

The Season of Lent



8:00am & 10:30am Service

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Four

THE PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear" LSB 908

INVOCATION LSB 203

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION LSB 203

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.
Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Lamb of God"

KYRIE LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

LSB 205

Heb. 12:2

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*
 the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
 who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,*
 and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

THE EPISTLE FOR THE DAY:

Romans 10:8b-13

⁸“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 4:1-13

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." ⁴And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" ⁵And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸And Jesus answered him, "It is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'" ⁹And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' ¹¹and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" ¹²And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

LSB 206

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "O Christ, You Walked the Road" LSB 424

THE SERMON "The human temptations of the Son of God" Text: Luke 4:1-13

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH LSB 207

OFFERING LSB 207

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P 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 and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 208

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 209

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken in unison)*

LSB 209

- C** **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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LSB 209

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI LSB 210

C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “My Song Is Love Unknown” LSB 430

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Not All the Blood of Beasts” LSB 431

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: NUNC DIMITTIS LSB 211

C O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT LSB 212

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

“Glory Be to Jesus”

LSB 433 sts. 1-2

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME TO St. Paul’s Lutheran Church: We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you have not already done so, we ask that you would sign the guest book at the entrance to the church. If you do not have a church home and are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, or if you are interested in becoming a member here at St. Paul’s, please contact the church office.

The Sacrament of the Altar: In bread and wine of the Lord’s Supper, our Lord Jesus comes to us in His true Body & Blood. In this Holy Meal, one receives full forgiveness and perfect unity with each other. Scripture requires that each communicant first examine himself/herself regarding confession of sin, trust in Jesus for salvation, belief in the Real Presence, and the desire to grow in grace. We believe that Communion is a time when believers of like mind come close to the Lord and to one another. We do practice ‘close’ Communion, which means that all communicants believe as we do, and graciously receive this gift. If you are supportive of these beliefs, we welcome you to the Lord’s Supper. If, however, at this point you are unsure or question whether your beliefs differ from those of our church, we ask that you use the communion time to meditate and pray. For these reasons, it’s best for our new (first time) guests/visitors to talk briefly before the service with the pastor or an elder. A cup with white grape juice is located in the center of the communion tray for those who are allergic to alcohol. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Please note: The names listed below will remain on our public prayer list for two weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise. Thank you.

We pray for ... Lawrence Kumm (father of Cliff Kumm)

In the wisdom of Almighty God June Martin was delivered from this veil of tears to the nearer presence of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Continuing Prayers ... Elaine Girl (sister of Jane Oletjen), Mel Girl (brother-in-law of Jane Oeltjen), and Ann Kelley

Please call 402-228-1540 by Thursday if you have a petition to be included in the prayers.

In His Service

Preacher: Rev. Charles Schmidt

Organist: Vivian Zimmerman

8:00 am Service

Acolytes: Josiah Wallman, Samuel Wallman, Shelbi Ankersen

Elders: David Trout, Vaughn Wright

Greeters: Dorothy Daubendiek, Ruth Poppe

Ushers: Jeff Junker, LaVerne Malchow, Roger Mohling, Dave Taylor

10:30 am Service

Acolytes: Connor Kelley, Natalie Klaus, Natasha Martin

Elders: Eric Klaus, Duane Daubendiek

Greeters: Dale & Rhonda Rickers

Ushers: Ron Buss, Duane Delozier, Lonnie Duensing, Wayne Schulz

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Myron Lohse to the glory of God in memory of Marvin & Anita Lohse. Anita's Birthday would have been March 13.

Today's bulletin is sponsored by the Family of Glen Spilker to the glory of God in honor of his 90th Birthday, which was March 3.

