

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

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

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Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 6, 2016

**As We Gather**

God's anger is not to be taken lightly. The Old Testament prophets often spoke of God's anger. Jesus displayed holy anger when He drove the moneychangers out of the temple. Yet even though God's anger is aroused by sin, He sets aside His anger because of His great love for His creation. The prophet Isaiah wrote, "I will praise You, O LORD. Although You were angry with me, Your anger has turned away and You have comforted me." Therefore "give thanks to the LORD, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done" (Isaiah 12:1, 4).

Divine Service, *Setting One* p. 151

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

Confession and Absolution p. 151

**Psalm 32**

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
**whose sin is covered.**  
Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,  
**and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**  
For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
**through my groaning all day long.**  
For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;  
**my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**  
I acknowledged my sin to You,  
**and I did not cover my iniquity;**  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
**and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Therefore let everyone who is godly  
**offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found;**  
surely in the rush of great waters,  
**they shall not reach him.**  
You are a hiding place for me;  
**You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.**  
I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
**I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**  
Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
**which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.**  
Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
**but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.**  
Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,  
**and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**  
**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 Isaiah 12:1-6**

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to You, O Lord, for though You were angry with me, Your anger turned away, that You might comfort me.

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation."

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted.

"Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Epistle II Corinthians 5:17-21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Verse for Lent p. 157**

**Holy Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Him (Jesus). And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

So He told them this parable: And He said, "There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and

asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.' "

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

**Sermon**

**Nicene Creed p. 158**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering and Offertory p. 158**

**Service of the Sacrament p. 160**

**Communion Hymn p. 434 "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"**

*\*\*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. 420 (vv. 1, 5-7) "Christ, the Life of All the Living"**



**Our Lenten Journey continues March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm** with the service theme, *"The Cross in Lent - The Title on the Cross"*. **St. Paul's Choir** will be manning the potato bar for the pre-service meal 5:30 - 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

## St. Paul's Mission Calendar

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class
	◆ 10:00 AM	Communion Worship (common cup)
	7:00 PM	LYF
<b>Mon.</b>	9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
<b>Wed.</b>	10AM-2PM	OGT Sort & Pack Day - Grand Island
	3:30 PM	Midweek
	5:30 PM - 7 PM	St. Paul's Choir serves Lenten Supper
	6:30 PM	Confirmation
	◆ 7:30 PM	Lenten Service
		Fellowship League & Choir following the service
<b>Thurs.</b>	9AM-2PM	Pastors' Conference - Grace, Franklin
<b>Tues. - Thurs.</b>		Preschool

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### **Kenesaw Volunteer Fire Dept. Soup Supper: Today! 5-7 PM**

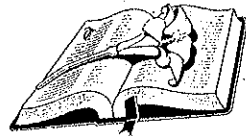
Kenesaw Fire Hall. Support our volunteer firefighters by joining them for chili, vegetable beef or chicken noodle soup plus amazing pies and cakes for dessert. Free-will donation. All proceeds go towards purchasing new equipment and supplies.

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☞ **Luke 15:12** "And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them." This prodigal son only sees the father as a source of wealth: give me my inheritance now! Which is to say: you are better off dead in my eyes. This is the sin at the heart of all greed: valuing things over people. This parable calls us to "come to our senses" as well: to see God as the loving Giver of all good, the true Father to be valued above and beyond all the things of this world. [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)

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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, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank You!



### **Orphan Grain Train Sort and Pack Day: Wed., March. 9th<sup>th</sup>**

Pool rides at church 9:00 AM, work 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

If questions, contact Bev Nixon.

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### **LLL Dartball Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. Zion Hastings**

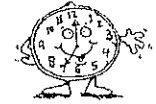
hosted by Christ Lutheran Juniata. Call Marlin Reiners

if you have questions 402-751-2451

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### **March 13<sup>th</sup> Daylight Savings Time Begins**

Set your clocks ahead one hour before retiring Saturday night.



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### **April Newsletter Deadline Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

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### **St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool Now Registering for 2016-2017**

We are the only Preschool in Kenesaw, licensed through the State of Nebraska and associated with the LCMS schools. Our teacher has a Nebraska teaching certificate in Elementary/Early Childhood education. To qualify, your child must be 4 by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. There is a \$20.00 registration fee that will be waived if you register by May 30<sup>th</sup>.

We can help arrange transportation and we also have financial aid if needed. For more information contact Michelle Hagemeister at 308-325-5768 or Sharon Duffy at 402-752-3536.

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***Many thanks to those who donated items for the special Orphan Grain Train shipment to Latvia. The St. Paul's Ladies Aid and LWML also made monetary donations thanks to your support of their fund raisers. Also, thanks to Thrivent for adding the \$250.00 gift card.***

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### ***A "Life Quote" . . .***

"While human history is in flux and certain seasons have yet to be fulfilled (e.g. Divine Judgment), in the life of the Church there is no season or hour in which Christ is not worshiped as Lord. The eternal penetrates the temporal. 'Pray without ceasing' (1 Thessalonians 5:17)". James M. Kushiner, *The Fellowship of St. James* [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**Please remember these people in your prayers -**

Pastor Paul Duffy and family

**Birthdays:**

- Mar. 7 Sara Linde
- 9 Bennett Rowe; Rob Thompson
- 10 Sharon Duffy; Ashlynn Klusman

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

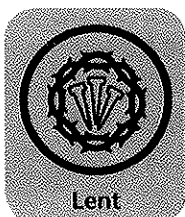
**Missionaries:** Pastor John Reehl, Russia and the Baltics  
Rev. Brian and Amanda Gauthier, Panama  
Rev. Peter Haugen & family, Macau, China

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**Our Expression of Love**

<b>Sunday, February 28, 2016</b>	Attendance 113
Current Envelope	\$ 1,250.00
Current Plate	118.00
Mission Envelope	<u>25.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,393.00</b>

<b>Wednesday, March 2, 2016</b>	Attendance 59
Current Envelope	\$225.00
Current Plate	61.00
Church Utilities	<u>300.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$586.00</b>



**About the Cover:** Jesus tells the story of the young son who demands his share of the inheritance. He then leaves and spends it wastefully. He returns to his father, for he has nowhere else to go. The father welcomes him home with open, loving, and forgiving arms. He loves his son beyond all measure. Our heavenly Father loves us beyond all measure, and we are always with Him.



You are always with me