Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sight

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | *Jordan, Minnesota*

March 15, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service, we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God's holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

TODAY'S THEME
I recognize that I am spiritually blind when I don't know Jesus. I cannot see the world as it really is. I am tempted to see what is harmful as good, and what is good as meaningless. I cannot see the danger that lurks behind every temptation. I realize that Jesus gave physical sight to the blind. But he also gives me spiritual vision. He said, "I am the light of the world." He comes to shine his light into my darkened eyes so that I see him and live.

CLOSE COMMUNION
Following the guidance of Scripture, we invite those who are members of this congregation or one of our sister WELS congregations to join us as we celebrate the Lord's Supper this morning. Those who are members of other church bodies are asked to speak with the pastor before attending the Lord's Supper. With this practice, it is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God's Word. Thank you for respecting our practice regarding the Lord's Supper.

Pastor……Jeremy Glowicki
Organist……Noah Helke

576 Amazing Grace *CW 576*

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession *CW 173*

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

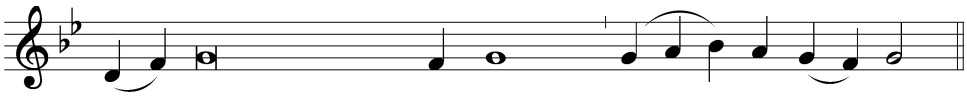
Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
Almighty and merciful Father,
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.
We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.
We have done those things that we should not have done,
and we have not done those things that we should have done.
Have mercy on us, Lord!
Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

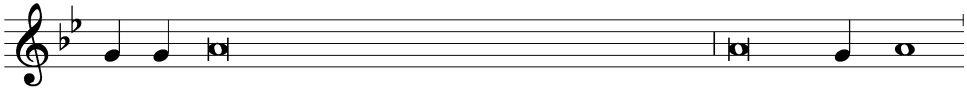
God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

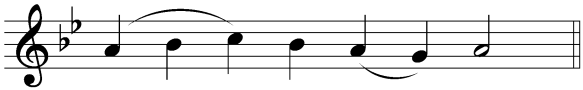
CW 174



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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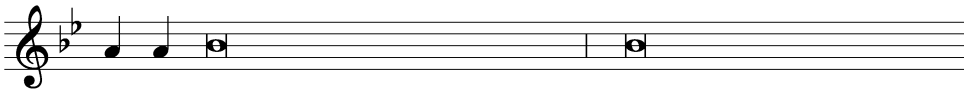
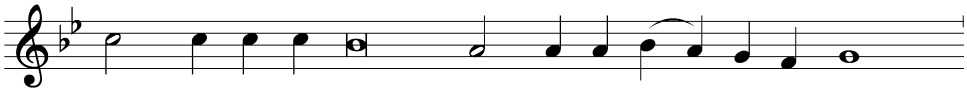
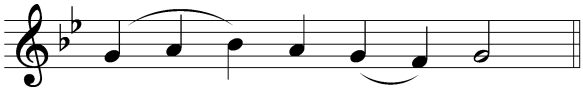


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of



God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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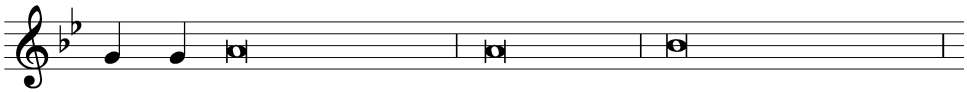

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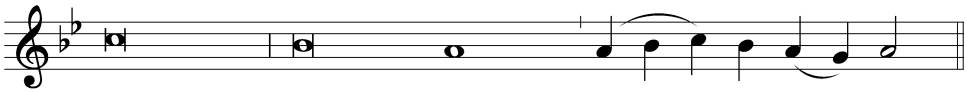
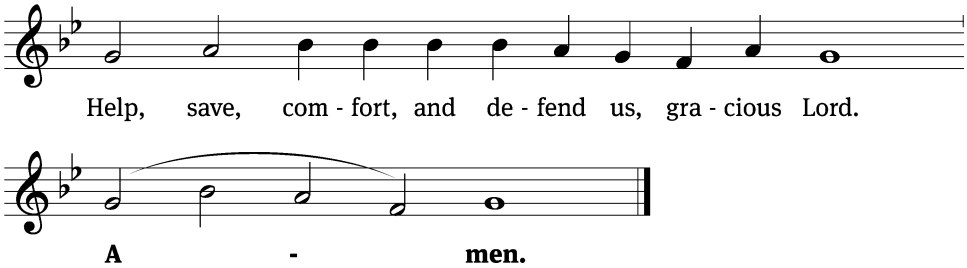


praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.
Amen.

Be seated

First Reading *Isaiah 42:14–21*

God promises to lead the blind to safety and turn their darkness to light.

