



OUR GREATEST NEEDS

A CHAMPION FOR THE DEFEATED

First Sunday in Lent

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH | Bangor, WI

February 26, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we welcome you to St. Paul's. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news of God's forgiveness through Jesus.

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

Jesus, I couldn't defeat Satan. I constantly fall for his temptations. I give in to sin's delusions. I stand defeated in my guilt and shame. Thank you for coming to this earth and being exactly what I greatly needed: a champion. Build my appreciation of your every victory over Satan and sin for me. Strengthen me in your Word and promises that I can live in the freedom you won on my behalf. In your name I pray with confidence. Amen.

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Children's activity sheets are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. The church basement is also available with a live feed of the worship service along with a Kids' Corner for parents with children to utilize during the service if needed.

THANK OFFERING

You may leave your offering in the plate in the lobby. The QR code to the right will provide the link to our online giving option. If you're visiting with us today you are welcome to give an offering, but don't feel compelled by guilt or embarrassment to do so. God wants all offerings to be made freely and with joy.



SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Service of the Word offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

OPENING HYMN

All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall | 378



1 All man - kind fell in Ad - am's fall;
2 Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps
3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone,
4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came
5 As by one man all man - kind fell



One com - mon sin in - fects us all.
And us in dread - ful bond - age keeps;
Flow thoughts and deeds of sin a - lone;
To bear our sin and woe and shame,
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,



From one to all the curse de - scends,
In guilt we draw our in - fant breath
God's im - age lost, the dark - ened soul
To be our life, our light, our way,
So by one Man, who took our place,



And o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.
And reap its fruits of woe and death.
Nor seeks nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.
Our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.
We all were jus - ti - fied by grace.

6 We thank you, Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs;
This grace our ev'ry way attend
Until we reach our journey's end.

please stand

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord ✝ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

ABSOLUTION

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

Prayer and Praise

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

(short musical intro)

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody is simple, with the lyrics 'A - men.' written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:1-15

¹Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Has God really said, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, ³but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, 'You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.' "

⁴The serpent said to the woman, "You certainly will not die. ⁵In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists. ⁸They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹The LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

¹⁰The man said, "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself."

¹¹God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?"

¹²The man said, "The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

¹³The LORD God said to the woman, "What have you done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent:

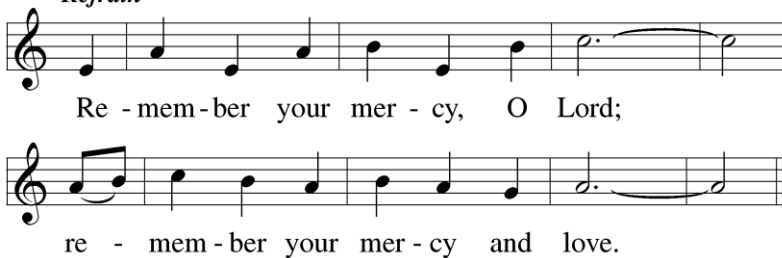
Because you have done this,
you are cursed more than all the livestock,
and more than every wild animal.
You shall crawl on your belly,
and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put hostility between you and the woman,
and between your seed and her seed.
He will crush your head,
and you will crush his heel.

PSALM OF THE DAY (8:00 am)

Psalm 130, p.114

Refrain



Psalm tone



Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;*
O Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive*
to my cry for mercy.

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins,*
O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness;*
therefore you are feared.

Refrain

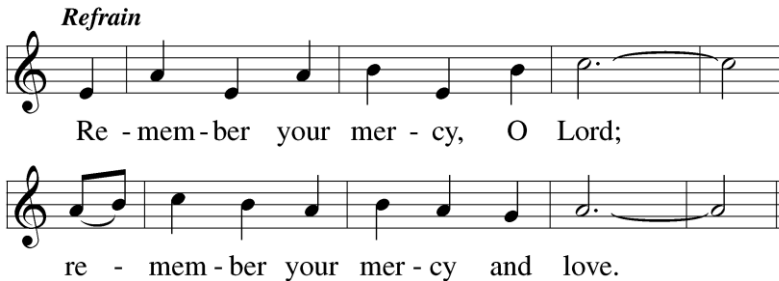
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I wait for the LORD and in his Word I put my hope.*
 My soul waits for the Lord more than
 watchmen wait for the morning.

