



# 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 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** Worship at 12:15 & 6:30pm, Dinner 5:30pm

Midweek Lenten Worship (through March 16th)

**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](http://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 18th

Church Office and Early Learning Center Closed

### March 19th

Iron Sharpens Iron Conference (Springfield, IL)

### March 24th-March 25th

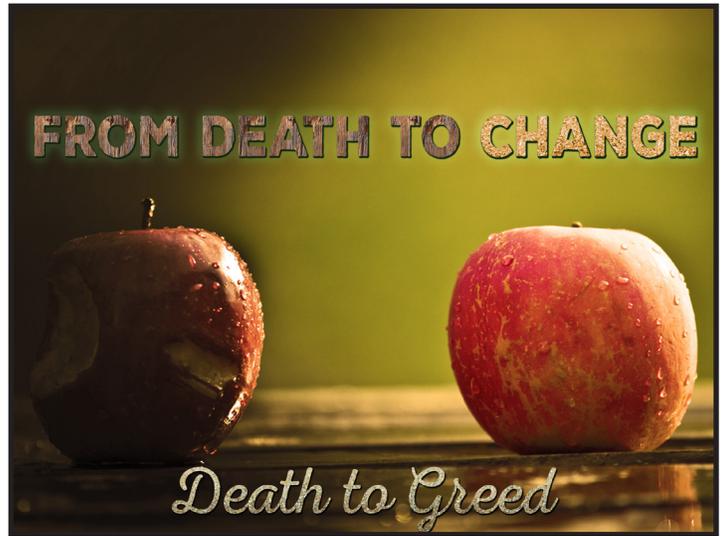
Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm, Good Friday 1pm & 7pm

### March 27th

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

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6:30 PM LENTEN WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 17, 2016

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For we brought NOTHING into the world,  
and we cannot take ANYTHING  
out of the world.  
1 TIMOTHY 6:7

## 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. Have you chosen to practice a new spiritual discipline or have you chosen to give up something that seems to be getting in the way of the life you long to live? What sins are you struggling with that you need to give up to God? Whatever your personal choice, may you persevere through your struggle throughout this season.*

*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 last week's Lenten worship, we participated in the imposition of ashes, a symbol of purification and repentance. These were a reminder of our mortality and sin; an assurance of God's forgiveness and salvation. 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

Gracious Father, in this Lenten season we want You to refine us and grow us to be more fully the people You've called us to be. We want to put to death what belongs to our sinful nature. Today we acknowledge our struggle with greed and ask You to forgive us for the many times our love of possessions has taken precedence over our love of You. Forgive us and give us victory over this struggle. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Opening Praise

*In Christ Alone*

## Sharing of the Gospel

Matthew 26:48-58

*Jesus Messiah*

## 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.

*Once And For All*

### Message and Teaching Time

*"From Death to Change: Death to Greed"*  
(Selected Verses)

### We Surrender Our Sin

Pastor: The wages of GREED is death.

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

### Blessing

### Closing Song

*Abide with Me*  
LSB #878 v. 6

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**"From Death to Change: Death to Greed"**  
(Selected Verses)

## GREED

- Greed...The Sin of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Greed appears in the earliest stages of life under the word "\_\_\_\_\_".

## MYTH OF POSSESSION

- None of us truly \_\_\_\_\_ anything.
- As in 1 Timothy 6:7, "We brought \_\_\_\_\_ into the world, we can take \_\_\_\_\_ out."
- We cannot \_\_\_\_\_.

## WARNINGS

- The line between being a good \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, a good \_\_\_\_\_ person, and a \_\_\_\_\_ person is very thin.
- We are commanded to \_\_\_\_\_. *2 Thess. 3:10*
- We are commanded to be \_\_\_\_\_. *1 Corinthians 4:2*
- But we are \_\_\_\_\_ - Luke 12:15 says, "Be on your guard against all kinds of \_\_\_\_\_."
- Proverbs 15:27 says, "A greedy person brings trouble to his \_\_\_\_\_."
- Evidence of a person who lost \_\_\_\_\_ of God. *Romans 1:28-29*
- A greedy person is an \_\_\_\_\_. *Ephesians 5:5, Colossians 3:5*
- \_\_\_\_\_ of money is the root of all kinds of evil. *1 Timothy 6:10*
- We will not inherit the \_\_\_\_\_. *1 Corinthians 6:9-10*

## EXAMPLES OF GREED

- Story of Achan (*Joshua 7*):  
"When I saw...I \_\_\_\_\_ them." (v.21)
  - He was \_\_\_\_\_ with his family.
- Story of Ananias & Sapphira (*Acts 5*):  
"He \_\_\_\_\_ part of the money for himself..."(v.2)
- He \_\_\_\_\_.

## WHY IS THIS SO ALLURING?

- My need for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - "I just feel better when..."
- My need for \_\_\_\_\_. "Money talks"
- My need for \_\_\_\_\_. "I am financially secure."

## WHAT ARE WE CALLED TO DO?

- "Put to \_\_\_\_\_ whatever belongs to your earthly nature." *Colossians 3:5*
  - "Rid yourself of all such things." *Colossians 3:6*
- *Romans 6:10, 11*
  - "He died for sin, once for all."
  - "Count yourself dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ."

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