



**The First Sunday
In the Season of Lent**

Saturday at 6:30 PM
Sunday at 7:45 AM & 10:15 AM

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Invocation

Please Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The congregation sings: Today Your Mercy Calls Us | CW #916:1



1 To - day your mer - cy calls us to wash a - way our sin.



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, what - ev - er we have been,



how - ev - er long from mer - cy our hearts have turned a - way,



your pre - cious blood can wash us and make us clean to - day.

Confession and Absolution

When God's children rebel and wander from His ways, He desires that they return to Him for pardon and peace through His Son. The courts of heaven resound with joy when a single wayward child returns home.

There is rejoicing in the presence of angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Luke 15:10

Children of God, the time to turn to our Father for forgiveness is now. God made Christ our sin that we might become his righteousness. He implores us to be reconciled to him, promising:

In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.

2 Corinthians 5:21-6:2

The congregation sings: Today Your Mercy Calls Us | CW #916:3



3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us, his Ho - ly Spir - it waits;



his bless - ed an - gels gath - er a - round the heav'n - ly gates.



No ques - tion will be asked us how of - ten we have come;



al - though we oft have wan - dered, it is our Fa - ther's home.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The congregation sings: Today Your Mercy Calls Us | CW #916:2



2 To - day your gate is o - pen, and all who en - ter in



shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come and par - don for their sin.



The past shall be for - got - ten, a pres - ent joy be giv'n,



a fu - ture grace be prom - ised, a glo - rious crown in heav'n.

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when He said, "all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. and surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners Christ died for us. He took away our sins by giving His life on the cross. In Baptism, He clothes us with a robe of His righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall a baptism means for our daily lives:

Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drawn by daily sorrow and repentance, let all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. it also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and I've sinned against You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve Your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with His innocent suffering and death. Trusting in Him I pray: God have mercy on me, a Sinner.

God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat satan's power. his promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. your sins are forgiven. you are closed with Christ. you are at peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

The gospel according to St. Mark:

People were bringing little children to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And He took the children in His arms, placed His hands on them and blessed them.

_____, I baptize you in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and the heart + to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Almighty God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May He strengthened you with His grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Let us pray:

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that You have received _____ as Your own child and made him/her a member of Christ's body, the Church. Now we pray, grant to him/her and to all Your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into His death, we may also share in His resurrection, so that, with all Your Saints, we may inherit eternal life through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy (*Kyrie*)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For minds set on heavenly things, for hearts that long for heavenly glory, and for the will to bear our earthly crosses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the gifts of humility and repentance, for faith that finds security in Christ and does not use God's patience as an excuse for sin, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For perspective to see that, apart from Christ, gain is loss, and in Christ, loss is gain, and for the perseverance to press on and take hold of our heavenly prize, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

The congregation sings: Today Your Mercy Calls Us | CW #916:4

4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,

what should we do with - out you when heart and eye run o'er?

When all things seem a - gainst us, to drive us to de - spair,

we know one gate is o - pen, one ear will hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray:

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but He did not succumb to satan's lies or falter in His resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by His mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON:

