

✠ 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: Savannah Williams

Divine Service 10:00am

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2016

As We Gather

Through His Word and the waters of Holy Baptism, God bestows His Holy Spirit upon His children, establishing and nourishing a lifelong faith. We treasure baptismal waters, for from this well comes living water. It is Jesus who quenches our thirst with living waters, teeming with the Spirit, life, and forgiveness.

Divine Service

(Adapted from Hymnal Supplement-CPH)

Hymn of Invocation p. 908 "Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear"

Confession and Absolution

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you,

C: **that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.**

P: If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness,

C: **we lie and do not practice the truth.**

P: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light,

C: **We have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.** *(1 John 1:5-7)*

All: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love, according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.** *(Psalm 51:1-2)*

P: God has spoken to you, His people, in this way: "Your guilt is taken away; your sins are forgiven for Christ's name's sake."
(Isaiah 6:7, 1 John 2:12)

C: Amen.

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,

like streams in the Negev!

Those who sow in tears

shall reap with shouts of joy!

He who goes out weeping,

bearing the seed for sowing,

shall come home with shouts of joy,

bringing his sheaves with him.

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: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Hymn of Praise *(Omitted during Lent)*

Salutation and Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with your spirit.**

P: Let us pray...one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild beasts will honor Me,

the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to My chosen people, the people whom I formed for Myself that they might declare My praise.

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

All: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle Reading Philippians 3:8-14

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

(Rise)

Verse

Luke 20:17b

All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel Luke 20:9-20

And He (Jesus) began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send

my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: " 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on Him at that very hour, for they perceived that He had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. So they watched Him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch Him in something He said, so as to deliver Him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Apostles' Creed (*Back of Hymnal*)

Hymn of the Day p. 430 "My Song Is Love Unknown"

Sermon

Offering and Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

P: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. (*Hebrews 13:20-21*)

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn p. 428 *Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow*"



St. Paul's Mission Calendar

Today 9:00 AM Sunday School & Bible Class
 ☩ 10:00 AM Divine Worship
Mon. 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study
Wed. 3:30 PM Midweek
 5:30 PM - 7 PM Lenten Supper for VBS
 6:30 PM Confirmation
 ☩ 7:30 PM Lenten Service
 Choir following the service
Thurs. 6:00 PM Confirmation Questioning/Potluck/Photos
Tues. - Thurs. Preschool

Our Lenten Journey continues March 16th at 7:30 pm with the service theme, *"The Cross in Lent - Gambling Under the Cross"*. The pre-service meal 5:30 - 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall is sloppy joes. The free will offering will go towards the purchase of VBS supplies.

LLL Zone Spring Rally Sunday, April 3rd - Trinity Blue Hill

Speaker: Gary Wieck, Orphan Grain Train

*Registration: 5:00-6:00 PM *Meal Served: 6:00 PM *Cost: \$12.00

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, March 26th. Thank You!



LLL Dartball Sunday, March 13th 5:00 p.m. Zion Hastings

hosted by Christ Lutheran Juniata. Call Marlin Reiners if you have questions 402-751-2451

April Newsletter Deadline Monday, March 14th

Please have your news items, volunteer lists, etc. on the workroom desk **March 14th** to be in mailboxes Sunday, March 27th. Thanks!

Confirmation Questioning & Potluck, Thurs. March 17th 6 PM

The class of 2016 confirmands will answer questions regarding faith and catechism followed by a potluck supper and pictures

2016 Confirmands

Paige Morrow Payton Morrow
Savannah Williams Jenna Jaeschke

Holy Week at St. Paul's



Mar. 20th Palm Sunday with Confirmation
 10:00 AM **Worship Service with Communion** (individual cup)

Mar. 24th Maundy Thursday Communion Worship 7:30 PM

Mar. 25th Good Friday Worship Service 7:30 PM

Mar. 26th Holy Saturday Healing Service 7:30 PM

Mar. 27th Easter Morning
 7:00 AM Sunrise Service & 10:00 AM Festive Service
 with Communion (individual cup)

LWML - Tues., Mar. 22nd 7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall.

St. Paul's LWML would like to invite you to hear Bridger Kroos share his experience at Camp Luther last summer.
 Ingathering: Cash/Donations for Camp Luther
 (see the list on the bulletin board by Pastor's office)/ Mites



ATTN All Thrivent Financial Members If you have an active policy, IRA Annuity with Thrivent, you **must** use your "Choice Dollars" before March 31st or they will expire. We ask you to consider giving these funds to our local congregation as this has a huge impact on our finances each year. "Choice Dollars" must be assigned each year. You may sign in on-line or call 800-847-4836 into Thrivent. Ask for St. Paul's, P.O. Box 36 on Fourth ST in Kenesaw to assign to our church. If you have any question. Please call Mary, Jennifer, Becky or Deb Adams. Thank You!

Bob Eckhardt Benefit, April 2, 2016, 4:30-8:00 p.m. Adams County Fairgrounds. This benefit will feature food, silent auction and bake sale. All proceeds will help fund medical expenses from recent hospitalizations and the purchase of a HillROM hospital bed. Sponsored by Thrivent-Little Blue River Chapter.

Please remember these people in your prayers -

Pastor Paul Duffy and family

Birthdays:

- Mar. 14 Jamie Beal; Roger Struss
- 15 Fern Augustin; Nellie Kline; Seth Binfield; Jacob Panwitz; Valerie Schirmer; Vicky Wehrman
- 18 Grayson Rowe
- 19 Christian Kroos; Blake Thompson

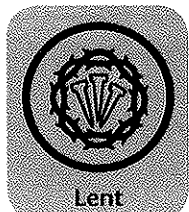
In the Service: Austin Applegate, Alec Applegate, Trevor Stickels, Julian Tucker, Hannah Panwitz, Danielle Burr, Darren Woodside

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 6, 2016	Attendance 103	
Current Envelope		\$1,785.00
Current Plate		94.00
Russian Orphanage		95.00
Mission Envelope		<u>155.00</u>
Total		\$2,129.00

Wednesday, March 2, 2016	Attendance 63	
Current Envelope		\$175.00
Current Plate		<u>694.00</u>
Total		\$869.00



About the Cover: God created the earth for mankind's use. Yet, mankind has not always used God's creation as intended. We have taken advantage of God's gifts, going so far as misusing them. As tenants of God's vineyard, we owe God for all we have. But how has God been repaid? He sent His Son, and they threw Him out of the vineyard and killed Him. By His death, we are saved! Thanks be to God for His Son, our Savior!

They threw him out of the vineyard and killed him

Luke 20:15

