



Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 2023 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Beloved Jesus”

Johannes Brahms

The Ten Commandments *Please stand.*

The Lord is God, our God, and has brought us out of bondage to sin and death, commanding us to observe our conduct before him and our neighbor.

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

**²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.**

**³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.**

**⁴Honor your father
and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.**

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

**⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.**

**⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor’s house.**

**¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor’s.**

Confession and Absolution

Hymn: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:
Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:
And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,
we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,
O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy
on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9

¹Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

⁷Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes | to the hills;

from where is my | help to come?

²**My help comes | from the LORD,**
the maker of heav- | en and earth.

³He will not let your | foot be moved

and he who watches over you will not | fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, he who keeps watch | over Israel**
shall neither slum- | ber nor sleep;

⁵The LORD himself watches | over you;

the LORD is your shade at | your right hand,

⁶**So that the sun shall not strike | you by day,**
nor the | moon by night.

⁷The LORD shall preserve you | from all evil;
it is he who shall | keep you safe.

⁸**The LORD shall watch over your going out and
your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

Second Lesson: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring — not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations” — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The word of the Lord.

Offering

Anthem: “God So Loved the World”

Adult Choir

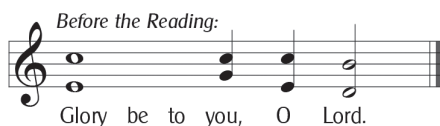
Please stand for the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

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The Gospel is written in the third chapter of John.



Gospel: John 3:1-17

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This 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.”

³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus 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?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

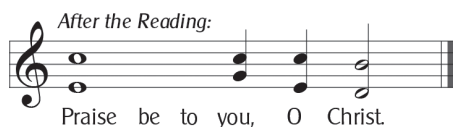
⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

⁸The 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.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?” ¹¹Truly, 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.

¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven,

the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles Creed

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We confess our faith with the Apostles Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father, the Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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.

Children's Chat

Sermon: “Different Values”

Hymn: “If You Will Trust in God to Guide You”

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Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer:

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Exhortation

Preface and Sanctus

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Leader *Congregation*



The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it.

Leader



Lift up your hearts.

Congregation



We lift them to the Lord.

Leader



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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.

The Lord's Prayer

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹**hallowed be thy name,**

²**thy kingdom come,**

³**thy will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴**Give us this day our daily bread;**

⁵**and forgive us our trespasses,**

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶**and lead us not into temptation,**

⁷**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, on the 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 for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,
grant us peace. A - - - - - men.

Distribution of Communion

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Remain seated after the distribution.

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,
ac- | cording to | your | word.
For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:
A light to | lighten the | Gentiles
and the | glory of your | people | Israel.
Glory | be to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and to the | Holy | Spirit,
As it | was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world without | end. | A- | men

Thanksgiving

Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Benedicamus

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Leader: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: Congregation:

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "The Glory of These Forty Days" Lyndell Leatherman

We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude, standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross, now at the rear of the sanctuary.

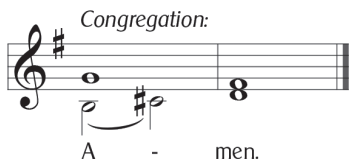
Benediction

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.



*The flower arrangement on the rail is given by
Joe Williams, Sheila Williams,
Mack Williams, and Brandon W. Vinson,
in memory of the March 1st birthday of Lorriane Williams.*

The **plastic, two-compartment Communion sets** we have been using since Covid are now gone. We will not be ordering more. Those who do not come to the altar rail for Holy Communion will be served in the pews. Pastor Ryman is excited for this further return to “the way things were.”

First Communion classes will be held the three Sundays preceeding Easter—March 19, 26, and April 2. Classes will be after worship service in Pastor Ryman’s office. Any parent who would like their child to have their first Communion on Easter Sunday should contact the church office and bring their child to *all three classes*.

Order form for **Sun Impatiens for Easter Sunday** is on the last page of the bulletin. Orders will be taken through March 26th. Donations in lieu of flowers will go to the Youth Fund in appreciation of their hard work in setting up, preparing, and serving Easter breakfast.

Sunday, March 5

- Breakfast before Sunday School, 8:30am
- Membership class (2nd of 3), in the chapel after worship
- Christian Education Committee, conference room, 2pm
- Men's Choir practice, 3pm
- Handbell practice, 4pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 5pm
- Vespers at the parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm are also live-streamed to our Facebook page.

