

WE ARE ST. PAUL'S!

Sunday Opportunities

Prayer Time at 8:45 AM in the Chapel
Adult classes every Sunday 10AM in the Library and Wesley House
Jr. Church 9AM & 11 AM in Room 211

Weekly Opportunities

St. Paul's PreSchool: Scholarship and donations accepted.
Saving Grace Advocacy: Monday - Thursday 9am-12:30pm
A.A. meets every Monday at 7pm in Fellowship Hall.
ELCO Community Choir Rehearsal Tuesday 7-8:30 PM in Choir Room
Dinner with Neighbors Wednesday at 5:30 PM.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 7-8:30 PM in Choir Room
Al-Anon meets every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Library
Alateen meets every Wednesday at 7:30pm in Wesley House.

Events:



Easter Flower orders forms are available at the front and back entrances of the sanctuary, as well as at the Welcome Center. Cost is \$10 each. Payment must be included with order. Envelopes with order forms and payments may be placed in the offering plate. April 6th is last day to order.

Monday, March 24th at 6PM—Ad Council Meeting

Sunday, April 13th—Palm Sunday 9am & 11am Services

Friday, April 18th—Good Friday Service 7PM

No Drive 'n' Dine in April

Sunday, April 20th—EASTER SUNDAY Service 10AM
(One service only, includes Cantata)

NOTES:

Last Week Attendance: 112
Weekly Average This Year: 116
Last Week's Giving: \$3,070
Weekly Budget Needs \$7,074
March Giving: \$,23,019
Month-to-Date Budget: \$21,222
Year-to-Date Giving: \$64,149
Year-to-Date Budget: \$77,814
Annual Budget Needs: \$367,822

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March 23, 2025

Set Free to be a God-Pleaser

Galatians 1:10

**Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God?
Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please
people, I would not be a servant of Christ.**

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9:00 a.m.

Prelude: "Sarabande in E Minor" Handel

Welcome:

Passing of the Peace:

Introit "What Wondrous Love is This?"

Liturgist: Myra Cors

Opening Reading: Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8, 11-12

Opening Prayer: *Gracious God, we come before you, seeking refuge in your unwavering strength and love. Help us to find rest in you, and to trust in your guidance, even when faced with uncertainty. Whatever I face, you are my hope and place of rest. Nothing can stand against you—no addiction, no circumstance, no struggle has a claim on me where you are present. You are my refuge and the One I can trust. Amen.*

Opening Hymn: Hymn#98 "To God Be the Glory":

Offertory: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Offering/Offertory/Prayer: *Faithful God, as we offer these gifts, may they bear fruit for your kingdom. In this solemn season of Lent, we remember your call to repentance and renewal. Help us tend the soil of our hearts so that we may grow in faith and bear witness to your grace. Use these offerings to bring hope to those in need and light to those in darkness. In the name of Christ who calls us to new life, we pray. Amen.*

Anthem: "I Will Serve the Lord all my Days" Price/Besig

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:1-4

Hymn: Hymn#393 "Spirit of the Living God"

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer:

Sermon Scripture: Galatians 1:10

Message: [Set Free to be a God-Pleaser](#)

Hymn: Hymn#301 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

Benediction:

Postlude: "Matin" Young

11:00 a.m.

Welcome:

Opening Reading: Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8, 11-12

Worship: "Prince of Peace"

Opening Prayer:

Worship: "I Will Follow"

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:1-4

Worship: "Made to Worship"

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer:

Sermon Scripture: Galatians 1:10

Message: [Set Free to be a God-Pleaser](#)

Worship: "We Are Hungry"

Benediction:



[Prayer Requests:](#) "Unspoken prayers", Debbie Wolfinger, Betty Beck, Bill Mann, Anderson Family, Cam McJunkin, Nancy Willis, , Ellie Strukel, Kathy Scott, Rick Jones, Sue Miller, Marcy Mercer, Scot Lauderbach, Nancy Fiandts' son Billy, Louise Jones, Billie Carl, Mama Jessie, Mateo and his mother, our leaders, our nation, and our world.

[Cancer:](#) Janna Tomasini, Randy Zonker, Stephen Jones, Claudia Phipps, Larry Morris, Doug and Shannon Gullett, Samantha Moyer, Adler Carris, Kent Pettet, Ms. Joy, Craig Casselman, and Tim Portolese.

[Continuing Prayers:](#) Scott and Stephanie McElravy, Kathy DeFries, Suzanne Hunter, Austin Johnson, Sue Moses, John Thompson.

[Prayer Chain:](#) To start someone on the prayer chain call one of these three: Millie Ferro 574-262-4124, Nancy Willis 574-294-2747, or Louise Jones 574-361-5517.