



# 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

### February 11th

Early Communion Classes Begin (6th Graders - Room 122)

**February 17th** *Worship at 12:15 & 6:30pm, Dinner 5:30pm*

Midweek Lenten Worship (through March 16th)

### February 20th

Mommy & Me: Pray-Play-Connect (9:00am Room 122 @SPL)

**February 21st** *Support a National Youth Gathering Participant!*

THRIVE Alive NYG Bowl-A-Thon (@Spare Time Lanes)

### February 23rd

Red Cross Blood Drive (12:30-5:30pm @SPL)

**February 24th** *Contact Carole Keirl for Info 423-2475*

Intercessory Prayer Group Info Meeting (7:30pm @SPL)

**February 26th-28th** *Sign up also available online at spldecat.org*

SPL Men's Ministry Woodcutter's Retreat (@Camp CILCA)

### February 28th

THRIVE Youth Worship (6:30pm @SPL)

### March 13th

Return "Change for Life" Baby Bottles for NLPC

### March 19th

Iron Sharpens Iron Conference (Springfield, IL)

### March 24th-March 25th

Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm, Good Friday 1pm & 7pm

### March 27th

Easter Sunday (6:30, 8:00, 10:30am) & New Member Welcome



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6:30 PM ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP  
FEBRUARY 10, 2016

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## Preparing for Worship

Ash Wednesday begins the Christian season of Lent. We will spend the coming days journeying together as we follow Jesus toward the cross; toward the death that ultimately brings resurrection life. Today, we mark the beginning of this Lenten journey.

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 today's worship, the imposition of ashes will be offered. This practice may not be familiar to everyone. Ashes have been used in Christian churches to mark the beginning of Lent since at least the 10th Century, and ashes are mentioned in scripture as a symbol of purification and repentance.

We offer the imposition of ashes today as a physical reminder of our mortality and sin; an assurance of God's forgiveness and salvation. After the confession, those who wish to receive the imposition of ashes will be invited to come forward. For those who come, the mark of ashes will be placed on your forehead. After you come in repentance you can then walk to the second station to receive the joy of forgiveness in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

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

## Welcome

## Invocation

## Confession of Sins

*Psalm 51:1-7, 10*

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! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may



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be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment  
 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my  
 mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the  
 inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.  
 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and  
 I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O  
 God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**Opening Praise**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**Sharing of the Gospel**

Matthew 26:36-45

**Words of Institution**

**Receiving the Ashes and Communion**

If you have not communed with us before, please read "Our  
 Belief: Receiving The Lord's Supper" located on this page. We  
 encourage families to commune together.

*Stir the Ashes*  
 (SPL Children's Choir)

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

*Lamb of God*  
 LSB #550 v. 1-3

*Do You Know*

**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 com-  
 plete one of the worship cards found in the pew in front of you and  
 pass it to the center aisle.

*Gethsemane Hymn (Adult Choir)*

**Message and Teaching Time**

*"From Death to Change: Death to Pride"*  
 Luke 18:41-42

**We Surrender Our Sin**

Pastor: The wages of PRIDE is death.

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

**Blessing**

**Closing Song**

*Abide with Me*  
 LSB #878 v. 6

**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 Pride"**

Luke 18:41-42

**SIN**

- Luke 18:41-42
- Sin is a lot like math
- Sin \_\_\_\_\_
- Sin \_\_\_\_\_
- Sin \_\_\_\_\_
- Sin \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSOLUTE HONESTY**

- Sins of the \_\_\_\_\_
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- \_\_\_\_\_ of a movement

**ABSOLUTE PURITY**

- The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_
- The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSOLUTE LOVE**

- Gossip and \_\_\_\_\_
- Jealousy and \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ of other people's points of view or  
 their \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ and fear

**ABSOLUTE UNSELFISHNESS**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Self-\_\_\_\_\_
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- Self-interest about \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- Unhealthy \_\_\_\_\_
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