

Life Sunday
the FIFTH SUNDAY in LENT
March 18, 2018

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Divine Service
Setting Four

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 "Good, Good Father"

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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

SERVICE *of the* WORD

KYRIE

Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

P Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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)*

³¹“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I

EPISTLE

¹For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

HOLY GOSPEL

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”

³⁶And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and

Jeremiah 31:31–34

will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Hebrews 5:1–10

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Mark 10:35–45

one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” ³⁹And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the

baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise

authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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 “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

LSB 594

SERMON

OFFERING “How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”

Praise Team

1. **How deep the Father's love for us**

How vast beyond all measure

That He should give His only Son

To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss

The Father turns His face away

As wounds which mar the Chosen One

Bring many sons to glory

2. **Behold the Man upon a cross**

My sin upon His shoulders

Ashamed I hear my mocking voice

Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there

Until it was accomplished

His dying breath has brought me life

I know that it is finished

3. **I will not boast in anything**

No gifts no power no wisdom

But I will boast in Jesus Christ

His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward

I cannot give an answer

But this I know with all my heart

His wounds have paid my ransom

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please stand)*

After each petition of the prayer:

P Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

C Amen.

The prayers conclude...

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us. Your care for Your creation endures forever. Bless all godly vocations. Grant us good health. Provide gainful employment to all who are able to work, that they may provide for themselves and their families. Grant Your blessing on all who bring forth the bounty of Your creation for the good of others. Help us to be good stewards of all that You have given, that the abundance You give us may fulfill the prayers of those in need so that all may rejoice in Your good and gracious gifts; through 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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - 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!

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 Lord's table.

AGNUS DEI

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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

“How Many Kings”

- 1. Follow the star to a place unexpected.**
Would you believe after all we’ve projected, a child in a manger?
Lowly and small, the weakest of all,
Unlikeliest hero wrapped in His mother’s shawl – just a child.
Is this who we’ve waited for?

Chorus: Cause how many kings stepped down from their thrones?
 How many lords have abandoned their homes?
 How many greats have become the least for me?
 And how many gods have poured out their hearts,
 To romance a world that is torn all apart?
 How many fathers gave up their sons for me?

- 2. Bringing out gifts for the newborn Savior**
All that we have, whether costly or meek,
Because we believe.
Gold for His honor and frankincense for His pleasure
And myrrh for the cross he’ll suffer. Do you believe?
Is this who we’ve waited for? (*Chorus*)

Only one did that for me...

“Because He Lives”

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| 1. I believe in the Son | 2. I was dead in the grave |
| I believe in the Risen One | I was covered in sin and shame |
| I believe I overcome | I heard mercy call my name |
| By the power of His blood | He rolled the stone away |

Chorus

Amen amen
I’m alive I’m alive because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
(Because He lives)

Bridge

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives ev’ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life
My future in His hand

“Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart”

LSB 806

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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: "God Loves Me Dearly"

LSB 392

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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	Paul Dove
Altar Guild	Barb Vainner	Banners	Cheryl Downs
Open Building	Ron Patch		

	<u>Today - March 18</u>	<u>Wednesday - March 21</u>	<u>Next Week - March 25</u>
Acolyte	Tyler Scherer	-	Blake Schlueter
Assistant	Rick Taden	-	Loren Green
Reader	Lisa Dove	Alice Conrad	Sue Elkins
Ushers	Merle Donbrock Kevin Luckert Jason Moore Jimmy Powell	- - - -	Paul Meyer Larry Parks Jimmy Powell Aaron Garn
Greeters	Norma Meyer & Bonnie Polzin	-	Tim & Lupe Meyer
Cookies	LWML: Renee Taden	Supper @ 5:30pm	Suzanne Dayton
Counters	Osborn & Dayton	Moore & Burroughs	Moore & Burroughs

IN OUR PRAYERS

Cancer patients: Amy; Barb Brand; Rob Eickmann; Melvin Gallatin; Laura Graves; Victor H; Ed James; Marialyce; MaryJane; Reese; Alan Walters; Rusty Zimmerman.

Family & Friends: Anne; Rosemary Bartley; Don Bliven; Debbie Jenner; Mary; Doreen Robinson; Cheryl Rosch; Bill Tunison; Vienna; Marnie Wood; 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 3/11-\$3,003 (Includes Direct Payment); Roof-\$10; Memorial for Clarence Walters to Roof Fund-\$1,000; Total-\$4,013. Lent 3/7-\$155; Youth (supper)-\$86; Total-\$241.

