



St. Paul
Lutheran
Church

**Fourth Sunday
in Lent**

**March 19, 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 #843 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

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. 147

Hymn of Praise: pg. 148 “Glory to God”

Prayer of the Day- Let us pray.

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Baptismal Hymn: ELW #595 “Jesus Loves Me!” Verse 1

Holy Baptism: P. 227-231

Baptized today is Kenny Roy Walker. His parents are Jake and Katie Walker. Kenny’s sponsor’s are Daniel Rasmussen, Sam and Adam Rasmussen.

Profession of Faith –P.229

Hymn: ELW #595 “Jesus Loves Me!” Verse 2

Word

Children’s Sermon

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ²Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

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⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.” ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”

⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.”

¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23

Please read responsively.

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—
⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out
what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but in-
stead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly;
¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes
visible is light. Therefore it says,
“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: pg.151 “Return to the Lord”

Gospel: John 9:1-41

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner

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perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #779 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

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. 152

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy: pg. 153

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God: pg. 154

Distribution Songs: ELW #332 “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

ELW #326 “Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

Communion Blessing

Sending

Blessing—

Sending Hymn: ELW #793 “Be Thou My Vision”

Dismissal

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LENTEN SCHEDULE - “The Voices of Lent”

Lenten services begin at 7:00 pm.

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

Announcements

We welcome to the font today Kenny Roy Walker for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Kenny's parents are Jake and Katie Walker. Kenny's sponsors are Daniel Rasmussen, Sam and Adam Rasmussen.

Thank you to Tom Dettmer for providing pulpit supply today. We appreciate you!

Todays radio broadcast is sponsored by Jay and Jane Crawford in memory of Jane's mother, Glennis Davis. We thank them for this ministry.

The flowers on the altar are from Marlys Peterson's funeral. Thank you for sharing.

Sunday School– Wednesday, March 22 we are having 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.

SAVE THE DATE– VBS will be held on July 25-27 this summer!!

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.

Thrivent Choice Dollars- The deadline for 2022 Choice Dollar distribution is March 31. Use your online account or contact your Thrivent agent for help distributing your choice dollars. Undistributed Choice Dollars are not rolled over and lost.

Riverside Bible Camp's Benefit Gala will be held on April 15 from 5:30 to 9:30 pm at the Gathering Event Venue in Nevada. If you would like to attend more information is in the fellowship hall.

Youth For Christ Comedy Café will be held on March 30 at the Windsor Theatre. To reserve your seats or learn more about the event, please visit comedycafe.org.

This Week at St. Paul

Sunday, March 19, 2023

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

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Quilting -9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour -10:00 a.m.
Children's Bible Study 5:30-6:00 p.m.
Soup Supper—6:00 p.m.
Worship—7:00 p.m.

3/19/23	9:00 am	Offering 3/12/23	
Presiding Minister	Pastor Tom Dettmer	General:	\$ 1,700.00
Reader	Katie Hilton	Building:	\$
Organist	Pam DeVries	Radio	\$ 80.00
Coffee Hour	Oliver Arenholz and Diane Weldin	Automated Giving General Bldg	\$ 480.00 \$
Greeters	Larry and Darlene Spear	Total	\$ 2,260.00
3/26/23	9:00 am		
Reader	Katie Hilton		
Greeters	Larry and Darlene Spear		
Coffee Hour	Rayne and Reeve Wagner and Eldean Madetzke and Carolyn Berghoefer		

Prayer List:

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

**Online: Facebook– St. Paul Lutheran of Hampton Page–
Sunday 9:00 am**

**After broadcast, available on demand on Facebook and at
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Radio Broadcast on KLMJ at 8:00pm