



ST. PAUL-ZION DUAL PARISH

MARCH 2026

A Few Thoughts from Pastor

I know I've mentioned it before, but our Lutheran hymnody is truly a Blessing from God. As I prepare for services each week, I usually spend at least an hour or two flipping through the hymn book looking for hymns. Most weeks there are "too many" great hymns and I have to wrestle with which ones to include. I normally try to choose hymns that make (or reinforce) one or more of the main points from the readings and sermon, and often my choices are influenced by the Church year or by something I'm trying to teach (or review with) the congregation at that particular time.

These last few weeks I've been spending a significant amount of time picking hymns for all the services during Lent, and my thoughts have been drifting back to the incredible truths echoed so beautifully in our hymns, ... oh that I could write with such eloquence ... and so I offer the words of Paul Gerhardt's "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" (LSB-438) for your consideration this month.



A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
The guilt of sinners bearing
And, laden with the sins of earth,
None else the burden sharing;
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
To slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer,
He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,
The mockery, and yet replies,
"All this I gladly suffer."

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This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend,
The Lamb of God, our Savior,
Whom God the Father chose to send
To gain for us His favor.

"Go forth, My Son," the Father said,
"And free My children from their dread
Of guilt and condemnation.
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by Your passion they will share
The fruit of Your salvation."

"Yes, Father, yes, most willingly
I'll bear what You command Me.
My will conforms to Your decree,
I'll do what you have asked Me."
O wondrous Love, what have You done!
The Father offers up His Son,
Desiring our salvation.
O Love, how strong You are to save!
You lay the One into the grave
Who build the earth's foundation.

Lord, when Your glory I shall see
And taste Your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be,
My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before Your throne,
Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
As Your own bride shall we be brought
To stand in joy beside You.

And then, even more than now as we do on Easter, we will sing Alleluia (praise the Lord), Alleluia, Alleluia without end.

Pastor Holle



A Few Other Thoughts from the Church Fathers The Shepherd Hangs (Dies) on a Tree

But it is by dying that your Shepherd proved His love for you. When danger threatens His sheep and He sees Himself unable to protect them, He chooses to die rather than to see calamity overtake His flock.

What am I saying? Could Life Himself die unless He chose to? Could anyone take life from its Author against His will? He Himself declared, "I have power to lay down My life, and I have power to take it up again; no one takes it from Me? (John 10:18). To die, therefore, was His own choice. Immortal though He was, He allowed Himself to be put to death.

By allowing Himself to be taken captive, He overpowered His opponent. By submitting, He overcame him. By His own execution, He penalized His enemy, and by dying He opened the door to the conquest of death for His whole flock. And so the good Shepherd lost none of His sheep when He laid down His life for them. He did not desert them but kept them safe. He did not abandon them but called them to follow Him, leading them by the way of death through the lowlands of this passing world to the pastures of life. Peter Chrysologus

Paradox of the Cross

He is punished; we have peace. I, you, all of us have angered God; for that He needed to atone, so that we might be redeemed from sin and obtain peace. He suffers; we go free.

The indulgence hawkers assured us that your desperate beads of sweat and gross carousing would, by the pope's indulgences, be freed from pain and punishment. They directed us to believe that our soul must suffer in purgatory, when in reality (even as they spoke) they already had departed in grace and love. Does not the prophet say, "The chastisement of our peace was upon Him," in order that it might be well with us and we might enjoy good days?

This great love and grace no person should ever so shamefully forget. The great harm the devil caused us in paradise has been healed by Christ's wounds. *reflections by Martin Luther*

ZION LUTHERAN LWML

The next meeting for Zion Lutheran LWML will be on Sunday, February 22nd at 9:15am. We were unable to meet in January due to the weather.

This will be our "Fellowship Sunday". The ladies will have their LWML meeting in the Bible Class room, and other Zion members can share fellowship, coffee and food in the church basement during that time prior to worship services. LWML members will provide the baked goods.

Stewardship



As a kid, I remember my Grandpa and Grandpa Diepholz' home with extraordinary joy. Family fun. Great food. A legacy of faith. One of my lasting memories of that house was the table that sat between their twin beds. It contained a lamp, a Bible, a catechism, and a hymnal. These were well-worn, as Grandpa read to Grandma every night before they went to sleep! What a treasure these tools of faith are! Let us spend some time this month in the hymnal to help us better understand our life as Christian stewards! To do this, we will use LSB 785 "We Praise You, O God."

*We Praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tributes we bring.
We lay it before You, and kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.*

Stewardship is an act of worship. It flows from the grace and mercy we have received in Jesus! Faithful stewardship can never start with us. Our sinful nature will make us and our desires the center of our worship. Our tributes, our giving and our serving only flow from how the Lord Jesus has given of Himself for our sake! When we have this in clear view, our knees bow and our praises flow freely! All this flows from the Name that has been placed on us in Holy Baptism!

*We worship You, God of our Fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.*

Our stewardship that flows from what God has done for us in Jesus Christ is rooted in history. Passed from one generation to the next, stewards of the Gospel connect God's provision in the past to His continued care in the present.