I have been silent for a long time. I have kept still. I have restrained myself. But now, like a woman giving birth, I will scream. I will gasp and pant. I will dry up mountains and hills. I will make all their grass wither. I will turn rivers into islands. I will dry up pools. I will lead the blind on a way they do not know. Along paths they do not know I will direct them. Ahead of them I will turn darkness into light and rough places into level ground. These are the things I will accomplish for them. I will not abandon them. They will be turned back and completely disgraced—those who trust in an idol, those who say to molten images, "You are our gods." You deaf ones, listen! You blind ones, watch carefully so that you can see! Who is as blind as my servant? Who is as deaf as my messenger whom I sent? Who is as blind as my associate, as blind as the servant of the LORD? You, Israel, see many things, but you do not observe. Israel opens his ears, but he does not hear. Because of his own righteousness, the LORD was pleased to make his law great and glorious.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

27A The Lord Is My Light *Psalm 27A*

Second Reading *Ephesians 5:8–14*

Once I have seen the light of Christ, I strive to leave deeds of darkness behind.

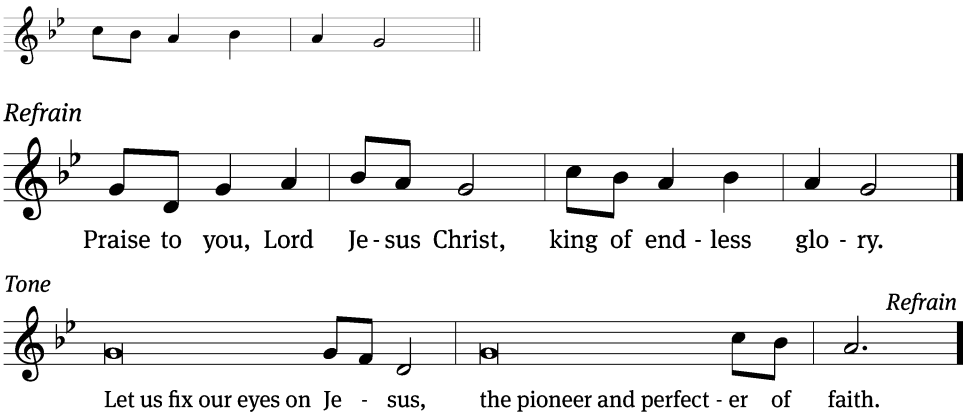
For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord, and do not participate in fruitless deeds of darkness. Instead, expose them. For it is shameful even to mention the things that are done by people in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes things visible. Therefore it is said, "Awake, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 12:2



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Gospel

John 9:1–7,13–17,34–39

Jesus enables a man who had been born blind to see him both physically and spiritually.

As Jesus was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that God's works might be revealed in connection with him. I must do the works of him who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the World.” After saying this, Jesus spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and spread the mud on the man's eyes. “Go,” Jesus told him, “wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means “Sent”). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. They brought this man who had been blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees also asked him how he received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man told them. “I washed, and now I see.” Then some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God because he does not keep the Sabbath.” Others were saying, “How can a sinful man work such miraculous signs?” There was division among them, so they said to the blind man again, “What do you say about

him, because he opened your eyes?" The man replied, "He is a prophet." They answered him, "You were entirely born in sinfulness! Yet you presume to teach us?" And they threw him out. Jesus heard that they had thrown him out. When he found him, he asked, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" "Who is he, sir," the man replied, "that I may believe in him?" Jesus answered, "You have seen him, and he is the very one who is speaking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" and he knelt down and worshipped him. Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, in order that those who do not see will see, and those who do see will become blind."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

515 Christ Is the World's Light *CW 515*

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering

During the offering, please fill out the Friendship Register in the pew and pass it down to those sitting next to you.

