

St. Paul's Lutheran Church 3 Lent March 20, 2022

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

You are the treasured people of the LORD,

C a people holy to the LORD our God.

Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

C Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

One does not live by bread alone,

C but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

OPENING HYMN *LBW 343* *"Guide Me Ever,
Great Redeemer"*

GREETINGS

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

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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: Isaiah 55:1-9

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you

an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8

(Refrain: O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you.)

¹O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

C ²Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

³For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

C ⁴So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name. *(Refrain)*

⁵My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

C ⁶when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.

⁷For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

C ⁸My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. *(Refrain)*

(Refrain: O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you.)

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were

baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the

testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*2 measures*)



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and

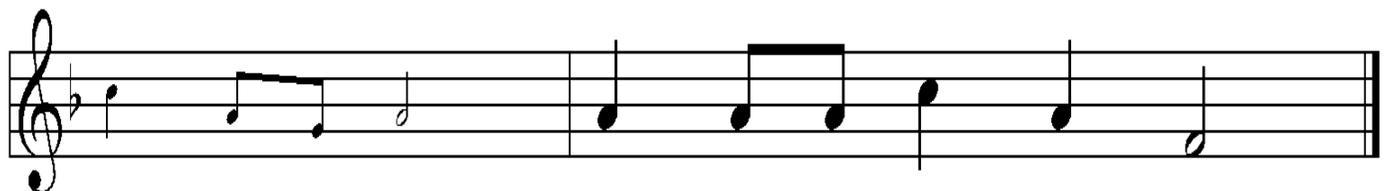


mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.²[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?”³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”

The gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

Tim Padgett

HYMN OF THE DAY *WOV 655* *"As the Sun with
Longer Journey"*

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

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church around the world in all its forms: for pastors, deacons, bishops, chaplains, and mission developers; for church councils, committee chairs, and all lay ministry leaders; for congregations that contemplate difficult decisions about the future of their ministry. Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

For the health of this planet and the well-being of its creatures: for lands impacted by droughts and at risk of wildfires; for fig trees and vineyards that produce fruit for our nourishment and delight; for animal habitats threatened by climate change. Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

For those called into positions of civic responsibility: for judges, attorneys, and court administrators tasked with uncovering truth and delivering justice; for activists and community leaders who cast a vision of a more compassionate and equitable society. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

For those who call upon you for mercy: for all who live in poverty and experience hunger; for any who feel tested beyond their strength; for those who are hospitalized or near death, and for all in need of healing. *(We pray especially for K.R. Cave, Melanie Freyberger, Eugene Keller, Luanna Meyer, Sue Neukam, Terry Noble, Kayden Parker, Andrea Rose, Glen Schmitt, Pauline Schnarr, Leroy Seitz, Dana Senninger, Theo & Parents, Sissi & Joe and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

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 Luke Himsel, Joshua Hoffman and Nathan Humbert.)* Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

For the advocacy efforts of this congregation: for those whose faith leads them to speak difficult truths and engage in difficult conversations with policymakers; for those who promote mercy over vengeance or retaliation. Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

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.

BLESSING

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us in favor and give us peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN *WOV 662* *“Restore in Us, O God”*

DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Mission Statement: *Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship,
Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*

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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: Gene & Rhonda Nigg
Comm. Asst: Todd Popp
Video: Geoff Stallwood
Organist: Barbara Dell
Lay Reader: Jeff Schmitt
Audio: Bryan Buchta
Acolytes: Jaxson Kellar & Lilly Lottes

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 119 SS: 6

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF March 20th – March 27th, 2022

Sun. Mar. 20 th	-----	<i>Scholarship App. Deadline</i>
	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Sunday School following communion until 10:30 AM)</i>
	7:00 PM	Bible Study – “The Chosen”
Wed. Mar. 23 rd	5:30 PM	Lenten Meal by Evangelism
	6:30 PM	Lenten Service
Thurs. Mar. 24 th	1:00 PM	Blanket Tacking
Sun. Mar. 27 th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Tripp Weisheit Baptism)</i> <i>(Sunday School following communion until 10:30 AM)</i>
	7:00 PM	Bible Study – “The Chosen”

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any high school senior who is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church may apply for the \$500 Scholarship, sponsored by Glenn & Marie Neukam. Applications are available on the welcome center desk and should be turned into the church office. **Deadline for scholarship applications will be Sunday, March 20th.**

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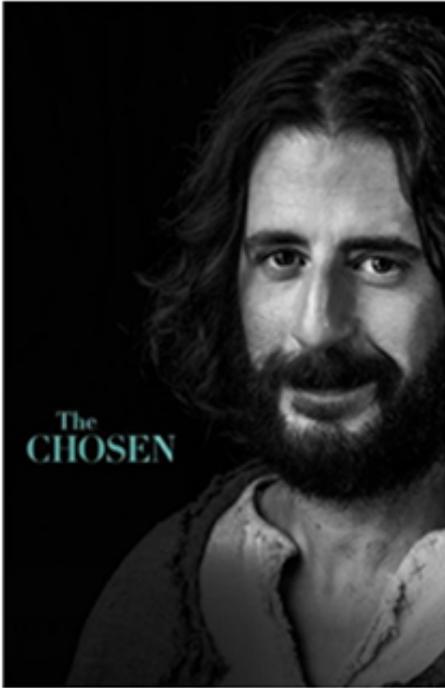
Christian Education

Pastor will hold First Communion instruction on Sunday, April 3rd and 10th at 8:00 AM with First Communion taking place on Maundy Thursday, April 14th, at the 6:30 PM service. Additionally, 1st grade devotionals and 4th grade bibles will be distributed on May 1st during the Sunday morning worship service. A letter regarding these events will be sent to the parents of the children involved. Last day of Sunday School will be May 1st.

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The Women of the ELCA would like to thank the confirmation students for assisting with blanket tacking in February. Your help was very much appreciated.

Study – The Chosen – Season 1



As we ready our hearts for the Lenten season, we are excited to offer an opportunity for an adult study/discussion group centered on the life of Jesus based on the video series “The Chosen”. Whether you are familiar with this video series or have never seen it, please join us, you will not be disappointed. The scriptwriters have worked hard to figure out how they can fill in the details that the gospel leaves out when describing Jesus’ life and ministry while striving to be faithful to what the gospels do include. This makes Jesus and the disciples feel more like real people. The group will be meeting on Sunday evenings beginning March 6th for 8 weeks (we will skip Easter Sunday) and ending May 1. The group will meet at 7:00 pm for approximately one hour depending on the length and depth of discussion after a video presentation. Members will be given a selection of short scripture readings each week to prepare for the upcoming episode the following week. Contact JoAn Breitwieser at tjb1988@live.com if interested in joining the group.

SEASON OF HOPE 2021

Starting on Ash Wednesday and during the Lenten season, we will be collecting personal care kit items that will be shipped to *Lutheran World Relief* later this year. Please help WELCA help those less fortunate. There will be flyers available for you in the welcome center by the display. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Rasche.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:



x1

One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"×40" & 52"×27"), dark color recommended



x2

Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping



x1

One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*



x1

One sturdy comb, remove packaging



x1

One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging



Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn.

EASTER EGG HUNT

**Sponsored by the Haysville Ruritans
at
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
April 16th @ 12:00 PM
*(for kids through 5th grade)***

**Everyone
Welcome!
Join Us!**



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In Service to Our Country

AM-1 Luke Himsel

Joshua Hoffman

Maj. Nathan Humbert

Virginia Beach, VA

Washington (*State*)

West Point, NY