So often, the struggles we face are self-inflicted. While there are indeed perils that can shake us from outside of ourselves, we are more likely enduring the suffering that comes because of our own choices that are outside the Word and will of God! But even in these situations, the Lord who loves us will never forsake us. When we become selfish, self-serving and self-destructive, the Lord NEVER abandons! The Lord helps us to overcome the struggles in faith and win the victory the steward rejoices in!

*With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great redeemer, forever be praise!*

Stewardship is more than just an individual thing. There is a corporate nature to our steward life. We see this in the Divine Service. There, stewards of all ages, all economic strata and all languages are joined in the singular task of praise. This stewardship of praise flows from the altar to us, out into the world and then back to the altar! God's strong arm leads us in this stewardship 24/7. This makes stewardship, in all times and places, a matter of worship. We praise our Redeemer who has entrusted us with this great stewardship of the Gospel which forgives our sins, grants us new life and salvation. And this treasure we freely share for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor!

LENTEN SCHEDULE – 2026

Ash Wednesday – February 18th: Services @ Zion at 7:00pm

February 25th: Services @ St. Paul at 7:00pm

March 4th: Services @ Zion at 7:00pm

March 11th: Services @ St. Paul at 7:00pm

March 18th: Services @ Zion at 7:00pm

March 25th: Services @ St. Paul at 7:00pm

PALM SUNDAY-March 29th

Services @St. Paul 8:30am Services @Zion 10:30am

April 2nd: Maundy Thursday Services @ Zion at 7:00pm

April 3rd: Good Friday Services @ St. Paul at 7:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY: April 5th

Service @St. Paul 8:30am Services @Zion 10:30am



LENTEN MEALS WILL BE HELD

BEFORE THE LENTEN SERVICE EACH WEEK,

STARTING AT 6:00PM.

THESE WILL START ON FEBRUARY 25TH AT ST. PAUL,

AND GO THROUGH MARCH 25TH.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

The Elders at Zion have agreed to designate the last Sunday of the month as Fellowship Sunday. There will be no Sunday School classes or adult Bible Class on that Sunday. In their place beginning at 9:15 a.m., the ladies will have their LWML meeting in the Bible Class room, and other Zion members can share fellowship, coffee and food in the church basement during that time prior to worship services. LWML members will provide the baked goods. This will begin on February 22, 2026.



ST. PAUL DORCAS

On February 2, 2026, our Dorcas group had a nice prayer service in the sanctuary after our morning church service, led by Cindy Manche. Sharon Meyer provided music for the program; PRAYER, authored by Reverend Barrie E. Henke. The Theme verse was “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus, for you (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

P RAISE God for His goodness and blessings.

R EMEMBER that I am a sinner and that I have a savior.

A SK any and all things that are on my mind.

Y IELD these concerns to God’s wisdom and gracious working.

E XCITEMENT is the result of surrendering concerns to God.

R EJOICING is the expression of our trust that God is in control.

No official meeting this month, but Sarah did bring up that would have a sign up sheet for Lenten meals in the next few weeks. Becky has the January Treasurer’s report, and for correspondence there was a thank you note from Danny Bauerle’s funeral. We also have the “Gathering of Love”.

Offering was taken and that will be going to Concordia Academy, Wichita.

Sarah had refreshments of lemon/blueberry cake and apple spice cake, coffee and water.

In March, Kristina Costlow will lead Bible Study with a video, and Kathy Heiniger will be hostess. Altar committee will be Becky Meyer and Sadie Meyer.

***Pastor Holle has a radio broadcast on KNZA
at approximately 10:05am on Sunday mornings.***



Please Update!

***If you have a new cell phone number, address, or email address,
please make sure you send it to the office.***

You can e-mail the office at stpaulzionlutheran@gmail.com or call 785-742-3995.

*The office would also like the names and addresses
of any members who are at college. Thank You!*



SUNDAY SCHOOL

We invite all kids to come and join us for Sunday School!
Sunday School meets each Sunday morning at **9:15am at Zion.**
Sunday School at **St. Paul** starts after the service at **9:30am.**
The Zion Adult Bible Class meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15am.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Military: Spencer Ernst, Alexander Williams

College: Joey Meyer, Megan Brockhoff, Paige Stover, Gunner Smith, Marcus Hinton, Remington Killman.

Care Facilities & Shut-Ins: Carol Bauer, Gene Rice, Esther Krug, Doris Rice, Juanita Fritz.

Also in our prayers: Carol Rand, Julie Selland, David Davidson, Doug Barrett, Rachel Spann, Malcolm Gigstad, Tim Bianchi, Jill Kohlmeier, Katie Fry, Jeanne Lowe, Wes Duesing, Aimee Hampl, Carl Mueller.

