1-2, 12-13

Psalm PSALM 51:1-13; Antiphon v.17

Hymn "Today Your Mercy Calls Us" LSB 915

New Testament Lesson 1 CORINTHIANS 12:31-13:13 NASB

The Gospel Lesson Luke 7:36-47

Video "Love Changes Everything"

Sermon "LOVE IS ... THE BETTER WAY"

"I am going to show you a far better way." 1 COR. 12:31

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Nicene Creed

Preparing to Receive Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

The Peace

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" LSB 440

Communion Hymn "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" LSB 609

Blessing of Communicants

Responsive Prayer of Intercession

Benediction

Hymn "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"

TUNE: ST.FLAVIAN, LSB 577 **TEXT:** LSB 418

Silent Prayer

Postlude & Receiving Ashes

LENT AT ST. PAUL



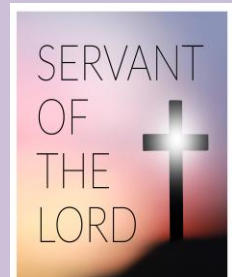
Join us all 6 Wednesday nights. Wednesday night worship services start at 7PM. A Fellowship Supper is offered before each service, 5:46 – 6:45PM, for a free-will offering.

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LENTEN DAILY DEVOTIONS - Pick up your **Servant of the Lord** devotion booklet for Lent in the narthex (lobby) at St. Paul. They are free. You can have these devotions emailed to you every day if you wish. Sign up at www.lhm.org/devotions

In **Servant of the Lord**, we see Jesus as God’s Son and our Redeemer. He has made the Heavenly Father known to us. All this Jesus did as God’s chosen Servant, sent from heaven to earth to be our King, Savior, and trusted Friend.



Turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night, March 8th.

Daylight savings time begins next Sunday, March 9th.

**150th ANNIVERSARY
of ST. PAUL**

**Free
CONCERT
at St. Paul**

Invite Friends



**THE
KAPELLE**

OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

THURSDAY
MARCH

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7P.M.

Greeting Cards Are you crafty? Do you enjoy making greeting cards? Join us on Friday, March 7th @ 1pm in the parsonage. We will be making seasonal cards to send to the shut ins.



The Community Care Team will be collecting donations of NEW pillows, Twin Size Bedding Sets, and Twin Size Comforters through the month of March. Good Knights of Lorain County make beds, delivers, and assembles them for children in Lorain County. Every child deserves a Good Night.

Red Cross 1st Aid/CPR Certification: The training class is being sponsored by Troop 428 of Amherst and the class will take place on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at the Beaver Creek Sportsman's Club located at 12131 Quarry Road, Elyria. The cost of the class is \$25 (including a light lunch). Anyone interested in registering for the class and or additional information please contact Stephen Warnock at 216-233-7572.