



# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Experience Midweek Lenten Worship

12:15pm & 6:30pm Weekly on Wednesdays thru March 16th

Dinner served at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Area

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 13th** Return "Change for Life" Baby Bottles for NLPC

**March 18th** Power shut-down begins 3/17 at 6pm

Church Building and Early Learning Center Closed

**March 19th** Early Bird pricing still available for ISI - register today!

Iron Sharpens Iron Conference (Springfield, IL)

SHiNe Family Easter Event (10:00am @SPL)

**March 20th**

Special Voters Meeting (9:30am @SPL Great Room)

**March 23rd**

Rehearsal for Good Friday (All Musicians/Vocalists @6:30pm)

**March 24th**

Maundy Thursday Worship (7:00pm @SPL)

**March 25th** Featuring Rehoboth Christian School & SPL Choirs

Good Friday Tenebrae Service (1:00pm & 7:00pm @SPL)

**March 26th** \*\*No Saturday services on 3/26\*\*

Rehearsals for Easter Sunday (Choir 10am, Praise Team 11am)

**March 27th**

Easter Sunday Worship (6:30, 8:00, 10:30am @SPL)

New Member Welcome at 10:30am Worship

Easter Breakfast (Serving begins at 7:30am)

**March 30th** Contact Mary Peck if interested at 217-428-4228

Hands Only Compression CPR Instruction (6:30pm @Great Rm)

**March 31st**

ELC Preschool Open House (6:00-7:00pm @SPL ELC)



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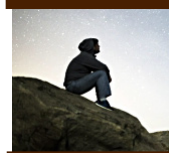
6:30 PM LENTEN WORSHIP

MARCH 9, 2016

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For all that is in the world - the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life - is not from the Father but is from the world.

1 JOHN 2:16

## Preparing for Worship

As we continue forward in this season of Lent, we journey together as we follow Jesus toward the cross; toward the death that ultimately brings resurrection life. We look to our Father to draw us close to Him, through His Son Jesus. We ask for His help in surrendering to Him the areas of our lives where we are struggling, where we need change. Whatever continues to be before you, we pray that you may persevere and hold strong as you press on.

We come together to acknowledge our sin, to acknowledge our mortality. We come to glimpse the Christ who offers forgiveness, who offers everlasting life.

As part of our last Lenten worship, we continued our study into the sins that may plague our lives by taking a deeper look at indulgence. We continue to put these sins to death on the cross - they die as Jesus died on the cross. May that be a reminder for us to be conscious of our sin, urging us to have our hearts and minds open to how God can speak into our lives as we walk with Jesus in this season of Lent.

Let us begin our time of worship by focusing our minds and hearts on God's presence with us.

## Welcome

## Invocation



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## Confession of Sins

Lord, forgive us for the lustful thoughts and ideas that we have allowed to enter into our minds and color our lives. Forgive us for the selfishness and greed that has created conflict in our relationships and marriages. Forgive us for loving our own wants and desires more than the desires You have for us, and the plans You have prepared for us to live out. Transform our hearts and minds that we might see Your perfect plan for our bodies and our relationships. Teach us to see the world as You see it. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Opening Praise

*The Power of the Cross*

## Sharing of the Gospel

Matthew 27:11-26

*Lord I Need You*

## Prayers of the Church

### The Lord's Prayer

### Offering

Our offerings, gifts, and tithes are returned to Jesus in response to His sacrificial love for us. During the offering time, please complete one of the worship cards found in the pew in front of you and pass it to the center aisle.

*Grace Flows Down*

## Message and Teaching Time

*"From Death to Change: Death to Lust"*

(Please be aware we will be discussing mature content.)

## We Surrender Our Sin

Pastor: The wages of LUST is death.

People: **But the gift of God is eternal life.**

## Blessing

## Closing Song

*Abide with Me*

v. 6

*Next week will be our final installment of our Midweek Lenten Worship  
Join us as Pastor Doug brings the message "Death to Apathy"*

## Our Belief: Receiving the Lord's Supper

The Apostle Paul wrote, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28) In order to examine yourself before attending the Lord's Supper, when offered, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Do I believe I am a sinner, and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins?
3. Do I believe I receive the body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and wine? (They are not merely symbolically present.)
4. Do I truly desire to turn from my sinful ways?

If you are able to answer "yes" to these questions, we invite you to join us for the Lord's Supper, when offered. Children and adults who cannot answer affirmatively are invited and encouraged to come forward for a blessing but should refrain from receiving the bread and wine.\*

*\*For those who are unable, or prefer not to consume wine, cups with white grape juice are located in the center of the communion trays.*

## "From Death to Change: Death to Lust"

(Selected Verses)

## The Integrity of Sex

- "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'" *Matthew 5:27*
- Covenant
  - A covenant creates a relationship \_\_\_\_\_ loving and intimate than a merely legal relationship, but it is also \_\_\_\_\_ binding and enduring than a merely emotional relationship.
  - Consumer Relationship: "You adjust \_\_\_\_\_ or I'm outta here!"
  - Covenant Relationship: "I will adjust \_\_\_\_\_ because I've made a \_\_\_\_\_."
- Three things happen when two people are covenanting:
  1. You can be \_\_\_\_\_ and secure.
  2. You are \_\_\_\_\_ in spite of your feelings.
  3. There is \_\_\_\_\_ in a covenant than outside of it.
- The world says sex is a \_\_\_\_\_ good.
- The Bible says sex is designed as a covenant good.

## The Challenge of Lust

- "But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart." *Matthew 5:28*
- Epithumeisai = Lust, greed or idolatry
- The Bible \_\_\_\_\_ in the glory of sexual love.
- Greed
  - Selfish
  - Addiction
  - Fantasy
- 4 Ways Sex Turns Selfish

## The Future of Love

- You will never be married well, or single well, unless \_\_\_\_\_ is the spouse of your soul.

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## EASTER SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

We have several serving opportunities available for Holy Week & Easter - Easter Breakfast coordinator, parking attendants, etc. Visit [spldecat.org/category/volunteer-opportunities](http://spldecat.org/category/volunteer-opportunities) for details or contact the church office at 217-423-6955.