

## Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

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### BELL CALL TO WORSHIP

### WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

#437

### INVOCATION

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

### KYRIE

“Lord, Have Mercy”

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (ESV)

*The LORD makes a covenant with Abram and his wife, Sarai. They would receive new names and become the founders of a new and holy nation - the people of Israel.*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSIVE INTROIT

Psalm 115

L: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your | steadfast love,\* for they have been | from of old.

**C: You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD!\* He is their help | and their shield.**

L: The LORD has remembered us; he will | bless us;\* he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of | Aaron;

**C: he will bless those who | fear the LORD,\* both the small | and the great.**

L: We will | bless the LORD\* from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

**All: 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.**

L: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your | steadfast love,\* for they have been | from of old.

### EPISTLE READING

Romans 5:1-11 (ESV)

*Paul reminds us that, through the blood of Christ, we have been reconciled to God and have peace with Him forever. So even in our suffering, we have reason to rejoice.*

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die-- but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### ST PAUL 3RD & 4TH GRADES VIDEO

“Follow the Son”

### LENTEN VERSE

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**GOSPEL READING****Mark 8:27-38 (ESV)**

*Though Peter confesses Jesus to be the Christ, he and the other disciples still do not understand that the Christ came to give up his life so that we might be saved.*

L: The Holy Gospel according to St Mark the eighth chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**APOSTLES' CREED****CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****Brittany Fulcer****HYMN OF THE DAY****"The God of Abraham Praise"****#798****SERMON****OFFERING****OFFERTORY****"What Shall I Render to the Lord"****LSB pg 159****PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH****LORD'S PRAYER****BENEDICTION****CLOSING HYMN****"When Peace Like a River"****#763****ANNOUNCEMENTS**

† St. Paul Visitation Ministry †

Duane Barth Don Butzke Linda Ehlers Paul Heidorn Norma Ehlers Christine Erks Jim Klepper  
 Rosemary Matlock Elsie Pirrie Alretta Klepper LaVerne Rohren \*Bill West  
 \*Marilyn Ziemke Delores Nordmeyer Ardith Stuhr \*denotes nonmember

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Rev Mike Neidow, Rev Ben Kaiser, Emmanuel Lutheran Church &amp; School, York

Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

**St Paul Visitation Ministry****For Our Congregation and Community:****Grayson Gierhan (son of Braylon & Sammy) hospitalized in Omaha****Jackie Corner will be having surgery Thursday March 4th**

**Dealing with an illness: Andrea Swanson Kuester, Jenni Conell, Shelley Scheele, Stephen Ramsey, Derek Glassman, Christal Fehlhafer, Shirley Utter, Roger Rhodes, Aaron DeWaard, Paula Huebschman (Jamie Ramsey's mother), Mitch Peeks, Hawley Family Bill Chessar (brother of Teresa Rathjen), Sheila Franks, Dick Greenwood, Linda Ehlers, Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother), Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law), Mya Noreen (Great Grand Daughter of Darlene Link)**

**Recovering from surgery:** Jeff Wellman, Collin Sansom, Duane Barth, Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer)

**Declining Health: Norma Ehlers**

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***In Response to God's Love***

February 21: Total Attendance: 141 Sunday School:24

**VOLUNTEERS:**

**TODAY(02-28-21) Acolyte:** Jake Fehlhafer **Lay Reader:** Jamie Kovac **Organist:** Carol Erks

**THIS WEEK**

SUNDAY (02-28)	9:00 AM	Worship online and in person
	10:30 AM	Bible Study online and in person Sunday School in person
	10:30 AM	St Paul School Pulled Pork Carry Out Dinner
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Group
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group
MONDAY (03-01)	8:45 AM	Orphan Grain Train
	1:00 PM	Bible Study
TUESDAY (03-02)	-----	
WEDNESDAY (03-03)	8:20 AM	Chapel 7th & 8th Grades
	3:45 PM	Midweek Class
	7:00 PM	Lent Worship Service
THURSDAY (03-04)	-----	
FRIDAY (03-05)	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
SATURDAY (03-06)	-----	
SUNDAY (03-07)	9:00 AM	Worship w/Communion online and in person
	10:30 AM	Bible Study online and in person/Sunday School in person
	6:00 PM	Junior High Youth Group
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Group

As of 02-17-21	Amount received 02-14-21	Needed each week	Received YTD 2021	YTD Amount needed to cover 2021 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$9,201.00		\$89,759.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$0.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$3,851.00		
<b>Total</b>	\$9,201.00	\$15,661.00	\$93,610.00	\$107,468.00	-\$13,858.00
Building Fund	\$200.00		\$250.00	Bldg Fund**	\$47,117.00
Teacherage Fund	\$0.00		\$175.00	Teacherage Fund	\$75.00
Restricted Funds (other than bldg)	\$309.00		\$1,042.00		
Mekasha Mission (9/20-8/21) 5k goal	\$200.00	\$87.00	\$2,565.00	\$2,308.00	\$257.00

Current Operating Note: \$0.00 (debt limit is \$90,000) \*\*Insurance Proceeds Received

**St. Paul Lutheran School Parent's Association**

***Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Potato Chips Soft-serve Vanilla Ice Cream***

***Today Sunday, February 28 10:30 -1:00 St. Paul Lutheran School, Utica***

***Carryout or Drive Thru – ONLY***

***Drive thru will be located on the south side of the school***

***Free Will Donation***

***Proceeds go toward school improvement and student betterment projects***

***St. Paul Lutheran School (Utica) will have Kindergarten Round-Up on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.*** Children who are or will be 5 years old before July 31, 2021, are eligible to attend. You are also invited to attend our school chapel at 8:35. There will be special activities for the children, while the parents will have an opportunity to receive information about our program and address any questions or concerns. Letters of invitation have been sent to those names we currently have on our list. If you did not receive an invitation, or if you know someone who might be interested in this Christ-centered educational opportunity, please call the school at 534-2121 or Mrs. Luebbe's cell at 641-9383.

**Lenten Devotion Booklets Available** These booklets are short daily devotions for your family to use Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday. They are based around our worship theme, "Return to the Lord" (Joel 2:13), and are available at the Welcome Center.

**Lutheran Basics Class** Pastor Dunbar is teaching a six-week class on Lutheran teaching (based on the Small Catechism) started on Sunday, February 21st. This class is open to anyone interested in church membership or as a refresher course for current members. We will meet in the choir room (next to the sanctuary) during the Sunday School hour.

**NEW Women's Bible Study Group**

Here is an opportunity for women in our congregation to have a midweek refocus on their faith during this season of Lent. Started Ash Wednesday (2/17) a group will be meeting in the fellowship hall every Wednesday 6:00-7:00pm. No homework or prep necessary! Just come and enjoy the blessing of Christian fellowship and time in God's Word. If you have any questions, please contact Lana Hoffschneider.

**Main Street Living offers special Palm Sunday programming** Main Street Living will be airing an actual tour of the Holy Land on Palm Sunday. The tour visits sites in the Holy Land that are significant in the life and ministry Jesus Christ. This tour will be an hour long program and will replace both the "This is the Life" segment and the worship service. It is the hope of Main Street Living that this tour will bring everyone a new understanding of Jesus and where He taught. Come and see the sights on The Eternal Rock Tour - Palm Sunday March 28, 2021. From His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, Mount of Olives, betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane, Via Dolorosa, Crucifixion, to His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. This tour will also be accessed through the MSL web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).