



**2nd Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2026**

St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Opening Prayer

O gracious Father, Your Apostle Peter tells us that it was you who “caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” We gather here today to worship and praise you for giving us New Life in Christ. Receive our worship and praise this morning and come to bless us and strengthen us in the faith that we may show forth the glory of your name in all we do, that many may be drawn to You and to know the truth of Your salvation. Amen.

Opening Hymn: 16 Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

1. Blessed Jesus, at Thy word
We are gathered all to hear Thee;
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear Thee,
By Thy teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love Thee solely.
2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Thy Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
Thou alone to God canst win us;
Thou must work all good within us.
3. Glorious Lord, Thyself impart,
Light of Light, from God proceeding;
Open Thou our ears and heart,
Help us by Thy Spirit's pleading;
Hear the cry Thy people raises,
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

4. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise to Thee and adoration!
Grant that we Thy Word may trust
And obtain true consolation
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing Thy praises yonder.

Invocation:

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

Confession of Sins:

P: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C: If we say we have fellowship with Him but walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

P: If we walk in the light as He is in the light,

C: We have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Therefore let us openly and honestly confess our sins to God.

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, has promised, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." We can be sure of it because Jesus Christ "is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world."

Therefore, I assure you that all your sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.

Response of Praise:

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 52:7-15 (On back)

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." 8 The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. 9 Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. 10 The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. 11 Depart, depart, go out from there; touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves, you who bear the vessels

of the Lord. 12 For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard. 13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. 14 As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—15 so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

Response of Praise:

P: Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your loving-kindnesses:

C: For they have been ever of old.

P: Let not my enemies triumph over me:

C: God of Israel, deliver us out of all our troubles.

P: Unto You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul:

C: O my God, I trust in You; let me not be ashamed.

P: Remember me, O Lord, with the favor that You bear unto Your people:

C: Oh, visit me with Your salvation.

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 2:10-15

10 For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. 11 For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, 12 saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.” 13 And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

(After the Reading sing:)



C: Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn: 245 God Loved the World So that He Gave

1. God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.
2. Christ Jesus is the Ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All that confide in Him alone
Are built on this chief Corner-stone.

3. God would not have the sinner die,
His Son with saving grace is nigh,
His Spirit in the Word doth teach
How man the blessed goal may reach.
4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which thou hast done;
Thou'rt justified by Jesus' blood,
Thy Baptism grants the highest good.
5. If thou be sick, if death draw near,
This truth thy troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death,
That is the firmest ground of faith.
6. Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

Sermon : Text: John 3:1-17

“3:1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” 3 Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” 9 Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” 10 Jesus

answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? 11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Theme:

Born Again!

1. 1. ITS NECESSITY, 2. ITS CAUSE, 3. ITS RESULT

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

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 6 new a right spir - it with - in me _____ Cast me not a -
 12 way from your pre - sence and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.

Re - store un - to me the joy of Your Sal - va - tion and up -
hold me with your spir - it free. Cre - ate in me a clean
heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Offerings for Christ's Church:

Sing while bringing up the offering) Melody of 568

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You,
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

Prayers of the Church:

Hymn: 752 Baptized in Water

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.

2. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
One with his rising, freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God's praise we sing.

3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:
Born of one Father, we are his children;
Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

The Sacrament of the Altar

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right to do so.

P: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Especially do we praise You that You sent Your only Son into the flesh, to reconcile us to You through His own suffering and death which has taken away all our sin, clothing us with His righteousness and giving us eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the saints on earth, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and



earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho -



san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly



blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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.

Words of Institution:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*

C: Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.
Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy up - on us. Lamb of God, You
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution:

P: Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This is the true blood of our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins.

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT *Nunc Dimittis*

C: 1
2

O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

THANKSGIVING

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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:

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

Closing Hymn: 767 Church of God, Elect and Glorious

1 Church of God, elect and glorious,
Holy nation, chosen race;
Called as God's own special people,
Royal priests and heirs of grace:
Know the purpose of your calling,
Show to all his mighty deeds;
Tell of love that knows no limits,
Grace that meets all human needs.

2 God has called you out of darkness
Into his most marv' lous light;
Brought his truth to life within you,
Turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you
That God's name is glorified;
And all find fresh hope and purpose
In Christ Jesus crucified.

3 Once you were an alien people,
Strangers to God's heart of love;
But he brought you home in mercy,
Citizens of heaven above.
Let his love flow out to others,
Let them feel a Father's care;
That they too may know his welcome
And his countless blessings share.

4 Church of God, elect and holy,
Be the people he intends;
Strong in faith and swift to answer
Each command your master sends:
Royal priests, fulfill your calling
Through your sacrifice and prayer;
Give your lives in joyful service
Sing his praise, his love declare.



Scripture Treasure to Remember:

1 Peter 1:23

“You have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Tuesday - Lenten Service at Orchard Valley at 6:30

“It is Finished!”

Strike the Shepherd and the Sheep Shall be Scattered!

Wednesday - Skype Bible Study with Kenneth Nyman 9:30

Midweek Bible Study at Orchard Valley at 2:00

Thursday - PCPC Study Club at 2:00.

Friday - Shut-in visit with George 1:30

Catechism Class at 5:00.

Next Sunday - Worship Service at 10:00.

Sunday School and Bible Study at 11:15

Praying for our Family

We pray for Helena’s daughter, Lorinda, who had a biopsy this past Wednesday. We pray that the Lord will grant favourable results from that and that



Spring forward in faith!
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and
join us on time for worship.

Spring Ahead

Next Sunday we change to Daylight Savings Time and set our clocks ahead one hour.

“The Lord God made to **Spring** up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food.”

Genesis 2:9

CLC Call News

Teacher Noah Ohlmann of Grace Lutheran School in Valentine, NE, has received the call to teach grades 3-4 and serve as associate principal at Messiah Lutheran School in Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Lutheran Church in Morris, MN, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion in Madison Heights, MI, has

received the call to Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Phoenix, AZ. In addition to the call to Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN.

Teacher Karen Swyter has resigned from Faith School, Markesan, WI.

Teacher Debra Mayhew has accepted the full-time call to teach grades 1-2 at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran School in Mankato, MN.

Pastor Emeritus Paul Nolting has accepted a one-year part-time call to teach religion at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran School in Mankato, MN.

Seminarian Sam Radermacher, has accepted the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran in Spokane, WA for the summer in conjunction with his vicarship under Pastor Wayne Eichstadt.

March Birthdays & Baptisms

Britt Edblad		10th
Guy Harding	22nd	
Mattea Johnston		22nd
Helena Born	26th	
Tyler Roos	30th	

ILC Tour Choir

The ILC Tour Choir begins their Spring concert tour to Colorado and Arizona on March 14th. We pray for their safe travels and God's blessings upon their message in song.

Redeemer congregation in Cheyenne, Wyoming will be hosting the choir on Sunday, March 15th at 7pm Mountain Time. They plan to live stream the concert on their Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/RedeemerCheyenne/>

Convention Delegates Wanted

Every congregation in the CLC is allowed and encouraged to send two delegates to the CLC Convention in Eau Claire, WI. All male voting members are eligible to serve as a delegate. Consider if you are able to serve your congregation and synod in this capacity. The Convention will be held from June 25-28, Thursday through Sunday.