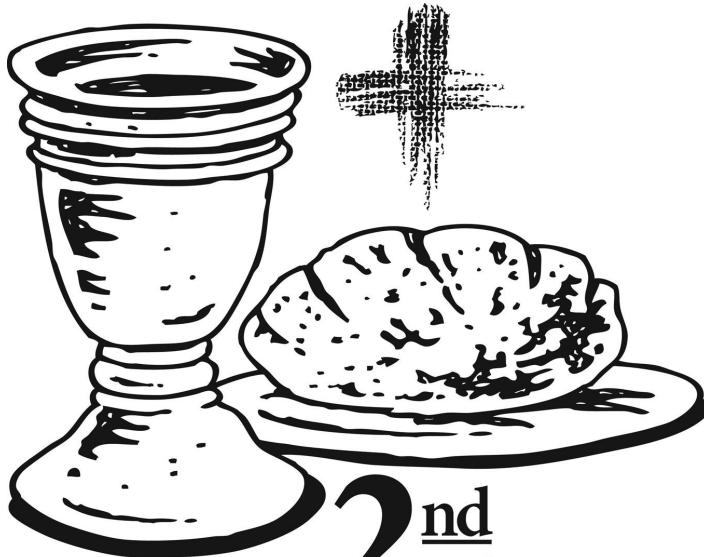


SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ FEBRUARY 25, 2024



2nd Sunday *in* Lent

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“Being Transformed By God’s Grace To Love And Serve.”

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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

please stand in body or spirit

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Knowing that we are held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, we confess that we are caught in the snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let pain grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

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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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Genesis 17:1 - 7, 15 - 16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you." ¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:23-31

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off-spring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

Second Reading

Romans 4:13 - 25

¹³The 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. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall

your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred

years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong

in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him

as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who

believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

"Return to the Lord"

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Gospel

Mark 8:31 - 38

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 8th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

please stand in body or spirit

Hymn of the Day

"The God of Abraham Praise"

#831 vs. 1-3, 8

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

please be seated
Offering

Offertory

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

#186

please stand in body or spirit
Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with the promise of grace and mercy. We pray this in your name. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.", "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.", "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.", and "It is right to give our thanks and praise." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**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.**

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

by Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.

Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Communion Hymns

“Lamb of God”

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“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

#769

“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

#818

please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

#324

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

“REMEMBERING GOD’S PROMISES”



Welcome: Welcome to worship as we continue in the season of Lent. May we listen for Jesus' voice, rest in his care and share his love with others.

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: “Unspoken prayer concerns”, Ruth Ann Kreisel, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, Dewey Jobe, Jon Beckman, Judy Smith, Paul Kelly, Gene Beckman, Renee Weller, Gordon Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.



Faith Hoovendick, Sharon Shull, Don Gibbs, Melvin Oelrichs (grandpa of Nicholas Dieckman), Art Heimsoth, Dorothy Brown (mother of Bob Brown), Joe Campbell (brother of Aureta Craighead), Cliff Eckhoff, Averi Kroenke, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eckhoff), Donna Allen (mother of Adrienn Dieckman), Ken Jenson (friend of Connie Gerken), Cora Lee Fuchs (mother of Greg Bredehoeft and grandmother of Angela Alcorn), Jamie Simon, Dena Sikoutris, Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Annie Bright, Kiley Simon (friend of Jenna Nash), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin Lackas (brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), Bill Hampton, and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*. Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms*. Sally Viebrock: E. W. Thompson Center



Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe and Cpt. Joseph Strathman.

Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.



LBPS: Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, **February 27th** and Wednesday, **February 28th** from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.

Mid-Week Service: Throughout the upcoming season of Lent, we encourage you to carve out a bit of time for worship. Midweek Lenten Services will be held on Wednesdays, starting at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Other Lent activities include breakfast at 7:30am and Simple Supper at 6:00pm. See you there!



Simple Supper

Simple Supper: "Simple" Supper will be held prior to each Lenten Service. Serving will begin at 5:45 p.m. The menu for this upcoming "simple" supper is potato soup, chicken noodle soup and pimento cheese sandwiches! Come join your church family for supper in the Fellowship Hall.

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **February 29th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.



CHILI COOK-OFF

Chili Cookoff: It is time for another Chili Cookoff! Following service on Sunday, **March 10th**, the Luther League would like to invite you to submit your favorite chili, soups, or baked goods. We will have a friendly competition to decide who makes the best dish! For the chili and soup, please bring one crockpot full of your best chili or soup.

For the baked goods, please create smaller portions so that more people can try your recipe and vote. A hotdog and chili lunch will be served for a free will offering.



Easter Lilies: Easter Lilies will be ordered for our sanctuary for the Easter Services. These plants maybe given in memory of a loved one or to the Glory of God. The cost is \$10.00 each. If you would like to donate one or more, there will be order forms in your bulletin, on the ushers stands or you can contact Sharel Wienberg at 668 - 4439. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, **March 24th**

Thank You: The St. Paul's Luther League would like to invite the League members (8th-college) and the Junior Lutherans (PreK-7th) to the Heckart Community Center in Sedalia for an afternoon of swimming from 3-5 pm on Sunday, **March 24th**. The Luther League would like to thank the Junior Lutherans for the past several years of help in the church fair stand! Parents are welcome to swim as well. Watch the Junior Lutheran Facebook group for the link to register your child if you have never been there before.



