



3rd
Sunday 
in **Lent**

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

May this hour be a journey of the heart, a renewal of spirit, a pause in our lives as we worship the Lord our God together. If you are a guest this morning, we extend a special welcome to you and invite you to sign our guest book located in the gathering space outside of the sanctuary, also known as the narthex. Following our worship service, we invite you to share in a time of fellowship over coffee, juice, and snacks in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in learning more about our congregation and becoming a member, please visit with any member of the congregation or Pastor Janis Sloka, III. Thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us at St. Paul Lutheran Church!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME HERE!

We feel strongly that the faith formation of youth—just as any adult’s—develops through experience; because of this, we welcome youth of all ages to participate fully in worship and invite them to serve in a number of roles, such as: ushers, greeters, readers, and musicians. While we expect that children will behave as children—giggles, wiggles, and all—we also understand that sometimes they (and their parents or guardians) need a break; on those occasions, you are welcome to utilize the nursery (unstaffed) located on the north end of the narthex. Additionally, there is a playroom for children and a couch room for older youth on the west end of the Fellowship Hall. You can also find children’s bulletins and crayons on the table as you enter the main church building doors.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

As Lutherans, worship is connected with and central to everything we do—uniting us in celebration, engaging us in thoughtful dialogue, and helping us grow in faith. At the heart of our worship life is the presence of God through the word proclaimed and the sacraments—Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; this is because worship is—first and foremost—fundamentally about what God is doing in the world and in our lives, and then our response to God’s action. In the context of worship we find our response in the liturgy, which is a way of living God’s story. The liturgical texts that form the prayers we pray, the texts we say, and the songs we sing find their roots in both the Old and New Testaments; furthermore, these liturgical texts invite each and every one of us—not just the pastor or choir or any other worship leader—to use our voices to praise God. Through worship we are shaped to be participants in God’s life in this world.

PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR...

- Assistance with wheelchair seating • Assisted listening devices •
- Large print bulletins • Directions to restrooms •

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Third Sunday in Lent- March 12, 2023
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)
Sweet Sounds

+Indicates to rise as you are able. Congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

WELCOME

+**SONG** *“As The Deer”*

VERSE 1

As the deer panteth for the water so my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee

CHORUS

You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee

VERSE 2

You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a king
I love You more than any other so much more than anything

CHORUS

VERSE 3

I want You more than gold or silver only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye

CHORUS

+SONG—I LOVE YOU, LORD

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice,
To worship You, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy my King, in what You hear;
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear. (Sing 2 Times)

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through 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

SONG “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” ELW # 335

PSALM 95 *Please read responsively by whole verse.*

1O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
**2Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**
3For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
**4In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.**
5The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
**6O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**
7For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!
**8Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**
9when your ancestors tested me,
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

10For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray,
and they do not regard my ways."

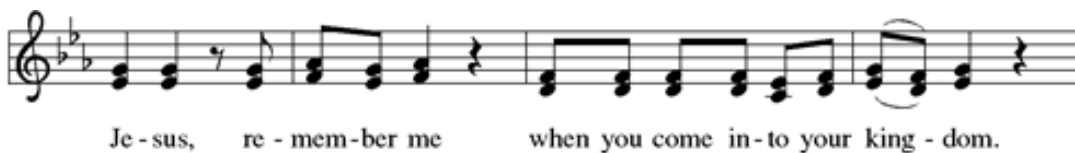
11Therefore in my anger I swore,
"They shall not enter my rest."

READING Exodus 17:1-7

1From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. **2**The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" **3**But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" **4**So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." **5**The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. **6**I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. **7**He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



5[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.6Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

7A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 9The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 10Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" 13Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." 15The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

16Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." 17The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" 19The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." 21Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." 25The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." 26Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

27Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" 28Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 29"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" 30They left the city and were on their way to him.

31Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." 32But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." 33So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?"

34Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. 35Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 36The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

37For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ 38I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

39Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” 40So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. 41And many more believed because of his word. 42They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC *Sweet Sounds*

+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – *“Change My Heart , O God”*

(Sing the song, “Change My Heart, O God”, at the beginning and at the end of the prayers, as directed by the leader. The words are below or the music is in the hymn book #801.)

Sustained by God’s abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. We sing:

+SONG *“Change My Heart , O God”*

Refrain:

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the Potter; I am the clay.

