



*All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's table. Grape juice and gluten free bread are available upon request.*

*Our nursery is located in the education wing, upstairs, third door on the south wall. You are welcome to use the nursery for your children during the worship service.*

**SERVING ST. PAUL TODAY:** Pastor: Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Lori Richards **Acolyte:** Bradon Martin **Sound Tech:** Craig Vander Linden **PowerPoint Tech:** Karen Appleton **Video Tech:** Rae Lynn Schnider **Lector:** Lowell Appleton **Usher Captain:** Dan Matus **Ushers:** Brian Honkomp, Loren Reyelts, Allison Stevicks **Coffee Fellowship:** Tom and Janna Whorley **Communion Set-up:** Kris Vander Linden, Brenda Tremmel **Communion Servers:** Ben Van Beek, Larry Schnider, Cassie Kruger, Shanelle Matus **Receipt Recorders:** Ben Van Beek, Tami Roetman

**SERVING ST. PAUL WEDNESDAY, March 25 - 7:00 PM:** Pastor: Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Barb Burns **Acolyte:** Kyler Wynja **Lector:** Barb Sneiderman **Sound Tech:** Larry Schnider **PowerPoint Tech:** Jayden Hegenbarth **Video Tech:** Rae Lynn Schnider **Ushers:** Jaxon Hegenbarth, Margot Michels, John Michels **Receipt Recorder:** Larry Schnider, Tami Roetman

**SERVING ST. PAUL PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29:** Pastor: Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Susan Lichty **Acolyte:** Alli Boone **Sound Tech:** Mark Brown **PowerPoint Tech:** Alexis Dykstra **Video Tech:** Paul Meyer **Lector:** Dan Klein **Usher Captain:** Mike Vander Berg **Ushers:** John Wolf, Sean Wolf, Dan Klein **Coffee Fellowship:** Fellowship Committee **Receipt Recorders:** Larry Schnider, Tami Roetman

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Dorothy Breuer, Judy Kruse, Carol Luepke, Le O'Brien, Ron Plum, Mary Ellen Reyelts, Dorothy Rohwer, Teagan Vos, Andrea (*friend of Lindsay Martin*), Rich Haack (*brother of Donna Koepnick*), Carol Nielsen, Katie Stavig (*sister of Andy Timm*), and Jen Zeimen (*granddaughter of Harold/Jo Eichmann*).

**The Radio Broadcast** for today is sponsored by Marlin and Arlyce Oosterhuis in celebration of their 62nd wedding anniversary today, March 22!

**Thank you** to Fred and Tami Roetman for sponsoring today's Live Stream.

**Thank you to EVERYONE** who helped with the Sheldon Area Unity meal! All the help was appreciated.

**Sunday school students**, please be at church next Sunday, March 29 at 8:40 a.m. to practice singing for the Palm Sunday worship service and to also participate in the Parade of Palms.

The Church Council of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sheldon, Iowa, has called for a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 10:15 a.m. in the church sanctuary. A vote will be held on whether or not to amend the St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1425 Pleasant Court, Sheldon, IA 51201, Constitution by adding a provision (red) to C12.03. (page 9) - No officer shall hold more than one office at a time. No elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office, **except the Treasurer, who is eligible to serve up to three consecutive terms of one year each.**

**Can Redemption Container:** Please make sure to use the chain lock on the can redemption lid after putting cans/plastic bottles into the container. Thank you.

**A fundraiser has been started for repairing the stained-glass windows in the church sanctuary.** Donations may be given through your offering by writing "Stained-Glass Windows Repair" in the memo or by bringing in to the church office. **Help us reach our goal to restore our beautiful stained-glass windows.**

**First Communion Classes** (5th graders) with Pastor Martin will be held on **March 25 and April 1 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Are you looking for a church home or know anyone who might be interested?** A New Member Sunday will be scheduled if anyone wishes to join St. Paul. If interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Martin.

**CHANGE OF VBS DATES:** St. Paul VBS will now be held on **July 6-9!!**

**Pancake Supper** at Faith Community Church on Monday, March 23, 4:30-7:00 p.m. Come and join us for a delicious pancake and sausage meal, proceeds to help send kids to camp. Freewill donation.

**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry** held on Friday, March 27, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Menu: fried fish, buttered potatoes, baked beans, dinner roll, and dessert. Freewill donation.

**Come and Celebrate Wally Fiddelke's 90th Birthday!** Open House on Sunday, March 29, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Paullina Legion. RSVP to Megan 348-5497. Help us celebrate with Wally - 90 years of jokes, pranks, and laughs.

**Reminder:** Don't forget to direct your **2025 Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31, 2026!!**

**Osceola Co. Ministerial Association Good Friday Passion Play:** Friday, April 3, 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 9:00 p.m., Sibley-O HS Auditorium. Free tickets call: 712-754-2945 or e-mail: [ocmapassionplay@gmail.com](mailto:ocmapassionplay@gmail.com).

**Love INC Spring Class Sessions** to be held on Thursday evenings, April 9 - June 18. Classes: Positive Parenting, Successful Living, and Bible Study. Pre-registration is required, please call (712) 324-9707.

