

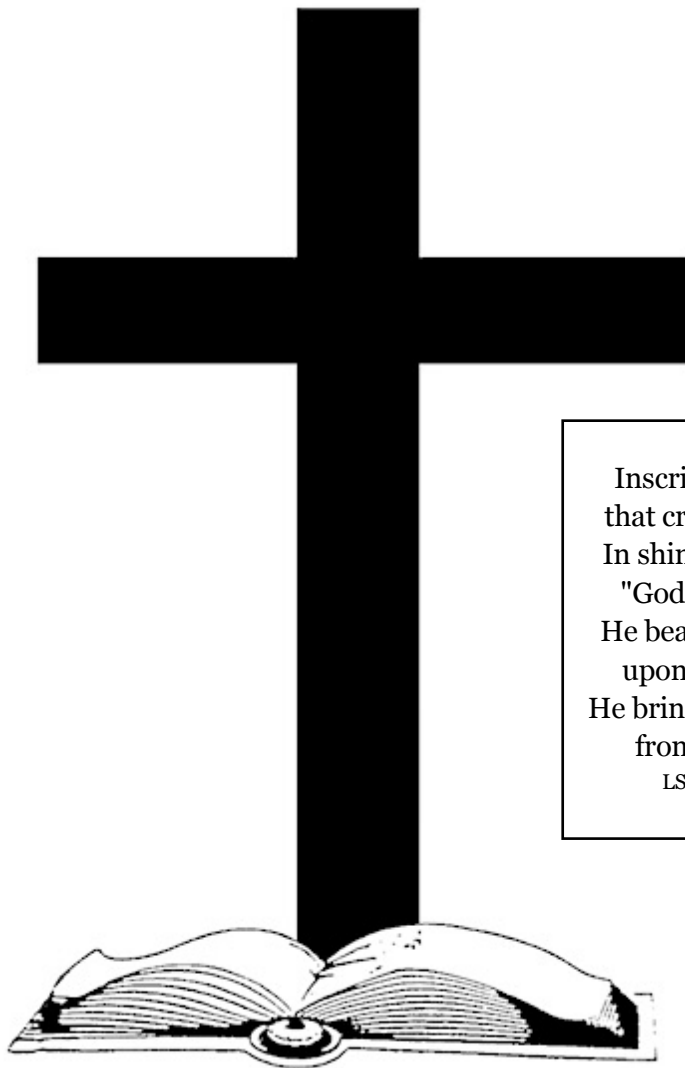
# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Inscribed upon  
that cross we see  
In shining letters  
"God is Love."  
He bears our sins  
upon the tree,  
He brings us mercy  
from above.

LSB 429:2

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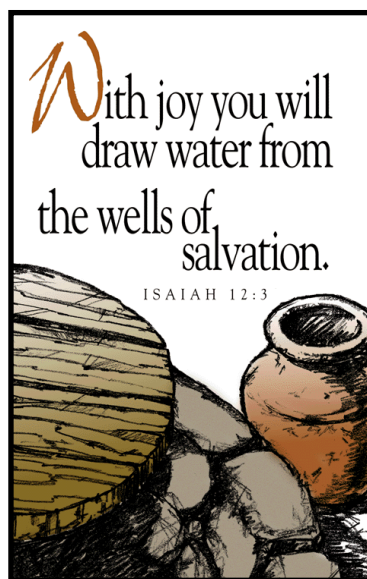
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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent – March 30, 2025**

**A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests!** We are glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus. Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

**Today's Order of Worship** is "Divine Worship Setting 1," as printed in the liturgy pamphlet distributed by the ushers. The service is based on pages 12-21 in *Worship Supplement 2000* (tan hymnal). Please leave your copy of the liturgy pamphlet in the pew after the service concludes or drop it into the designated box in the foyer so that it may be used in future services. Thank you.



Serving Us Today  
Organist Suzannah Miller  
Ushers Mike Sprengeler, John Sprengeler

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 119:41-48 (pew bible, page 546)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 913, 560, 425, 422
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 12:1-6, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 32

## **Sermon**



**Text – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

**Theme – *"We Preach Christ Crucified"***

1. A message many regard as foolish and weak.
2. A message of true wisdom that packs incredible power!

*The Scripture Lessons, Psalm of the Day, and Sermon Text are printed on the following pages.*

# Today's Scriptures

## **First Lesson – Isaiah 12:1-6**

### *A Hymn of Praise*

1 And in that day you will say: “O LORD, I will praise You; though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. 2 Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; “For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.” ” 3 Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. 4 And in that day you will say: “Praise the LORD, call upon His name; declare His deeds among the peoples, make mention that His name is exalted. 5 Sing to the LORD, for He has done excellent things; this is known in all the earth. 6 Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!”

