



# The Voice

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

March 2026



Dear friends,

Jesus came to accomplish the work given by the Father.

“And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly” (Mark 8:31-32, ESV).

Having taught His disciples, Jesus went toward the place He would die. “When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem” (Luke 9:51, ESV).

As Jesus went, He sent seventy-two others ahead of him to say, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.” Where Christ is, there is the reign of God. “He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem” (Luke 13:22, ESV).

On pilgrimage, Jesus taught about a feast yet to come and resurrection. He taught that many receive the kingdom of God. He would make a way.

“See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise” (Luke 18:31-33, ESV).

The Lamb goes uncomplaining forth to accomplish the work given by the Father.

“And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem” (Luke 19:28, ESV).

Lord Jesus, You are my Redeemer. In You we have the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and the promise of resurrection. Lamb of God, have mercy +

Peace in Christ, Interim District President Rev. Craig D. Otto



The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

Lamentations 3:25-26



**Serving This Month**

**March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Pastor Gary Stolle  
Reader: Sherrelynn Martin  
Organist: Doris Foley  
Acolyte: April Causey  
Elder: God’s Faithful Servant

**March 8<sup>th</sup>**

Pastor Wayne Persich  
Lay Reader: Fred Reifsteck  
Organist: Doris Foley  
Acolyte: April Causey  
Elder: God’s Faithful Servant

**March 11<sup>th</sup>**

Pastor Gary Stolle  
Organist: Doris Foley  
Acolyte: April Causey  
Elder: God’s Faithful Servant

**March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Pastor Gary Stolle  
Lay Reader: Kirsten Englund  
Organist: Doris Foley  
Acolyte: God’s Faithful Servant  
Elder: God’s Faithful Servant

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Pastor Wayne Persich  
Lay Reader: Aaron Kirchhoff  
Organist: Doris Foley  
Acolyte: April Causey  
Elder: God’s Faithful Servant

**March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Pastor Wayne Persich  
Lay Reader: Dan Martin  
Organist: Doris Foley  
Acolyte: April Causey  
Elder: God’s Faithful Servant

**Altar Guild for March 2026**

Lois Gravitt & Barbara Gumm



**March Birthdays:** 9-Hillary Brown; 19-Crystal McDaniel; 21-Sharon Bahl.

**March Wedding Anniversaries:** 25-Eric & Sharon Bahl

If anyone has been missed let the office know.

The Lord bless you, and keep you; The Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26



**“CROSSWORDS FROM CHRIST”**

**2026 Lenten Midweek Service Schedule**

Wednesday Schedule: 4:00p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Worship Service  
5:00-6:00 p.m. Meal; 6:30p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship Service

**Date**

**Location**

March 4

Messiah

March 11

St. Paul

March 18

Ascension

March 25

Messiah



When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?

Psalm 56:3-4



The **Lutheran Urban Mission Agency Auxiliary** will meet on Wednesday, March 18 at Messiah Lutheran Church, 613 S. Main St, Independence, MO. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with the opening service at 9:30 a.m. The program will be a speaker from Mother's Refuge in Independence. The Mission of the Month collection is non-perishable food pantry items and monetary donations. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP by March 15 to Jane Clark, 816-616-3383, [jclark2100@att.net](mailto:jclark2100@att.net). All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend and all donations for the Mission of the Month collection are appreciated. Thank you! "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35.



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 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. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Psalm 51



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Worship Service 9am	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 4pm Lent #3 service at Messiah 5-6pm meal 6:30pm service	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Worship Service w/communion 9am	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Prayer Shawl 12:30pm	<b>11</b> 4pm Lent #4 service at St. Paul's 5-6pm meal 6:30pm service	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Worship Service 9am	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> LWML Circle Meeting	<b>18</b> LUMA Auxiliary 9am at Messiah 4pm Lent # 5 service at Ascension 5-6pm meal 6:30pm service	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Worship Service w/communion 9am	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Prayer Shawl 12:30pm	<b>25</b> 4pm Lent #2 service at Messiah 5-6pm meal 6:30pm service	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Palm Sunday Worship Service 9am	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

*The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.*  
*Proverbs 16:9*