

✠ St. Paul's Lutheran Church ✠  
Kenesaw, NE

Pastor Paul S. Duffy

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Organist: Mrs. LaMoine Fischer

Bible Class/Sunday School 9:00am

Acolyte: Rhett Augustin

Divine Service 10:00am

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Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 15, 2015

As We Gather

The Word today lifts our eyes to see that Christ on the cross took the bite of our sins into Himself in order that, as faith gazes and focuses on Him, we receive the perfect antidote to sin and death: the holiness and life of Christ.

Divine Service, *Setting One* p. 151

Opening Hymn p. 644 "The Church's One Foundation"

Confession and Absolution p. 151

Psalm 107:1-9

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,  
for His steadfast love endures forever!

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

whom He has redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands,

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes,

finding no way to a city to dwell in;

hungry and thirsty,

their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,

and He delivered them from their distress.

He led them by a straight way

till they reached a city to dwell in.

Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love,

for His wondrous works to the children of man!

For He satisfies the longing soul,

and the hungry soul He fills with good things.

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.

Kyrie p. 152

Hymn of Praise p. 155 (*Omitted during Lent*)

Salutation and Collect p. 156

Old Testament Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Epistle Ephesians 2:1-10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them

Verse for Lent p. 157

**Holy Gospel John 3:14-21**

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

Hymn of the Day p. 571 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

Sermon "He That Believes" (John 3:18)

Nicene Creed p. 158

Prayer of the Church

Offering and Offertory p. 158

Service of the Sacrament p. 160

Communion Hymn p. 547 "The Lamb"

*\*\*Parents are welcome to bring their children to the altar for a blessing\*\**

Post Communion Canticle p. 164

Post Communion Collect p. 166

Benediction p. 166

Closing Hymn p. 919 "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"



**St. Paul's Mission Calendar**

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class
⊕	10:00 AM	Communion Worship (individual cup)
<b>Mon.</b>	9:00 AM	<b>NO</b> Bible Study
<b>Wed.</b>	3:30 PM	Midweek
	6:30 PM	Confirmation
	5:30 - 7:00 PM	Choir serves Tacos
⊕	7:30 PM	<i>Ash Wednesday Service</i>
		Choir following service
<b>Tues. - Thurs.</b>	8:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Preschool
	12:45 PM - 3:15 PM	Preschool

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**Monday Morning Bible Class** begins a new study in the Gospel of Matthew, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Come and revisit the greatest events in history as we retrace the life of Christ from the beginning! *No Bible class this week.*

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**Lenten Supper:** The Choir will serve tacos, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 - 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Free-will offering will go to help with Michael Duffy's trip to Russia. *Please plan to join us!*

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**Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Lenten Worship Service**  
7:30 PM

This year's Lenten theme "I Tell You the Truth" continues this week with Jesus' attention getting and faith building statement, "You Will Disown Me." based on Mark 14:27-31.

*Plan on joining us every Wednesday evening during Lent!*

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**Lenten Meal Help Needed:** If you would be interested in helping with the Lenten Supper, Wed., March 25<sup>th</sup> by bringing food, serving or clean-up, meet in the Educational wing after the worship service today to discuss the details. Thanks for helping!

**April Newsletter Deadline:** Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> to be in mailboxes Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Please place any news items, articles, volunteer lists, etc. on the desk in the work room.

Thanks!

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**Do you have a servant's heart?** Please consider becoming this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) director. If this is something God is leading you to do, please contact Pastor, or a Board of Education member: Brenda Mack, Sharon Duffy or Angie Harmon. Thank you.

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**Benefit for Randy Landenberg:** Sun., March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11 AM - 12:30 PM at the Fire Hall. Enjoy pulled pork sandwich, cowboy beans, salads and desserts. If you would like to provide food or help work, sign-up sheet on table in entry way. Event sponsored by Kenesaw churches and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.


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**LWML Meeting:** Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM Activity will finalize plans for Easter Breakfast on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Ingathering is NEW undies and socks for Orphan Grain Train

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**Preschool Registration:** St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool is now registering for the 2015-2016 school year. We are a Christian preschool licensed through the state of Nebraska and associated with the Lutheran School System. Our curriculum offers developmentally appropriate activities meeting the individual needs of each student in a Christian setting. We meet 3 days a week. To qualify, your child must be 4 by December 31<sup>st</sup>. For more information contact Michelle Hagemester at 308-325-5768 or Sharon Duffy at 402-752-3536. Financial aid available upon request.

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 **Easter Flowers:** If you plan to share an Easter lily to help beautify our sanctuary Easter Sunday, please bring your flower to the church by 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!



## March 30<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday

*Begin Holy Week at St. Paul's as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.*

### 9 a.m. Fellowship Coffee and Sunday School

Jesus made his entry into the city on the back of a donkey. Was this befitting of a King? Judge for yourself. See a live donkey and the donkey's cross during the Sunday school hour (weather permitting). Sit a spell, discuss, and enjoy some refreshments, coffee, rolls and juice will be available.

### 9:45 a.m. Hymn Sing - Sanctuary

Arrive a little early to sing your favorite hymn before the morning worship service. Please place your request in the box between the mailboxes. Our focus will be Lenten and Easter favorites but all requests welcomed.

*Sing Hosanna! Hosanna to the Lord!*

### 10:00 a.m. Special Worship Service

**with the Waving of the Palms**

Come and hear Jesus' story as we begin the most significant week in history. Hear how the triumphant hosannas of Palm Sunday are replaced by the alleluias of Easter morning. The Sunday School and Midweek children will be singing during the morning service.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> Maundy Thursday Communion  
Worship (Individual Cup) 7:30 p.m.**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> Good Friday Worship Service  
Friday 7:30 p.m.**

**April 5<sup>th</sup> Resurrection of our Lord/Easter  
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. Festive Worship Service  
Communion both services (individual cup)**



*Please remember these people in your prayers -*  
Pastor Paul Duffy and family

**Birthdays:**

**Mar. 15** Fern Augustin; Nellie Augustin; Seth Binfield;  
Jacob Panwitz; Valerie Schirmer; Vicky Wehrman  
**17** Levi Schroeder  
**18** Grayson Rowe  
**19** Christian Kroos; Blake Thompson  
**21** Brent Woodman

**In the Service:** Austin Applegate, Alec Applegate,  
Trevor Stickels, Julian Tucker,  
Hannah Panwitz, Danielle Burr  
Darren Woodside (brother of Chelsey Jacobitz)

**Missionaries:** Sharon Owens, Macau, China  
Pastor John Reehl, Russia and the Baltics

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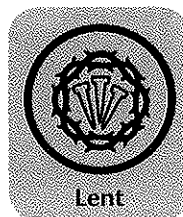
**Our Expression of Love**

**March 8, 2015** Attendance 109  
Current Envelope \$1,052.00  
Current Plate 1,076.75  
Mission Envelope 216.00  
**Total** **\$2,344.75**

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**Our Expression of Love**

**March 11, 2015** Attendance 64  
Current Envelope \$220.00  
Current Plate 40.00  
**Total** **\$260.00**



**About the Cover:** Jesus reveals the problem with us: "People loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil" (John 3:19). Jesus, the light that has come into this world, exposes our loveless, self-seeking lives precisely by His selfless, self-giving love, manifested on the cross. He shows us once and for all that God truly is love as He chooses to be condemned in our place that we might be saved.

