

God will provide.



First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2024 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

Michael Burkhardt

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

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Hymn: "My Faith Looks up to Thee"

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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: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit

Holy God, through the covenant of baptism you give us new life by the word of truth. Sustain us by your Holy Spirit, strengthen us in times of temptation, and protect us from all evil—through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

A - men.

Please be seated.

First Lesson: Genesis 22:1-18

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He 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." ³So 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. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And 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. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So, they went both of them together.

⁹When 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. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²He 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."

¹³And 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. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." ¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said,

“By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,¹⁷I 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,¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God,
I put my | trust in you;

let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies
triumph | over me.

²**Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes.**

³Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths.

⁴**Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you
have I trusted all | the day long.**

⁵Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.

⁶**Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your love and for the
sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.**

⁷Gracious and upright | is the LORD;
therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.

⁸**He guides the humble in | doing right
and teaches his way | to the lowly.**

⁹All the paths of the LORD are | love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his | testimonies.

¹⁰**For your name's | sake, O LORD,
forgive my sin, for | it is great.**

Second Lesson: James 1:12-18

¹²Blessed 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. ¹³Let 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. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. ¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every 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. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

The word of the Lord.

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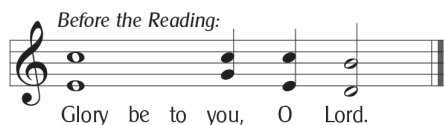
Anthem: “O Lord Throughout These Forty Days” Adult Choir

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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The Holy Gospel is written in the first chapter of Mark.



Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." ¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

¹³And 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. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles Creed

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**I believe in God, the Father 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

Children's Chat

Sermon: "The Faith of Abraham"

Hymn: "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

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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

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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.



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, everlasting God—through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit upon the chosen disciples as he had promised, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:



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

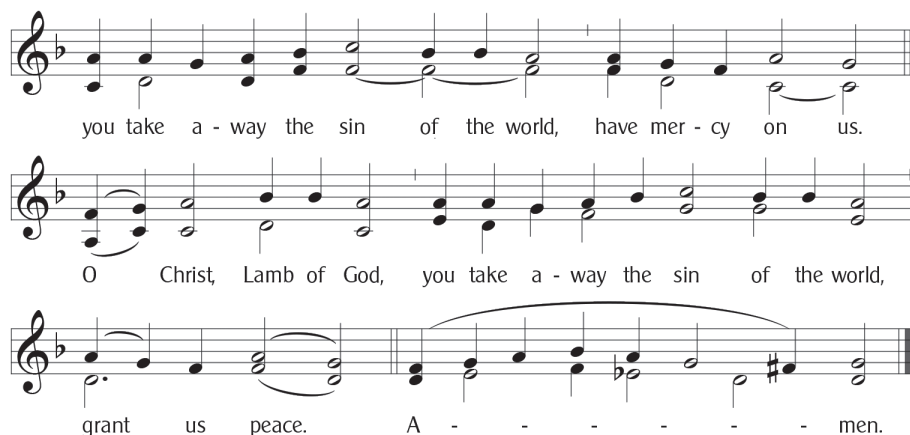
Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

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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Distribution of Communion

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If you need a gluten-free wafer, please hold up your index finger in front of you as the server approaches you at the rail.

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

Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Nunc Dimittus

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**Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,
ac- | cording to | your | word.**

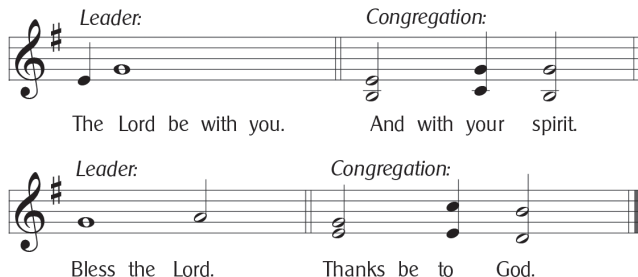
**For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:
A light to | lighten the | Gentiles
and the | glory of your | people | Israel.**

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

Benedicamus

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Leader: Congregation:



The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

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.

Congregation:



A - men.

