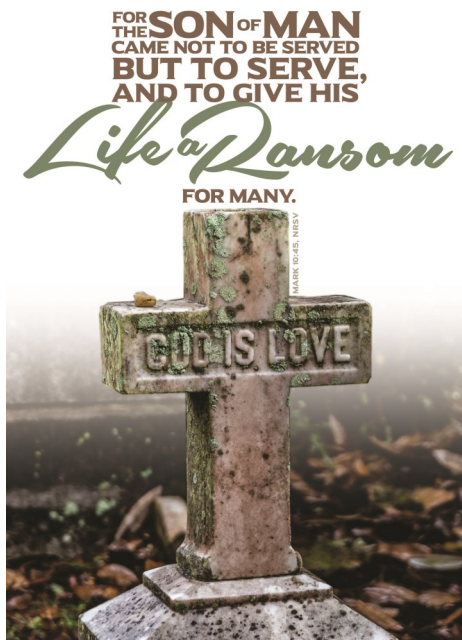


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TUNE IN TO “THE LUTHERAN HOUR” TODAY

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe ~ “Surrendering All”

God promised to make Abraham the father of many nations through the gift of a son named Isaac. But then God asked Abraham to return that gift in a most shocking way. (Genesis 22:1-14)

Sundays on: KSUM - 11 am • WCCO - 6 am • KBEW - 8:30 am

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS with today’s order of service and LSB Large Print Hymnals are available on the ushers’ cabinets (or ask an usher for assistance). Please return the LSB Hymnals to the ushers’ cabinets or an usher after the service.

THIS MONTH’S BIBLE REFERENCES are in memory of husband Arno Norman’s birthday which was March 20th, sponsored by Karen Norman & family. **Now accepting sponsors.** Available months: **Aug. 2024;** Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., June, July, Aug., Oct., Nov., and Dec. 2025. Cost is \$40, payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church. Contact the church office at splcoffice@splfairmont.org or 238-9491, ext. 101.

OUR SUNDAY BROADCAST at 10:00 a.m. over KSUM is in memory of Arno Norman, whose birthday was March 20th, sponsored by Karen Norman & family. **Sponsors needed!** Contact the church office to reserve a broadcast date at splcoffice@splfairmont.org or 238-9491, ext. 101. **2024 dates are:** Apr. 7; May 12; June 2, 9; July 14, 28; Aug. 4, 18; Sept. 1, 29; Oct. 6, 13; Nov. 3, 24; Dec. 1, 8. The cost is \$40, payable to LWML.

THE LORD’S SUPPER is being celebrated in our service today. In love, we ask anyone who is not a communicant member in good standing of an LCMS congregation to speak with the pastor before attending the Lord’s Supper. Attendance/communion registration forms are available in the pews. Complete the Member or Visitor side of the form and put it in the collection plate when it is passed by you. Check the box next to your name if you are communing.

IN OUR PRAYERS: ill—Terry Rippentrop, Duane Petrowiak (Eileen Boesch’s father), Richard Johnson, Linda Bicknase, Marianne Hagen, Richard Wolner, Beth Malo, Steph Johnson (daughter-in-law of Richard & Shirley Johnson), Esther Lund, Nicholas Moeller, Roger & Helen Lueck, Larissa Hagen & Angela Leiding (Dennis & Marianne Hagen’s daughters), Gerald Meyer; **recovering**—Barb Hagen, Kenneth Matthews, Gregg Lemke, Roger Fritz; **having/recovering from surgery**—Deb DeBoer, LaVon Rippentrop, Dolores Baarts; **in hospice**—Sandra Petrowiak (Eileen Boesch’s mother); the family of Bev Brinkman at her death; our area law enforcement, firefighters and first responders; those serving our country in the military—Dalton Hurn, Jared Wedel, Duane Cox (grandson of Larry Krenz), and Zane Holmen (Pastor Holmen’s nephew); Renata Peperkorn, whom we have called to serve as Director of Music.

THE MLHS CALL COMMITTEE requests your continued prayers for God’s blessing and guidance as they continue to look for a new principal.

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Hymn of Invocation: Glory Be to Jesus

LSB 433

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Introit: Psalm 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: Psalm 43:1



P: Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,*
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!

I love the LORD, because | he has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

C: Because he inclined his | ear to me,*
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

P: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me:*

I suffered distress and | anguish.

C: Then I called on the name | of the LORD:*
 “O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”

P: For you have delivered my | soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.

**All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

P: Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly | people,*
from the deceitful and unjust man de- | liver me!

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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Sit

Hymn of the Day: My Song Is Love Unknown

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Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

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Organists: Elaine Lieder (Sat.); Lori Schock (Sun.)

PHILIPPIANS is the current study in the Adult Bible Class on Sundays. You are invited to attend.

