

St. Paul Evangelical (Gospel Centered) Lutheran Church

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

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WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST!

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We pray that the Word of God you hear draws you closer to your Savior. Please sign our guest register (located in the entryway) and join us again. If you would like more information about our church please ask to speak to an elder or the pastor after the service. If you need a hearing device, please ask the greeter for assistance.

We ask that you please silence your cell phone prior to the service

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 18, 2018

Focus: By his patient endurance and humiliation, Jesus became our Savior.

Liturgy: Page 15, The Common Service (with communion)

Psalm: 143, page 118 in the front of the hymnal

Hymns: 106, 268 v 3, 359, 110, 99 (Note: we will sing hymn 268 v 3 in place of ‘Glory Be To God’ found on page 16 in the front of the hymnal)

Offering Hymn: 488 v 1

Scripture Lessons: Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34; Hebrews 5: 7 - 9; John 12: 20 - 33

Today’s Message: Hebrews 5: 7 – 9

Sermon Theme: Jesus Is Our Perfect High Priest

Our visitors will be relieved to know that we do not wish to impose our beliefs on you. The Lord’s Supper is intended only for those who have been instructed and believe what Scripture teaches us about it and who have expressed their full agreement with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and our congregation. This is the Godly and Scriptural practice called “Close Communion”. As you have not had the opportunity to publicly express your fellowship with us, please observe our Communion practice and speak with the Pastor if you wish to receive this Sacrament. We’d be glad to help you come to appreciate a “close” relationship with your Lord, with us, and with our synod.

➤ **Organist:** Thank you to Doreen Romadka

- **Last Week’s Attendance:** Worship 48; Sunday School 5; Bible Study 9; Lenten Worship 23
- **In our prayers:** Rebecca Cryan, Carol Luft, Marsha Graf, Bob Jacobs, Rev. John Zickuhr,

News and Announcements

- ❖ **Worship: 9:00 am; Sunday School and Bible Study: 10:15 am**
- ❖ **A call has been extended to Rev. Paul Micheel, currently serving Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Daggett, MI and St. Mark Lutheran Church of Wallace, MI. Please keep Rev. Micheel in your prayers as he deliberates on our call as well as the call to his current congregations.**
- ❖ **Our last Lenten service will be at 7:00 pm on Wed. March 21st. This year’s Lenten worship theme is “Only Jesus”. Pastor Kuschel will bring us this week’s message, “Only Jesus Can Make Us Look Up on the Last Day”. We encourage all of our members to take advantage of this the final Lenten worship opportunity.**
- ❖ **The signup sheet for Easter flowers is on the table in the narthex. If you will be writing a check for the flowers, please make it payable to Valerie Ecker.**
- ❖ **The signup sheet for our Easter Breakfast is on the table in the narthex. Easter Sunday will be Pastor Kuschel’s last Sunday with us. Please join us as we honor him and his wife at the breakfast for their dedicated service to our congregation during our vacancy. We would like to have a count of how many will be joining us for breakfast so we can plan accordingly. There is a separate sheet on the table for you to sign if you plan on coming to the breakfast.**
- ❖ **The LWMS Chicago Area Circuit 2018 Spring Rally will be held on Sat. April 14, 2018 at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Aurora, IL. This year’s theme will be “Gospel in God’s Garden”. For more information, please see the sign posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.**
- ❖ **Worship opportunities:**
 - **Maundy Thursday with communion – 7:00 pm**
 - **Good Friday – 7:00 pm**
 - **Easter Sunrise Service – 6:30 am**
 - **Easter Breakfast and Kuschel Farewell - 7:30 am**
 - **Easter Festival Celebration with communion – 9:00 am**