*We extend our love and sympathy to Gina Wilhelm on the death of her
 sister, Monica Willis Eaton, who died February 14, 2024.
 Please keep Gina and her family in your prayers.*

Lenten Suppers and Services

Lenten Suppers are on Wednesdays, beginning February 21st, going through March 27th. The suppers are at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall, each followed by a Lenten service at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. The services will last about 30 minutes.

Maundy Thursday service is at 7:00pm, March 28th. Good Friday service is the next day at 7:00pm, with no meals on Thursday or Friday—services only.

Historically and traditionally, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday have been days of fasting for all Christians. Because of the latter, many have practiced fasting on each Friday in Lent.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Meals

Suppers during Lent will be provided by the following groups:

February 21

Hama Lingle Circle—soup and grilled cheese sandwiches

February 28

Kathy Ketchie & Grace Ridenhour Circles—soup and salad

March 6

Bonnie Bost Circle—soup and sandwiches

March 13

Friendship Club—soup and pimento cheese sandwiches

March 20

Youth & Family Committee—soup and sandwiches

March 27

Bible Study Classes—soup and sandwiches

Special thanks to all the groups who have volunteered their time to prepare meals for our Wednesday suppers during Lent.

Our thanks to Helen Gordon for organizing the meals.

Recent Prayer Needs

- Carolyn Canup – health concerns
- Larry Clark – health concerns
- Carolyn Cress – health concerns
- Mary Lee Earnhardt – recovering from surgery
- Stacy Gainey – health concerns
- Emerson Holder – health concerns
- Becky Lyerly – health concerns
- James Lyerly – health concerns
- Jane Wilhelm – recovering from a fall

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

Blood Drive

The February blood drive at our church only produced 21 units of blood. Only 31 donors registered to donate and ten of those were deferred. Thanks to all who did come to try to donate.

Kitchen Refrigerator Use

If you use the kitchen, **please do not leave food** from your event in the kitchen refrigerator. Please remove items that do not require refrigeration (bottled water, soft drinks, etc.) so there's room for the next group using the kitchen.

If food items need to be stored for more than a day before or after your event, please use the refrigerators in the picnic shelter.

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (2/11).....	\$5,652
Other Offering (2/11)	\$2,181
Sunday School Attendance (2/11)	62
Worship Attendance (2/11)	164

Children's mission change collections for the first quarter of 2024 will go to the Department of Lutheran Studies at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte.

Last Sunday: \$113 First quarter so far: \$874

Sunday, February 18

- Autumn Care worship service, 2pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell practice, 5pm
- Vespers at the parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

Monday, February 19

- Newsletter articles due this week
- Council meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, February 20

- Bible study class, 10am and 6pm
- Staff meeting, 5pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:45pm