Monday, March 6

- Faith Academy after school program, 1-3pm
- Hama Lingle Circle, 7pm

Tuesday, March 7

- Adult Confirmation class, 6pm
- Grace Ridenhour Circle, 6:30pm
- Girl Scouts, 7pm

Wednesday, March 8

- Classical Conversations homeschool, 8:30am-3:30pm
- Lenten Supper, 6pm
- Lenten Service, 7pm
- Choir practice will follow the worship service during Lent
- No Confirmation during Lent

Thursday, March 9

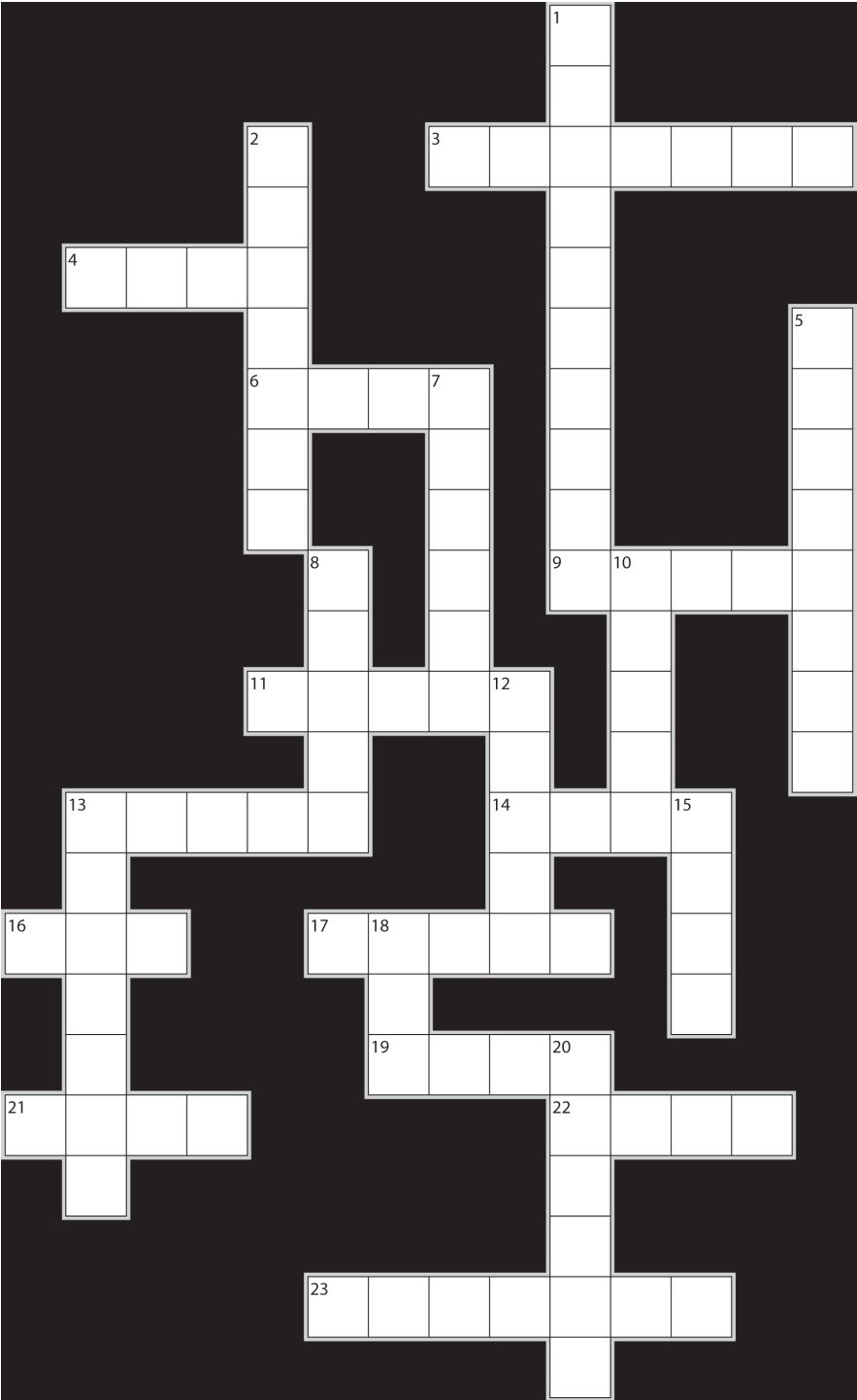
- Bible Study, 10am and 6pm

Saturday, March 11

- Cemetery Clean-up, 9am
- *Turn clocks forward an hour tonight before you sleep*