Mold Me and make me; this is what I pray.

Refrain

We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and inter-religious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the universe. All creation teems with life, from the depths of the earth and seas to the skies above. Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world. Topple the dividing walls that separate us from our neighbors. Form us into your beloved community where diversity of gender, race, language, ability, and ethnic origin is celebrated and affirmed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely, and give courage to all who are afraid. Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness (especially, Stuart, Edmund, Berniece, Mike, Mona, Claryce, Steve, Wayne, Travis, Heidi, Betty, Lorinda, Doug, Jeff, Randy, Alton, Terry, Keith). Give them your living water always. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation. Nurture their faith and pour your love into their hearts. Inspire our community by their testimony to God's grace in their lives. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the lives of all your saints. Their hope in you sustained lives of faith and service. Encourage us with the hope they shared in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

We Sing: "Change My Heart, O God"

Refrain:

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

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Mold Me and make me; this is what I pray. Refrain

+PEACE

The sharing of the peace is one of the oldest traditions in the Christian church. Far more than a sociable handshake, it is a ministry we do for each other that proclaims the promise of God's peace given to us and reconciles us to God and one another. Share the peace today with your neighbors.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Every good and perfect gift is from God. In grateful response to all of God's gifts, we offer our time, talents, and treasures. These offerings support the ministry of the church-bearing witness to the love of Christ in our community, country, and world. Your financial offerings may be placed in the plates by the sanctuary doors. You are also invited to visit www.stpaulgarrisonnd.com/giving to set up a one-time gift or regular, electronic giving. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing at St. Paul Lutheran!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+OFFERING PRAYER

God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **Amen.**

+OUR MISSION

Our mission is to GATHER as God's people; to GROW in faith, love, and service; and to GO into the community and world as disciples of Jesus.

+BLESSING

May the LORD bless you and keep you; may the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

+SENDING SONG

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" ELW #538

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace to Love and Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thank you, Lisa Maki**, for preaching today.
- **Office Hours:** are from 9a.m.-12 noon Mondays-Tuesdays-Wednesdays
- **Lent: *Join us each Wednesday for Devotions and Worship.***
 - We will gather each day at 12Noon for lunch and devotions. Please bring your own lunch.
 - Each evening we will have free-will supper at 6:30PM. It will be provided by Lenore's Catering. We need volunteers to set up, serve and clean up. A signup sheet is on the volunteer tables. Worship will follow at 7:15PM in the Sanctuary.
- **Fellowship Hosts:** We still need hosts for March.
- **Readers:** are needed for March. A sign-up sheet and a copy of the readings is on a table in the gathering space outside of the sanctuary.
- **Update our Living Wall:** People are encouraged to send updated pictures to the church to put up on the Living Wall. Bring in a picture to the office or email your picture to the church, stpaul@restel.com. Faye Seidler will then put them on the wall.
- **St. Paul will be hosting a community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th.** Please consider donating for the purchase of chocolate mini eggs, plastic eggs, and prizes. Or you can also donate the chocolate and plastic eggs.
- **Live Facebook:** each week at St. Paul's. The 4 Ministers are also on FB and Instagram each week.
- **Equal Exchange:** a variety of coffee and chocolate are for sale, at cost, on a cart in the fellowship hall. This supports the small coffee farmers.
- **Get your St. Paul Gear!** Spread our mission with custom shirts! Check them out in the Fellowship Hall.

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Thank you for being a part of what God is doing at St. Paul!



In Our Prayers: Darrin Huston, Stuart Bennet, Edmund Seidler, Berniece Schlichting, Mike Gackle, Mona Reinisch, Claryce Johnson, Steve Seidler, Wayne Klemisch, Travis Kolden, Heidi Smith, Betty Iglehart, Lorinda Johnson, Doug Steinmetz, Jeff Wretling, Randy Mautz, Alton Krebsbach, Terry Metz, Keith Bjornson.

