

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

Pastor Paul S. Duffy 402-752-3421, 3536; 308-216-1254
Mrs. LaMoine Fischer, Organist Bible Class/Sunday School 9:00am
Acolyte: Hope Nienhueser Divine Service 10:00am
Crucifer: Kaylee Steer

Welcome: To our friends and visitors we extend a sincere welcome in the name of our crucified and risen Savior, Jesus Christ! Through His church, God offers fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ and citizenship in His eternal kingdom of grace and forgiveness. May God's Holy Spirit rest upon us all as we hear the vows of our Confirmands and as we partake of the Sacrament of Holy Communion with them for the first time.

Confirmation Sunday
Palm Sunday
March 20, 2016

*"Be faithful unto death, and
I will give you the crown of life."*
Revelation 2:10

Call to Worship *The Bells*

(Rise)

Processional Hymn p. 953 "We All Believe in One True God"

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: O God, our heavenly Father,

People: You accepted us as Your children; You adopted us into Your family.

Pastor: O Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ,

People: You made us children of God by Your death and Resurrection.

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, the Giver of life,

People: You live in Your people and make us alive to God. You restored us to life as God's sons and daughters.

ALL: In Your name we begin this service of Confirmation.

The Confession of Sins

Pastor: O Lord, with the Palm Sunday multitude, we cry to You this day:

People: Hosanna! Save us now, we pray!

Men: Save us for we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed.

Women: Save us for we have sinned against You by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

Men: Save us, for we have not loved You with our whole heart.

Women: Save us, for we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

All: For the sake of Jesus Christ, the Son of David and the Son of God, have mercy on us. Forgive, renew and cleanse us and by Your Holy Spirit, enable us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

The Absolution

Pastor: Jesus Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, so that through faith in Him you could receive life and salvation. It is in His name, the name that is above every name, that I announce to you the forgiveness of your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. To Him be the glory!

People: Amen.

Hymn of Praise p. 496 "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

The Confirmation Collect

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Father of all grace, Creator of all that is, You have made us each special. Affirm the gifts of those who this day will profess their faith in You. May each one see his or her special place in this world, and may their trust in You prepare and strengthen them to live out Your will as they grow in maturity of body and spirit. Fill them with wisdom and knowledge. Help us all to use the gifts You have given us when You created us to do Your work in the world. Preserve us by Your mighty hand. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

People: Amen.

(Sit)

Old Testament Deuteronomy 32:36-39

Epistle Philippians 2:5-11

St. Paul's Choir Selection "Where the Spirit of the Lord Is"

Holy Gospel John 12:12-19

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(After the reading)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Confirmation Hymn p. 660 "Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus"

Sermon "Going God's Way" (Isaiah 30:21)

Offering and Musical Offering

The Rite of Confirmation

(Parents and Sponsors Rise)

Pastor: The church commends you, parents and sponsors, for your faithfulness in insuring that these Confirmands were taught the essentials of the Christian faith. Though today they will make public

confession of their faith, your prayers and encouragement remain important to them. Will you pray for them and support them in their Christian faith and life?

Parents and Sponsors: Yes, with the help of God.

The Rite of Confirmation

The Confirmands:

Jenna Jo Jaeschke

Paige Elizabeth Morrow

Payton Alyse Morrow

Savannah Lottie Belle Williams

The Prayers of the Church

✠The Sacrament of the Altar✠

(Our Communion practice is to share the Sacrament with confirmed Lutherans of the Missouri Synod – those who share our same confession of faith in accordance with the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *(Spoken)*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,

God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Lord of heaven and earth, we thank and praise You for having had mercy on those whom You created, sending Your only

begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. We receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Hear us as we pray and as He has taught us.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

The Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

Agnus Dei (Spoken)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace.

Communion Hymn p. 431 "Not All the Blood of Beasts"

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

Post Communion Collect

Pastor: We give thanks to You, gracious Father, that You have fed us with the very body and blood of our Lord Jesus, given in the bread and wine, to strengthen our faith and give us Your forgiveness. Guide us each day, we pray, that we may follow Your leading. Encourage us with Your presence as we seek to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" (St. Pauls' Choir)

Recessional Hymn p. 837 "Lift High the Cross"

(The 2016 Confirmation Class will await you in a reception line. Feel free to wish them God's blessings with a word of congratulations and Christian greetings)

Confirmation Day

Today marks a very special day in the lives of these four Confirmands; they have made a public confession and affirmation of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. May our prayers ascend to God on their behalf that they may be faithful unto death and receive entrance into His heavenly kingdom.



St. Paul's Mission Calendar

Today	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	☩ 10:00 AM	Communion Worship & Confirmation
Mon.	9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
Tues.	7:30 PM	LWML
Tues. - Thurs.		Preschool
Wed.	3:30 PM	Midweek
	7:00 PM	Choir
	8:00 PM	LLL
Thurs.	☩ 7:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Communion Worship
Fri.	☩ 7:30 PM	Good Friday Worship Service
Sat.	☩ 7:30 PM	Holy Saturday Healing Service

St. Paul's LWML would like to invite you to hear Bridger Kroos share his experience at Camp Luther last summer, **Tues., Mar. 22nd 7:30 PM**, Fellowship Hall. Ingathering: Cash/Donations for Camp Luther (see the list on the bulletin board by Pastor's office)/ Mites



We would like to thank those who generously donated at last week's Lenten meal for VBS supplies. It is greatly appreciated and will be used for the children.

Please remember these people in your prayers -

Pastor Paul Duffy and family

Birthdays:

- Mar. 21 Brent Woodman
- 22 Joan Bittfield
- 23 Bridger Kroos
- 25 Nicole Ferguson; Carson Woodman

In the Service: Austin Applegate, Alec Applegate, Trevor Stickels, Julian Tucker, Hannah Panwitz, Danielle Burr, Darren Woodside

Missionaries: Pastor John Reehl, Russia and the Baltics
Rev. Brian and Amanda Gauthier, Panama
Rev. Peter Haugen & family, Macau, China

Our Expression of Love

Sunday, March 13, 2016	Attendance 105	
Current Envelope		\$825.00
Current Plate		180.75
Russian Orphanage		20.00
Mission Envelope		<u>25.00</u>
Total		\$1,050.75
Wed., March 16, 2016	Attendance 74	
Current Envelope		\$730.00
Current Plate		<u>62.00</u>
Total		\$792.00



About the Cover: Through faith, we know and worship Jesus as our King—not an earthly king, but our heavenly King. He is our King who has fulfilled all of God's promises for our salvation; He provides all that we need for our life on earth and our life with Him in heaven for eternity. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!