Sunday, March 12

- *Daylight Savings Time begins, 2am*
- Girl Scout Sunday
- Membership class (3rd of 3), in the chapel after worship
- Youth Bible study & music, 2:30pm
- Men's Choir practice, 3pm
- Handbell practice, 4pm
- Vespers at the parsonage—finger foods at 6pm; Vespers at 6:30pm are also live-streamed to our Facebook page.



Lent 2A

*Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons.
Using an ESV Bible will help.*

ACROSS

3. If you are not born again you cannot see this.
4. God promised Abram he would make this great.
6. You are blessed if these are covered.
9. Abram's wife
11. What is counted as righteousness?
13. The Lord is this for your right hand.
14. From whom did the psalmist's help come?
16. The Lord will keep this from striking Israel.
17. That which is born of flesh is...
19. Nicodemus said one cannot enter there a second time.
21. Abram pitched this between Bethel and Ai.
22. The Lord will keep you from this.
23. The Son of Man will be lifted up like Moses'...

DOWN

1. Who was in the land promised to Abram?
2. In Abram, all the families of the earth will be...
5. Nicodemus was one of these rulers.
7. You must be born of both water and...
8. The promise rests on this.
10. On the way to the Negeb, Abram built one of these.
12. Where did the psalmist lift his eyes?
13. The Lord does not sleep or...
15. God gives life to them.
18. The promise does not come through this.
20. What was Abraham's righteousness with God?

Unscramble the verse:

Mrbaa nejreyduo no siltl oggin ratdow eht ngeeb.

The cemetery will be “swept clean” on Saturday, March 11.

Please spread the word to those who may need this information. Everything will be discarded. Items/flowers may be returned after the clean-up.

Vacation Bible School June 23-25, 2023—This year’s theme is *water*—think Baptism, sprinklers, water slides, etc. Age groups are pre-school thru middle school. More details to come as plans are made. Please mark your calendars. Your kids are going to have a great time at the 2023 VBS.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (2/26)	\$8,975
Other Offering (2/26).....	\$712
Children’s Mission Offering so far	\$1,170.50
Sunday School Attendance (2/26).....	73
Worship Attendance (2/26).....	184
General Fund YTD Receipts as of (2/26)..	\$69,961
General Fund YTD Budget as of (2/26)	\$78,638

Special prayers for members and friends of St. Paul’s:

- Judy Bernhardt –Novant/Rowan Hospital; Health concerns
- Wilbur Canup – Upcoming surgery
- Sandy Corley – Recovering from surgery
- Terry Eller – Recovering from surgery
- Lola Floss – Health Concerns
- Linda Lyerly – Recovering from surgery
- Teresa Peeler – Recovering from surgery
- Stan McConnell – Health concerns
- Crystal Moore – Cancer (friend of Amy Barringer)
- Lynn Proice – Health concerns
(daughter of Betty and Don Camerlin)
- Dottie Stancil – Health concerns
- Amy Watson – Cancer (friend of Greg Wilhelm)
- Jane Wilhelm – Health concerns

Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs for members, homebound, family, and friends.

Sun Impatiens for Easter Sunday

Orders for Sun Impatiens will be accepted **through March 26th**. The cost is \$12 per plant. These will be placed around the altar for our Easter worship service on April 9th. Please return the completed form with your payment no later than March 26th.

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given By: _____

Total number of Impatiens _____ Total purchase \$ _____

(please do not tear this form)

In lieu of flowers—If you wish to honor or remember a loved one without purchasing a flower, please complete the information below and return the form with your donation of any amount. Funds in lieu of flowers will go to St. Paul's Youth for providing, preparing, and serving our Easter breakfast.

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Total given in lieu of a flower: \$ _____

Make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Orders may be placed in the offering plate, or turned in to the church office.

You may take your flowers with you after the 10:30am Easter worship service on April 9.



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95:1-9; Romans 5:1-8; John 4:5-30, 39-42

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