AN AGENDA for the Council of Deacons is available at the Welcome Center. If you have any special concerns, needs, requests or problems, please contact any one of the Deacons, or the chairman, Justin Jobe.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY:

If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time for your struggle to end — starting today. Join our *Financial Peace University* class at St. Paul Lutheran Church (211 Budd St., Fairmont) starting on **Thursday, April 4th, 2024 at 6 p.m.**, and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. Visit <https://www.fpu.com/DC6BCA> to sign up!

Amy Anders (848-0615) and Pam Carlson (236-5347) will be leading this nine-week class. If you have any questions, please contact one of us. Depending on need, there may be childcare available. Please let us know by 3/1/24.

Member workbooks are available at the SPL church office; payment can be made there with Lisa. Or if you register online, we can take payment the first night of class and give you the book then if you prefer. Checks should be made out to St. Paul Lutheran Church, please.

Cost is \$80 and includes:

- **Financial Peace University access code** (12 months of access, delivered physically)
- Member **Workbook** (hardcover and PDF)
- The premium version of **EveryDollar** (3 months of access)
- Live Group **Financial Coaching**

CAMP OMEGA CAMPERSHIPS: The St. Paul Lutheran LWML is offering \$50.00 toward the cost of summer camp at Camp Omega. This is available to any child who is a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church or who attends St. Paul Lutheran School and has not previously received a campership. Applications are available at the Welcome Center or from the school office and must be returned by May 1st.

UPCOMING LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE & SUPPER: (Supper begins at approximately 5:00 p.m.) WED., MAR. 20: Supper by PTL; 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: LCEF *Take Heart Scholarship* is developed for high school seniors who will soon be entering higher education. Students who have an LCEF Young Investors Steward Account have the opportunity of financial support through the scholarship. Three awards of \$3,000, \$1,000, and \$500 will be granted. The application window closes May 1, 2024 and winners will be announced May 31, 2024. Read more about it at www.lcef.org/scholarship.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS received in March to St. Paul Lutheran Church were \$496. St. Paul Lutheran School also received \$203. If you are eligible to give Choice Dollars, please consider designating to SPL Church, SPL School, or MLHS. Brochures are located in the Welcome Center from Thrivent with information on the steps to give online or by phone. For more information, contact Scott Fuhrman at 235-9877.

THE ANNUAL SPL ONLINE BASKET AUCTION IS LIVE! To access the auction website you can text [splauction24](https://www.splauction24.givesmart.com) to 76278 or check out the website [splauction24.givesmart.com](https://www.splauction24.givesmart.com). The auction went live at 8:00 a.m. this morning (Sunday, March 17th) and will shut down at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 22nd. There are so many great things available for all ages! Check it out! Any questions, just reach out to Erin Simpson, 507-236-0175, or esimpson@splfairmont.org.



ISSUES, ETC. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider. **Upcoming Issues, Etc. topics (Sundays on KSUM at 9:00 a.m.) include:** March 17—A Historian's Perspective on Events of Holy Week, Dr. Paul Maier; March 24—A New Pew Study on Parents' Priorities for Their Children, Dr. Brad Wilcox; March 31—What is Your Favorite Easter Hymn and Why, Pastor Will Weedon; April 7—The Easter Hymn "O Sons and Daughters of the King," Pastor Will Weedon; April 14—The Resurrection of the Body, Rev. Dr. Jeff Gibbs.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP provide financial aid for families that need assistance with the tuition cost of attending St. Paul Lutheran School, please consider making a donation to the Anna Keck Student Aid Fund. Any amount would be gladly received and appreciated.

PORTALS OF PRAYER: There are still some January-March Portals of Prayer, both in pocket and large print size, available at the Welcome Center and by the south (church office) door. **The April-June Portals of Prayer are available now, also.** Pick up your copy today!

"FOR EVEN THE SON OF MAN came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45) Jesus gives everything He has: He gives Himself. That self-giving is the model for our giving in all aspects of our lives. In our family, in our church, and in the world at large, Jesus calls us to follow His example of self-giving. We can only do this if we are connected to His self-giving in faith.

SAGES (Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving) GATHERING XXXIV will be held May 6 & 7, 2024 at Country Inns and Suites, Mankato, MN. **Hotel registrations** are due by Saturday, April 6th and must be made by individuals directly with Country Inn and Suites, 507-388-8555 (the block of rooms is under the name S.A.G.E.S.) **The S.A.G.E.S. registration deadline** is April 15, 2024. Forms with pricing, registration, and additional information are available at the Welcome Center or online at <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/sages>. Featured presenter will be Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy. There will be three presentations, seven workshop choices, music, fellowship, and a banquet with entertainment by the Benson Family Singers. *Presented by S.A.G.E.S., Minnesota South LCMS Older Adult Ministry*

MLHS NEWS:

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; **Phone:** 507-436-5249.

A Soup & Sandwich Lunch will be held at MLHS on Sunday, March 17th from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A variety of soups, sandwiches, and desserts will be available. Cost is a freewill donation to benefit the Student Tuition Aid Fund.

The MLHS Association Delegate Meeting will be held Sunday, March 17, 1:00 p.m., in the Music Room. The 2024-2025 budget will be up for approval. All delegates, pastors, and interested parties are welcome to attend.