Swim Party



Mowing: Bids are being accepted for mowing at St. Paul's Cemetery. Anyone interested in submitting a bid may contact Bill Viebrock, John Oelrichs or Chester Schlesselman by Sunday, **March 24th**.

Education Scholarship: Annually, the Central States Women of the ELCA, award scholarships to female members of an ELCA congregation, who are seeking post high school education. It is a one-year non renewable scholarship. Applications for the scholarship may be found at the ushers' stands. For any questions, see Janice. The date for submitting your application has been extended to Monday, **April 15, 2024**.



Scholarship

~ * ~ **IN OUR COMMUNITY** ~ * ~



Benefit Dinner: The Seniors of North Benton County will be having a dinner at St. Paul's **today** to raise money to repair the parking lot at the Cole Camp Senior Center. Serving will be from 11:00am until 1:00pm. The menu will be meatloaf, posh potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, dessert and drink. This is free will offering. Thank you for your support.

Old Time Breakfast: The Cole Camp Museum is sponsoring an "All you can eat, Old Time Breakfast". It will be on Saturday, **March 9th** from 6:30am until 9:30am. It will be held at the Cole Camp Senior Center. The menu will be sausage, biscuits & gravy, head cheese, fried potatoes, scrambled eggs, corn bread, coffee, milk and orange juice.



MID-WEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

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| 2nd week of Lent | February 28th |
| 3rd week of Lent | March 6th |
| 4th week of Lent | March 13th |
| 5th week of Lent | March 20th |

Services at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall



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| Palm Sunday | March 24th at 10:00am | Procession of Palms |
| Maundy Thursday | March 28th at 7:00pm | Stripping of the Altar |
| Good Friday | March 29th at 7:00pm | Service of Darkness |
| Easter Saturday | March 30th 5:30pm | Easter Vigil |
| Easter Sunrise | March 31st at 7:00am | Breakfast to follow |
| Easter Sunday | March 31st at 10:00am | Holy Communion |



LENTEN BREAKFAST

The Cole Camp Area Church Alliance will host a Lenten breakfast here at St. Paul's Church each Wednesday morning beginning at 7:30am. *(Please note: If Cole Camp schools are closed due to weather, the breakfast will also be cancelled that day.)* Everyone is invited to attend each week. The following churches will host each week:

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| February 28th | First Baptist and Ionia United Methodist |
| March 6th | St. Peter & Paul and Faith Chapel |
| March 13th | St. Paul's and Grace Fellowship |
| March 20th | Brauersville, and Mt. Hulda Lutheran |

LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPER

Each Wednesday prior to the weekly Lenten service, a “simple supper” will be served in the fellowship hall. These suppers will consist of soup, sandwiches or hot dogs, coffee, water, and, of course, fellowship. Serving will begin at 6:00 pm and ending at approximately 6:45, to allow the volunteers time for clean-up. Volunteers are needed to prepare the soups, prepare the sandwich spread, and to assist with the serving and clean-up. Contact Janice for any questions. Come and enjoy a “simple supper” with your church family!



AFTER LENTEN SERVICE

There will be the traditional fellowship time (cookies, coffee, and hot chocolate) following each Lenten service. To insure that there are enough cookies each week, each family is asked to provide cookies according to the following schedule (based on the first letter of your last name). Additionally, please note the organizations asked serve for each of the five Lenten services.

February 28th.....F - H..... Junior Lutherans Serving
March 6th.....I - P..... Luther League Serving
March 13thR - T Congregational Council Serving
March 20thV - Z Esther Circle Serving

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

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| Sunday, February 25: | 8:45am | Confirmation Class |
| | 9:00am | SS / Adult Class |
| | 10:00am | Worship Service |
| | | Holy Communion by Stations |
| Tuesday, February 27: | 8:00am | LBPS |
| Wednesday, February 28: | 7:30am | Lenten Breakfast |
| | 8:00am | LBPS |
| | 6:00pm | Simple Supper |
| | 7:00pm | Lent Worship Service |
| Thursday, February 29: | 8:00am | BCHD |
| Saturday, March 2: | 5:30pm | Casual Worship |
| Sunday, March 3: | 8:45am | Confirmation Class |
| | 9:00am | SS / Adult Class |
| | 10:00am | Worship Service |
| | | Holy Communion by Stations |



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

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| February 28 | Lenten Breakfast, Simple Supper & Lent Worship |
| March 6 | Lenten Breakfast, Simple Supper & Lent Worship |
| March 10 | Chili Cook-Off |
| March 10 | Daylight Saving Time Begins |
| March 13 | Lenten Breakfast, Simple Supper & Lent Worship |

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Lois Viebrock
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
Altar Guild Janice Gerken & Rhonda Schlesselman
AV Technicians Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Ushers Justin Tinney, Head Usher
..... Victoria Fox, John Oelrichs, Braden Poe, Ryan Schlesselman



Second Sunday of Lent ~ February 25, 2024

Assisting Minister Tom Oelrichs
Communion Assistants Greg Bredehoeft & Norma Schlesselman
Reader Luke Goosen
Children's Sermon Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes Tristan Fox & Logan Jackson
Flowers Sara Jackson



Third Sunday of Lent ~ March 3, 2024

Assisting Minister Melisa Balke
Communion Assistants At the Altar
Reader Susan Goosen
Children's Sermon Pastor Stephen Zeller
Acolytes Ben Goosen & Jace Tinney
Flowers Meghann Smith