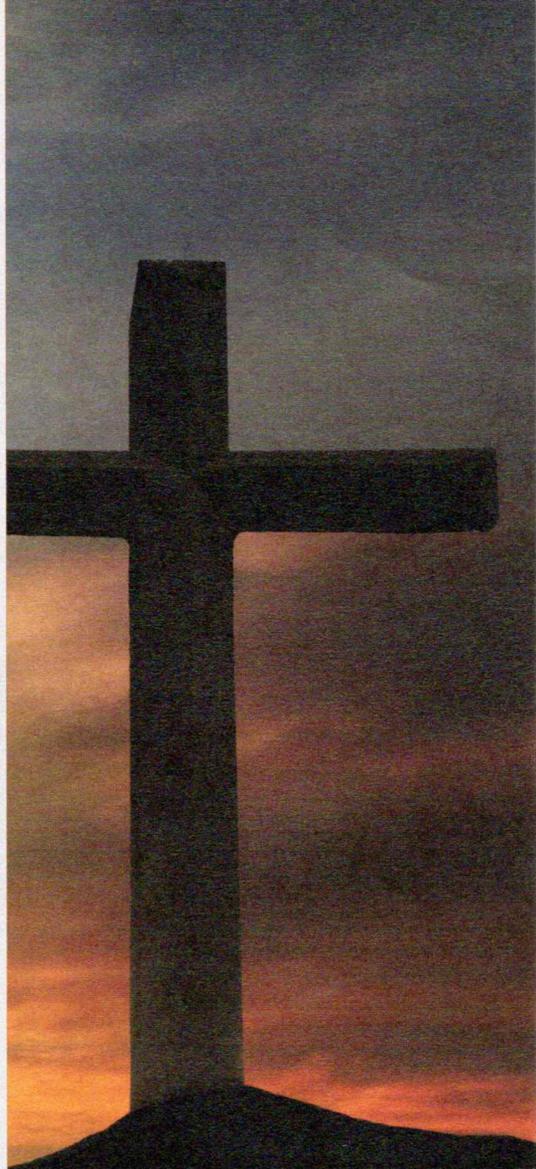




By the one man's  
disobedience,



by the one man's  
obedience

ROMANS 5:19

St. Paul Lutheran Church (NALC)

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2016

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**Welcome to** St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad to have you worship with us today.

**Our prayers** include those in nursing homes and home bound: Mary Ann McCallister, Helen Lyons, Sophie Beck, Servicemen: Andrew Gendron.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of by Charles & Margaret Brinkman in honor of their 62nd Wedding Anniversary.

**If you** would like to donate candy or small items such as pencils, erasers, stickers etc. for the children's Easter treat bag and egg hunt, there will be baskets on each coat rack. Thank you..

**Dear Members of St. Paul,**

On behalf of the Bucyrus Backpack Program, I can't thank you enough for your very generous donation and continued support! We will use the money to help pay for needed snacks from Sams Club as Second Harvest has been slim pickings for snacks.

Thanks again & God Bless you all!.

*Kathy Wells*

**God Squad** will meet February 26 at 7 PM at the church.

**St. Paul Lutheran** is sponsoring two tables at the upcoming Life-Wise Academy Fundraiser on Thursday, March 26th, 6pm-8pm in Crestline. Jim Tressel and Joel Penton CEO of LifeWise Academy are the main speakers. If you are interested in attending this event, please give your name, or you and your spouse's name to the church office. We have fourteen seats filled. We may be able to add you to this guest list, if there are still seats available.

**The WOC** have items from the sewing closet laid out in the game room. These items are for anyone who wants to work with them, please browse and take your selection home. A free will donation can be left. There is fabric, cotton string, and some quilting tools, pins, needles, pin cushions, trims, mats, rulers etc. Anything left after Feb. 22 will be donated elsewhere. For bid will be two sewing machines and two quilting frames that are not out. Contact June Geiger if interested. Any funds collected will go to WOC treasury.

**Giving for The Lord's Ministry**  
**February 15, 2026**

Benevolence	205.00
Current	3,546.00
Feed Crawford County	80.00
Filling Home	35.00
God Squad	150.00
Lutheran Home of Mercy	65.00
Missionary	40.00
NALC Seminary	180.00
NALC Disaster Relief	25.00
Orphans and Old Folks Home	85.00
Special Projects	100.00
Women of the Church	30.00
Total	\$4,541.00
Attendance 115	

**Anyone wanting** to donate to the NALC Disaster Response may mark your envelopes accordingly. Donations aid tornado and other natural disaster victims.

**Looking to connect with Pastor Andrea?** You're always welcome to stop by during office hours: **Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:00 AM—Noon.** If another time works better for you, feel free to call the church office or reach out directly to Pastor Andrea (614) 256-4318 to set up an appointment. She'd love to hear from you!

