



**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 22, 2020**

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St. Paul Lutheran Church & School  
6100 Westside Saginaw Road  
Bay City, MI 48706  
Sunday Worship: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Bible Classes & Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

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## **WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US HERE AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN THIS MORNING!**

Visitors and guests, please sign the friendship pad (which is at the end of the row), and include your address and phone number.

Please take note of the communion information and guidelines on the inside upper panel of the friendship pad. If you are unable to come to the front for communion and desire to be communed, please sit on the end of the pew and notify the elder. Those receiving the individual cups are asked to please hold onto their cup until the elder passes by with the common cup so none will be missed.

Care cards, located in the pew rack ahead of you, can be used for prayer requests. Please hand the card to an usher or place it into the basket when the offering is received.

**LITURGY**      8:00 a.m. - Divine Service 4 with Communion (LSB p. 203)  
10:30 a.m. - Divine Service 4 (LSB p. 203)

**HYMNS**      8:00 a.m. - 419, 851, 434, 571, 420, 697, 422, 744  
10:30 a.m. - 419, 851, 744

**READERS**      8:00 a.m. - Sam Britton      10:30 a.m. - John Rodgers

**ACOLYTES**      8:00 a.m. - Caroline Douponce      10:30 a.m. - Rachel Mammel

**GREETERS**      8:00 a.m. - Angela Buda, David & Stacey Hildebrant  
10:30 a.m. - Vaughn & Margie Begick, Janet & Paulette Beckers

**USHERS**      8:00 a.m. - Group 1 – Cary Behmlander, Dale Jezowski, Mike Mossner, Adam Jezowski, Rollan Berger  
10:30 a.m. - Group 4 – Bob Eastman, Cindy Eastman, Tim Begick

## **PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING**

### **HOMEBOUND**

Dolores Appold	Erv Hoerauf	Julie Roark
Dorine Auernhammer	Jon Ittner	Eleanor Schlicker
Gwen Bakus	Lorna Ittner	Rose Anne Schmidt
Ruth Behmlander	Mike & Karen Kusch	Al Wegener
Armond Beiser	Irma McKenzie	Tim Wegener

Rick & Bonnie Emeott  
Carl Hafer

Margaret Meyer  
Mary Pfund

Ferdinand Zeilinger

**BEREAVED** (family & friends of)

Al Vogtmann

**SPECIAL**

Wyatt Crouse (Dan Bourdow's  
grandson)

Hedwig Gerold (cancer)

Fred Morley (uncle of DJ Bourdow)

Herb Mueller (Jonathan's brother)

Lynn Richard (Leeta Theiss's sister-in-law;  
cancer)

Mark Schmidt

Willard (Ken Van Cise's cousin; cancer)

**THIS WEEK'S MEMBERS**

Daryl & Lori Appold

Christopher Begick

Samuel & Luella Britton

Robert & Cynthia Eastman

Spencer Hardy

Nathan, Kristen, Brynlee, & Ryker Kolberg

Dennis, Valerie, Olivia, Ethan, Isaac, &  
Abigail Matyas

Cody Rajewski

Matthew Schwab

Ashley White

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL**

<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<u>3/22</u>	8:00 a.m.	Worship
		9:15 a.m.	Bible Class
		10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
		4:00 p.m.	Lutheranism 101

<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	<u>3/24</u>	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Church Choir

<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	<u>3/25</u>	3:15 p.m.	Lenten Service
		6:30 p.m.	Lenten Service

<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	<u>3/26</u>	6:30 p.m.	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday Visual Faith – Hymn Journal Workshop
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<b><u>NEXT SUNDAY</u></b>	<u>3/29</u>	8:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion
		9:15 a.m.	Confirmation Questioning
		10:30 a.m.	Worship

**NOTES AND NEWS**

**ATTENDANCE** Wednesday (3/11) – 272 (160, 92); Last Sunday – 272 (160, 92)

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** Sunday Mornings: 8:30 on WSAM 1400 AM

Donations mail to: Saginaw Valley Lutheran Hour

P.O. Box 133

Frankenmuth, MI 48734

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**      March 22 – 2 Timothy 4    March 23 – Ps. 30-31  
March 24 – Proverbs 7    March 25 – Titus 1      March 26 – Titus 2  
March 27 – Titus 3      March 28 – Ps. 32-33

**GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY – POSTPONED** Unfortunately, it has become necessary to postpone this event.

