

+The Divine Service+

The Fourth Sunday in Lent | March 15, 2026 | 10:15AM



Jesus Opens The Eyes of the Man Born Blind

Having said these things, Jesus spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. . . .

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The Liturgy of Lent

Lent is a season of solemn, penitential reflection of our sin and the suffering of our Lord Jesus Christ for our salvation. In Lent, we put away the *Alleluia*, the *Gloria in Excelsis*, and the *Gospel procession* until the Easter Vigil. These changes reflect the solemn, penitential character of the season and aid our Lenten reflection. We will also use Divine Service Setting Four throughout Lent, a setting with less chanting and more speaking, to highlight the solemn and penitential nature of the season, thereby to aid our Lenten observance.

When the bells ring, stand and face the cross.

Processional Hymn | 537 Beautiful Savior

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

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.

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.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 27:4–6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15

*My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.*

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

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.

*My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.*

Kyrie

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.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Readings

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:14–21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace;
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.
¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.
¹⁶And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.
I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.
These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.
¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
“You are our gods.”
¹⁸Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!
¹⁹Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the LORD?
²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.
²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness’ sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:8–14

⁸For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in

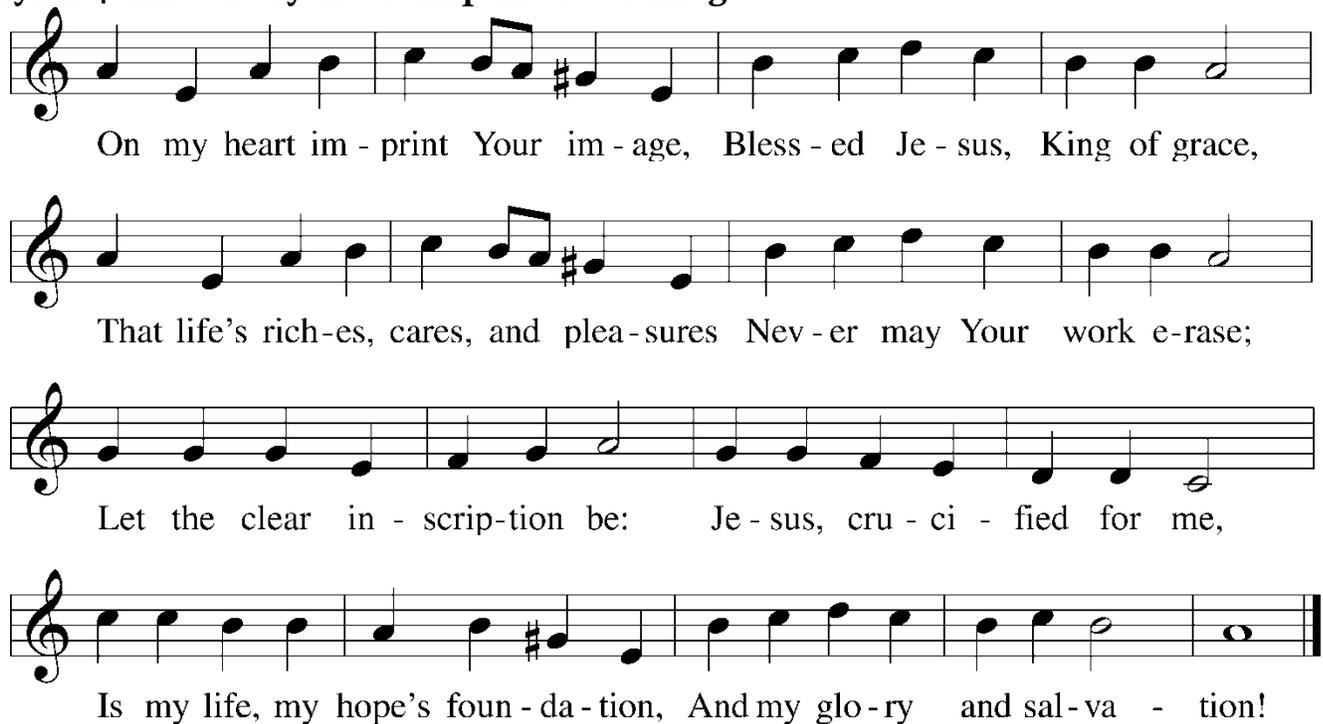
secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,
“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Stand. In Lent, there is no Alleluia or Gospel Procession.
The Holy Gospel is read from the Lectern.*

The Hymn | 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,
That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Nev - er may Your work e - rase;
Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Holy Gospel

John 9:1–7, 13–17, 34–39

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

C (*spoken*) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. . . .