## **Psalm of the Day – Psalm 32**

### *Blessed are the Forgiven*

P Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven:

**C Whose sin is covered.**

P When I kept silent, my bones grew old:

**C Through my groaning all the day long.**

P I acknowledged my sin to You:

**C And my iniquity I have not hidden.**

P I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”:

**C And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P You are my hiding place:

**C You shall preserve me from trouble.**

P Many sorrows shall be to the wicked:

C **But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him.**

## **Second Lesson – Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

### *The Parable of the Lost Son (Loving Father)*

1 Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. 2 And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, “This Man receives sinners and eats with them.” 3 So He spoke this parable to them, saying: | 11 “A certain man had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood. 13 And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. 14 But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. 15 Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. 17 “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, 19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.’” 20 “And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ 22 “But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. 23 And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; 24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry. 25 “Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.’ 28 “But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded

with him. 29 So he answered and said to his father, “Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. 30 But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.’ 31 “And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. 32 It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.’”

## Sermon Text – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

### *Christ the Power and Wisdom of God*

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.” 20 Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. 22 For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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### **This Week at St. Paul**

Today (3/30)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Wed	7:00 pm	Lenten Service 5
Sun (4/6)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

### **Extended Calendar**

- Palm Sunday brunch served by men: Sunday, April 13, 10:45 am
- Maundy Thursday Com. Service: Thursday, April, 17, 7:00 pm
- Good Friday Worship: Friday, April 18, 7:00 pm
- Easter Sunday Worship: Sunday, April 20, 9:30 am
- Spring Clean-Up Day: Saturday, April 26, 8:00 am to noon
- Annual Front Range Mission Festival Service: Sunday, May 4, 3:00 pm, hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland (guest speaker: Pastor David Reim).
- West-Central Delegate Conference, hosted by Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Jamestown, ND: Tues-Thurs, May 20-22
- Pastor-elect Sam Naumann Installation Service at Prince of Peace, Loveland: Sunday, May 25, 3:00 pm

### **April Birthday (Anniversary) Blessings To . . .**

Mary Anna Sprengeler, Apr 3	Dustin Fritzler, Apr 12
Jennifer Roberson, Apr 3	Debbie New, Apr 15
Wayne Ruegge, Apr 3	Pat Newton, Apr 19
Fred Brethauer, Apr 6	Ruth Claeys, Apr 23
Kylee Acker, Apr 6	(Gilbert & Jo Ellen Blakey, Apr 19)
Derek Barthels, Apr 7	(Bob & Carrol Rankin, Apr 28)
Ruth Greening, Apr 9	

## Synod News & Notes

- ▶ Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary has a financial aid program that helps students to attend by assisting with loans, multi-student grants, individual student grants, scholarships, and work study. All students are encouraged to submit an application. While the scholarships are automatically applied based on academic performance, the other aids are provided upon application made by the responsible party. In order to be as helpful and equitable to all, these forms need to be submitted by the deadline of May 1, 2025, for the 2025-26 academic year. If any potential student is showing interest in attending Immanuel, applying now ensures that you will be considered for financial assistance. While applications have already been provided to the families of current students, you may still find them at [ilc.edu/resources/](http://ilc.edu/resources/) under the heading "Financial Assistance Forms & Info."
- ▶ Graduation took place at the BELC Martin Luther Bible School in India on March 25. Every two years, 25 students complete the two-year, full-time pastoral training program, which is made possible by the Grace of God through Kinship support. The graduates have been called and assigned to serve at either new or established BELC congregations. Additionally, they will begin attending monthly district seminars for ongoing pastoral training. Praise the Lord for providing more workers for India, where the fields are ripe for harvest!
- ▶ Pastor Paul Tiefel, Jr of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has announced his retirement as of August, 2025.



## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

March 31 – April 5

**Mon John 11:1-16** When Jesus hears that Lazarus is sick, He does not immediately go to help. This does **not** mean that He lacks love, but that He has greater understanding than we, His followers, do.

**Tues John 11:17-27** Four days in the tomb, decaying – this is not too great a problem for the Resurrection and the Life. Such is the glory of the Christ, the Son of God who was to come into the world (v4,v27).

**Wed 2 Corinthians 5:14-21** Since Christ died for all, all died, and His resurrection declares that we are also reconciled to God. Christ became sin for us that we might become righteousness in Him (v21).

**Thurs Isaiah 64:1-4** Because enemies trample the sanctuary, Isaiah calls upon God to descend with power and rescue His people, both from their earthly foes and from His own just judgment upon their sins.

**Fri Isaiah 64:5-12** Even on the cross Jesus never stopped looking to God for help. Isaiah also, admitting guilt, still looks to God for mercy. Do not be angry, Lord, without limit, or remember our guilt forever (v9).

**Sat Exodus 3:1-14** The Lord comes to Moses in a burning bush at a time when Moses no longer thinks he can deliver the Israelites from Egypt. God says: This is my time, and **I am** will be with you!