DOOR COLLECTION: Sunday, March 10 a door collection will be taken for Josh & Ciera Lerma and their children Chloe, Syjlas, and Maddix. On Tuesday, February 26 they suffered a house fire. Their home and all their personal possessions were a total loss. Checks can be made out to St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Lerma Fire in the memo line. In addition to the door collection if you would like to donate household items, clothing toys, a meal, etc., they can be dropped off at 1715 Northridge Road in Beatrice. You may also contact Ciera on her cell phone at 402-230-0654. Clothing sizes for the family are girl size 7, boy size 6/7, boy size 2-3T, mom size M/L, and dad pant XL shirt 2XL. They also have an account set up at Pinnacle Bank-Ciera Lerma.

BUSY BAGS for your child to use and return are available in the Narthex of the church. If you need assistance, please ask an usher or greeter.

VISITATION PASTOR: Rev. Timothy Brisbois serves St. Paul's as our visitation pastor. Pastor Brisbois does not have church office hours. Anyone needing / wishing to visit personally with Pastor Brisbois or have him visit you, please contact the church office. Pastor Brisbois can also be reached at 402-806-1822 or by email at trbrisbois@gmail.com.

CHURCH SERVICES: We will be having church service in the school gym at 10:30 AM on April 7. This service will be in place of the 10:30am service at church. A shortened Sunday School and Adult Bible Class time will still be held on this Sunday in the church basement.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Would you like to have a new type of devotion each day? Here are two that you can listen to or read from your computer or smartphone. Each are 4 to 5 minutes in length. The first one is from Lutheran Ministries and the website is www.lhm.org. The second one is by Rev. Ken Klaus former Lutheran Hour speaker and the website is www.thesaviorsstory.com. For each of these you go to the website and click on the daily devotion line. Enjoy.

COFFEE CREW: Share your smile and great cooking by being part of the Coffee Crew! Evangelism is looking for people to serve coffee hour between services. Evangelism will provide the coffee and supplies; you provide the treats and a smile. If you have questions, please see a member of the board. There is a sign-up sheet next to the window in the basement. Thank you for your help!

DONATE YOUR CHANGE: Would you like to be able to support our school while doing shopping? Click on the link below to learn how change from your everyday purchases can make a huge impact for our school. www.stpaulbeatrice.donateyourchange.com Any questions contact the school or church office.

OFFERING CAMPAIGN: We are beginning a new special offering campaign, “*Back in the Black for our new Pastor*”. We will incur additional expenses when we are blessed with our new Pastor, including expenses for when he comes to visit, moving expenses, possible parsonage update, etc. You are encouraged to contribute to this special fund. You may put “Back in the Black” or “Special Offering” on the memo line. Thank You!!!

SUNMART RECEIPTS: SunMart cash register receipts update: our current total is \$ 27,823.68. Thanks to all your help we made our goal of \$150,000.00 and have received a check for \$1,000.00. Our school also collects Box Tops and Best Choice UPCs so please remember to save those too and drop them off at the school or church office.

Summerfield Breakfast Buffet sponsored by the **First Lutheran Church (Summerfield, Kansas)** will be held on **Sunday, March 17th** at the Border Bar and Grill from **9:00 AM – 12:30 PM** – Free Will Donation. Serving Homemade Sausage Gravy & Biscuits, Pancakes, Sausage Patties, Cheesy Potatoes, Scrambled Eggs, Made to Order Eggs, Homemade Pastries, Coffee and Juice

THANK YOU: A heartfelt thank you for the tremendous support we had for the Soup Luncheon last Sunday! It was a huge success! We truly appreciate your prayers, support, and generosity. Olivia Aden, Shelbi Ankerson, Logan Glynn, Alex Holle, Billy Kelley, Connor Kelley, Faith Kelley, Mel Philippi-Aden, and Carla Loemker.

Attention Thrivent members: All 2018 Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31, 2019. You may do this on-line. If you need help, Carla Loemker is willing to help you. Her number is 402-520-0015. You may also do it on the phone. Here are the directions for doing it that way: 1. Call 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say “Thrivent Choice.” 2. Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars or 2 to hear Thrivent Choice Dollars® program Terms and Conditions. (If prompted, say or enter your phone number and date of birth.) 3. A representative will work with you to direct Choice dollars. Please consider supporting our church and school when directing your Dollars.

