



**St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church**  
**5th Sunday in Lent**  
**March 26, 2023**

**Pastor:** David Reim - 549-5250

**Organist:** Julie Reim

**Ushers:** Guy and Ken

**Read Before the Service:** Psalm 125, Hymnal p. 153.

**Opening Prayer**

Oh Lord, our gracious Father, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. We have come here for cleansing in the precious blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, so that we may worship you with clean hands and a pure heart. Lord, open our eyes and ears to hear your word and see your glory. Fill our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may rejoice in your loving kindness and tender mercies and be strengthened in our faith through Jesus' willing sacrifice for our sins. By Your Holy Spirit may we be empowered to praise you with our whole heart and to live as your true children all our days until we stand before You face to face in paradise. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

**Opening Hymn: 465 Christ Is Our Corner-Stone**

1. Christ is our Corner-stone, On Him alone we build;  
With His true saints alone The courts of heaven are filled.  
On His great love Our hopes we place  
Of present grace And joys above.
2. Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring;  
Our voices we will raise The three in One to sing  
And thus proclaim In joyful song,  
Both loud and long. That glorious name.

3. Here, gracious God, do Thou Forevermore draw nigh;  
Accept each faithful vow And mark each suppliant sigh.  
In copious shower On all who pray  
Each holy day, Thy blessing pour.
4. Here may we gain from heaven The grace which we implore,  
And may that grace, once given, Be with us evermore  
Until that day When all the blest  
To endless rest Are called away!

### Invocation:

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



### Confession of Sins:

P: Jesus invites us saying, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

**C: We come to you Lord, with the heavy burden of our sins. We know that You bore our sins in Your own body on the cross. Therefore we are confident to confess our sins trusting in You for forgiveness.**

**C & P: Almighty and most merciful God, I confess that I am a sinner by my very nature, I was born in the sin of Adam. Because of my corrupt nature, I sin against you daily in my thoughts, in my words and actions. I have done the things you forbid, and I fail to do the things you command. Lord, I know I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. Yet, I come before you in repentance, because you are merciful and gracious and have given Your Son to die for me. Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Forgive me, I pray, for Jesus sake.**

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.



**Response of Praise:** Hymn 244

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;  
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!  
Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!

**Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:7-13**

7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." 9 (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

**Response of Praise:**

P: Oh, send out Your light and Your truth:

**C: Let them lead me; let them bring me unto Your holy hill.**

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 surrounds His people from this time forth and forever.**

**Gospel Reading:** John 4:5-14

5 So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. 7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." 8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. 9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

11 The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? 12 Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"

13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

**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: 473** The Church's One Foundation

1. The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation By water and the Word.  
From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
2. Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

3. The Church shall never perish! Her dear Lord, to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish, Is with her to the end.  
Though there be those that hate her. False sons within her pale,  
Against both foe and traitor She ever shall prevail.
4. Though with a scornful wonder Men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
5. Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore,  
Til with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

**Sermon Text:** Psalm 133 A Song of Ascents, of David

*"1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is  
For brethren to dwell together in unity!  
2 It is like the precious oil upon the head,  
Running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron,  
Running down on the edge of his garments.  
3 It is like the dew of Hermon,  
Descending upon the mountains of Zion;  
For there the Lord commanded the blessing—Life forevermore."*

*Theme for the Lenten Season:*

## **THE MOUNTAIN RANGE OF THE LORD'S GLORY**

Today's Theme:

***Mount Hermon:***

## **WHERE THE LORD BINDS US IN FELLOWSHIP**

**Hymn: 464** Blest Be the Tie that Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our alms, are one, Our comforts and our cares.
3. We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

4. When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain;  
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.
5. This glorious hope revives Our courage by the way,  
While each in expectation lives And longs to see the day.
6. From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free  
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

### **Offerings for Christ's Church:**

**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



### **Benediction:**

P: 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: 285 How Precious Is the Book Divine**

1. How precious is the Book Divine, By inspiration given!  
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine To guide our souls to heaven.
2. It's light, descending from above Our gloomy world to cheer,  
Displays a Savior's boundless love And brings his glories near.
3. It shows to man his wandering ways And where his feet have trod,  
And brings to view the matchless grace Of a forgiving God.
4. O'er all the straight and narrow way Its radiant beams are cast;  
A light whose never weary ray Grows brightest at the last.
5. It sweetly cheers our drooping hearts In this dark vale of tears,  
Life, light, and joy it still imparts And quells our rising fears.
6. This lamp through all the tedious night Of life shall guide our way  
Till we behold the clearer light Of an eternal day.



## Scripture Treasure to Remember

### Jeremiah 15:16

*“Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts.”*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today** - Sunday School and Bible Class at 11:15.

**Tuesday** - Lenten Service at 7:00 p.m. We continue our exploration of the **Mountain Range of the LORD's Glory**. This Tuesday we will travel to the **Mount Olivet**: Where Jesus Began to Suffer.

**Wednesday** - Skype Bible Study at 9:30

Bible study with Karrie at 2:00

**Thursday** - Shut-in visit with George 1:30

**Friday** - Shut-in visit with Rosemarie 11:00

**Next Sunday** - **Palm Sunday Communion Service** at 10:00.

Sunday School and Bible Study at 11:15

### Holy Week

We are one week away from Holy Week, the week of Jesus' final public teaching culminating in His Passion and Death. You are encouraged to keep this week holy by reading the events of the week in Matthew 21 - 27, Mark 11 - 15, Luke 19:28 - ch. 23, John 12:12 - ch. 19.

### CLC Call News

**Pastor Andrew Schaller** plans on moving to Fond du Lac right after Easter. Calvary Lutheran Church in Marquette, MI is requesting a graduate from Immanuel Lutheran Seminary to be their pastor.

**Mrs. Leah Ude** of Eau Claire, WI is considering the call to be teacher at Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church in Middleton, WI.

**Pastor Luke Bernthal** of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Mountain View, CA is considering the call to serve as the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI.



## **An Update from Pastor John Hein**

“Today was my post-chemo consultation with my oncologist. Terrific news! After reviewing my PET scan and CT scan from yesterday, Dr. King is quite pleased that the chemo treatments have greatly helped me. Metabolic activity in my main tumor has been greatly reduced. Much of the tumor verified to be necrotic (dying by lack of blood flow). There are a few areas where there still is some tissue that is active, but not nearly like back in October when I first learn about my thymic carcinoma. A nodule in the lung is still a bit metabolic. Something that seemed to impress and surprise Dr. King was that the boney lesions in my pelvic area and left hip are hardly metabolic any more. In fact, scans show that new bone is growing in those areas, a very good sign.”

Pastor Hein says he may undergo a round of radiation, and then writes:

Please join me in thanking and praising the LORD for this news! I am so humbled that the LORD is leading me through this. His goodness and mercy are so great and undeserved! Which leads me to one of my favorite Psalms: *“Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”* - Psalm 103:1-5