**Luther Uncorked** will be held Thursday, March 5 at Pete's Café in New Washington. All are welcome for dinner, fellowship and conversation.

**God Squad** will be frosting cookies with residents of Carlisle House on March 15 at 2 PM. Anyone wanting to help is welcome to attend.

## This Week at St. Paul

Sunday	Sunday School 9 AM Worship 10 AM
Monday	Dartball Home with Holy Trinity #2 7:30 PM
Wednesday	Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Lenten Meal 6 PM Lenten Worship 7 PM
Thursday	God Squad 7 PM
Sunday	Sunday School 9 AM Worship/Communion 10 AM

The St. Paul worship services and sermons are recorded and available to watch on the web page at [www.stpaulsulphur.com](http://www.stpaulsulphur.com) or on St. Paul Lutheran Church Sulphur Springs, Ohio YouTube. A live feed of the worship service is available downstairs in the high school room.

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# Spam

In this computer age, it's easy to spend several minutes a day deleting unwanted emails from our inboxes. These unwanted emails—commonly called spam—pop up day after day, asking us to buy this product, see that website, or read another ad. Again and again, we hit the Delete button.

Our inboxes are not the only places where unwanted messages are delivered. Daily, the devil downloads spam into the inboxes of our minds. "You don't need God," he says. "No one will notice if you disobey God just this once." "Follow the desires of your flesh; God won't mind." These lies and more are what we need to delete from our minds day after day. And while the devil doesn't come to us as dramatically as he came to our Lord in today's Gospel account of the temptation, he comes. And Satan is relentless.

But the Holy Spirit is just as vigilant, propping us up and strengthening us to resist the devil's spam. Each time the Word of God rids our minds of the devil's words, the devil's hold over us is weakened. Indeed, the devil's power has been broken through Christ's death and resurrection, and God has claimed us as His own through our Baptism into Christ.

O God, let Your messages of forgiveness for the sake of Christ and His victory over the devil and death be the ones that reach us, enlivening our words and deeds. Amen.

## PORTALS of PRAYER

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Lent

**About the Cover:** In eating the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, Adam disobeyed God and brought sin into God's good creation. Christ, however, followed the will of His Father all the way to death upon a tree, taking the curse of sin to bring the renewed creation. Now, the cross has become a life-giving tree for all who believe in Christ Jesus.



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*February 22, 2026*

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## **Prayer of the Day**

O Lord God, you would have us put no trust in anything we do. Mercifully grant that by your power we may be defended against all adversity; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **First Reading: Genesis 3:1-21**

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. <sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you

not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." <sup>16</sup>To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you." <sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." <sup>20</sup>The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

## Psalm 32:1-8\*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,\*  
and whose sin is | put away!

<sup>2</sup>Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,\*  
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,\*  
because of my groaning | all day long.

<sup>4</sup>For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;\*  
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my | sin to you,\*  
and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

<sup>6</sup>I said, "I will confess my transgressions | to the LORD."\*  
Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers  
to you in | time of trouble;\*

when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.

<sup>8</sup>You are my hiding place; you preserve | me from trouble;\*  
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

## Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. <sup>17</sup>For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and

the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup>For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

## **Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

**Lessons for Next Week:** Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 121;  
Romans 4:1-8, 13-17; John 3:1-17

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**For Discipline and Repentance**

Heavenly Father, we know that you discipline those you love and guide sinners in doing what is right. Take away our selfish will so that we might live according to your divine will. Open our ears to hear you speaking to us, so that we would repent from seeking our own ways, and turn to you for forgiveness and mercy.

Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

**For Lent**

Almighty God, as we travel this Lenten journey to the cross, we are mindful of our desperate need for your mercy and grace.

Through your Spirit inspire us to hunger for your word of life and teach us to show forth in our lives what we confess with our lips. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

**For Those in Need**

Holy Spirit, open our hearts and enter in, that we may see those in need, and care about them in that need; that we may gather ourselves to reach out in friendship and in prayer, to give as we have received. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

**For Patience and Hope**

God of compassion, we wait upon your mercy, trusting that you never forget us. Give hope to all who wait in patience and faith in the midst of troubled times. Be with them in their time of need, and remind them of your promise, that neither height or depth, death or life, nor anything else in all of creation, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.



# 2026 Easter Flower Sale

Easter Lilies \$13.00

Hyacinths ● Tulips ● Daffodils \$12.00

Please give orders to Bev or Amber Robertson or Mark or Doug Ebbeskotte by Sunday, March 8th  
Make checks payable to St. Paul Helping Hands

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Flower	Quantity	Price	Total
Lily	_____	@ \$13.00 ea.	_____
Hyacinth	_____	@ \$12.00 ea.	_____
Tulip	_____	@ \$12.00 ea.	_____
Daffodil	_____	@ \$12.00 ea.	_____
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>			_____

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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