St. Paul's Lutheran Church 3 Lent March 3, 2024

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage 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 you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

OPENING HYMN LBW 480

"Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

¹God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. 4You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, 6but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. 8Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the

LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. ¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 19

(Refrain: The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes.)

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

C ²One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

³Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

C 4their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

C ⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. (*Refrain*)

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

C 8The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

C ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. (*Refrain*)

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

C ¹²Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

C ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer. (*Refrain*)

(Refrain: The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes.)

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

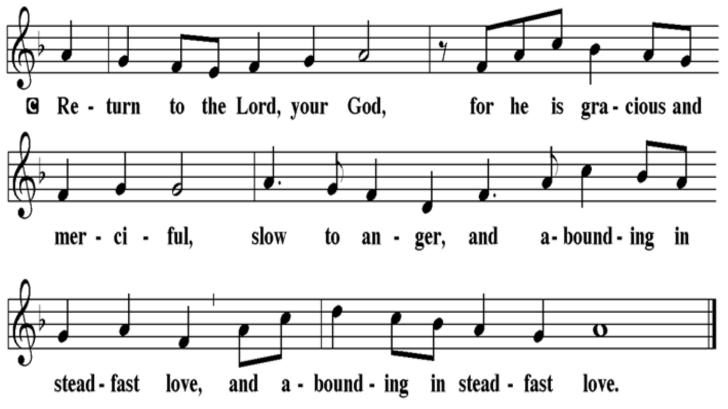
¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the

world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (2 measures)



GOSPEL: Gospel: John 2:13-22



¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. 15 Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." 18The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" 19Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" 21But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his

disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN SERMON

SERMON Pastor Timothy Holt

HYMN OF THE DAY LBW 504 "O God, My Faithful God"

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

You alone are God. We thank you for the gift of sabbath rest. Awaken the church to the mystery of your presence and give us glad hearts as we receive the good news of your deliverance. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

You judge the nations. We pray for an end to war and strife in every land. Strengthen international efforts to negotiate peace and provide humanitarian aid to people fleeing from conflict. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

You bring healing and hope. We give thanks for physicians, nurses, researchers, therapists, and public health workers who prevent and treat illness. We pray for any who are sick. (We pray especially for Rich Arvin, Rob Ballard, Lisa Boerste, Marcia Brown, Brandi Dodd, Barbara Fleck, Keith Freyberger, Eugene Keller, Donna Kieffner, Cheri Kieffner, Tammy Kieffner, Zach Leinenbach, Judy Lorey, Logan Musgrave, Steve Rothgerber, Libby Rudolph, Annette Schepers, Sue Schnarr, Donnie Schwenk, Martha Jane Tucker, Gerald Vonderheide, Lora Williams, Ron and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.) Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. (We pray especially for Austin Breitwieser, Luke Himsel and Cooper Uebelhor.) Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

You abide with your people. Sustain any in this community undergoing life transitions: marriage, divorce, childbirth, adoption, moving, graduation,

employment change, or a death in the family. We pray for those preparing for baptism. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

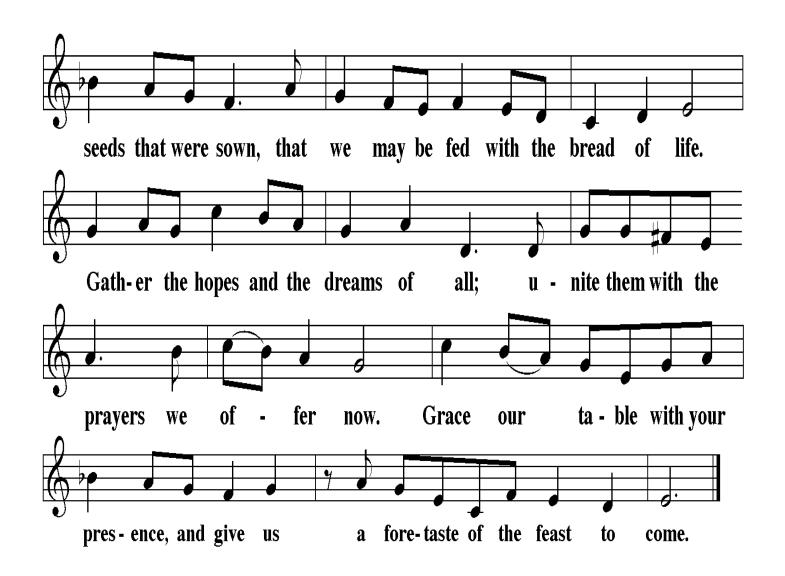
C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE





OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

C 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 hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, the first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

