

# *the* FIRST SUNDAY *in* LENT

February 18, 2018

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## WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS

We're glad you're here! All in attendance are asked to please complete the **CONNECT** card located in the pew rack and read the statement concerning the reception of the Lord's Supper found on the **WORSHIP** card. Feel free to ask an usher for help or directions.

Prayer cards and **CONNECT** cards will be picked up by the ushers during the sermon hymn.

## NURSERY

Our nursery is located right past the double doors in the preschool wing on the right, which is across the hall from the coat room (to your right as you exit the Sanctuary). The Sanctuary audio is provided in that room, so you won't miss a thing.

# ORDER of WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC “Man of Sorrows”

*Praise Team*

OPENING WELCOME *and* INVOCATION

**INVOCATION** *(Please stand)*

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy...name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE *of the* WORD

**RESPONSIVE PSALM READING**

*Psalm 25:1–10*

P To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C **O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**

P Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C **Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

P Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

C **Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

C **Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

P He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

C **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## KYRIE

Mark 10:47

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

## SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

P O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *(please be seated)*

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go

*Genesis 22:1–18*

over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac

his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>12</sup>He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day,

**EPISTLE**

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup>Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup>Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

**VERSE FOR LENT** (*please stand*)

**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in

“On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

<sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

*James 1:12–18*

<sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

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stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 1:9–15*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the

wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord:

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ**

## NICENE CREED

*(found on the inside back cover of the LSB)*

(9:00am) - **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** *(please be seated)*

*During the HYMN OF THE DAY, the ushers will collect the CONNECT cards and any PRAYER cards you desire to include in our prayers for today. Please use this time to complete these if you have not already done so.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “A Mighty Fortress”

*LSB 656*

## SERMON

### OFFERING

*Kay Kaepf*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(please stand)*

*After each petition of the prayer:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude...*

**P** All of these things, and whatever else Your wisdom knows us to need, grant to us, in Your bountiful love, for the sake of Him who triumphed over the foe and rose in victory, and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## SERVICE *of the* SACRAMENT

*We welcome to the table of the Lord’s Supper all those who believe and confess alongside this family the teachings of the Lutheran Church. For more on this, refer to the WORSHIP card, located in each pew rack.*

**PREFACE**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS**

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C **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.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

## THE PEACE OF THE LORD

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

P The table is prepared. Welcome to the table.

## AGNUS DEI

John 1:29



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

**DISTRIBUTION SONGS** (You may be seated, awaiting instruction from the ushers)

### Lamb of God

1. You came from heaven's throne  
Acquainted with our sorrow  
To trade the debt we owe  
Your suffering for our freedom

*Chorus:* The Lamb of God in my place  
Your blood poured out my sin erased  
It was my death You died I am raised to life  
Our praise be to the Lamb of God

2. My name upon Your heart  
My shame upon Your shoulders  
The power of sin undone  
The cross for my salvation *Chorus*

*Bridge:* There is no greater love  
There is no greater love  
The Savior lifted up  
There is no greater love *Repeat*

***At The Cross (Love Ran Red)***

1. **There's a place**  
**Where mercy reigns and never dies**  
**There's a place**  
**Where streams of grace flow deep and wide**  
**Where all the love I've ever found**  
**Comes like a flood comes flowing down**

*Chorus*     **At the cross at the cross**  
**I surrender my life**  
**I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You**  
**Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white**  
**I owe all to You I owe all to You (Jesus)**

2. **There's a place**  
**Where sin and shame are powerless**  
**Where my heart**  
**Has peace with God and forgiveness**  
**Where all the love I've ever found**  
**Comes like a flood comes flowing down**

*Bridge*     **Here my hope is found**  
**Here on holy ground**  
**Here I bow down here I bow down**  
**Here arms open wide**  
**Here You saved my life**  
**Here I bow down here I bow (down)**

"The Lamb"

*LSB 547*

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**CLOSING SONG:** "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"

*LSB 418*

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**SERVING in the LORD'S HOUSE**

**Pastor** Rev. Aaron B. Chittick

**Secretary** Renee Taden

**Administrative Assist.** Laura Oswood

**Organist** Kay Kaepf

**Preschool Teachers** Lisa Dove  
Courtney Eaton

**Praise Team** Lisa Dove  
Karin Kennedy

**Preschool Helper** Michele Broughman

**Sound** Chris Donbrock

**Banners** Cheryl Downs

**Altar Guild** Dusti Donbrock

**Today - February 18**

**Wednesday - Feb. 21**

**Next Week - February 25**

**Acolyte** Christopher Mobley

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Max Garn

**Assistant** Rick Taden

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Loren Green

**Reader** Donna Hines

Kay Guenther

Ed Lake

**Ushers** Merle Donbrock

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Ron Patch

Jason Moore

-

Ruth Patch

Kevin Luckert

-

Aaron Garn

Paul Meyer

-

Jimmy Powell

**Greeters** Jon & Jess Harfst

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Gary & Nancy Holbrook

**Cookies**

Supper @ 5:50pm

LWML: Alice Conrad

**Counters** Taden & Dayton

Moore & Burroughs

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Cancer patients:* Amy; Anne; Barb Brand; Rob Eickmann (Bob's son); Melvin Gallatin; Laura Graves; Victor H; Ed James; Lisa; Marialyce; MaryJane; Marilyn Meyer; Reese; Lori Hunker Ruhlig; Alan Walters; Rusty Zimmerman.