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

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³⁴They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?”

³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C (*spoken*) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Mirror of Confession

P This Lent, as an aid for self-examination, we will rehearse the Ten Commandments. Then the pastor will ask the following questions.

The Seventh Commandment

P What is the Seventh Commandment?

C **You shall not steal.**

P What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbors money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve his possessions and income.**

P Have I been lazy at work, doing poor work in school or on the job, or working hard only when the teacher or boss is around?

Have I been stingy in paying my workers, or greedy, demanding best pay for poor work?

Have I stolen from the office, school, or the Church, or stood silently by while others took what was not theirs?

Have I been stingy when it comes to giving the Lord a generous portion as a thank-offering for what he has given me?

Have I stolen from my neighbor by not helping him in time of need?

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

The Eighth Commandment

P What is the Eighth Commandment?

C **You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

P What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.**

P Have I told the truth in court or in school before authorities or before my parents when I knew the truth?

Have I been afraid to speak the truth, or to correct my neighbor for his faults directly rather than speak ill of him behind his back?

Have I gossiped, delighting to tell others about the faults or mistakes of another?

Have I reconciled with those who sinned against me, and with those whom I sinned against?

Have I found ways to explain in the best possibly way, those words or actions of others who have hurt me?

Have I learned to hear the weaknesses and faults of others without repeating them, so as not to bring them to open shame?

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

The Nicene Creed

Sit

Hymn of the Day | 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

Sermon

At the close of the sermon, stand, as the pastor speaks the following blessing:

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus unto life everlasting!

C **Amen.**

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

The Offering

The Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 saying:

Sanctus

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!

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

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My **✠** body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My **✠** blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei | 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

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1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Sit

Distribution

Holy Communion at St. Paul

Our congregation confesses the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Altar is open to those baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or of another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of our Pastors before communing today. Thank you.

Distribution Hymn | 692 Praise to You and Adoration

Distribution Hymn | 701 Draw Us to Thee

Distribution Hymn | 707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

Stand

The Dismissal

P The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace. **Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis

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

A 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

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A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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.

Hymn to Depart | 744 Amazing Grace

The Service is Ended. Depart in Peace!



HOLY WEEK

Holy Week and Easter Schedule at St. Paul

The Divine Services—Palm Sunday, March 29, 8 & 10:15AM

The Divine Service is celebrated at St. Paul on Palm Sunday

Opening with the children's procession of Palms

And featuring the Reading of the St. Matthew Passion by parts

Please have your children to the narthex ten minutes early

*** NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE ON April 1st due to Holy Week**

The Divine Service—Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7PM

The Divine Service is celebrated at St. Paul

with the service of Corporate Confession/Individual Absolution
and the Stripping of the Altar

The Tre Ore—Good Friday, April 3, 12-3PM

The Tre Ore (three hour service) is observed by the LCMS Churches of the Decatur Circuit
at St. John Bingen. All are invited to attend.

The Chief Service—Good Friday, April 3, 7PM

The Chief Service of Good Friday

is celebrated at St. Paul featuring the Reading of the St. John Passion,
the Bidding Prayer, and the Reproaches

The Easter Vigil, April 4, 8PM

The Easter Vigil is observed by the LCMS Churches of the Decatur Circuit
at St. John Bingen. All are invited to attend.

Easter Sunday, April 5, 6AM & 9AM

Divine Services for Easter Sunrise and Easter Day

Easter Sunrise Service will end in the Cemetery—bring your jackets

Breakfast served in between services 7:30AM

By the youth/confirmands of St. Paul

Announcements

St. Paul

Individual Confession and Absolution will be offered today from 6:30-7:15AM and every Sunday throughout the season of Lent, or by appointment with Pastor Yeager.

