

Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

Divine Setting One pg. 151 in the hymnal

WELCOME / BELL CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

#915

INVOCATION

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

KYRIE

“Lord, Have Mercy”

COLLECT OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 33:7-20 (ESV)

Ezekiel was called by God to be a watchman over Israel. He announces that God will have mercy on all who turn from their sins in true repentance. God does not desire the death of anyone.

"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. "And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? "And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live. "Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by this. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ST PAUL K-8

“We Are The Followers”

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (ESV)

Paul warns us to heed the lesson of the ancient Israelites. Many who escaped Egypt later fell to temptation. When we are tempted to sin, we should look to God for strength and help.

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

LENTEN VERSE

"Return to the Lord, Your God"

LSB pg 157

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:1-9 (ESV)

Jesus confronts the false idea that those who suffer are worse sinners than those who don't. God calls all people to bear the spiritual fruit of repentance by turning back to Him in faith.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St Luke the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jody Wiemer

HYMN OF THE DAY

"As Surely as I Live," God Said"

#614 vs1-4

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"What Shall I Render to the Lord"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

PREFACE

SANCTUS

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#628 *"Your Table I Approach"*

#611 *"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"*

#560 *"Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"*

#566 *"By Grace I'm Saved"*

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev Charles Ramsey & Peace Lutheran Church, Waco

Rev Eddie Mekasha, missionary to Sudanese and Ethiopian Immigrants

For Our Congregation and Community:

**Family of Pam Fielder passed away Monday March 14
(mother of Melissa Grantski and sister of Gary Ehlers)**

Dealing with an illness: Terry Colburn,
Barb Woelfel (friend of Sheri Hahn),
Stan Schleuter, Craig Rooker,
Larry Wilkin (brother in law of Linda Luebbe),
Carol Wolter (mother of Kara Hawley),
Marci Fehlhafer, Jeannie Koski, Joan Naber, Dick Rhodes,
Pauline Bulgrin, Bil Rodgers, Artie Rutledge,
Kelly Hesper (friend of Cristy Richters), Taida Grantski, Jenni Conell, Shelley Scheele,
Roger Rhodes, Mitch Peeks, Dick Greenwood,
Carole Stern (Heather Wellman's mother),
Shelley Neemeyer (Sheri Hahn's sister-in-law),

Recovering from surgery: Tammy Matlock,
Caroline Heidorn, Colleen Clausen, Lois Richters, Denni Conell

Declining Health: Wilmer Ritterling, Pastor Gudgel,
Anna (Friend of DuAnne Deremer)

St. Paul News ***March 20, 2022***

***St. Paul Lutheran Church: 1100 D Street, Utica, Nebraska 402-534-2200;
School:402-534-2121***

Pastor: Rev. Jon Dunbar; 402-641-4813

Visitation Pastor: Rev. Terry Groth; 402-641-0991

Principal: Mr. Bob Brauer; 402-534-3406

DCE: Brittany Fulcer; 414-292-8069

In Response to God's Love

March 13: Inperson Attendance:179 Visitors: 5 Online: 65 Sunday School: 19

VOLUNTEERS:

Today:3-20-22 Acolyte: Abbie Saunders Lay Reader: Colleen Classen

Organist: Dylan Teut

Next Week: 03-27-22 Acolyte: Riley Ziegler Lay Reader: Jeremy Gumaer

Organist: Contemporary Choir

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (3-20)	9:00 AM	Worship w/Communion
	10:30 AM	Bible Study/Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Fun Day
	6:00 PM	5-8 Youth Ministry
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Ministry
MONDAY (3-21)	9:30 AM	Bible Study
TUESDAY (3-22)	8:00 PM	LLL Meeting
WEDNESDAY (3-23)	8:45 AM	Orphan Grain Train
	3:45 PM	Midweek Class
	5:30 PM	Lenten Meal NYG
	7:00 PM	Lenten Worship Service
	8:00 PM	Contemporary Choir Practice
THURSDAY (3-24)	-----	
FRIDAY (3-25)	6:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
	5:30 PM	Confirmation Retreat
SATURDAY (3-26)	-----	Confirmation Retreat
SUNDAY (3-27)	9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship
	10:30 AM	Bible Study/ Sunday School/ LBC
	6:00 PM	5-8 Youth Ministry
	7:30 PM	Senior High Youth Ministry