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

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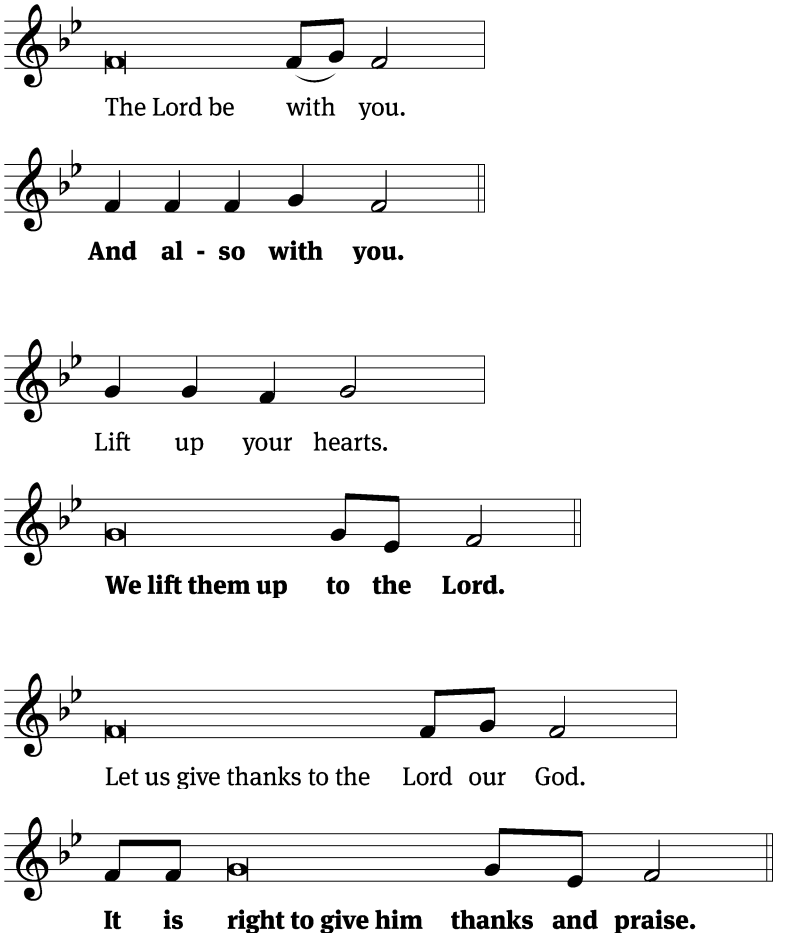

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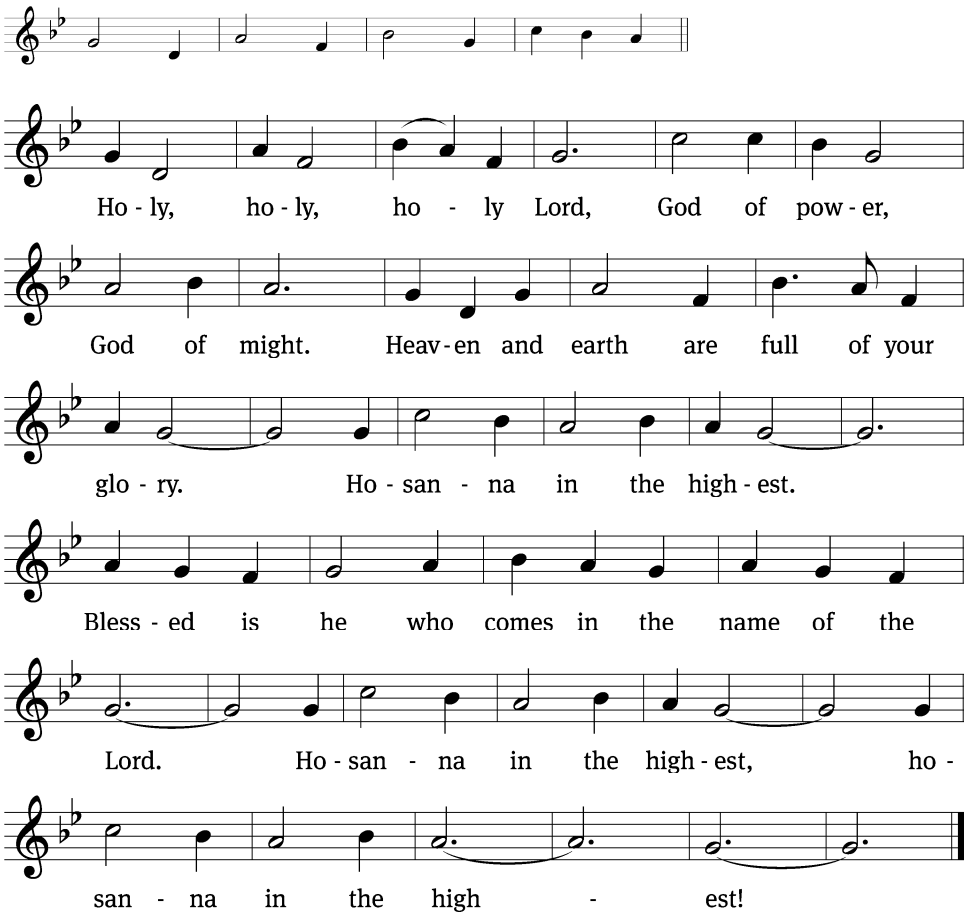
It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