Wednesday, February 21

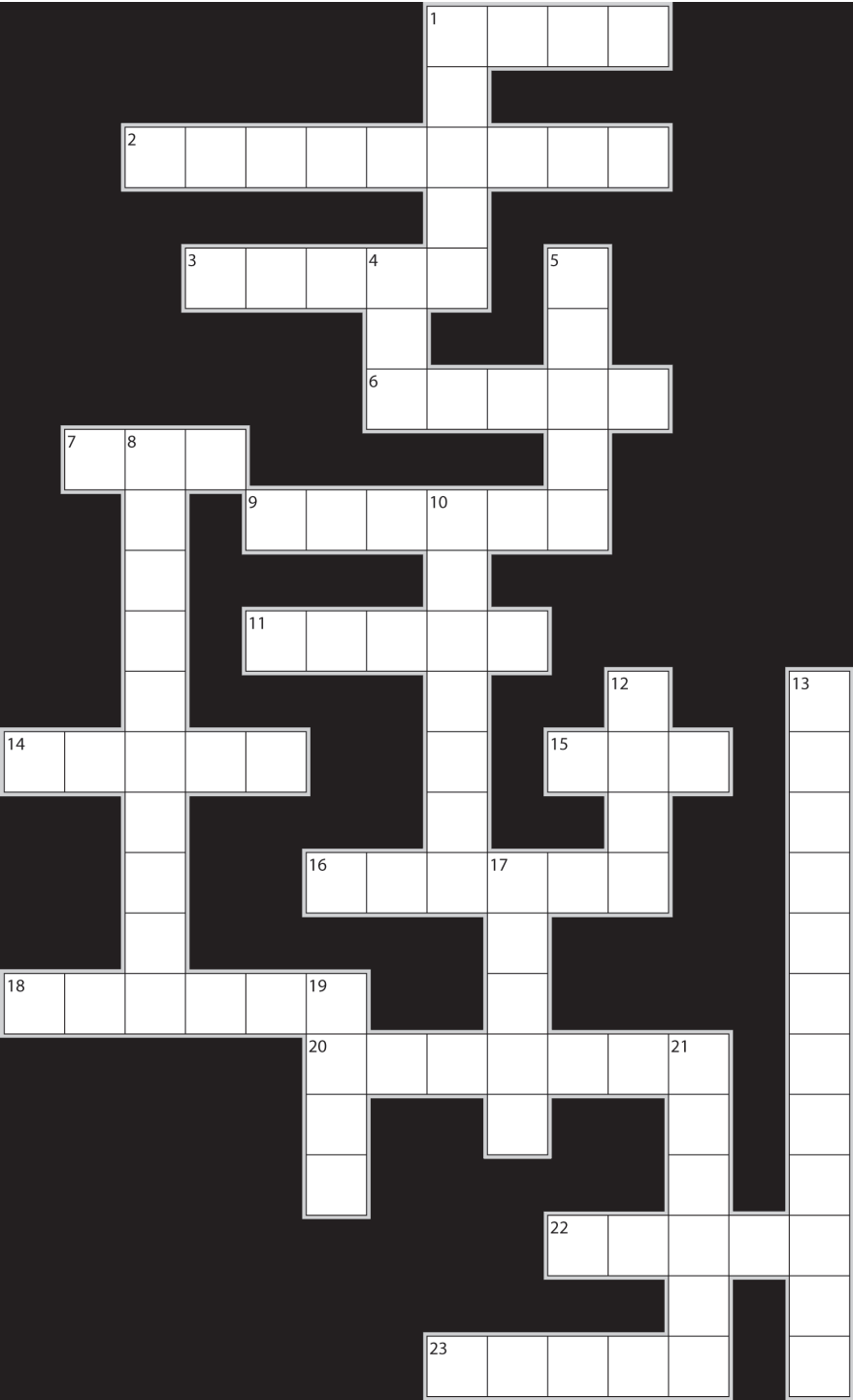
- Autumn Care chapel service, 2pm
- Lenten meal, 6pm
- Lenten service, 7pm
- Adult Choir practice, 7:30pm

Sunday, February 25

- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell practice, 5pm
- Vespers at the parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

Cruise 'n Barbeque

Planning for St. Paul's Cruise 'n Barbecue is well underway. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help. If you have not yet joined in, there's still a place for you. Just call, text, or email Tim Deal (timdeal@bellsouth.net or 704-239-1172) to let us know you're available. It's going to be an extra special day, and we want you to be a part of making it happen!



First Sunday in Lent

Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons.

It may help with the Psalm if you use the English Standard Version instead of the old Psalter in the bulletin.

ACROSS

1. To you, O Lord, I lift up my...
2. You are the God of my...
3. Those who remain steadfast under trial will receive one of these.
6. Remember not the sins of my...
7. How many young men (besides his son) did Abraham take with him?
9. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of...
11. Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under...
14. The number of days Jesus was tested in the wilderness
15. Desire can give birth to this.
16. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own...
18. Repent and believe this.
20. Who did God test?
22. Abraham obeyed God's...
23. Of his own will, God creates believers by the word of...

DOWN

1. He tempted Jesus in the wilderness.
4. The Lord instructs sinners in the...
5. Teach me your...
8. After Jesus' baptism, the Spirit drove Jesus there.
10. When Jesus was baptized, these were torn open.
12. It is fulfilled.
13. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and...
17. Abraham's son
19. Abraham told his son that God would provide one of these for the offering.
21. God told Abraham to go to this land with his son.



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 5:1-11; Mark 8:27-38

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