



St. Paul
Lutheran
Church

Second Sunday
in Lent

March 5, 2023
9:00 am

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church 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.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: ELW #445 “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

Greeting- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie: pg. 98-99

Hymn of Praise: pg. 99 “Glory to God”

Prayer of the Day- Let us pray.

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

Children’s Sermon

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 121
Please read responsively.

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

²**My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.

**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: pg.142 “Return to the Lord”

Gospel: John 3:1-17

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.

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So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just 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“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon *Pushing God to the Limit*

Hymn of the Day: ELW #779 “Amazing Grace”

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People:

Response: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Offering

(We invite the children to gather dollar bills and change for the mission jug.)

Create in Me a Clean Heart– p. 186 (hymn section)

Offering Prayer

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving: pg. 107

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy: pg. 108

Words of Institution: pg 110

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God: pg. 112

Distribution Songs: ELW #481 "Come to the Table"

ELW #335 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

Communion Blessing

Sending

Blessing–

Sending Hymn: ELW #660 "Lift High the Cross"

Dismissal

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**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

Once again WELCA will be collecting items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. A complete list of items needed is in your church bulletin insert.

Announcements

We welcome back Pastor Keith Tomlinson. Thank you for providing pulpit supply. We appreciate you!

Todays radio broadcast is sponsored by Mark Kienol and Stella Butson in memory of their father, Glenn Kienol. We thank them for this ministry.

The church office will be closed next week on Thursday, March 9 and Friday, March 10.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS!

Our Lenten Soup Suppers will continue next week. Each Board is asked to sign up to host a Wednesday night Soup Supper during Lent. If you would like to help contribute soup on Wednesdays please see the sign up sheet located in the Fellowship Hall. Supper will be served at 6:00 pm and worship is at 7:00 pm. **Thank you!**

LENTEN SCHEDULE - "The Voices of Lent"

Lenten services begin at 7:00 pm.

- March 8— Simon Peter, the Disciple
- March 15— Nicodemus, the Pharisee
- March 22— Dora, the Woman at the Well
- March 29— Stephanus, the Rich Young Ruler

April 2-Palm Sunday- 9:00 am St. Paul -Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem, riding on a donkey as Messiah king. The crowds shout praises to God. Jesus will defy the people's expectations. Soon their cries of praise will change to demand for Jesus' death.

April 6- Maundy Thursday-7:00 pm St. Paul -Jesus gathers for a last supper with his disciples before he is betrayed and arrested. Christ invites you to his table of forgiveness and mercy, where he offers to you the gifts of his body and blood in bread and wine.

April 7- Good Friday- 7:00 pm St. Paul-Jesus is tried, and though innocent, sentenced to death. Crucified upon a tree, Jesus shows us the heart of God's love. Jesus dies that we may live.

April 9- Easter Sunday-9:00 am-St. Paul

11:00 am St. John's Lutheran

The tomb is empty! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Join in the surprised joy of Jesus' disciples. Jesus has defeated sin and death, and his victory he gives to us!

This Week at St. Paul

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Worship Services - 9:00 a.m.
 Coffee and Fellowship—10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School— 10:15 a.m.
 Confirmation— 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Quilting -9:00 a.m.
 Coffee Hour -10:00 a.m.
 Soup Supper—6:00 p.m.
 Worship—7:00 p.m.

3/5/23	9:00 am	Offering 2/26/23	
Presiding Minister	Pastor Keith Tomlinson	General:	\$ 2,726.00
Reader	Diane Weldin	Building:	\$ 80.00
Organist	Amy Holmgaard	Radio	\$
Coffee Hour	Lydia and Marlee Maas and Sally Van Wert	Automated Giving General Bldg	\$ \$
Greeters	Jo Coonley and Toni Groven	Total	\$ 2,806.00
3/12/23	9:00 am		
Reader	Diane Weldin		
Greeters	Jo Coonley and Toni Groven		
Coffee Hour	Caël and Blaek Burmester and Dorothy Madetzke		

Prayer List:

Terry Wheeler, Justin Mejia, Arvin Stadlander, Gary and Curtis Askew,
 Steve Sandvig, John Sandvig, Marlys Peterson, Verna Humburg, Leland
 Dhondt, Nancy Knipfel, Marian Kay Foster-Thomas and the
 Call Committee Process.

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 Sunday 9:00 am
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 Radio Broadcast on KLMJ at 8:00pm**