**EASTER EGG HUNT IS SATURDAY, APRIL 4 – CANCELLED** Unfortunately, it has become necessary to cancel this event.

**EASTER FLOWERS** This year, Easter lilies and other spring flowers can be purchased by individuals in the congregation. A sign-up sheet & payment box are in the narthex to purchase Easter plants. Checks can be made payable to Begick Nursery. If you have any questions, please call or text Jean Begick (989-928-6192). Flowers will adorn the chancel area on April 12 for the Resurrection of our Lord; memorials will be printed in that bulletin.

**DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS BY MARCH 31** Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated 2019 Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2020, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to provide grant funding to St. Paul Lutheran Church & School. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800.847.4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted.

**LENTEN SEASON** We will have Wednesday midweek services during Lent at 3:15 and 6:30 p.m. Supper will also be served on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. at school. All are welcome! A free-will donation will be taken at each supper to support the different groups hosting. Below is the schedule:

March 25 – Cancelled (Rescheduled for Ascension Day – May 21)  
April 1 – Recreation Committee

**THE ST. PAUL AUCTION – RESCHEDULED** Join us in the school gym on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> for the Ministry Center Auction Fundraiser.

**PRESCHOOL & SCHOOL REGISTRATION** Register now for the 2020-2021 school year! The preschool classroom has a few spots left to fill. A \$75 preschool registration fee will reserve your child's spot for next year. Information and enrollment forms are available in the school office.

**IN OUR BACKYARD – CANCELLED** Unfortunately, it has become necessary to cancel the Temple Theater tour and March 26. But I'm not giving up on the idea of outside activities. Look for more information once life gets back to some sense of normalcy!

**BLOOD DRIVE** Our blood drive here at St. Paul will be Thursday, May 21 (Ascension Day). Donors, please save the date so you'll be able to donate on that day.

**THE ST PAUL APPAREL STORE HAS RE-OPENED.** The Apparel Store is open again until Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Orders will then be ready for

pickup on Friday, April 3rd. So, plan on visiting <https://stpaulutheranchurch.itemorder.com> and order your new St Paul logo wear directly on-line. **A note regarding the men's blue check long-sleeve shirt** – you are now able to select the color embroidery you prefer on that shirt – blue tones or green tones. You'll see that option when you order. Thanks to all who made purchases last November, we raised nearly \$1,000 for the Ministry Center campaign. Purchase some great clothing items with our St Paul logo and, at the same time, help the Ministry Center from the profits on your purchases. Call the church/school office if you have questions.

**TRI-CITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – CANCELLED** The Tri-City Good Friday Service at Horizons Conference Center in Saginaw scheduled for April 10, 2020 at 1 pm has been cancelled due to the coronavirus infection. If you donated for the service and would like your money refunded, contact Vaughn Begick at 686-0578 or e-mail [vaughnnpac@aol.com](mailto:vaughnnpac@aol.com). You can leave your donation with the committee for expenses incurred this year and to carry over for next year. You do not need to contact me if you want to leave your donation with the committee.  
Vaughn Begick  
Tri-City Good Friday Committee Member

# **THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 42:14–21 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup>For 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.  
<sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills,  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn the rivers into islands,  
and dry up the pools.  
<sup>16</sup>And 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.  
<sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to shame,  
who trust in carved idols,  
who say to metal images,  
“You are our gods.”  
<sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf,  
and look, you blind, that you may see!  
<sup>19</sup>Who 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?  
<sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them;  
his ears are open, but he does not hear.  
<sup>21</sup>The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,  
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

## **EPISTLE READING**

Ephesians 5:8–14 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup>For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,  
“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

John 9:1–41 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he

was born blind?" <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup> Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup> and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

<sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup> Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup> So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup> He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup> They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> So 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." <sup>16</sup> Some 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. <sup>17</sup> So 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."

<sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup> His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup> But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup> (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) <sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup> He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup> They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup> He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup> And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup> The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup> They answered him,

"You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup> He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." <sup>38</sup> He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

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