

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

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Please pray for Roger Blum, Joyce Kenitzer, Miles Eisenbeisz, Barbara Dahme, Gladys Felix, Harry and Fern Preston, Sheyenne Seely, Janet Smith, Andrew & Cindy Ruenzel, Courtney Frohling, Dawn Dohn, Lorelei Hartung, Baelyn Schwab, Pam Dutenhoffer, Karen Johnson, Chet Lane, Sally Kushman, David Mammenga, Ella Jaaska, Dan Lingor, Viril Layton, Cody Bahn, and LaVonne Helmer.

Please inform the Pastors or the church office when you or a loved one is hospitalized.

The Lenten season begins Feb. 22, 2023 with Ash Wednesday services at 12:15pm and 6:15pm. Lent services will be held every Wednesday Feb. 22 thru March 29th. "Promised Treasures" is the theme for Lent. Just as Moses wandered through the wilderness for forty days, God's creation now wanders as we wait to be brought to our eternal promised land in heaven. Devotional booklets are available at each Narthex. A soup and sandwich meal will be available after the 12:15 service and prior to the 6:15 pm service.

Vocal Choir and Bell Choir will begin this coming Tuesday, February 28th. The Vocal choir will meet at 6:45 pm and the Bell Choir will start at 7:30 pm. Anyone interested in participating in one or both of the groups is welcomed!

Our condolences to the family of Hilda Lassle, whose funeral was held on February 25th at Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home.

A Five Loaves Supper will be served on Wed., March 1st beginning at 5:15pm. Menu is chili and members may bring a salad or a dessert.

Usher Training – There will be an usher training session on today between services for anyone needing a refresher course or new to ushering.

The Lighthouse Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Please call 725-1855 for more information or pick up an application in the South Narthex

Romans Bible Study: Wednesdays, from 7-8 pm. Join us for a study on an epistle that Martin Luther calls the “most important piece of the New Testament.” The book of Romans is full of the gospel in its purity. Let us go together to this fountain of salvation and drink deeply. Bring your Bibles and your thirst! This study will be led by DCE Michael Leapley and we will study 1 chapter per week.

Organist: Sunday – Cyrece Kono Wednesday – Judah Bobby

MAIN STREET LIVING – March 5, 2023 KDLT (NBC) This the Life – **10:00 AM – “Prescription TLC” 10:30 AM – Worship** – Rev. Shawn Ethridge presents a message titled “*Christ for our Insecurities*” based on John 3:1-17. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

THE LUTHERAN HOUR – March 5, 2023 “An Arresting Encounter”
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Lutheran Hour can be heard on KAWZ 88.1 at 9:00 am or Bismarck radio station KFYZ at 7:30 am on Sundays.

Offering: February 19, 2023 - \$7,059.63

Sunday School - \$14.00 Missions -\$20.00 Coffee - \$84.63

Amount to meet Budget: \$13,615.00 per week

Sunday Attendance – February 19, 2023:

8:00am – 71 Communed - 55 10:45am – 118 Communed - 82

Bible Study: Sunday - 54

Please sign the fellowship booklet for attendance.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: (Feb. 26 – Mar. 5)

- Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**
9:30 am Bible Study, Coffee and donuts
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service
5-7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting
- Tue 6:45 pm Choir Practice**
7:30 pm Bell Choir Practice
- Wed 6:00 am Men's Bible Study**
10:45 am Pastor Smith Bible Study
12:15 pm Lent Worship Service
12:45 pm Soup and Sandwich
5:15 pm Women's Bible Study – Zoom
5:15 pm Five Loaves Supper
6:15 pm Lent Worship Service
7:00 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Romans Bible Study
- Thur 9:00 am Good Cheer Circle**
- Sun 8:00 am Worship Service**
9:30 am Bible Study, Coffee and Donuts
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service

The Order of the Confessional Service

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

C: A broken and contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Confession:

P: Do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserve His wrath and punishment? Then declare so by saying: I do confess.

C: I do confess.

P: Truly, you should confess; for Holy Scripture declares: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

P: Do you heartily repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed? Then declare so by saying: I do repent.

C: I do repent.

P: Truly, you should repent, as did the penitent sinners: King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the sinful woman; the prodigal son; and others.

P: Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all your sins? Then declare so by saying: I do believe.

C: I do believe.

P: Truly, you should so believe, for Holy Scripture declares: "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

P: Do you promise that with the aid of the Holy Spirit you will henceforth amend your sinful life? Then declare so by saying: I promise.

C: I promise.

P: Truly you should so promise, for Christ, the Lord, says: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

P: Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins? Then declare so by saying: I do believe.

C: I do believe.

P: As you believe, even so may it be unto you.

Absolution:

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Imposition of Ashes

The imposition of ashes is an act of personal piety. If you do not feel comfortable coming forward, do not feel as though you must. There will be no ushering. You may come forward on your own, and children are very much welcomed. The ashes will be placed either on your forehead or the back of your hand. If you would prefer your hand, just extend it forward.

*The pastor will make the sign of the cross with the ashes while saying these words: “**Remember, you are dust, and to dust you shall return,**” a paraphrase of God’s words in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:19).*

By receiving the ashes, the worshipper acknowledges that God’s judgment against our sin is right and just. But the ashes are also made in the sign of the cross—the very instrument by which our Lord took upon himself the punishment for our sin, in our place. Thus, the cross of ashes serves to remind us that we are sinners and that Christ died for us sinners.

Old Testament Reading Genesis 3:1–21

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and

ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.
7Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

8And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." 11He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." 13Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

14The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
 cursed are you above all livestock
 and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
 and dust you shall eat
 all the days of your life.

15I will put enmity between you and the woman,
 and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
 and you shall bruise his heel."

16To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
 in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
 and he shall rule over you."

¹⁷And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Hebrews 12:2*

P: [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

C: the founder and perfecter of our faith,

P: who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle *Romans 5:12–19*

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—
¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 4:1–11*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written,

“Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,”

and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve.”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.