O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,*
 for with the LORD is unfailing love
 and with him is full redemption.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
 and to the Holy Spirit,
 as it was in the beginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**



GRADES 3-8 CHOIR (10:00 am)

A Purple Robe

SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:12-19

¹²So then, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, so also death spread to all people because all sinned. ¹³For even before the law was given, sin was in the world. Now, sin is not charged to one's account if there is no law, ¹⁴and yet death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those whose sin was not like the transgression of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the gracious gift is not like Adam's trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of this one man, it is even more certain that God's grace, and the gift given by the grace of the one man Jesus Christ, overflowed to the many!

¹⁶And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin, for the judgment that followed the one trespass resulted in a verdict of condemnation, but the gracious gift that followed many trespasses resulted in a verdict of justification.

¹⁷Indeed, if by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through the one man, it is even more certain that those who receive the overflowing grace of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ!

¹⁸So then, just as one trespass led to a verdict of condemnation for all people, so also one righteous verdict led to life-giving justification for all people. ¹⁹For just as through the disobedience of one man the many became sinners, so also through the obedience of one man the many will become righteous.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 4:10b

It is written: "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."

(short musical intro)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

please stand

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

¹On Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. ²After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The Tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread."

⁴But Jesus answered, "It is written:

Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God."

⁵Then the Devil took him into the holy city. He placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶and he said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you.
And they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again, it is written:

You shall not test the Lord your God."

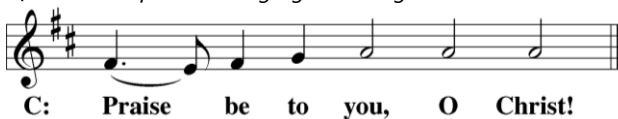
⁸Again the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹He said to him, "I will give you all of these things, if you will bow down and worship me."

¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Go away, Satan! For it is written:

Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."

¹¹Then the Devil left him, and just then angels came and served him.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children who are in grade four and younger may come forward and sit on the front step for the children's devotion. Older children, parents, or other family members may come forward to encourage the younger children's participation.



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y



shield and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry
 loss ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant
 to de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no
 thanks have for it; He's by our side up - on the



need That has us now o'er - tak - en. The
 one Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You
 ill; They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This
 plain With his good gifts and Spir - it. And



old e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;
 ask, "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,
 world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
 do what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in
 The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is



fight; On earth is not his e - qual.
 God; He holds the field for - ev - er.
 done! One lit - tle word can fell him.
 won; The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Why Did God Send Jesus?

because we all _____

because we _____

because God _____

because he _____

please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come 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.**

be seated

Thanksgiving

OFFERING

"I know, my God, that you test the heart, and you take pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things. Now with joy I see your people, who are present here to bring the offering freely to you" (1 Chronicles 29:17).

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord Jesus, you are the author and perfecter of our faith. Obeying your Father's will, you endured the cross and scorned its shame.

C: Now you sit at the right hand of the throne of God, governing all things.

M: Lord, we confess that it was for us and our salvation that you came to this world to suffer and die. You bore our guilt. You endured our punishment. You experienced the wrath of God in our place.

C: For your unselfish sacrifice on our behalf, help us show our gratitude to you in everything we think, say, and do.

M: As we walk through life, keep us from becoming entangled by sin. Remove all obstacles and stumbling blocks, and keep us from falling or going astray. Help us run with perseverance the race that you have marked out for us. When that way involves pain, suffering, or persecution,

C: help us view these things as evidence of your loving discipline intended to draw us every closer to you.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Hold before us the example of those who have gone before, bearing the cross for you.

C: As you led them, so lead us. As you strengthened them, so strengthen us.

M: Keep our eyes fixed on you, for then we shall surely arrive safely at the heavenly home you have prepared for us.

C: Hear us for your mercy's sake. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN

The Tree of Life | 754



1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry
2 The still - ness of that sa - cred
3 What mer - cy that God showed to our
4 Now from that tree of Je - sus'



good In E - den's ho - ly or - chard
grove Was bro - ken as the ser - pent
race, A plan of res - cue by his
shame Flows life e - ter - nal in his



stood, And of its fruit so pure and
strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -
grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's
name; For all who trust and will be -



sweet God let the man and wom - an
guile And Ad - am to by sin de -
seed, The One to fill our great - est
lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re -



eat. Yet in this gar - den al - so
file. Oh, day of sad - ness when the
need— For on a tree up - lift - ed
ceive. And of this fruit so pure and