The Spring Rummage & Bake Sale will be held at MLHS on April 11 to 13. Setup begins on April 6th. Volunteers are much appreciated. Donations of spring and summer clothing in good condition, shoes, furniture, household items, books, toys, misc. items and baked goods are welcome from Saturday until Tuesday prior to the opening of the sale. Hours are Thurs, 4-8 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.-noon.

The Oh! What a Knight Dinner Auction celebrating the 40th anniversary of MLHS will be held Saturday, April 20th. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for social hour, hors d'oeuvres, and auction preview. Hundreds of new and handmade items, gift certificates, services, and interesting baskets will be on the Silent & Live Auction. Everyone is invited to wear red in recognition of the Ruby anniversary of MLHS. In addition to appetizers, a catered dinner of bacon-wrapped chicken breast, garlic mashed potatoes, cashew lettuce salad, honey-glazed carrots, roll & butter, and Michelle's cupcakes will be served at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30/person.

This is Most Certainly Brew Gourmet Coffee is available at MLHS or in the SPL church office. For more information, call MLHS.

Puzzle!

Find and circle these words associated with the Lenten journey to the cross.

colt
confess
cross
crown
crucifixion
death

denial
donkey
forsaken
Gethsemane
Golgotha
hosanna

kiss
lots
palms
penance
Pilate
prayer

repent
silver
sins
suffer
thorns
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The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for This Week

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the catechism and Hymn of the Week.

INVOCATION: "In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Let all say, "AMEN!"

CONFESS the Apostles' Creed

RECITE the Verse of the Week: John 1:51—And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

PRAY the Psalm of the Week: Psalm 22:1-10

READ from Small Catechism—The First Article and its meaning: (Pre+) I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean? (1st+) I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. (2nd+) He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

READ from God's Word:

MonJudges 2:16-23

TuesJudges 3:12-30

WedJudges 4:1-24

ThursJudges 6:11-27

FriMark 13:24-37

SatJeremiah 31:31-34

SunMark 10:35-45

THE COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER

Pray for...

S: the joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world; and the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.

M: faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; your calling and daily work; the unemployed; the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for government; and for peace.

T: deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; and those struggling with besetting sins.

W: marriage and family, living together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; those adults who must rear their children alone; and godly schools, especially St. Paul Lutheran and Martin Luther.

Th: the church and her pastors; for missionaries; fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's body and blood.

F: the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; its spread throughout the whole world and our community; the persecuted.

S: faithfulness to the end; the dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.

OUR PRAYERS at St. Paul's (see bulletin).

PRAY the Lord's Prayer.

PRAY Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer from the Small Catechism.

SPEAK OR SING the Hymn of the Week:

LSB 743

Jesus, priceless treasure,
Fount of purest pleasure,
Truest friend to me,
Ah, how long in anguish
Shall my spirit languish,
Yearning, Lord, for Thee?
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide Thee;
Naught I ask beside Thee.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:	Amount Needed Monthly for Budget... \$105,857.92
Last Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Svc: 81	Amount Needed Weekly for Budget..... \$24,428.75
Last Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Svc: 172	February 29, 2024 Deficit..... \$73,302.81
Wed., Mar. 13, 6:30 p.m. Svc: 90	Children's Noisy Offering (Last weekend)..... \$8.18

MEMORIALS: Lucy Tow—\$25.00, Church Endowment Fund; \$10.00, Church/School Upkeep & Repair. Dennis Koch—\$25.00, School Endowment Fund.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PART OF GOD'S KINGDOM
(Subject to change)

Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service broadcast on KSUM
	10:15 a.m.	SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS
		<i>SPLS Online Basket Auction Begins (Mar. 17-22)</i>
	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	<i>MLHS Soup & Sandwich Lunch for Student Tuition Aid</i>
	1:00 p.m.	<i>MLHS Delegate Meeting Newsletter Deadline</i>
Monday:	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
		Pastors' Day Off
	After School	Fellowship Room Reserved
Tuesday:	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
	10:00 a.m.	Goldfinch Memory Care
Wednesday:	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
	3:30 p.m.	Weekday Catechism
	5:00 p.m.	Lenten Supper
		<i>No Bells</i>
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Service (S.S. Program)
	After Service	Deacons, FR
	After Service	Choir
Thursday:	8:25 a.m.	School Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Messenger Deadline
	3:15-8:00 p.m.	<i>SPLS Parent-Teacher Conferences</i>
Friday:		<i>SPLS—No School</i>
	9:00 a.m.-Noon	<i>SPLS Parent-Teacher Conferences</i>
	3:00 p.m.	LMHCC
Saturday:	12:00 p.m.	Worship Service on Local Cable Access Channel 12
	5:30 p.m.	Worship Service
Next Sunday:		<i>Palm Sunday</i>
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service broadcast on KSUM
	10:15 a.m.	SS, ABC, YBC, YFBS