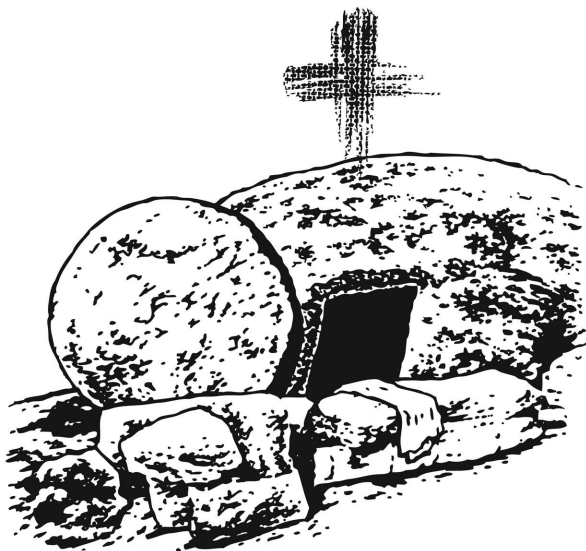


FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 17, 2024



5th
Sunday
in
Lent

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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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

“Every Promise”

next page

Every Promise

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

VERSE

G/D D G/D D G D/F# Em A G/A D



1. From the break - ing of the dawn to the set - ting of the sun, I will stand on ev - 'ry
 (2. When I) stum - ble and I sin, con - dem - na - tion press - ing in, I will stand on ev - 'ry
 (3. When I'm) faced with an - gushed choice, I will lis - ten for Your voice, and I'll stand on ev - 'ry
 (4. Hope that) lifts me from de - spair; Love that casts out ev - 'ry fear, as I stand on ev - 'ry

6 G G/A D⁵ G/D D⁵ G/D D G/D D G D/F# Em



prom - ise of Your word. Words of pow - er, strong to save, that will nev - er pass a -
 prom - ise of Your word. You are faith - ful to for - give, that in free - dom I might _
 prom - ise of Your word. Through this dark and trou - bled land, You will guide me with Your _
 prom - ise of Your word. Not for - sak - en, not a - lone, for the Com - fort - er has _

12 A G/A D G G/A D⁵ G/D D⁵ D/F# G



- way; I will stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word. For Your cov - e - nant is
 live. So I stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word. Guilt to in - no - cence re -
 hand, as I stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word. And You've prom - ised to com -
 come; And I stand on ev - 'ry prom - ise of Your word. Grace suf - fi - cient, grace for

18 F#m Bm⁷ Em G G/B A^{sus} A G/A D



sure, and on this I am se - cure: I can stand on ev - 'ry
 - stored; You re - mem - ber sins no more. So I'll stand on ev - 'ry
 - plete ev - 'ry work be - gun in me. So I'll stand on ev - 'ry
 me; Grace for all who will be - lieve. We will stand on ev - 'ry

22 G G/A D⁵ G/D 1, 2, 3.
D⁵ G/D 4.
D⁵



prom - ise from Your word. 2. When I
 prom - ise of Your word. 3. When I'm
 prom - ise of Your word. 4. Hope that
 prom - ise of Your word.

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

Give Us Clean Hands

Words and Music by
Charlie Hall

VERSE

♩ = 75

A^b E^b A^b/C D^b

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees; Oh Spir - it, come make us hum-

A^b D^b/E^b A^b E^b A^b/C D^b

ble. We turn our eyes from e - vil things; Oh Lord, we cast down our i -

CHORUS

A^b E^b Fm E^b

dols. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to an -

D^b A^b E^b Fm E^b

oth - er. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to an -

D^b A^b E^b

oth - er. And oh God, let us be a gen - er - a - tion that seeks, that seeks Your face,

Fm E^b D^b A^b

oh God of Ja - cob; And oh God, let us be a gen - er - a - tion that seeks,

E^b Fm E^b D^b A^b

that seeks Your face, oh God of Ja - cob...

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in 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

Jeremiah 31:31 - 34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-12

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother’s womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:5 - 10

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Sermon

Jennifer Rehmer

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

“Change My Heart, O God”

#801

Gospel

John 12:20 - 33

The Holy Gospel according to John the 12th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow

me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say— ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

Beautiful Things



1 All	this	pain;	I	won - der	if	I'll
2 All	this	earth;	. . .	could	all	that is
3 All	a -	round,	. . .	hope	is	spring - ing



ev - er	find	my	way.	I	won - der	if	my	
lost	ev - er	be	found?	. . .	Could	a	gar - den	
up	from	this	old	ground.	. . .	Out	of	cha - os,



life	could	real - ly	change	at	all.	Refrain on next page....
come	up	from this	ground	at	all?	
life	is	be - ing	found	in	you.	

Refrain

You make beau-ti-ful things, you make beau-ti - ful things out of the dust.

You make beau-ti - ful things, you make beau-ti -

ful things out of us.

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

please stand in body or spirit

Offertory

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,

and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,



and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.



Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, O



Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.



Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,



and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

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

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.

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

see following pages

JESUS IN THE MORNING

Spiritual

1. Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus in the
1. morn - ing, Je - sus at the noon - time; Je - sus,
1. Je - sus, Je - sus when the sun goes down!