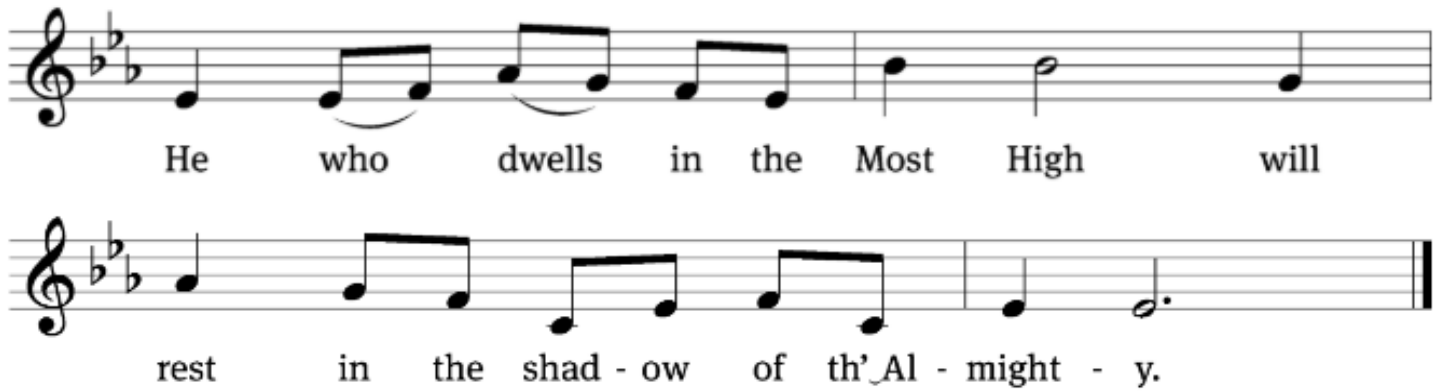
1 Samuel 17:4-11,32-40,45-49

⁴ A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. He was over nine feet tall. ⁵ He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; ⁶ on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. ⁷ His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him. ⁸ Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. ⁹ If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." ¹⁰ Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." ¹¹ On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified. ... ³² David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him." ³³ Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a boy, and he has been a fighting man from his youth." ³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷ The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you." ³⁸ Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. ³⁹ David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. "I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine. ... ⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands." ⁴⁸ As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. ⁴⁹ Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 91

Refrain



He who dwells in the Most High will
rest in the shadow of th'Al-might-y.

Tone



Surely he will save you from the / fowler's snare
and from the deadly / pestilence.

He will cover you with his / feathers,
and under his wings you will find / refuge.

You will not fear the ter- / ror of night,
nor the arrow that / flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the / darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at / midday. *Refrain*

If you say, "The LORD is my / refuge,"
and you make the Most High your / dwelling,
no harm will over- / take you,
no disaster will come / near your tent.

For he will command his angels con- / cerning you
to guard you in / all your ways;
they will lift you up / in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot a- / gainst a stone.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

SECOND LESSON:

Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

VERSE OF THE DAY

*Hymn 499 is based on the words of 1 John 3:8b the verse of the Day
"The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work."*

499 Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

CW 499 sts. 1, 4

1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, un - shak - en by the dev - il's
4 Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing, tram - pled Sa - tan,
seeth - ing rage, thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions,
death de - fied; bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,
wins the strife from age to age; con - quers sin and
on the wretch - ed tree he died. Yet to life was
death for - ev - er, slams them in their steel - y cage.
raised vic - to - rious, by his life our life sup - plied.

Text: Peter M. Prange, b. 1972

Tune: Carl F. Schalk, 1929-2021

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GOSPEL LESSON:**Luke 4:1-13**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert,² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'"⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.⁶ And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to."⁷ So if you worship me, it will all be yours."⁸ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here."¹⁰ For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully;¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" ¹² Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

HYMN**A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD | CW#863**



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y shield
 2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger to
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 ef - fect - ed; but for us fights the val - iant one
 de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 have for it; he's by our side up - on the plain



that has us now o'er - tak - en. The old
 whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,
 they shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's
 with his good gifts and Spir - it. And take



e - vil foe now means dead - ly woe;
 "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,
 prince may still scowl fierce as he will,
 they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife,



deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight;
 the al - might - y Lord, and there's no oth - er God;
 he can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
 though all may be gone, our vic - to - ry is won;



on earth is not his e - qual.
 he holds the field for - ev - er.
 one lit - tle word can fell him.
 the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

SERMON

after the sermon, please stand

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.

please be seated

THE GATHERING OF THE OFFERING

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made (1 Cor. 16:2).

The offering plates will be passed through the congregation. After collection, the ushers will take the offering plates to the front to present them at the altar of God. As the plates come forward, please stand and sing our offering hymn.



