

Fourth Sunday in Lent



St. Paul Lutheran Church
March 13 & 14, 2021

March 13, 2021 - 5:30pm
March 14, 2021 - 9:00am

Welcome to All Who Worship

Jesus has invited you here today.

Here, Jesus stills quaking hearts. Here, Jesus forgives the unspeakable. Here, Jesus comforts the lonely. Here, Jesus makes joy complete!

Here you will meet others Jesus has grabbed with His grace.

We invite you to sign a guest card in the pew rack, noting your attendance and place it in the offering plate as the offering is taken or you may sign the attendance book in the Fellowship Hall.

Our Mission

Gaining and nurturing disciples for Christ through the Word and Sacrament, and proclaiming to all people traditional Biblical truths as a congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.

Holy Communion

To Our Guests: We're glad you're here! Lutherans believe this sacrament is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine. Here he gives himself and all that he promises. Receiving the sacrament is also an expression of full unity in faith with those with whom you are communing. Based on this theological principle, if you are a member of a congregation that shares the confession of faith of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have been instructed concerning the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to commune with us today. We continue to pray for the day when all divisions in the body of Christ will cease. Anyone who wishes may receive a pastoral blessing by kneeling at the altar rail with your arms folded across your chest. If you desire to commune at St. Paul and would like to learn more about the Lutheran Church, please speak with the pastor.

To Those Communing Today: God's Word instructs those who come to the Lord's Table to first examine themselves. You may use the meditation material in this bulletin to prepare yourself to receive the Sacrament.

Special communion procedures have been developed to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please follow the instructions of the pastor and ushers. Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the pastor or an usher before the service.

Divine Service

Setting One

Prelude

Hymn Of Invocation

LSB 571

“God Loved the World So That He Gave”

Words are printed for silent meditation. Please refrain from singing for the sake of your neighbor.

- 1 *God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.*
- 3 *God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.*
- 5 *If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.*
- △6 *Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!*

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our**

neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. 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. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service Of The Word

Introit

Psalm 27: 3-5

P The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C **Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

P One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

C **For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Kyrie

Lord Have Mercy

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Salutation and Collect Of The Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-9

A Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**C Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble**

A and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**C Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to a city to dwell in;**

A hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.

**C Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.**

A He led them by a straight way
till they reached a city to dwell in.

**C Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of men!**

A For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

After the reading

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse Of The Day

John 3:16

C For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Holy Gospel Reading

John 3:14-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶[Jesus said:] “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

After the reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Words are printed for silent meditation. Please refrain from singing for the sake of your neighbor.

- 1 *When I behold Jesus Christ,
True God who died for me,
I wonder much at His love
As He hung on the tree. Refrain.*
- ref *What kind of love is this?
What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there
To me on Calvary.
What kind of love is this?
What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there
To me on Calvary.*
- 2 *For me You gave all Your love,
For me You suffered pain;
I find no words, nothing can
Your selflessness explain. Refrain.*

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Sermon

"Impatience"

Numbers**Hymn Of The Day**

"When I Behold Jesus Christ"

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- 3 *You had no sin, holy Lord,
But You were tortured, tried;
On Golgotha there for all
My sins You bled and died. Refrain.*
- ref *What kind of love is this?
What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there
To me on Calvary.
What kind of love is this?
What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there
To me on Calvary.*
- 4 *What love is this? Greater love
No one has ever known.
My life with God— this I owe
To You, and You alone. Refrain.*

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Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

(All may bow:

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man); and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of The Church

Offering & Attendance Cards

- An offering plate will be placed near the door as you exit
- To give online, go to stpauldbq.com/give
- You can also mail in or drop off your envelope in the mail slot next to the office entrance of the building

Offertory Prayer

P Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-- our selves, our time, our income, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Service Of The Sacrament

Preface

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 to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:
(*Note: paschal means "related to Easter"*)

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

C 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.

Prayer Of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You...one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.

The Words Of Institution

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

The Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

- C** 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.

For Meditation During The Distribution

Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," shows us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

Psalm 50

- 1 The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.
3 Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.
4 He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
5 "Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge!
7 "Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against
you.
I am God, your God.
8 Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.
9 I will not accept a bull from our house
or goats from your folds.
10 For ever beast of the forest is mine
the cattle on a thousand hills.
11 I know all the birds of the hills,
and all that moves in the fields is mine.
12 "If I were hungry, I would not tell you
for the world and its fullness are mine.
13 Do I eat the flesh of bulls
or drink the blood of goats?
14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Most High,
15 and call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

- 16 But to the wicked God says:
 "What right have you to recite my statutes or take my covenant
 on your lips?"
- 17 For you hate discipline,
 and you cast my words behind you.
- 18 If you see a thief, you are pleased with him,
 and you keep company with adulterers.
- 19 You give your mouth free rein for evil,
 and your tongue frames deceit.
- 20 You sit and speak against your brother;
 you slander your own mother's son.
- 21 These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought
 that I was one like yourself.
 But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.
- 22 Mark this, then, you who forget God,
 lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver!
- 23 The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me
 to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of
 God!

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, You suffered in Your holy body and shed Your precious blood to redeem Your fallen creatures. Grant us to come often to Your Supper, trusting in Your promise, and so to receive to our everlasting benefit the gifts You give in Your body and blood: the forgiveness of our sins, life with You, and eternal salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Post-Communion Cantic

Nunc Dimittis

- C** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
 My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
 A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

P We give thanks to You, almighty God ... one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

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

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

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Words are printed for silent meditation. Please refrain from singing for the sake of your neighbor.