In Thanksgiving: all the volunteers who made our Spring Supper a success. *Please submit prayer requests to Loree, Holly, or Pastor Janis. Those for whom prayers have been requested will remain on our prayer lists and named in worship for four weeks, unless requested otherwise.*

Birthday Wishes This Week To:

Alexis Hatlestad	March 12
Brad Lagge	March 13
Marvin Zabloutney	March 14
Jeff Diffley	March 15
Nora Klemisch	March 18
Pam Syvertson	March 18



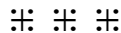
THIS WEEK ^{aT} GLANCE

This week at St. Paul's:

- Today* 9:45 a.m. Worship – Sweet Sounds
- 10:45 a.m. Fellowship
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:15 a.m. Choir Practice
- 11:00 a.m. BLC Community Celebration
- 1:00 p.m. 4H in the Fellowship Hall
- NO Youth Group
- Mon.* 9:00 a.m. -12 Noon Office Hours
- Tues.* 9:00 a.m. -12 Noon Office Hours
- 10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- Wed.* 7:30 a.m. 9-12 Youth Breakfast Club
- 9:00 a.m. -12 Noon Office Hours
- 12:00 Noon Lent Lunch and Devotions
- No Sunshine Friends
- 6:30 p.m. Lent Supper
- 7:15 p.m. Lent Worship
- 7:45 p.m. Confirmation
- Thurs.* 10:00 p.m. Community Bible Study at The Meadows
- Friday-Saturday* 4-6 grades Camp Bash
- Saturday* 3:00 p.m. Town Hall- House Rep. Clayton Fegely at the Cubby Hole
- Next Sunday, March 19th*
- 9:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion and Holy Baptism
- 10:45 a.m. Fellowship –April Action Group meets
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:15 a.m. Choir Practice
- Jeff Wretling Benefit
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group

PERMANENT PROJECTOR AND RETRACTABLE SCREEN IN THE SANCTUARY

The Church Council after many years of discussion made the decision to put in the sanctuary a permanent projector and retractable projection screen. They believe it will enhance our worship experience and be helpful for children and youth ministries. After receiving a bid, they would like to move forward with your support. However, they will not install them until the monies are raised. So, we need your help! The cost is \$20,000 for the equipment, installation, and the work of an electrician. Please prayerfully consider helping make this possible! Please see a council member if you have questions.



Retractable not permanent



TWO WAYS TO GIVE DURING LENT



M&M's containers and collecting quarters for
the Central African Republic.
\$14 for each container.

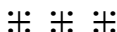


Barn Coin Collector for the ELCA's Global Barnyard



seeking in the sanctuary

Do you see the baptismal font or baptistry? We remember our baptisms when water was used to symbolize God's spirit at work within us. **Draw a picture of what you see!**



TWO WEDNESDAY LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

“SEEKING: HONEST QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER FAITH”

This year we are offering two options for the Wednesdays in Lent

- ⌘ Wednesday Noon Lenten Devotions and Lunch in the chapel (bring your own lunch)
- ⌘ Wednesday Dinner at 6:30PM (Free will offering) in the Fellowship Center
- ⌘ Wednesday Worship at 7:15PM in the Sanctuary

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Sunday, April 2nd
9:45 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 6th
7:15 p.m.
Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 7th
7:15 p.m.

EASTER

Sunday, April 9th
7:00 a.m. worship,
Holy Communion
breakfast 8:00-9:15 a.m.
and 9:45 a.m. worship
Holy Communion



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Sunday School – 11:00 a.m.

SERVING IN THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH

<i>Ministers</i>	The People of St. Paul Lutheran
<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Janis Sloka, III
<i>Message</i>	Lisa Maki
<i>Faith Formation Director</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Church Council President</i>	Keith Thelen
<i>Choir Director</i>	Lisa Haugen
<i>Treasurer</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Church & Financial Secretary</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Custodian</i>	Pam Kolden
<i>Sunday School Superintendent</i>	Lisa Maki
<i>Sweet Sounds Coordinator</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Missionaries</i>	Anne & Willie Langdji; Katie Narum Miyamoto
<i>Organist</i>	Kim Gehring
<i>Reader</i>	Leeann Wimer
<i>Acolytes</i>	Keegan Wimer & Rickie Ouhl
<i>Greeters</i>	Brad & Karen Rohde
<i>Ushers</i>	Mike & Marcia Zimmerman
<i>Door Greeter</i>	Dennis Ness
<i>Sound and Video</i>	Mark Torno
<i>Fellowship</i>	Hanson's & Wimer's

MISSION STATEMENT

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