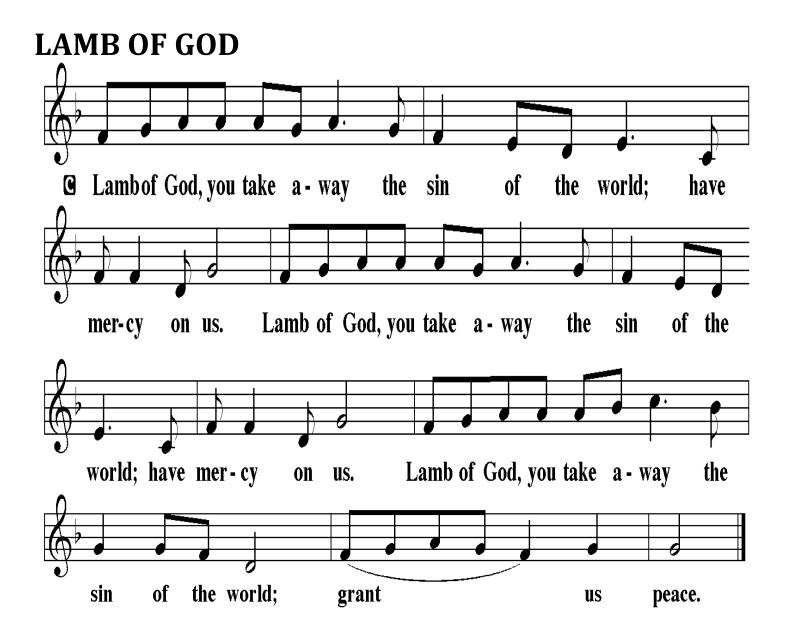
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**



COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 532 "How Great Thou Art" LBW 196 "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing" The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (vs. 1 only)



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace, 2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo-rious light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace: till earth-ly shad-ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the Gen - tiles un - to your ho - ly hill, till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el. where Christ, the bless-ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

C Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN LBW 482 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

<u>Mission Statement:</u> Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship, Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: Melanie Freyberger

Comm. Asst: Jeff Schmitt

Video: JoAn Breitwieser

Pianist: Kaia Holt Lay Reader: Jeff Schmitt

Audio: Doug Wiseman

Acolytes: Brandon Buse

Altar Guild: Brandi Dodd & Erin Kalb

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 135 SS: 8

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Mar. 3rd - Mar. 10th, 2024

Sun. Mar. 3 rd	8:00 AM 9:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice Sunday Worship Service (Sunday School following communion until 10:30 AM)
	6:30 PM	The Chosen – Season 3
Tues. Mar. 5 th	10:00 AM 6:30 PM	Chrism Liturgy with Bishop Gafkjen WELCA Meeting
Wed. Mar. 6 th	5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Lenten Meal by W&M Handbell Practice Holden Service
Thurs. Mar. 7 th	1:00 PM	Blanket Tacking
Sun. Mar. 10 th	8:00 AM 9:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice Sunday Worship Service (Sunday School following communion until 10:30 AM)
	6:30 PM	The Chosen – Season 3

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Kaitlyn and Riley Bryan on the birth of their daughter Addalie Elise. Addalie was born February 17th in Terre Haute, Indiana. She is the granddaughter of Jon and Barb Schnarr and great granddaughter of Wilma Buchta and Richard & Janice Schnarr.

Deadline for scholarship applications is March 31st.

Any high school senior who is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church may apply for the \$500 Scholarship which is sponsored by Glenn & Marie Neukam. Applications are available on the welcome center desk and should be turned into the church office.

WELCA will be making ham salad March 11th & 12th with pick-up on the 12th and 13th. There is a volunteer sheet on the welcome center desk for anyone interested in helping.

We are looking for 3 people to attend the 37th Annual Indiana-Kentucky Synod. In Louisville Friday June 7th thru Sunday June 9th, 2024. If anyone is interested, please speak with a council member.

Cleaning out your closets? The WELCA blanket group could use your CLEAN sheets, light weight blankets, pillow cases, mattress pads, bed skirts, table cloths or cotton drapes. Please leave on the welcome center desk or on the tables down in the basement. Any questions, please contact JoAnn Schnarr.



February 14th — Women of the ELCA

Chicken noodle soup, chicken salad sandwiches, hot dogs and dessert.

February 21st - LYO

Spaghetti & Fettucine Alfredo, garlic bread, salad and desserts

February 28th — Evangelism

Pulled pork, macaroni salad, baked beans, chips and dessert.

March 6th — Worship & Music

Chili, cornbread, sandwiches and dessert

March 13th - Christian Ed.