- ref *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*
- 1 *Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. refrain*
- 4 *O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. refrain*
- 6 *So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain*

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The Ushers Will Dismiss Each Pew Starting From The Back Of The Sanctuary

Postlude



Flowers on the Altar are for

Steve & Janell Wollschlager
in honor of Jordan's Birthday

Preparing Yourself For Worship

In order to help prepare your selves for our worship services, we are listing below the scripture readings for the coming week.

March 20 & 21 - 5th Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10: 32-45

Worship Assistants

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| | Sat. Mar 13 - 5:30pm | Sun. Mar 14 - 9:00am |
| Head Usher: | Jon Walker | Jon Lutz |
| Accompanist: | Laura Bee | Laura Bee |

Anniversaries This Week

None

Baptismal Birthdays

None

Birthdays This Week

16-Leslie Davis
 16-Dr. Heyo Tjarks
 18-Mark Litka
 18-Angela Osterkamp
 19-Elleanna Clark-Adams

- **Food Pantry** - For the month of March, we are collecting the following items for the Food Pantry:

Mac & Cheese Tuna Toothpaste Apple Sauce
Facial Tissue Salt Crackers Deodorant

- **Flower Chart:** We still have quite a few weeks open for flowers. Please consider signing up. The cost is \$25. We do ask that you make your check out to St. Paul Lutheran Church and on the memo line mark it "altar flowers". You can put your check in the envelope provided or place it in the offering plate. If you have any questions contact Charlotte Tiggs 563-552-2351.

March 6 & 7 Statistics

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| In-Person Attendance: | 62 |
| Views* on Facebook: | 21 |
| Views on YouTube: | 11 |
| DVD's Distributed: | 7 |
| Overall Participation: | 101 |

March 10 Statistics

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| In-Person Attendance: | 25 |
| Views* on Facebook: | 14 |
| Overall Participation: | 39 |

Prayer Requests

Mindful of the Father's great mercy shown to us in Jesus, we pray on behalf of those who are in need.

For those undergoing cancer treatment:

Roger Riechmann (father of Teri Riechmann & Sheila Zasada)
Rae Ann Wegner (sister of Kim Weed)
Jayme Niemeier (nephew of Dave & Sue Krause)
Donna Sue LeTendre (niece of Delores Lindsay)
Christa Wubben (daughter of Jerry & Jan Anderson)
Raymond Kruser (brother-in-law of Dave & Sue Krause)
Tom Engler (brother of Nancy Clark)
Zeke Pergande (son of Dan & Doris Pergande)
Sally Bennett (sister to Delores's son-in-law)
Martha (godmother of Will Wehrspann)
Deana Miller (friend of Jerry & Jan Anderson)
Mike Howes, Dan Pergande, Merlin Bartels

For our members who are homebound:

Laverne Ball (Ennoble Manor), Kathryn Moyer (Care Initiatives), Nancy Clark, Jean Henningsen (Sunnycrest Manor), Judy Pergande, Dick Tigges, Marlene Lenaburg (Luther Manor), Doris Pergande, Dusty Colby

For our Healthcare Workers & Teachers and Paraprofessionals:

Laura Ayers, Elizabeth Capacchione, Erica Frey, Brianna Fry, Sue Hagemann (daughter of John & Marlene Weber), Erin Hassler (daughter of Dixie Hassler), Angela Kelley, A.J. Osterkamp, Lauren Rusch (granddaughter of Dan & Carol Rusch), Stephanie Schap, Lydia Wehrspann, Sheila Zasada, Deanna (daughter of Bill & Sandi Heller), Becky (daughter-in-law of Bill & Sandi Heller) Jon Barz (University of Dubuque), Laura Bee (UW Platteville), Laura Walker (UW Platteville), Lisa Wehrspann (Table Mound Elementary)

Additional Prayer Request

- Brenda Litka
- Lori Ollendick (daughter of Dick & Charlotte Tigges)
- Dennis Paar
- Randy Streif (friend of Margaret Fox)
- Greg & Joanne Schmidt (friend of Margaret Fox)
- Linda Kluesner (friend of Margaret Fox)
- for the family of David Weber (brother of John Weber)

**Note: The "additional" section of the prayer list will be cleared at the beginning of each month. If you would like a name to remain on the list into the next month, please contact the church office and we would be happy to continue praying for your intention.*

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Schedule For The Week

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| 4th Sunday in Lent Sat. Mar 13 | 5:30pm | Worship Service w/ Holy Comm. |
| 4th Sunday in Lent Sun. Mar 14 | 9:00am | Worship Service w/ Holy Comm. |
| | 10:15am | Bible Study/Sunday School |
| | 2pm - 3:30pm | Confirmation via Zoom |
| Mon. Mar 15 | | |
| Tues. Mar 16 | | "Prayers from the Parsonage" with Pastor & Katy (Facebook) |
| Wed. Mar 17 | 5:30pm | Midweek Lent Service |
| Thur. Mar 18 | | |
| Fri. Mar 19 | | |
| 5th Sunday in Lent Sat Mar 20 | 5:30pm | Worship Service w/ Holy Comm. |
| 5th Sunday in Lent Sun. Mar 21 | 9:00am | Worship Service w/ Holy Comm. |
| | 10:15am | Bible Study/Sunday School |
| | 2pm -3:30pm | Confirmation via Zoom |

Prayers from the Parsonage will take place sometime between 5pm & 7pm depending on the kids feeding schedule that day. Thank you for your flexibility.