



St. Paul
Lutheran
Church

**Third Sunday
in Lent**

**March 12, 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 #335 “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

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.

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through 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: Exodus 17:1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 95
Please read responsively.

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

⁷For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of
God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

⁸**"Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

⁹There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

¹⁰**Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**

¹¹Indeed I swore in my anger,
'They shall never come to my rest.' "

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

Gospel: John 4:5-42

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?” ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?”

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¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #611 “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

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 #614 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

ELW #324 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Communion Blessing

Sending

Blessing—

Sending Hymn: ELW #618 "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

Dismissal

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Announcements

We welcome Pastor Bob Edwards. Thank you for providing pulpit supply. We appreciate you!

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Alan and Cristie Larsen in memory of their mothers, Frances Larsen and Doris Mejia. We thank them for this ministry.

The flowers in the front of the church are given in celebration of Carolyn Berghoefer's birthday from her sister, Diane, and her family. Happy Birthday Carolyn!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Marlys Peterson. Marlys passed away March 6. Her visitation will be here at St. Paul on Monday, March 13 beginning at 10:00 am and her funeral will follow at 11:00 am. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Sunday School— Beginning next Wednesday, March 15 we are starting Children's Bible Study from 5:30-6:00 pm. This will continue thru Lent. After Easter we will meet on Wednesdays at 5:00-6:15 pm until May 10. This will replace Sunday School on Sundays for Spring.

The Church Council will meet next Wednesday, March 15 after worship. Priscilla Circle will meet next Thursday, March 16 here at the church at 1:30 pm.

Once again WELCA will be collecting items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. A complete list of items needed is located in the fellowship hall.

LENTEN SCHEDULE - "The Voices of Lent"

Lenten services begin at 7:00 pm.

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 -
April 6— Maundy Thursday— 7:00 pm St. Paul -
April 7— Good Friday— 7:00 pm St. Paul -
April 9— Easter Sunday— 9:00 am St. Paul

11:00 am St. John's Lutheran

This Week at St. Paul

Sunday, March 12, 2023

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

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

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

3/12/23	9:00 am	Offering 3/5/23	
Presiding Minister	Pastor Bob Edwards	General:	\$ 3,672.00
Reader	Diane Weldin	Building:	\$ 325.00
Organist	Pam DeVries	Radio	\$ 40.00
Coffee Hour	Cael and Blaek Burmester and Dorothy Madetzke	Automated Giving General	\$ 1,170.00
Greeters	Jo Coonley and Toni Groven	Bldg	\$ 50.00
3/19/23	9:00 am	Total	\$ 5,257.00
Reader	Katie Hilton		
Greeters	Larry and Darlene Spear		
Coffee Hour	Oliver Arenholz and Diane Weldin		

Prayer List:

Terry Wheeler, Justin Mejia, Arvin Stadlander, Gary and Curtis Askew, Steve Sandvig, John Sandvig, Marlys Peterson, Verna Humburg, Leland Dhondt, Nancy Knipfel, Michael Norman (son of Sheena English) and the Call Committee Process.

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 Sunday 9:00 am**

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