Taco bar and dessert.

March 20th — Council

Hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, beans and dessert.



WENED YOU!

It takes a village to help St. Paul's operate each week.

Can you help?



VALET SERVICE

Requirements

- Park and return vehicles (before and after church) for members and visitors who request assistance
- Must hold a valid driver's license
- Multiple volunteers needed
- Shifts/Assignments will be determined based on number of volunteers.

BELL RINGER

Requirements

- Sundays: Ring bell at 8:30 AM and again at 9:00 AM when church service begins
- Other: Tole Bell when someone passes away (1 tole per year of life) and at Funerals
- Minimal climbing and physical strength is required
- Monthly assignments (Currently ~4 mos/yr)
- Multiple volunteers needed



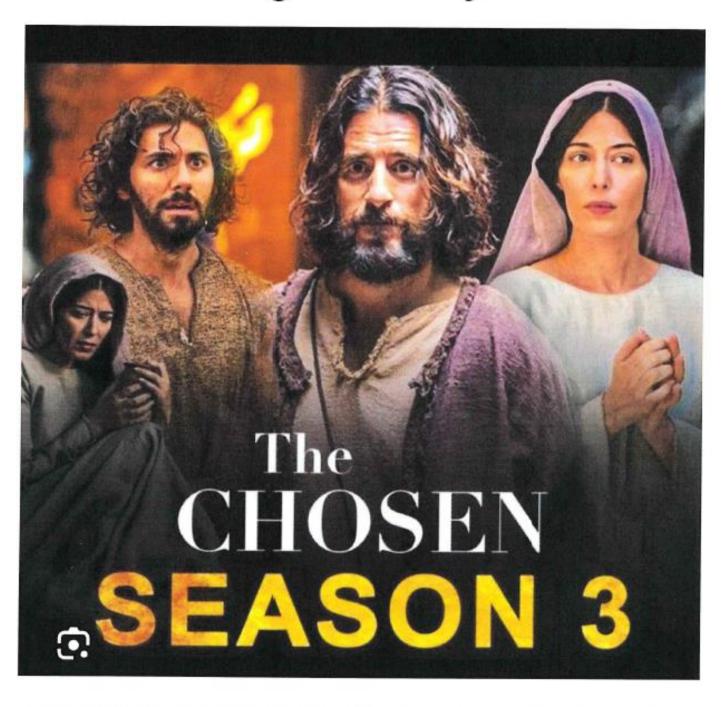
THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Interested in learning more or volunteering in these roles?

Contact any Church Council member, or leave

a message with the Church office!

Coming February 2024



Join us for this 8-week video series discussion group on Sunday evenings beginning February 4, 2024 6:30 PM



Help spread God's love this Lent by donating items for Lutheran World Relief personal care kits. The kits will reach some of the poorest parts of the world. Collection will begin March 3rd through March 31st. There will be a container placed in the welcome center.

HERE'S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

WEEK 1 Bars of Soap (2-3 bars,

4 to 5 oz., any brand,

in original wrapping)



WEEK 4 Combs

WEEK 2

Bath Towels (light-weight,

maximum 52" x 27", dark color

recommended)



WEEK 5 Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional)

MEEK 3

Toothbrushes

(adult size, in original packaging)



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February 12, 2024

St. Paul's Lutheran Church 556 W. Haysville Rd Jasper, IN 47546

Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Thank You! Because of you, Dove Recovery House for Women is helping women overcome the disease of Substance Use Disorder and a history of trauma. Thank you for your generous donation of mattress pads, sheets, Swiffer plus, detergent, pillows, etc. on 2/12/2024. Your gift and dedication to Dove House and the women accessing substance use services are making a difference.

In 2022, with your partnership, Dove House:

- Served 117 women with access to substance use disorder treatment programming and resources, including 32,690 nights of safe, sober housing;
- Opened our second location in Dubois County, Indiana serving 7 women;
- 62 women discharged and reunited 33 women with family;
- · Conducted 3,567 case management and therapy sessions; and
- Provided 303,058 minutes of services to women on the waitlist, living onsite and to those participating in after care.

As one Dove said "Dove House gave me the opportunity to restart my life. They have stood by me."

On behalf of the women you help, thank you for your continued dedication and support. To learn more or get involved, please contact me at wnoe@doverecoveryhouse.org or (317) 972-4584.

Sincerely.

Chief Executive Officer

Dove Recovery House for Women is a 501c3 organization (EIN 35-2120680). Gifts are tax deductible as allowed to the extent of the law. Consult an attorney for questions regarding reporting. For IRS purposes, this letter serves as your receipt. No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution.

In Service to Our Country

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