*Family & Friends:* Steve McNitt; Jerry Minnick; Chris Pavka; Doreen Robinson; Cheryl Rosch; Vienna; Carol Yearling.

*Shut-ins:* Linda Pawelczyk; Cheryl Rosch; Sally Uhrig; Carol Unroe; Carol Yearling.

*Those in military service:* Lance Bonkoske; Andrew Hatfield; Jeffrey Kaepf; Tristan Karl; Thomas Lenz; Nickole Loomis; Joe Meyer; Lisa Meyer; Devan Paugh; Ryan Schlueter; Chelsea Seegmiller; Heath Taner.

## ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

*Offerings*—Sunday 2/11-\$2,389 (Includes Direct Payment); Roof-\$10; Clarence Walters Memorial designated for Endowment Fund-\$50; Misc.-\$1; Total-\$2,450.

*Worshippers*— Sunday 2/11: 9am-67; 11:30am-16. Sunday School: Adults-29; kids-15.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are dedicated to the glory of God in celebration of Alice Conrad's birthday.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30am** *Grab a beverage and a cookie, and join us.*

### Sunday School

**Kids:** downstairs to the right - begins with music in the blue room, then break out into classes

**3yr-K** Donna Hines

**1st-3rd grade** Renee Taden

**4th-5th grade** Lupe Meyer

**Youth:** downstairs to the left - 6-8 grade in classroom #2;  
9-12 grade in Youth Room

**6th-8th grade** Kevin & Eileen Luckert

**9th-12th grade** Chris & Lisa Mobley

### Adult Sunday School

**Developing the Spiritual Life of**

**Children** Lisa Dove (a study for adults in a kid-safe environment)

- Movement Room

**Gospel of John** Pastor Aaron -

Fellowship Hall

## THIS WEEK *at* ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 2/18	9:00am	Worship
	10:30am	Sunday School Classes for All Ages
	11:30am	Worship
Monday 2/19	8:30am	Newsletter Deadline
	9:00am	Bylaws Revision Team Meeting
	6:30pm	Discipleship Team Meeting
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday 2/21	9:30am	Staff Meeting
	1:00pm	Quilting
	5:30pm	Mexican Supper
	6:30pm	Lent Worship - Fellowship Hall
Saturday 2/24	9:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday 2/25	9:00am	Worship - Baptism
	10:30am	Sunday School Classes for All Ages
	11:30am	Worship

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Please have all announcements to the office by 12noon, Wednesdays.*

**2018 Walk for Warmth** The 33rd annual Walk for Warmth is scheduled for Saturday, February 24, 2018. The Walk raises money for families who cannot afford to pay a winter heat bill and meet basic needs. The money raised goes directly to families in Branch County. *You can help by donating funds or supplies, sponsoring someone who is walking or collect sponsors for your own walk.* See the bulletin board for more info and sponsor sheets.

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** The Winter/Spring collection is getting close....Please have your valuable coupons turned in to the GATHERING STATION by Sunday February 18th. Thank you for your continued support of St. Paul Sunshine Kids Preschool.

**Volunteer Green Sheets** are in your mailboxes. Please return them no later than March 11 to the Ingathering Station or Laura's office. There are extra blank forms at the Ingathering Station.

**Save the date May 19<sup>th</sup>. @ 1:00 P.M. Ladies event** topic: "A Taste of Africa" with Missionary Tracy Bowers (Director of Outreach at Cornerstone Church) in Grand Rapids. She will be discussing her role as a missionary in Kenya and of her up and coming trip to Senegal. We will also be entertained and take part in a few African style dance moves by Aerobics/ Zumba instructor Erma Crammer. we are asking that children under the age of 10 years not attend this program this year. Thank you, The Fellowship Team.



### Dinner Wednesdays @ 5:30pm

Come have dinner with your church family. Free-will donations to help cover the costs are appreciated.

February 21 - Mexican

February 28 - Italian

March 7 - German

March 14 - Homemade Soup & Sandwiches

March 21 - Chili & Baked Potato Bar (by the Youth)

See the bulletin board to sign up to bring food and get some ideas on what to bring. Building will be unlocked at 4:30pm. Please have your food ready to serve at 5:30pm. Money to help cover the cost will be available from the church office.

### Worship Wednesdays @ 6:30pm Fellowship Hall

Pastor Aaron will lead us through a study and sermon series, "Return From Exile," as we prepare our hearts and minds for Holy Week and Easter. You'll get to choose all the hymns we sing.

### Seder Tasting Meal - Maundy Thursday March 29 @ 6:30pm

Experience with us a taste of the traditional Jewish ritual feast that marks the beginning of the Jewish holiday of Passover, performed by a community or by multiple generations of a family, involving a retelling of the story of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. Holy Communion will be included.

### Good Friday Worship March 29 @ 7:00pm