

**THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL & ST PETER'S**

**TODAY (Mar 19) WORSHIP**

Dale- Family Bible study & Sunday School..... 8:00 am  
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Larsen (Bible class follows) .....10:15 am

**MON (Mar 20)**

St Paul Choir..... 6:00 pm

**WED (Mar 22) MID WEEK LENTEN SERVICE**

Worship (St. Paul) ..... 6:00 pm  
Worship (St. Peter's) ..... 7:30 pm

**THUR (Mar 23) St Paul Bible Class.....10:00 am**

**NEXT SUN (Mar 26) WORSHIP (HC)**

Dale (NO Sunday School or Bible Class)..... 8:30 am  
Larsen (Sunday School held, NO Bible Class).....10:15 am

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: *If you happen to see the following member(s) this week, wish them a "Happy Birthday"* **Mar 19** – Ruth Luedtke, Ella Peters **Mar 20** – Teryn Huettl **Mar 22** – Leroy Meyers **Mar 25** – Sherry Meyer, Jamie Quinn**

**3/22 LENT SERVICE** - please join us again for worship this Wednesday when we will welcome Pastor Tristan Paustian of Bethlehem, Hortonville to present “His Final Steps Led to a Tomb”. Services are 6 PM at St. Paul and 7:30 PM at St. Peter’s.

**LWMS** – **EVERY SUNDAY** in March there will be a freewill door offering to support LWMS. Spring Rally which St. Paul Dale co-hosts with St. Paul Appleton will be on Saturday April 22, 2023 in Appleton.

**SIGN UP SHEETS** – (St. Paul) There are 3 signup sheets available today and thru the end of March on the counter in the entry. One is for anyone who would like to donate Easter flowers to decorate the church on April 9. The other is looking for people to donate some food items for the upcoming Palm Sunday brunch on April 2. Also, signup if you would be able to provide treats after the mid week services on March 22 and 29.

**MARCH 26** – there will **NOT** be Sunday School at St. Paul or Bible classes at both St. Paul and St. Peter’s on this day. St. Peter’s will have Sunday School.

**ST PAUL PLEASE NOTE** - Our organist has commitments on Sunday requiring her to leave by 9:35 A.M. There may be times when we have only three hymns or a shorter liturgy. We are thankful for her service and for your commitment and valued attendance. Your worship pleases our Lord.

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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
March 19, 2023

**Welcome to our Guests**—

We're glad you joined us today! If you have any needs or questions during your visit with us this morning, let us try to help. Just ask an usher or the person next to you.

St Paul restrooms are located downstairs, just past the fellowship hall. There is also television & viewing area in the foyer near there with seating if your little one needs a break or you need to be close to the restrooms. St. Peter's unisex restrooms are located at the front of the sanctuary to the left of the altar area (with changing table) and another can be accessed by going through the basement and up the stairs on the left side.

Before you leave today, please take a moment to sign our guest registry in the entryway & visit again soon!

## BELLS AND WELCOME

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:** Christian Worship for “Service of the Word” beginning on page 38. Red hymnal

**TODAY’S HYMNS:** red hymnal

#368 O Savior, Precious Savior

#343 Christ Is the World’s Light

#367 Christ Be My Leader

#379 vs 1&3 Amazing Grace

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 27 can be found in the red copies of Christian Worship on page 75 (the congregation sings all verses in unison)



**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*Spoken by Pastor*)

O Lord Jesus Christ, by your almighty power you opened the eyes of the blind and showed yourself to them. Turn our eyes away from worthless things, and lead us to love you sincerely; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Sing: Amen.**

+ **GOD'S WORD** +

### First Reading

*Isaiah 42:14–21*

<sup>14</sup>“For a long time I have kept silent,  
I have been quiet and held myself back.  
But now, like a woman in childbirth,  
I cry out, I gasp and pant.  
<sup>15</sup>I will lay waste the mountains and hills  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn rivers into islands  
and dry up the pools.  
<sup>16</sup>I will lead the blind by ways they have not known,  
along unfamiliar paths I will guide them;  
I will turn the darkness into light before them  
and make the rough places smooth.  
These are the things I will do, I will not forsake them.

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #343** “*Christ Is the World’s Light*”

**-THE MESSAGE TODAY:** Based on: Romans John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

**"Do You See?"**

1. Physical blindness

2. Spiritual blindness

AFTER THE SERMON - THE APOSTLE’S CREED

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORDS PRAYER**

**HYMN: #367** “*Christ Be My Leader*”

**PRAYER & BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN: #379 vs 1&3** “*Amazing Grace*”

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<sup>17</sup>But those who trust in idols,  
who say to images, ‘You are our gods,’  
will be turned back in utter shame.

<sup>18</sup>“Hear, you deaf;  
look, you blind, and see!

<sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant,  
and deaf like the messenger I send?  
Who is blind like the one in covenant with me,  
blind like the servant of the LORD?

<sup>20</sup>You have seen many things, but you pay no attention;  
your ears are open, but you do not listen.”

<sup>21</sup>It pleased the LORD  
for the sake of his righteousness  
to make his law great and glorious.

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## Second Reading

*Ephesians 5:8–14*

<sup>8</sup>For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) <sup>10</sup>and find out what pleases the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup>It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. <sup>14</sup>This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

## Gospel Acclamation

*Hebrews 12:2*

Glory, praise, and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.  
Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.  
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**Verse of the Day response pg. 40 is not sung during Lent**

## Gospel

*John 9:1–7,13–17,34–39 (SERMON TEXT)*

<sup>1</sup>As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

<sup>3</sup>“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

<sup>6</sup>After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. <sup>7</sup>“Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. <sup>15</sup>Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now 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 asked, “How can a sinner perform such signs?” So they were divided.

<sup>17</sup>Then they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.”

The man replied, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>34</sup>To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

<sup>36</sup>“Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.”

<sup>37</sup>Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”

<sup>38</sup>Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.

<sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.”

**Sing: Praise be to you, O Christ!**