The midweek services of Lent continue this Wednesday March 18th at 7PM. We will host a Lenten Supper before each of these midweek services. Join us!

Open House to celebrate the 90th birthday of Arlema Ehlerding is hosted by the Ehlerding family in the fellowship hall, **Saturday, March 21st from 3-5PM**. The whole congregation is invited to attend to celebrate this joyful milestone in Arlema's life! Join us.

Holy Week and Easter Services. Mark your calendars for the services of Holy Week: Palm Sunday Divine Services (3/29), *please have your children ten minutes early to the narthex before both services for the procession of palms*; Maundy Thursday Divine Service at St. Paul (4/2) at 7PM; Good Friday Tre Ore (at St. John, Bingen, 12-3PM), Good Friday Chief Service at St. Paul (4/3) at 7PM; the Easter Vigil at St. John Bingen (this is a circuit-wide service conducted by all the pastors of the Decatur circuit, LCMS, 4/4) at 8PM; and the Easter services on Sunday, 4/5 at 6AM and 9AM at St. Paul. *There will be an Easter breakfast served in between the Easter services by the youth and confirmands of St. Paul.* Please join us as we prepare to celebrate our Lord's Passover from death to life. **There is no Wednesday evening service on 4/1 due to the Holy Week services that will take place throughout the week.*

Ladies Aid will be setting up to make noodles April 12th. **We will be making noodles 4/13, 4/14, and 4/15 with final bagging and clean up 4/16 (Thursday).** Any and all help is welcome! If you have never participated in the life-changing noodle-making experience of the St. Paul Preble Ladies Aid, you are in for a wild ride, to say the least. Join us.

Senior fellowship. A group of Lutheran seniors have begun to meet informally at 1PM Thursdays in the fellowship hall for cards and fellowship. We would like you to join us if you are interested. Please talk to Diana Hoffman for more information. You are welcome to join us!

Collection for the Hope Clinic will continue through the end of March. Please leave your donation for babies and their mothers in the totes in the narthex. Thank you.

Job Descriptions. We are gathering job descriptions for every office and contracted position in the Church. If you are serving on Church council, or working for the Church in any capacity, we ask that you write a detailed-as-possible job description of your work and turn it in to Pr. Yeager. We would like to have these in before the April Voters Assembly.

The April—June Portals of Prayer will be passed out toward the end of this month. Pr. Brege is the author for the devotions for May and writes his devotions specifically on the Psalms.

Wyneken

Open Positions. Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School is prayerfully seeking Christ-centered educators for the 2026–2027 school year. Open positions include 5th Grade Teacher, Middle School Science Teacher, Middle School English Language Arts Teacher, and Physical Education Teacher. Positions may be filled by divine call or contract. LCMS-rostered and non-rostered candidates who support confessional Lutheran education are encouraged to apply. Please contact Casey Nidlinger at 260-639-6177 for more information and we ask that you keep this process in your prayers.

Childcare Help Needed. Do you love spending time with children and talking about God's Word? Wyneken Childcare is looking for a part-time employee effective immediately! We are specifically looking for help in the infant classroom. If this is something you'd be interested in, please email your resume to jconrad@wyneken.org or childcare@wyneken.org. We appreciate all the love and support you've given us. Please prayerfully consider helping in this way.

Scrap Metal Drive. The Wyneken 7th grade class is sponsoring an ongoing scrap metal drive in support of their trip to Washington, DC. You may drop off your items at Metal Source and tell them it is for the Wyneken Class of 2027, or contact Ryan Scherer via text or email (260-639-3330) to arrange for pick-up. Scrap metal can be anything to include old mowers, ovens, washers, dryers, etc. This is an ongoing account that should continue to be open for future Wyneken classes as well. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Circuit and Community

Fish and Tenderloin Dinner. St. John, Bingen is having their annual Fish and Tenderloin Dinner TODAY, March 15th from 10:30AM—1PM at Wyneken. Adults \$15, Children 6-12 \$10, 5 and under free. All Welcome: All You can Eat. By Dan's Fish Fry Service of Huntington. Drive Thru available. Proceeds go to St. John's HVAC fund.