Worshippers— Sunday 3/11: 9am-90. Sunday School: Adults-32; kids-14. Wednesday Worship 3/7: 6:30pm-54.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are dedicated to the glory of God for Feb. birthday - Jennifer - March birthday - Toni - God continue to bless them with health & wisdom to carry on daily.
~ Mark Dalchow

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

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

3yr-K Amey Scherer

4th-5th grade Lupe Meyer

1st-3rd grade Renee Taden

Youth

6th-8th grade Kevin & Eileen Luckert - classroom #2

9th-12th grade Chris & Lisa Mobley - Youth Room

Adults

Ephesians Lisa Dove (a study for adults in a kid-safe environment) - Movement Room

Gospel of John Pastor Aaron - Fellowship Hall

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

A Love Offering is gathered today for the Beginnings Care For Life Pregnancy Center. BCFL staff are in great need of funds for their Earning and Learning program. The Love Offering is in lieu of the annual Diaper/Bottle drive. Please consider donating. Checks can be made out to Beginnings Care For Life Center. See the March issue of "The Connection" for more info.

Spring Flower Sales Our youth will be taking orders for bedding plants and potted arrangements after services on March 11, 18, & 25.

Wednesday Supper & Worship This week, March 21, is our last Wednesday in Lent. Please join us for supper at 5:30pm and worship at 6:30pm. The Youth are making a Chili & Baked Potato Bar.

Deaf Interpretation There will be no deaf interpretation on Sunday, March 25 as Mary will be out of town.

Easter Egg Hunt Donations I'm looking for candy/small toy donations that I can use to fill the Easter eggs. I will collect all the donations on Sunday, March 25. If you have any questions, please contact me. ~ Jess Harfst, (269) 369-2329

Dinner Theater We are planning to attend dinner and a show called THE OLD RUGGED CROSS on Saturday, April 21st at Cornwell's Turkeyville. Join us as we gather at the "Old Rugged Cross" in the park, where people congregate and share stories of enlightenment. You will find Pastor Jim taking care of the small church at the park. A lonely farmer finds the perfect mate, a returning Vet finds new hope and an interesting family stumbles across the park looking for a concert. Everyone loves this place, it brings peace and gets you a little closer to the Holy Spirit. (Information provided by Turkeyville) We will carpool from church, leaving at 5:00 pm and returning about 10:30 pm. Cost: 12 to 19 people \$39 each; 20 or more \$37. Make checks payable to: St. Paul Lutheran Church and turn in to the office or Ruth Patch. Please **sign up** on the bulletin board in the Narthex by **March 28th**. **Payment** is also due by **March 28th**.

Easter Lilies If you wish to add to the Easter feeling of the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday, please bring Easter Lilies anytime after Good Friday worship. The building will be unlocked Saturday, March 31, 9-10am. If you want to keep your plant, please take it by April 8. Thank you.

Operation Christmas Child needs your help! We gather all year round to help fill our boxes for November. We need: toothbrushes, floss, pencils, crayons, small stuffed animals. Check the newsletter for more options. Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness. ~ Toni & Dusti

THIS WEEK *at* ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday 3/18	9:00am	Worship
	10:00am	Spring Flower sales
	10:30am	Sunday School Classes for All Ages
	11:30am	Worship
Monday 3/19	8:30am	“The Connection” Newsletter Deadline
	9:00am	Bylaws Revision Meeting
	6:30pm	Discipleship Team Meeting
	7:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday 3/21	9:30am	Staff Meeting
	1:00pm	Quilting
	5:30pm	Chili & Baked Potato Bar
	6:30pm	Lent Worship - Fellowship Hall
Thursday 3/22	9:00am	Host CAMA Meeting
Saturday 3/24	9:00am	Men’s Bible Study
Sunday 3/25	9:00am	Worship
	10:00am	Spring Flower sales
	10:30am	Sunday School Classes for All Ages
	11:30am	Worship

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HOLY WEEK



March 25

9:00 Worship - Children's Procession with Palms
11:30 Worship



March 29

6:30pm Seder Tasting Meal
with Holy Communion

GOOD
FRIDAY



March 30

7:00pm Worship

easter
SUNDAY



April 1

6:30am Worship
7:30am Easter Breakfast
9:00am Worship
10:30am Easter Egg Hunt (no Sunday School)
11:30am Worship