As of 3-15-22	Amount received 3-3-22 & 3-6-22	Needed each week to	Received YTD 2022	YTD Amount needed to cover 2022 budget	Difference
General Fund	\$19,930.00		\$105,530.00		
Thrivent Choice	\$0.00		\$2,094.00		
School Tuition	\$0.00		\$6,515.00		
Total	\$19,930.00 Week over/ (under)	\$17,059.0 0 \$2,871.00	\$114,139.00	\$159,736.00	-\$45,597.00
Building Fund	\$0.00		\$115.00	Bldg Fund	\$110,969.00
Teacherage Fund	\$0.00		\$250.00	Teacherage Fund	\$1,225.00

Mekasha Mission (604-888) 51	\$30.00	\$90.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,596.00	\$154.00
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Current Operating Note: \$0.00 (debt limit is \$90,000)

2022 Membership Directories will be printed in the near future. If you have an updated phone number or mailing address please notify the church office.

Brass players for Easter Services needed. Please contact Donneta Schmieding.

Fish Fry, Friday, March 25, at St. Patrick's Hall, Utica, from 5 to 7:30 or until gone. Adults and children to age 7--\$12. Children 6 and under—Free. Cod, cheesy potatoes, cole slaw, rye bread, desserts. And beverages. Proceeds will go towards church renovations.

SUNDAY NIGHT FUND RAISER Utica Senior Center, Sunday, March 27 from 5:30 to 7 or until gone. Free Will Offering. Proceeds will go toward a new outside sign for the Center. Hamburgers, beans, potato salad, ice cream, toppings, desserts, and beverages.



Our National Youth Gathering Youth will be selling delicious Butter Braid frozen pastries just in time for Easter company and brunches! There will be a table in the Narthex after service March 20th and 27th and youth in our community will be taking orders around town.

New Book Study started March 4th***A new book study started Friday, March 4th at 10:00 to discuss, "Mama Bear Apologetics: Empowering Your Kids to Challenge Cultural Lies" by Hillary Morgan Ferrer. The title is available on Amazon and Christianbook.com.**

You're Invited to a Lutheran Basics Class On Sunday mornings after worship, began March 6, Pastor Dunbar will teach a 6-week Lutheran Basics class. We will meet in the choir room on the north side of the sanctuary. This class is for anyone wishing to become a member of St. Paul's, those wanting to learn more about Lutheran beliefs, or just looking for a refresher course on Luther's Small Catechism. Bibles and catechisms will be provided for those who don't have them. Please pass this info along to anyone who might be interested.

Easter Lily Memorial In celebration of our Lord's Resurrection, all are welcome to provide an Easter Lily to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. Lilies should be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall on Good Friday. If you would like your Easter lily to be given in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office with the name of the person(s) you would like to have remembered in a special Easter bulletin insert. All donated lilies may be taken home following the Easter Festival service. Thanks, Pastor

Help Needed

- Someone to help OJ Utter in editing the worship service videos so they can be posted online in a more consistent manner.
- 3 to 6 volunteers for the media booth. Can be anyone from 7th grade up to 100 years of young age.

If you are supporting St Paul using a QCD(Qualified Charity Distribution) we can use your help to properly record your donations. A QCD comes directly from a retirement account to St Paul. When those funds are received by St. Paul from the financial institution they are often not labeled with the donor information. When you make QCD to St. Paul please notify the church office of your gift.



Our Ladies Aid greeting card tables will have a few Easter cards this year and also graduation cards. But there will be no confirmation cards. There are several stores where you may purchase them other than Hallmark. Dollar General and others have nice cards. Just want to warn you to shop for them early.

Thrivent Financial Members have until March 31st to designate their choice dollars for 2021. You can go online or call 1-800-847-4836 to choose what charity you want your dollars to go to. Any questions call Jamie Kovac 402-534-2056.

Mrs. Luce has completed 25 years in the teaching ministry! On Sunday, April 3 we will have a special celebration to thank her being such a wonderful and loving teacher, friend, and faithful servant of the Lord. This "Thank You" will include recognition at our Sunday worship, a lunch following Sunday school, and a card shower. The Board of Education will provide the roast beef for the lunch, and the school and congregation families are asked to please provide a salad and/or dessert. Please send or drop off your cards of thanks on or before April 3. Mark the date, and join us in celebrating this milestone in Mrs. Luce's ministry.