2. Love Him
3. Serve Him
4. Thank Him
5. Praise Him

Come Just As You Are

Words and Music by
Joseph Sabolick

♩ = 62 VERSE

F C/F B \flat ² Dm⁷ C²/E B \flat F C/F

1. Come just as you are, hear the Spir - it call. Come just as you
2. Come just as you are, hear the Spir - it call. Come just as you

6 B \flat ² Dm C Gm⁷ F/A

are. Come and see, (Come and see,) come re-ceive, (come re-ceive,)
are. Come re-ceive, (Come re-ceive,) Christ the King; (Christ the King;)

2nd time to Coda ⊕

CHORUS

9 B \flat F/C C B \flat

come and live (come and live) for - ev - er. Life ev - er - last -
Come and live (Come and live) for -

12 B \flat /F F Am⁷ Dm⁷ B \flat F Dm C

- ing, and strength for to - - day;

15 B \flat B \flat /D Dm Dm⁷ Gm⁷ F/A B \flat C^{sus} C
D.C. al Coda

Taste the Liv - ing Wa - ter, and nev - er thirst a - gain.

19 ⊕ Coda
F/C C F

ev - er - more.

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

“Canticle of the Turning”

#723

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

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“REMEMBERING GOD’S PROMISES”



Welcome: Some people said to the disciple Philip, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus” (John 12:21). We are here because we too wish to see Jesus. Open your heart: Jesus is here. Welcome.

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

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



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), 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).

REMEMBER
OUR SHUT-INS



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

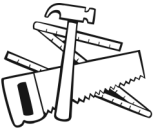
Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Luetjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe and Cpt. Joseph Strathman.





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

Thank You: The Luther League would like to thank everyone who cooked, baked, and ate at this year's Chili Cook-off. Anne Goosen's chili #1 took first place. Erin Oelrichs's soup #9 took first place with her corn chowder. Lynn Schear's brownie strawberry bite #15 took first place in the baked goods category. We apologize for the "best dessert" label on the ballot instead of "best baked good" as that misprint inadvertently left out Kathy's delicious baked cheese bread. (Anne's mistake!) Also, Luke and Anne want to thank all the parents and kids that helped make this event a success with your hard work and time. Thank you!



Float: The float committee would like to have a brief meeting after worship this **Sunday the 17th** for anyone interested in helping **repair and rebuild** the float frame. We will meet in the shed to discuss options and schedule a work day.

Circle: Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **March 18th** at 7:00pm at the home of Janice Gerken.



LBPS: Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, **March 19th** and Wednesday, **March 20th** from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.

Meeting: Council will meet on Tuesday, **March 19th** at 7:00pm.



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 will be held prior to each Lenten Service. Serving will begin at 5:45 p.m. The menu for this upcoming "simple" supper is vegetable beef soup and chili with chilidogs / hotdogs. Come join your church family for supper in the Fellowship Hall.



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **March 21st** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.

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 on the ushers stands or you can contact Sharel Wienberg at 668 - 4439. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, **March 24th**



Swim Party



Swim Party: 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.

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**.



Holy Week: In addition to our regular Holy Week worship schedule, we hope that the following activities will add to your Lenten journey:



Holy Week Virtual Devotions: Join Pastor Stephen at noon each day (Monday – Saturday) on Facebook Live for a short Holy Week reflection.

Holy Week Children's Event: Families are invited to join for an interactive Holy Week experience. Come for dinner at 6 pm of Walking Tacos and then stay for time to hear Bible stories and have some hands on learning for Holy Week.



Education Scholarship: Annually, the Central States Women of the ELCA awards 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.**

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

Soup & Chili: The Cole Camp Antique Tractor Association will host a soup & chili lunch with a silent auction. It will be held **today** from 11:00am until 1:00pm at the American Legion Building. This is a free will donation.



MID-WEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

5th week of LentMarch 20th
Services at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

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:

March 20th Brauersville

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!

Kitchen CrewJanice Gerken, Sharel Wienberg and Joyce Wineinger.



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.

March 20thV - ZEsther Circle Serving



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, March 17:	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
	AW	Float Meeting
Monday, March 18:	7:00pm	Esther Circle
Tuesday, March 19:	8:00am	LBPS
	7:00pm	Council
Wednesday, March 20:	7:30am	Lenten Breakfast
	8:00am	LBPS
	6:00pm	Simple Supper
	7:00pm	Lent Worship Service
Thursday, March 21:	8:00am	BCHD
	7:00pm	Evangelism
Saturday, March 23:	5:30pm	Casual Worship
Sunday, March 24:	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
	3:00pm	Swim Party

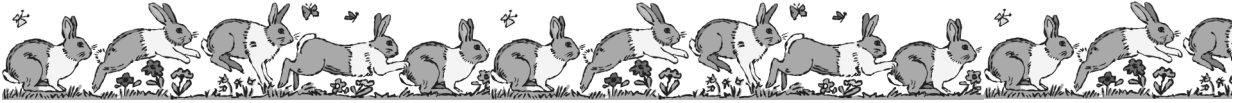


~ * ~ **Coming Events** ~ * ~

March 19	First Day of Spring
March 20	Lenten Breakfast, Simple Supper & Lent Worship
March 24	Swim Party
March 27	Children's Walk Thru Holy Week
March 28	Maundy Thursday
March 29	Good Friday

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Lois Viebrock
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
Altar Guild Glenalee Dillon & Suzanne Lutjen
AV Technicians Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Ushers Melinda Strathman, Assistant Head Usher
..... Nicholas Dieckman, Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman & Steve Triplett



Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ March 17, 2024

Assisting Minister Tom Oelrichs
Communion Assistants Luther League
Reader Dennis Moellmann
Children's Sermon Jennifer Rehmer
Acolytes Miranda Gerken & Kaylan Poe
Flowers Joyce Webb



Palm / Passion Sunday ~ March 24, 2024

Assisting Minister Anne Goosen
Communion Assistants Trisha Goosen & Stephanie Randall
Reader Sara Jackson, Krista Poe, Brian Randall & Bill Viebrock
Children's Sermon Joyce Schlesselmann
Acolytes Fred Goosen & Lexi Goyette
Flowers Susan Rusk