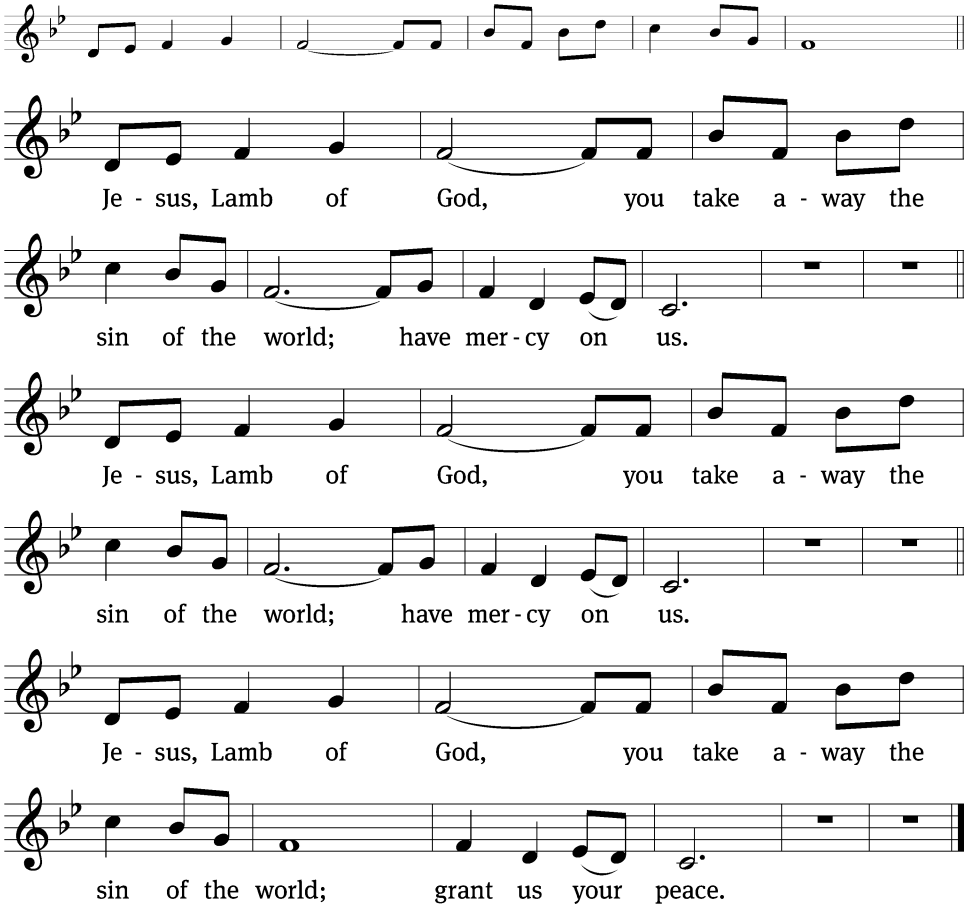
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186



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Be seated

Distribution

404 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing *CW 404*

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

713 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light *CW 713*

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News & Notes

Radio Broadcast
The radio broadcast is sponsored by the members of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Thank you!

Sunday, March 22 --Resurrection Celebration -10:15-11:15 AM
All kids PreK-high school: plan to join in this multi-age Easter celebration. Big 'kids' will pair with a younger buddy to bake, read, and create all while learning the true hope of our salvation.

Wednesday, March 25th-Roots will be hosting the supper-Pie Night.
Come grab a slice of Pie (pizza) and then finish it off with more Pie (actual). Roots families and any other congregation members that are willing to show off their Pie Baking skills please feel free to sign up in the binder on the counter.

Directory Photos
We are updating our directory photos this April. Sign up for your sitting which takes about 10-15 minutes. The sitting includes a family photo and individual photos for use in our print and digital directory. An online sign up will be available through our website at spljordan.com under the "Member Info" tab or the qr code. There are 4 dates from which to choose.

Be A Greeter!
The Adult Discipleship Committee is initiating a greeter program to provide a friendly face and greeting to members and visitors alike! What is involved if you volunteer? Be at your assigned position 15 minutes before the start of the service. The sign up is in the volunteer binder on the counter.

Easter Egg Hunt!
Join in the fun finding some Easter Eggs on Easter Sunday, April 5 starting at 8:30 sharp.

LWMS Spring Rally
Come see what a Lutheran Women's Missionary Society district rally is April 11 in Owatonna. All ladies of St. Paul Lutheran Church are invited to attend. We are hosting the Fall Rally in October. If you have questions, please ask Amy Radick.

SERVING THE LORD

		Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
3/15	9 am	Greta Newton	2	Izzy Kalal	Noah Helke
3/18	6:30 pm	(Need Volunteer)	3	(Need Volunteer)	Noah Helke
3/22	9 am	Greta Newton	4	(Need Volunteer)	Lois Zander

March Altar Guild	March Cleaners
Donna Breeggemann/Janet Robling	-
March Counters	**Service Group 1 Leader**
Norma Bendzick/Connie Jabs	Need Volunteer
April Altar Guild	
Rachel Carlstrom/Karen Firle/Mary Zeman	

Attendance	
Sunday	91
Midweek Lent	52
Total	**143**

Gifts To Our Lord	Received	Needed
Current	$2776	$3834
Online Giving	$928	
Total	**$3704**	**$3834**

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