



**St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
4th Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023**

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Organist: Julie Reim

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: 140 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

1. Jesus, I will ponder now On Thy holy Passion;
With Thy Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of Thy suffering, pain, and death, That I may not perish.

2. Make me see Thy great distress, Anguish, and affliction,
 Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And Thy crucifixion;
 Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails, did wound Thee,
 How for man Thou diedst, O God, Who with thorns had crowned Thee.
3. Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see Thy Passion,
 But its cause to me make known And its termination.
 Ah! I also and my sin Wrought Thy deep affliction;
 This indeed the cause hath been Of Thy crucifixion.
4. Grant that I Thy Passion view With repentant grieving
 Nor Thee crucify anew By unholy living.
 How could I refuse to shun Every sinful pleasure
 Since for me God's only Son Suffered without measure?
5. If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me,
 Let Thy cross my fear disarm, Peace of conscience give me.
 Grant that I may trust in Thee And Thy holy Passion.
 If His Son so loveth me, God must have compassion.
6. Grant that I may willingly Bear with Thee my crosses,
 Learning humbleness of Thee, Peace mid pain and losses.
 May I give Thee love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,
 That I may in heaven above Sing Thy praise forever.

Invocation:

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



A - men.

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!

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

15 “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, 16 in that I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the Lord your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, 18 I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; 20 that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

3 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; 3 for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?

4 For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?

5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. 8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.

Response of Praise:

P: Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad with her:

C: All you who love her.

P: Rejoice for joy with her:

C: All you who mourn for her.

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.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:21-37

21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' 22 But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.

23 Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. 25 Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the

officer, and you be thrown into prison. 26 Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.

27 “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28 But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

31 “Furthermore it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ 32 But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.

33 “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.’ 34 But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God’s throne; 35 nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black.

37 But let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No.’ For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

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: 141 Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains

1. Enslaved by sin and bound in chains, Beneath its dreadful tyrant sway,
And doomed to everlasting pains, We wretched, guilty captives lay.

2. Nor gold nor gems could buy our peace, Nor all the world's collected store
Suffice to purchase our release; A thousand worlds were all too poor.

3. Jesus, the Lord, the mighty God, An all-sufficient ransom paid.
O matchless price! His precious blood For vile, rebellious traitors shed.

4. Jesus the Sacrifice became To rescue guilty souls from hell;
The spotless, bleeding, dying Lamb Beneath avenging Justice fell.
5. Amazing goodness! Love divine! Oh, may our grateful hearts adore
The matchless grace nor yield to sin Nor wear its cruel fetters more!

Sermon Text: Matthew 5:1-2, & 7:28-29

"And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. 2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them. 28 And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, 29 for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes."

Theme for the Lenten Season:

THE MOUNTAIN RANGE OF THE LORD'S GLORY

Today's Theme:

Mount of Preaching:

WHERE JESUS TEACHES WITH AUTHORITY

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-atonning 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.

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

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff. The first staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes. The second staff begins with a half note followed by eighth notes. The third staff begins with a half note followed by eighth notes.

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:

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.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn: 145 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

1. Jesus, Refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
 Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above,
 Oh, how oft Thine eyes, offended, Gaze upon the sinner's fall!
 Yet, upon the cross extended, Thou didst bear the pain of all.

2. Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,
 Though we see Thee wounded, bleeding, See Thy thorn-encircled brow?
 Yet Thy sinless death hath brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest;
 Only what Thy grace hath taught us Calms the sinner's stormy breast.

3. Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for Thee!
 May our eyes be ever turning To Thy cross of agony
 Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,
 Graven in our hearts forever Dwell the cross, the Crucified!



Scripture Treasure to Remember

Acts 3:19

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Monday - Board of Doctrine meeting at 1:00.

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 Nebo**: Where the LORD Shows the Promised Land."

Thursday - Shut-in visit with George 1:30

Friday - Shut-in visit with Rosemarie 11:00

Next Sunday - **Worship Service** at 10:00.

Sunday School and Bible Study at 11:15

CLC Call News

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church of Middleton, WI has decided to re-open its Christian day school for Fall 2023. They have called Mrs. Leah Ude of Eau Claire, WI as teacher.

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, Eau Claire, WI.

CLC Mission Prayer List

Myanmar (Southeast Asia) – For the past two years since the military coup d'état, Myanmar has been struggling under the harsh rule of the military Junta. This has brought much pain, suffering, economic hardship, and uncertainty. Our brothers and sisters in Christ of the CLC-Myanmar (CLCM) in rural Chin State are struggling to provide for their families. Recent reports indicate that more than two million people have been displaced since the military coup in February of 2021. The CLC Board of Missions recently authorized additional Kinship humanitarian funds to assist the leaders of the CLCM in providing for basic needs to the more than 400 families suffering. Pray for justice and peace for all the people of Myanmar. Pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Christ that the Lord will grant them strength, courage, and boldness during these difficult times and that He will provide for all their needs. Thank the Lord for moving the hearts of His children to give generously to the needs of others through their offerings to Kinship.

India (Southeast Asia) – The Martin Luther Bible School (MLBS) of the BELC in India conducted a graduation service for twenty-seven pastors on March 15th. These pastors have all successfully completed two years of Biblical training covering Lutheran Doctrine, Luther's Small Catechism, Bible Interpretation, Preaching Law and Gospel, Lutheran Worship, and Evangelism. These pastors

have now been assigned to BELC congregations. Their training will now transition from full-time classroom instruction to monthly pastoral training seminars as they continue to further their understanding of Scripture. Twenty-five students graduate from the MLBS every other year. Most of the MLBS students are married with children. Kinship sponsorship allows these men to continue supporting their families while at the seminary. Thank the Lord for these new pastors and ask the Lord to bless their preaching and teaching and their continuing education in God's word.

Togo (West Africa) – Pastor Kossi Blewu has been suffering from internal ulcers causing low blood pressure, weakness, and pain. He has recently been to hospital and has been told to get some much-needed rest along with medications. Pray for the Lord's blessings on the medical care Pastor Kossi is receiving and allow him to get the necessary rest for complete healing.