

**2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**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  
Second Sunday in Lent  
March 5, 2023  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Setting 10  
Holy Communion

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

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

*During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.*

## **WELCOME**

### **+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,  
**we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave His only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, † Father, Son and Holy Spirit forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen!**

## +GATHERING SONG

*"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" ELW #338*

## +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.**

## +CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



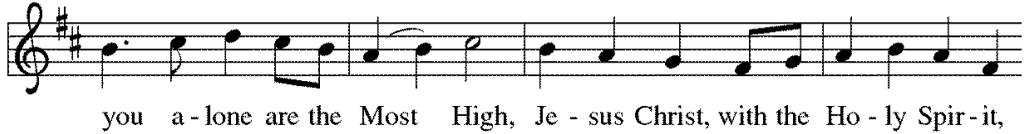
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



### **+PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**PSALM 121** *Please read responsively by whole verse.*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills —  
from where will my help come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.**
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- 4 He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**
- 5 The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
- 6 The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**
- 7 The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.
- 8 The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.**

## READING Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

*In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises.*

Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

1What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh?

2For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

3For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness."

4Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. 5But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

13For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

14If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

16For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

## +GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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## **+GOSPEL John 3:1-17**

## **Children's Bible page 416**

*A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.*

1Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." 3Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." 4Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" 5Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' 8The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 10Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

11"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Prayers of Intercessi

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

## **NEW MEMBERS**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" ELW #335*

## **+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each petition concludes:* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

## **+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](http://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**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

#### **+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 – SUNG WITH “BROKEN FOR ME”**

Blessed are you, O God,

for you have brought forth bread from the earth. Blessed are you, O God, for you have created the fruit of the vine. In the beginning you watered the earth that man and woman might have food and drink. You gave your servant Sarah bread to strengthen her family on their journey, and wine to make them glad. You called Moses and his people out of bondage and refreshed them with food in the wilderness. And here at your table you offer us bread and wine for the journey to nourish us as daughters and sons. Blessed is our brother Jesus, Who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, And who is known to us in the breaking of the bread.

### **CONGREGATION SINGS**

**Refrain: Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.**

On the night of His arrest and betrayal, Jesus took bread and having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to His disciples, saying “This is my body, given for you.”

### **CONGREGATION SINGS**

**Refrain:** Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.

**Verse:** This is my body given for you; Eat it, rememb’ring I died for you.

In the same way He took wine, and having given thanks for it, He gave the cup to His disciples, saying, “This cup is the new covenant with God, sealed with my blood, Shed for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins.”

### **CONGREGATION SINGS**

**Refrain:** Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.

**Verse:** This is my blood I shed for you; For your forgiveness, making you new.

Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the kingdom of God.

### **CONGREGATION SINGS**

**Refrain:** Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.

**Verse:** Come to my table and with me dine; Eat of my bread and drink of my wine.

**Refrain:** Broken for me, broken for you; The body of Jesus broken for you.

### **+LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*This is the Lord’s table. Jesus himself is the host of this meal and welcomes everyone to come and eat, to be nourished in the faith—fed, forgiven, and loved back to life for the sake of a world in need. If you wish to remain seated, we will gladly bring Holy Communion to you in your pew; please simply inform the usher. If you wish not to receive Communion, you are still invited to receive a blessing and may indicate this preference by coming forward with your hands folded.*

## COMMUNION

### +PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Embodied God,  
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. **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

*"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" ELW #774*

### +DISMISSAL

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

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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We welcome into membership the following individuals and families into our family of faith:** Allen Engel, Delvin Kolden, Katie, Cohen, & Randy Bittner and Lucy and Liam Dewitz, Tiffany, Rickie, Tayla and Jason Ouhl, Stewart Bennett, Jody Gullickson, Courtney Krzmarzick, Parker and Levi Tomlinson, Courtney, Xena and Tylor Brostowitz, Clint, Nicole and Hayes Steele, Kent, Heather, Kendall, and Kaley Janz

- **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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup>.** 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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is doing at St. Paul!*



**In Our Prayers:** Edmund Seidler, Mike Gackle, Donn Vetter, Mona Reinisch, Claryce Johnson, Steve Seidler, Bishop Craig Schweitzer, 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 for today's Spring Supper

*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:**

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| Leanne Haugen  | 06 |
| Hoyt Carter    | 07 |
| James Iglehart | 07 |
| Tina Nordquist | 07 |
| Edythe Rustad  | 07 |
| Jersie Olson   | 08 |
| Michelle Rime  | 08 |
| Pat Larson     | 10 |

### **This week at St. Paul's:**

|              |                    |  |
|--------------|--------------------|--|
| <i>Today</i> | 9:45 a.m.          | Worship with Holy Communion- New Members   |
|              | 10:45 a.m.         | NO Fellowship- set up for the Supper<br>Rummage Sale Committee Meeting- classroom<br>Technology (sound and video) Committee Meeting- Sanctuary |
|              | 11:00 a.m.         | NO Sunday School- set up for the Supper<br>SPRING SUPPER SETUP, MEAL, and CLEANUP  |
| <i>Mon.</i>  | 9:00 a.m. -12 Noon | Office Hours   |
| <i>Tues.</i> | 9:00 a.m. -12 Noon | Office Hours   |
|              | 10:00 a.m.         | Men's Bible Study  |
| <i>Wed.</i>  | 7:30 a.m.          | 9-12 Youth Breakfast Club  |
|              | 9:00 a.m. -12 Noon | Office Hours   |
|              | 12:00 Noon         | Lent Lunch and Devotions   |
|              | 3:00 p.m.          | K-2 Sonshine Friends   |
|              | 6:30 p.m.          | Lent Supper  |
|              | 7:15 p.m.          | Lent Worship   |

Thurs. 10:00 p.m.

Friday

Next Sunday, March 12th

9:45 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Community Bible Study at The Meadows

Youth Ski Trip to Bottineau

Worship

Fellowship

Sunday School

Youth return from the Ski Trip

## 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.

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*Retractable not permanent*



## TWO WAYS TO GIVE DURING LENT



M&M's containers and collecting quarters for  
the Central African Republic.  
\$10 for each container.

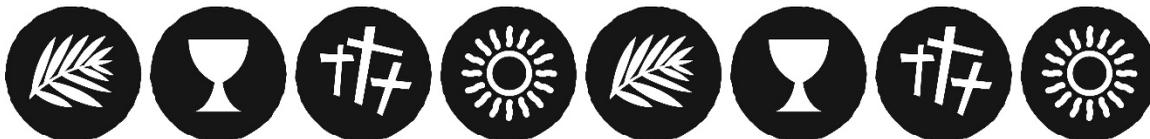


Barn Coin Collector for the ELCA's Global Barnyard



seeking in the sanctuary

Look at the communion table. This is where we meet God in community.  
**Draw a picture of what you see on the table!**



## 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>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 &amp; 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>                         | Sundi Lagge                                 |
| <i>Reader</i>                           | Stu Merry                                   |
| <i>Acolytes</i>                         | Mason and Chandler Hanson                   |
| <i>Greeters</i>                         | Tressa and Alyssah Torno                    |
| <i>Ushers</i>                           | Chad and Leeann Wimer                       |
| <i>Door Greeter</i>                     | Marian Lehnherr                             |
| <i>Communion Assistants</i>             | Sheryl Krueger and Marian Lehnherr          |
| <i>Communion Set-up and Clean-up</i>    | Marian Lehnherr                             |
| <i>Sound and Video</i>                  | Mark Torno                                  |

## MISSION STATEMENT

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