Camp Lutherhaven. Looking for a meaningful summer experience? Camp Lutherhaven offers adventure, friendship, and time rooted in God's Word. Campers might spend the day shooting archery, swimming in the lake, or conquering challenges with cabinmates—then gather for worship, Bible study, and reflection. Summer 2026's theme is 'Run,' (1 Timothy 6:11), inviting campers to explore how God calls us to live with purpose and faith. Register before April 1 to receive the Early Bird discount. Learn more at lutherhaven.org or call 260-636-7101.

The Lutheran Schools Partnership will be hosting a **Concordia University System Fair** on **March 15th from 12-3PM** at Concordia High School in Fort Wayne. This is a fantastic opportunity for prospective students and their families to speak with representatives from each of the Concordia Universities, as well as from both Seminaries.

St. John Flatrock's **Spring Rummage Sale** will be Friday 3/27 from 8-5, with a bag sale Saturday 3/28. 12912 Franke Rd, Monroeville, Indiana 46773. The bag sale will be \$3 for a brown paper bag, \$6 for a 13 gallon kitchen garbage bag, and half off all priced items.

Youth—Middle and High School

Saturday, March 21; 6-9:30 p.m. – P.F.W. Men’s Volleyball Match (RSVP Required by March 1). We will meet in the Bingen parking lot at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 21 to carpool to P.F.W. and watch the Mastadons take on Ball State. The cost is \$5, and please RSVP by March 1, so we can get the group rate.

Acolytes

3/15 8AM Jacob Miller 10:15 Hank Nussbaum

Attendance

Wednesday, March 4 Lent Midweek 2

Sunday, March 8 8AM 10:15AM

Stewardship for 2/22/26

Offering: \$5,210.69 Online Offering: \$1,230.13 Total for the week: \$6,440.82

Weekly Goal: \$7,667.00 vs. Year to Date: +\$2,039.22

Stewardship for 3/1/26

Offering: \$7,049.27 Online Offering: \$267.00 Total for the week: \$7,316.27

Weekly Goal: \$7,667.00 vs. Year to Date: +\$1,689.98

Prayer of the Church

- +**The Sick and recovering:** Ralph Ewell, Don Haines, Mark Bulmahn, Kasey Adams.
 - +**Our Wyneken School:** Mrs. Courtney Butcher, teachers, staff, students, and childcare.
 - +**Expectant mothers:** Chloe Johnson; Katie Keuneke.
 - +**The Homebound:** Laurna Bulmahn, Marilyn Werling, Cindy Gallmeyer, Warren Scheumann, Anita Spiegel, Judy Teague (all at Woodcrest); Don Haines, David Schueler (Ossian Health), Ron Selking (Residences, Chesterton).
 - +**Birthdays 3/10— 3/16.** Hank Nussbaum, Chase Baker, Eric Blum, Cynthia Reinhart, Josie Miller, Jack Hamilton, Mary Yeager.
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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 15	6:30-7:15AM Individual Confession/ Absolution 8AM The Fourth Sunday in Lent—Matins 9:30AM Bible Class/Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM The Fourth Sunday in Lent—Divine Service 11:30-12:30PM Lutheran Lads Greek Study
Tuesday, March 17	9:30AM Early Bird Bible Class, St. John Parish Hall
Wednesday, March 18	5:45PM Lenten Supper 7PM Lenten Midweek 4—The Divine Service
Thursday, March 19	1PM St. Paul Hosts the Divine Service at Woodcrest 1PM Senior Fellowship 7PM Ladies Aid Business Meeting
Saturday, March 21	3-5PM Open House, Arlema Ehlerding, Fellowship Hall 6PM Youth—PFW Volleyball Match, meet at Bingen
Sunday, March 22	6:30-7:15AM Individual Confession/ Absolution 8AM The Fifth Sunday in Lent—Divine Service 9:30AM Bible Class/Sunday School/Confirmation 10:15AM The Fifth Sunday in Lent—Matins 11:30-12:30PM Lutheran Lads Greek Study