OFFERING HYMN

LORD, 'TIS NOT THAT I DID CHOOSE YOU | CW #581:1,3



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran
Growing Together By God's Grace

OFFERING HYMN**LORD, 'TIS NOT THAT I DID CHOOSE YOU | CW #581:1,3**

1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose you; that, I know, could
 3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion, praise the Fa - ther's



nev - er be, for this heart would still re - fuse you
 bound - less love. Praise the Lamb, our ex - pi - a - tion,



had your grace not cho - sen me. You re - moved the
 Priest and King en - throned a - bove. Praise the Spir - it



sin that stained me, cleans - ing me to be your own; for this
 of sal - va - tion, him by whom our spir - its live. Un - di -



pur - pose you or - dained me, that I live for you a - lone.
 vid - ed ad - o - ra - tion to the great Je - ho - vah give.

Text: Josiah Conder, 1789–1855, alt.

Tune: Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz, Basel, 1745

Text and tune: Public domain

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**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.

HYMN

JESUS, MY GREAT HIGH PRIEST | CW #538



1 Je - sus, my great High Priest, of - fered his blood and
 2 To Christ, my sub - sti - tute, will I com - mit my
 3 My ad - vo - cate ap - pears for my de - fense on
 4 Should all the hosts of death and pow'rs of hell un -



died; my guilt - y con - science seeks no sac - ri -
 cause; he an - swers and ful - fills his Fa - ther's
 high; a gra - cious Fa - ther hears and lays his
 known put their most dread - ful forms of rage and



fice be - side. His pow'r - ful blood did once a -
 bro - ken laws. Be - hold my soul at free - dom
 thun - der by. Not all that hell or sin can
 mis - chief on, I shall be safe, for Christ dis -



tone, and now it pleads be - fore the throne.
 set— my Je - sus paid the dread - ful debt!
 say shall turn his heart, his love, a - way.
 plays su - pe - rior pow'r and guard - ian grace.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: Roger R. Ross, 1817–1899

Text and tune: Public domain

PRAYER

SWEET THE MOMENT, RICH IN BLESSING | CW#400:4

The pastor will speak the words of the prayer

Lord, in loving contemplation fix our hearts and eyes on You till we taste Your full salvation and Your unveiled glory view; this we ask in Your name Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL | CW #850



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my
4 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll— what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re - sound, and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more: praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888, alt.

Tune: Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

Text and tune: Public domain



St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool has opened enrollment for returning students and membership in the month of March.
Spots fill rather quickly so reserve your seat soon.

Our Mission Statement:

The mission of St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool is to teach young children and their families about God's love and His plan for salvation, to guide them in applying their faith to life and sharing that faith with others, and to provide them with spiritual and educational support.

***2025-2026 3K/4K St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool
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Registration & Materials Fee: \$50.00 nonrefundable
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from 7:00am until 8:15am
from 3:30pm until 5:30pm

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LORD, HAVE MERCY

Join us on Wednesdays throughout Lent as well as on the weekend. This Lenten Season we prepare for the celebration of holy week and Easter with a review of the Commandments of our God.

*Missed one? Don't worry, you can join at any time in the season.
We will simply be happy to have you with us.*

- ~~March 5~~ Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion
The Lord's Lenten Love for Us Lenten Meal
Pastor Michael Kampman
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, North Fond du Lac
- March 12 For Demonstrating Irreverence and Despising Your Rest
The 2nd & 3rd Commandments Lenten Meal
Pastor Michael Kampman
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, North Fond du Lac
- March 19 For Treating Others Like Trash, Not Treasure
The 4th, 5th, & 6th Commandments
Pastor James Borgwardt
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac
- March 26 For Failing to Love with Integrity
The 7th, 8th, 9th, & 10th Commandments Lenten Meal
Pastor Elijah Ehlert
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, North Fond du Lac
- April 2 For Abusing Your Commandments
The Conclusion to the Commandments Lenten Meal
Pastor Rathje
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac
- April 9 For Our Incessant Idolatry
The 1st Commandment
Pastor Matthew Grunewald
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac