



## 8:00 AM WORSHIP

MARCH 9, 2025

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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN IS A CHURCH WHERE  
THOSE LONGING FOR A *DIFFERENT* LIFE  
FIND A *GRACE-FILLED* LIFE IN JESUS.



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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 418 O LORD, THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS sts. 1-3



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your  
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -



for our sin, And free us from our past.  
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.  
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

### INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Congregation **Amen.**

### EXHORTATION

*LSB 151*

Pastor If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
Congregation **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

*LSB 254*

Leader I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Congregation **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**

Congregation **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

Leader The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

Congregation **Amen.**

### ABSOLUTION

*LSB 151*

Pastor Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### KYRIE

Assistant In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
Congregation **Lord, have mercy.**

Assistant For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
Congregation **Lord, have mercy.**

Assistant For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Assistant For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation Lord, have mercy.**

Assistant Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Congregation Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

Assistant This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation Thanks be to God.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** *Romans 10:8B-13*

Assistant This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING**

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. *Luke*, the *fourth* chapter.

**Congregation Glory to You, O Lord.**

Reading *Luke 4:1-13*

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.**

**657 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD**



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat - ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -  
vour us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not  
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to  
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of  
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle  
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He  
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's  
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's  
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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**SPL KIDS WORD**

**SERMON**

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OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

LSB 160

Pastor The Lord be with you.  
Congregation **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.  
Congregation **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
Congregation **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE (FULL)

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 161

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

Pastor Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
 Congregation **Our Father who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be Thy name,  
 Thy kingdom come,  
 Thy will be done on earth  
 as it is in heaven;  
 give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For Thine is the kingdom  
 and the power and the glory  
 forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**PAX DOMINI**

*LSB 163*

Pastor

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Congregation**

**Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 163*

☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**BLESSED ASSURANCE**

Chorus 1

This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long

Verse 1

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

Verse 2

Perfect submission perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy whispers of love.

Verse 3

Perfect submission all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blest  
Watching and waiting looking above  
Filled with His goodness lost in His love

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# 641 YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART

sts. ref-4

*Refrain*

You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and  
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and  
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of  
 4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal

heed his voice; So when You call Your  
 grat - i - tude That You should count us  
 Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one  
 tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -

*Refrain*

fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.  
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.  
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?  
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.

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## THE DISMISSAL

**Pastor** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**Congregation** Amen.

## 752 BE STILL, MY SOUL

sts. 1, 4

1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa - tient-  
 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on When we shall

ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or - der  
 be for - ev - er with the Lord, When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and

and pro - vide; In ev - 'ry change He faith - ful will re -  
 fear are gone, Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -

main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly Friend  
 stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,

Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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**BENEDICTION**

LSB 166

Pastor

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**Congregation**

**Amen.**

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**Welcome New Members** with us this morning at 9:15 AM –  
Meet & Greet at a cake reception in the Dining Room.  
Celebrate them in worship at 10:30 AM.

Welcome to Devin & Morgan Ringel, Paul & Jamie Stanzione,  
and Tim & DeeAnne Wisler. We are so glad to have you here!

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP**

Lunch/Worship 11:45 AM, Dinner 5:30 PM, Worship 6:30 PM

MARCH 12, MARCH 19, MARCH 26

APRIL 2, APRIL 9

**HOLY WEEK**

APRIL 13 - PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 17 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 18 - GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 20 - EASTER SUNDAY

**COMING UP AT SPL**

MARCH 9 - **NEW MEMBER WELCOME**

MARCH 14-15 - **AWAKEN** Workshop

MARCH 23 - **ENCOUNTER** Worship

APRIL 6 - **CONFIRMATION**

APRIL 12 - **THE HUNT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

**FAMILY & FAITH CELEBRATION - BAPTISM**

This weekend we joyfully celebrate the Baptisms of Grayson and Gavin Fleck, sons of Cody Fleck, grandsons to Bob & Terri Fleck. Please welcome them to our family of faith as they receive new life in Christ. Blessings!



## **JOIN US IN SONG FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

Join us in lifting voices in praise for Holy Week and Easter services! All are welcome! If you're interested, please sign up in the choir room or reach out to Morgen - morgen@spldecatour.org or (405) 761-7450. Help us make it a powerful time of worship!

## **AWAKEN: A JOURNEY TO SHARING JESUS**

During this 2-session workshop, you will be equipped to share Jesus with others in a relational way as the Multipli team, one of our partners in ministry, leads you through an overview of 3 Essentials for Sharing Jesus. We will dive deeper into the key concepts of responsibility, permission, and access, receiving practical tools along the way. You will also be challenged to put them into practice as you journey through the weeks ahead. Join in on **Friday, March 14**, from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM and **Saturday, March 15**, from 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM. To register, scan the code or sign up in the Fellowship Area outside the Family Room.

## **RHYTHMS OF GRACE: COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

Women of St. Paul's: join us for coffee (or tea), some tasty sweet treats, and meaningful conversations about faith, life, and whatever's on your mind on Sunday, March 16 after late worship (12:00 PM). This is a wonderful opportunity for women of all ages to share, build relationships, and connect with SPL Women's Ministry Team as we encourage one another and grow together. No registration needed; children are welcome.



## **THE HUNT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

This Easter, SPL invites you to join us in Loving 217 by hosting neighborhood Easter Egg Hunts all throughout Decatur. We will provide the eggs, the support, and know-how; you provide the home and the heart. We will be holding all our hunts on Saturday, **April 12th**!

Prayerfully consider hosting a Neighborhood Hunt of your own or in collaboration with friends/other families. Sign up in the Fellowship Area outside the Family Room.

## **SPL ADULT MISSION TRIP THIS SUMMER**

From **May 31st to June 7th**, 2025, St. Paul's will be taking a group of adults to Asheville, North Carolina, on mission to work with local families rebuilding their homes after the devastating hurricanes of the past year. The cost is \$450 per person. If you would like to go but funding is a concern, please talk to Pastor Bill. Scan the code to register or sign up at the table in the Fellowship Area. Please register by March 15. Questions? Contact Pastor Bill or Gene Mueller.



## **SPL FAMILY PICNIC**

All families are invited to join us after the 10:30 AM service on **March 30th** in the Dining Room for a family "picnic"! We'll be providing hot dogs, chips, potato salad, cookies, and lemonade. We'll have board games available, and the Field House gym will be open for fun activities! Come enjoy some extra fellowship time with your family, or take this opportunity to connect with others and build community! All families are welcome!

## **UNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UPDATE**

Unity Christian School will be collecting quality used furniture items over the month of March and hosting a furniture resale weekend on April 11th and 12th. If you have a furniture item you'd like to donate, they may be able to pick it up at no charge. You can also drop it off at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. **Please email [furniture@unitydecatour.org](mailto:furniture@unitydecatour.org) with a photo and estimated measurements of your item and we'll get back to you regarding scheduling a pick up or drop off time.** Look for more details to come during the **LSA Resale Shop Weekend, March 29-30**, when the Resale Shop truck will be parked at St. Paul's taking donations before and after worship services. All proceeds will directly benefit Unity's Scholarship Fund.



## FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God by Doug & Coley Adloff in celebration of their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## OPERATIONS

### ATTENDANCE

Last weekend attendance in person: 442  
Last weekend attendance online: 123  
Average attendance for the last 4 weeks: 553

### GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY FEB. 2025

	2/23 to 3/1	FEB TOTAL	2025 YTD
NEEDED	\$43,654	\$174,616	\$392,885
RECEIVED	\$24,969	\$179,062	\$301,422
DIFFERENCE	<b>\$18,689</b>	<b>\$4,446</b>	<b>\$91,462</b>

