



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

## March 2026

### SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M.

**MARCH 1**

**HOLY EUCHARIST**

The Rev. Chaz Marks  
Lay Reader - Sam French

**MARCH 8**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
TIME!**

**MORNING PRAYER**

Lay Reader - Sandy Meier

**MARCH 15**

**HOLY EUCHARIST**

The Rev. Mark Maguire  
Lay Reader - Don Kiefer

**MARCH 22**

**MORNING PRAYER**

Lay Reader - Ruana Gladfelter

**MARCH 29**

**HOLY EUCHARIST**

The Rev. Steve Beatty  
Lay Reader - Kate French

### *A Message from the Bishop's Warden*



Dear Friends in Christ,

"We are in the season of Lent, and we are "invited to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer and fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word (the Book of Common Prayer in the Ash Wednesday service).

We began this season (our vestments are purple to symbolize the reflective nature of this season that prepares us for the Eater Resurrection) with a beautiful service done by Fr. Mark McGuire. We ended with special prayers for all of us (whether present or not) who are facing health troubles, and he was so personal in his words for each situation that we could feel God's presence with us.

Hopefully we are all able to spend time this Lent thinking of how we can live our lives more in step with the actions Christ calls us to take, not worrying about what the world thinks, but remembering that we are living into God's will and love for the world. He reminded us how love is what sets us apart as Christians. Our former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry reminded us that "if it's not about love, it's not about God.

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I have mentioned d365.org before. It is a wonderfully simple morning devotional and so often speaks to me. This week, the writer reminds us of God's grace freely given to us and reminds us that we are never alone as God always walks beside us. Some of the things I have read have challenged people to spend time **throughout** the day with God, remembering He is always with us, our "shade" right beside us.

I have included the psalm shared by The Rev. Todd Buegler, senior pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Owatonna, MN, as well as some of his comments.

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***The Lord is your protector; the Lord is your shade right beside you. The sun won't strike you during the day; neither will the moon at night. The Lord will protect you from all evil; God will protect your very life. The Lord will protect you on your journeys – whether going or coming – from now until forever from now. Psalm 121:5-8***

*Grace is often quiet. It does not always appear in dramatic ways. Sometimes it is simply the steady presence of God journeying beside us through ordinary moments. Our psalm for today described the Lord as our keeper, our shade, the one who watches over our coming and going. These words speak of a constant companionship. Nothing in our lives is outside God's care.*

*Accepting grace means recognizing that we are never alone, even when life feels overwhelming or uncertain. God guards our lives in ways we may not see. The promise is not that nothing difficult will happen, but that God remains present in every step. When we begin to trust that, we can move*

*through the world with a deeper sense of peace. We are protected, guided, and held.*

*Accepting grace means believing that God's love reaches us right where we are. We do not have to prove ourselves first. We do not have to fix everything before we belong. God brings life out of what feels empty and hope out of what seems impossible. Grace invites us to trust in a God who calls us forward, even when we cannot yet see the way. When we accept that gift, we discover that faith grows quietly within us.*

*Go into this day trusting that God's grace surrounds you, goes before you, and lives within you. Receive it and share it freely (The Rev. Todd Buegler, d365.org).*

Wishing us all a holy Lent with time to slow down and spend time with God and be aware of his presence with us always.

In Christ,

*Kate*

#### **CHURCH NEWS:**

**Services:** We have priests twice in March and for Palm Sunday and Easter (with Fr. **Mike!**). Thank you, Don, for all the arrangements you have made!

**Annual Meeting:** We had a successful annual meeting and our Parochial Report is almost ready to submit.

**Lenten Study:** Mtr. Anne has again invited us to a ZOOM Lenten Study with her two congregations. It is the same ZOOM link if you used it before. If not, contact her at [annemereditkyle@gmail.com](mailto:annemereditkyle@gmail.com) and she will send you the link. The time is Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

**Stations of the Cross** - March 6 at 12:30 and continuing throughout Lent.

**Prayer List:**

**Healing:** Fr. Mike, Augustus Hockaday, Kitty, Tina, Don, Kathy, Steve Sheline, Kirsten, Tom, Rauna, Sam, Elsie, Wes Skaggs, Marilee

**Cancer:** Christy, Pat, Micheal, Cindy McAvoy, Rev. Jenny Ketner, Debbie M., Suzanne, Ruana, Diane, Sylvia, Don, Sam, Connie, Joe Trogden, David Lee, Linda Schoening

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
6-Mark Gladfelter	none