



St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
1st Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2026

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Preparation for Worship: Read
Psalm 91 – Hymnal pg. 143

Opening Prayer O gracious LORD,
You have invited us “to come into Your
presence with singing” and to “enter

Your courts with praise.” How amazing that You invite sinners like us to come into your presence. It is only by your grace in Christ. May You cleanse our hearts so that our worship will be pleasing to You from hearts of genuine faith and love. Lord, come to us! Open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may grow in our faith and give You praise with joyful hearts and lives that give glory to Your holy name. In Jesus’ name we ask it. Amen.

Opening Hymn: 352 O Savior, Precious Savior

1. O Savior, precious Savior,
Whom, yet unseen, we love;
O Name of might and favor,
All other names above.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our holy Lord and King.

2. O Bringer of salvation,
Who wondrously has wrought
Thyself the revelation
Of love beyond our thought,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our holy Lord and King.

3. In Thee all fulness dwelleth,
All grace and power divine;
The glory that excelleth,
O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our holy Lord and King.

4. Oh, grant the consummation
Of this our song above
In endless adoration
And everlasting love!
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our holy Lord and King.

Invocation:

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



Confession of Sins: P: Psalm 95:6 says, “Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.” God often describes worship as “bowing down” and “Kneeling before the Lord.” The proper attitude of worship is a humble bowing our hearts before God in true repentance.

Antiphon



P: Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness;

C: According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.

P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

C: For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight—That You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.

Antiphon



P: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

C: And in sin my mother conceived me.

P: Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.

C: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

P: Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice.

C: Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Antiphon



P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C: And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

P: Do not cast me away from Your presence,

C: And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

P: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

C: And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

Absolution P: God, our heavenly Father, is truly merciful and gracious, He has given His own Son into death for our sins, and raised Jesus to life for our justification. By His unfailing word of promise, I assure you that all your sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.



Old Testament Readings: Deuteronomy 6:10-19

10 “So it shall be, when the Lord your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build, 11 houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant— when you have eaten and are full— 12 then beware, lest you forget the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. 13 You shall fear the Lord your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name. 14 You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are all around you 15 (for the Lord your God is a jealous God among you), lest the anger of the Lord your God be aroused against you and destroy you from the face of the earth.

16 “You shall not tempt the Lord your God as you tempted Him in Massah.
17 You shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you. 18 And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land of which the Lord swore to your fathers, 19 to cast out all your enemies from before you, as the Lord has spoken.

Gradual:

P: I was glad when they said unto me:

C: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

P: Peace be within your walls:

C: And prosperity within your palaces.

P: They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion:

C: Which cannot be removed, but abides forever.

P: As the mountains surround Jerusalem:

C: So the Lord is surrounds His people from this time forth and forever.

Epistle Reading: Romans 3:19-26

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. 21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: 371 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

1. Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness

My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.

2. Bold shall I stand in that great Day,

For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully through these absolved I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

3. The holy, meek, unspotted Lamb,

Who from the Father's bosom came,
Who died for me, e'en me t'atone,
Now for my Lord and God I own.

4. Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,

Which at the mercy-seat of God
Forever doth for sinners plead,
For me--e'en for my soul--was shed.

5. Lord, I believe were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.
6. When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
E'en then, this shall be all my plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
7. Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

SERMON TEXT: LUKE 4:1-13

4 Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. 3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." 4 But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"

5 Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. 7 Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." 8 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

9 Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. 10 For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you,' 11 and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up,

Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’ ” 12 And Jesus answered and said to him, “It has been said, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’ ” 13 Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.”

Today’s Theme:

Where We Failed, Christ Fulfilled!

Satan Tempts us:

- 1. Not to Trust God but Take Care of Yourself!**
- 2. To Seek Power and Glory for Yourself!**
- 3. To Misuse Scripture to Draw a False hope!**

Hymn 144 Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing

1. Jesus, grant that balm and healing
In Thy holy wounds I find,
Every hour that I am feeling
Pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within
Tempt my treacherous heart to sin,
Show the peril, and from sinning
Keep me ere its first beginning.
2. Should some lust or sharp temptation
Prove too strong for flesh and blood,
Let me think upon Thy Passion,
And the breach is soon made good.
Or should Satan press me hard,
Let me then be on my guard,
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded,"
That the Tempter flee confounded.
3. If the world my heart entices
On the broad and easy road

With it mirth and luring voices,
Let me think upon the load
Thou didst carry and endure
That I flee all thoughts impure,
Banishing each wild emotion,
Calm and blest in my devotion.

4. Every wound that pains or grieves me,
By Thy stripes, Lord is made whole;
When I'm faint, Thy Cross revives me,
Granting new life to my soul.
Yea, Thy comfort renders sweet
Every bitter cup I meet;
For Thy all-atoning Passion
Has procured my soul's salvation.

5. O my God, my Rock and Tower,
Grant that in Thy death I trust,
Knowing Death has lost his power
Since Thou trod'st him in the dust.
Savior, let Thine agony
Ever help and comfort me;
When I die, be my Protection,
Light and Life and Resurrection.

Offering of Thankful Hearts:

Sing - while offering is brought forward Hymn 441 st. 1-2

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

Prayers of the Church:

The 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.

P: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me



not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly



Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Benediction: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Closing Hymn: 408 Jesus Christ, My Pride and Glory

1. Jesus Christ, my pride and glory,
He, the true and living Light,
Strengthens me with glorious might.
Christ, revealed in sacred story,
Whom I now as Lord confess,
Teaches me true holiness.

2. Let me live to praise Thee ever,
Jesus, thou my heart's Delight,
Thou who leadest me aright.
Let me cling to Thee forever,
All the fleshly lusts deny
And the devil's hosts defy.

3. Grant me, Lord, Thy Holy Spirit
That in all I follow Him
Lest the light of faith grow dim.
Let me ever trust Thy merit,
Let Thy blessing me attend,
From all evil me defend.

4. From all pain and imperfection,
Gracious Lord, deliver me,
Heaven's glory let me see.
Keep me under Thy direction
That the grace thou gavest me
I may praise eternally.



Scripture Treasure to Remember:

Proverbs 9:10

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Bible Class after the Worship Service.

Tuesday - Lenten Worship, 6:30 at Orchard Valley.

“What Is Jesus Worth to You?”

Wednesday - Skype Bible Study with Kenneth at 9:30.

Midweek Bible Study at Orchard Valley.

Thursday - Pastoral Study Club 2:00

Friday - Shut-in visit with George at 1:30

Catechism Class at 4:00.

Next Sunday - Worship Service at 10:00.

Bible Study at 11:20

CLC Call News

Dr. Daniel Sullivan has received the call to serve as a professor at ILC in Eau Claire, WI.

Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck has been called to serve as the President of ILC for another two year term.

Teacher Katie Naumann of Immanuel School in Winter Haven, FL, has received the call to Redeemer School in Cheyenne, WY.

Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd in Rapid City, SD, has returned the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church in Phoenix, AZ.

Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion in Madison Heights, MI, has received the call to Grace Lutheran in Fridley, MN.

Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer in Sister Lakes, MI, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church in Appleton, WI.

The Blessing of Lent

“God loved us before he made us; and his love has never diminished and never shall.” That is why He calls to us, “Yet even now, says the Lord, repent and return to me with all your heart” Joel 2:13.