We Remember the blessed saints who now rest in the Lord and we pray for their families that they remember all who die in the Lord live with the Lord. (Romans 6:5)



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mar 3-Joyce Brockhoff, Mar 3-Carter Jante, Mar 5-Linda Duesing, Mar 6-Bob Smith, Mar 7-Bill Rand, Mar 7-Sherry Killman, Mar 10-Galen Bauman, Mar 11-Jeremy Arnesen, Mar 13-Johanna Brockhoff, Mar 14-Malorie Manche, Mar 17-Kelsey Collins, Mar 18-Aimee Hampl, Mar 19-Jackie Bianchi, Mar 21-Larry Kneisel, Mar 23-Susan Broxterman, Mar 23-Amanda Hinton, Mar 24-Ryan Davis, Mar 25-Virginia Freese, Mar 27-Wes Duesing, Mar 27-Sue Meyer, Mar 30-Barb Lay, Mar 31-Logan Blaske, Mar 31-Jillian Hefner

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Mar 6-Tom & Hannah Gavin

SERVERS FOR MARCH

(Please trade if you have a date conflict)

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

Mar 1st: Doug & Sarah Kleopfer
Mar 8th: Clif & Kathy Heiniger
Mar 15th: Kerry & Susan Broxterman
Mar 22nd: Milan Kloepfer & Ray Thieme
Mar 29th: Bill Rand & Jennifer/Joe Blaske

Altar Guild for March: Becky Meyer, Sadie Meyer, Galen Meyer

ZION LUTHERAN

Mar 1st: **Elder**-Scott Gigstad, **Acolyte**-Cal Gigstad, **Ushers**-Tim Bianchi & Leon Wissmann,
Greeters-Gigstad family, **Sound System**-David Middendorf
Mar 8th: **Elder**-Leon Wissmann, **Acolyte**-Grace Hampl, **Ushers**-Bob Freese & Mike Brockhoff,
Greeters-Tim & Jackie Bianchi, **Sound System**-Bob & Virginia Freese
Mar 15th: **Elder**-Travis Hampl, **Acolyte**-Grace Hampl, **Ushers**-Tim Bianchi & Leon Wissmann,
Greeters-Sharon Lowe & Darlene Atland, **Sound System**-Dwight Meyer
Mar 22nd: **Elder**-Scott Gigstad, **Acolyte**-Cal Gigstad, **Ushers**-Bob Freese & Mike Brockhoff,
Greeters-Hampl family, **Sound System**-Bob & Virginia Freese
Mar 29th: **Elder**-Leon Wissmann, **Acolyte**-Cal Gigstad, **Ushers**-Tim Bianchi & Leon Wissmann,
Greeters-Sharon Lowe & Darlene Atland, **Sound System**-David Middendorf

Altar Guild for March: Becky Holle & Virginia Freese

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

Alexis Crawley, a Patriot in American Heritage Girls planned and implemented an Our Flag badge workshop for her Abigail Adams Award on November 8th with assistance from Explorer Jericho Crawley. She chose this project because she felt our troop could become better at flag etiquette and perform better flag ceremonies. Because she was required to have a multi-troop event, she invited the Auburn troop, sadly they could not attend. Sixteen girls in total attended 5 Tenderhearts, 6 Explorers, and 5 Pioneers and Patriots.

To earn the badge, the girls had many activities. All together they learned how to fold the flag, display the flag, and carry the flag. The girls learned etiquette by playing bingo with flag etiquette facts. They also learned about two different American flags and when they were flown.

The Tenderhearts made a construction paper flag to learn the parts of the flag and why the colors red, white, and blue were chosen. Jericho led the Tenderhearts and Explorers in reading a book about the Pledge of Allegiance and discussed its meaning.

The Explorers learned a variation of a flag ceremony and a patriotic song; They learned the first verse of the national anthem and about the author Francis Scott Key.

The Pioneers and Patriots made a skit of the national anthem, taught a flag ceremony and patriotic songs to the Explorers. They learned the federal flag code, wrote a reflection on stars and stripes, which is AHG's most prestigious award, and made a diagram of a flag.

The Pioneers and Patriots will earn the badge with the completion of Rayla Walker's flag retiring ceremony for her Harriet Tubman award in the Spring.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Lent 2</i> 9:15 Bible Study @Zion 9:30 St. Paul Dorcas	2	AHG Troop mtg.	3 6:00 Lenten meal 7:00 Lenten service @ Zion	4	5 Pastor Holle Day Off	6 7
<i>Lent 3</i> 9:15 Bible Study @Zion	9	9:00 Circuit	10 6:00 Lenten meal 7:00 Lenten service @ St. Paul	11	12 Pastor Holle Day Off	13 14
<i>Lent 4</i> 9:15 Bible Study @Zion	16	AHG Troop mtg.	17 6:00 Lenten meal 7:00 Lenten service @ Zion	18	19 Pastor Holle Day Off	20 21
<i>Lent 5</i> 9:15 Bible Study @Zion Fellowship @St.Paul	23		24 6:00 Lenten meal 7:00 Lenten service @ St. Paul	25	26 Pastor Holle Day Off	27 28
<i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:15 Zion LWML and Fellowship Sunday	30	31				

Maundy Thursday

Good Friday