**RiseFest 2026 - Join us June 12-13** for the biggest family-friendly Christian music festival in NW Iowa! Get Tickets at [risefestiowa.com](http://risefestiowa.com). Volunteers needed, go to the website to sign up and get a free ticket.

**We are thankful you joined us in worship today.** Thank you for your continued support of our mission and ministry. There are several ways to give: During worship - offering plates or donation boxes; Online [stpaulsheldon.org](http://stpaulsheldon.org) in the GIVE menu, MAKE A DONATION; Electronic funds transfer (EFT) with your bank.

**"The Unshaken Cross"** - Lent/Easter NALC devotional resource. You may access this free daily, on St. Paul's Facebook page, download a copy at [thenalc.org/lent](http://thenalc.org/lent), or text: *ReadingTheWord* to 24251 for texts or e-mails.

**St. Paul Midweek Lenten Worship Series - Theme: "Places of the Passion!"**

**7:00 PM:** March 25 - "The Trial: A Place of God's Will"

*All Lenten service offerings will go to the General Fund.*



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 29 9:00 AM Palm Sunday Service-Parade of Palms  
April 2 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service-Holy Communion-First Communions  
April 3 7:00 PM Good Friday Service Tenebrae Service  
April 5 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service-Holy Communion-Lead by Jr./Sr. High Youth  
\*\* 7:45-8:45 AM Easter Breakfast \*\* -Served by the Jr./Sr. High Youth  
\*\* Easter Egg Hunt-During the Easter Breakfast \*\*  
April 5 9:00 AM Easter Service-Holy Communion

**2026 - OPEN DATES:** Cost: \$95.00 Sign up (In Fellowship Hall) or contact the office.

**Radio Broadcast:** April 12, 26; May 17; July 12; August 9, 16, 23, 30; October 11, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 29; December 27.

**Altar Flowers/Coffee Fellowship:** Please sign up or contact the office for a special date you wish to have.

*Thank you to our sponsors for the Radio Broadcast, Live Stream, Altar Flowers, and Coffee Fellowship.*

## **Gathering Hymn: “Sanctuary”**

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You. Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

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## **Call to Worship:**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord!

**C: O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

P: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with you there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.**

## **Opening Hymn: “O Christ, Our Hope”**

O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire, creation's mighty Lord, redeemer of the fallen world, by holy love outpoured, by holy love outpoured.

How vast your mercy to accept the burden of our sin, and bow your head in cruel death to make us clean within, to make us clean within.

Oh, let your mighty love prevail to purge us of our pride, that we may stand before your throne by mercy purified, by mercy purified.

All praise to you, ascended Lord; all glory ever be to Father, Son, and Spirit blest through all eternity, through all eternity!

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## **Confession and Forgiveness:**

P: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we cry to You from the depths of our sin. We were born into those depths and need Your Word to call us out of them. We have sinned against You with our thoughts, our words, our actions and our inactions. We have lived according to the flesh rather than the Spirit. From the depths, we wait for You. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, deliver our soul from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from stumbling. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. You are precious in His sight because Christ is in you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **Scripture Hymn: “Bring Your Mercy”**

Bring your mercy, bring your mercy, bring your mercy Lord. Bring your mercy, bring your mercy, bring your mercy Lord. To those who are distant. To those who are here. To those with resistance. To those who live in fear. Bring your mercy, bring your mercy, bring your mercy Lord. Bring your mercy, bring your mercy, bring your mercy Lord. To our hidden places only you can see. To the many faces yearning to be free. Bring your mercy, bring your mercy, bring your mercy Lord. Bring your mercy, bring your mercy, bring your mercy Lord.

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## **Hymn of the Day: “Glory Be to Jesus”**

Glory be to Jesus, who in bitter pains poured for me the life-blood from his sacred veins!

Grace and life eternal in that blood I find; blest be his compassion, infinitely kind!

Blest thro' endless ages be the precious stream which from endless torments did the world redeem!

Abel's blood for vengeance pleaded to the skies; but the blood of Jesus for our pardon cries.

Oft as earth exulting wafts its praise on high, angel hosts rejoicing make their glad reply.

Lift we, then, our voices, swell the mighty flood, louder still and louder praise the precious blood!

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## **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; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

## **Prayers of the People:**

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs...

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn: “Let the Vineyards”**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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**Offertory Prayer:**

P: Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Great Thanksgiving:**

P: The Lord be with you

C: and also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts

C: we lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks for the Lord our God

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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**The Lord’s Prayer:**

P: Taught by our Lord, and trusting in his promises, we are bold to pray:

C: 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.

**Communion Hymn: “Lamb of God”**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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**Communion Hymn: “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,  
the glories of my God and king, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner’s ears, brings life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow’r of canceled sin He sets the pris’nor free  
His blood can make the foulest clean His blood avails for me.

To God all the glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv’n  
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav’n.

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**Communion Hymn: “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”**

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the ragging flood  
when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,  
clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne!

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

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**Post-Communion Blessing:**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

**Benediction:**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**Closing Hymn: “As You Go On Your Way”**

As you go on your way, may Christ go with you. May he go before you to show you the way.

May he go behind you to encourage you, beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over,  
within you to give you peace. As you go on your way, may Christ go with you. As you go on your way, may Christ go with you. As you go on your way, may Christ go with you.

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**Dismissal:**

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!