LWML MEMBERS: All LWML members are invited to attend the Assembly of Leaders Training hosted by St. Paul’s, Beatrice on March 31st 1:00-4:00pm in the church basement. Please RSVP to Kelly in the church office by Monday, March 18th. Hope to see you all there. If you would like more information on this event contact Kelly Mees or another LWML board member.

SPECIAL VOTERS’ MEETING Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 1:30pm in the church basement. This special meeting has been called to extend a call to our next pastor. Continue to pray for the Lord’s blessings on our congregation as we await a faithful shepherd to guide the flock of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church.

SECOND QUARTER VOTERS’ MEETING will be Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 1:30pm in the church basement.

Financial Update as of March 1, 2019	
Current Checkbook balance as of 3/1/19	\$11,761.57
February Health & Pension unpaid	(\$16,074.72)
February Unpaid Bills	(\$12,336.96)
March Utility Bills Auto Deducted (approx..)	(\$3,500.00)
Payroll due 3/1/19	(\$5,478.83)
Line of Credit available	\$7,500.00
Contributions needed to pay expenses	\$18,128.94



Every Wednesday during Lent

4:30pm Lenten Service

5:00pm Lenten Supper

Meals are served by various boards of the congregation

7:00pm Lenten Service

*Come for dinner and enjoy fellowship
with other congregation members!*

All are welcome, and a freewill donation is appreciated (but not required) to benefit our various organizations and missions.



LILIES FOR EASTER SEASON 2019

During the 2019 Easter Season, we will again decorate our church with lilies. The price is \$16.00 per plant. If you would like to purchase a lily, please fill out the section below and return it to the church office or in the offering plate by Monday, April 1st with your money. The plants may be picked up following the second service on Sunday, April 21, 2019. Lilies may be designated in memory or in honor of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special occasion, etc. If you would like to participate in this special display on behalf of yourself or your family, feel free to do so.

Given by _____

In Memory of _____

In Recognition of _____

In Thanksgiving for _____

I will order _____ lily(s) at \$16.00 each. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Our Weekly Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Birthdays:

10	Amy Duever	Steven Schmidt		Kevin Weishahn
	Brenda McConnell	Norbert Sohl	15	Michael Duever
	Larry Smith	13		Brian Walters
11	Xavier Smith	14		Teresa Brethouwer
12	Elta Lewien			

Anniversaries:

- 11 Eric & Anna Bledsaw, 19 yrs.
- 15 Kevin & Shirley Petersen, 33 yrs.

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Attendance & Contributions		
8:00 AM Service	48	\$1,911.00
10:30 AM Service at School	230	\$8,139.00
Monday Evening Service	12	\$1,825.00
4:30 PM Lenten Service	78	\$1,627.00
7:00 PM Lenten Service	52	\$2,595.00
Coins for Christ (Loose Coins)		Lutheran Family Services--\$30.79
Back in the Black Campaign		\$5,820.95

The Lord's Week

Today	8:00	Divine Service
	9:15	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
	10:30	Divine Service
Monday	7:00	Weekday Holy Communion Service
Tuesday	12:00	Ladies Quilting
	6:30	Church Council
Wednesday	8:20	School Chapel
	2:30	Catechism Class
	4:30	Lenten Service
	5:00	Lenten Meal
	7:00	Lenten Service
Thursday	12:00	Ladies Quilting
	2:00	Lydia/Mary Circle
	7:00	Choir Practice
Friday	8:00	Men's Bible Study Breakfast in church basement
Saturday	10:00	Altar Guild
Sunday	8:00	Divine Service
	9:15	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
	10:30	Divine Service

Church office hours are 9:00am-3:00pm, Monday thru Friday
The office may be closed on occasion, so please call ahead.

Pastor Stuckwisch will be in the church office on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Anyone needing / wishing to visit personally with Pastor Stuckwisch, please contact the church office. Pastor Stuckwisch can also be reached at 402-230-0698.