grew An - oth - er tree, of which they
breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and
high His on - ly Son for sin would
sweet The Lord in - vites the world to



knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -
death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -
die, Would drink the cup of scorn and
eat, To find with - in this cross of



dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.
played With - in the world so new - ly made.
dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!
wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

please stand

PRAYER

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



be seated



CLOSING HYMN

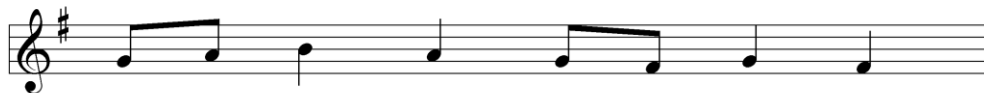
Jesus, Lead Us On | 422



1 Je - sus, lead us on Till our rest is won;
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
3 When we seek re - lief From a long - felt grief,
4 Je - sus, still lead on Till our rest is won.



And al - though the way be cheer - less,
Let not faith - less fears o'er - take us;
When temp - ta - tions come al - lur - ing,
Heav'n - ly Lead - er, still di - rect us;



We will fol - low, calm and fear - less.
Let not faith and hope for - sake us,
Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us



Guide us by your hand To our fa - ther - land.
For through man - y a woe To our home we go.
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

Pastor Brock Groth

Accompanist

Irene Bakken

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIDWEEK...STUDY

Our midweek study is *How to Study the Bible*. This study is a tool to help Christians meditate on God's Word. In this meditation is defined as a combination of Bible study and prayer. The class members are taught to use Luther's four strands and are given an opportunity to develop their own personal Bible reading plans.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES CONTINUE

Our Wednesday Lenten services continue this week at 7:00 pm. The overall theme for the 2023 Lenten services is "His Final Steps." The series ponders the significance of the people and places on Jesus' resolute final steps to the cross and three days later, his first steps from the tomb.



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church's 2022 Annual Report has been prepared and printed for you. You can find copies in the narthex. God be praised for another year of gospel ministry in his grace!

NEW CHRISTIAN WORSHIP HYMNAL

The Council would like to thank the New Hymnal Committee for their year and a half of diligent, thoughtful and thorough analysis in coming up with a recommendation concerning our synod's new Christian Worship hymnal. This hymnal was released at the end of 2021. The Committee consisted of Pastor Groth, Brian Berg, Harriet Langrehr, Mark Larson, Brad Gollnik, Penny Adickes and Sam Lindemann.

Based upon that committee's recommendation, the council has approved proceeding with the purchase of new hymnals. Implementation will be gradual, and the introduction will start this September. Some people like to purchase their own hymnals for home. While the congregation will be providing all hymnals necessary for worship, if you or anyone you know wish to purchase a hymnal yourself, please notify Pastor Groth, and we will order the hymnal for you. The total cost for the new hymnals and all supporting materials will be approximately \$9,000. Currently we have about \$225 in the New Hymnal Fund, and the Ladies Aid has expressed an interest in contributing to the cost. In the past, memorials and special donations have covered much of the hymnal cost. We anticipate this will again be the case, and any special donations or memorials designated to the new hymnals will be appreciated.

HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONS FROM MLC

To assist you in your Holy Week observance this year, Martin Luther College is once again providing a set of devotions as a gift to you: *7 + 1 Words from the Heart of God*. In these devotions, you'll ponder Christ's seven words from the cross—plus an additional Easter word. As Jesus suffers, what are his thoughts bent toward? What is he most concerned about? What is he personally experiencing? His own words give us a glimpse into the heart of the omnipotent God himself, who somehow feels sorrow and suffering as he defeats sorrow and suffering. Some of Jesus' words are somber. Some are sublime. Others signify victory. And all of them matter. You can read these devotions online or request them to be sent to your personal email on a daily basis, Palm Sunday to Easter, April 2-9. In the email, you'll receive the written devotion and the link to the author's audio recording. <https://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/>

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES?

If you notice that your name or the name of a family member is not being mentioned for birthday and anniversary prayers on Sunday, it means we don't have them in our church management system. Feel free to email the dates to Pastor Groth (pastor@stpaulsbangor.com) or to our church secretary, Shelly Lafky (churchoffice@stpaulsbangor.com). Also, fear not! We do technically pray "for all those with..." birthdays and anniversaries, and the Lord knows. :)

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you'd like to contribute flowers for the church altar for worship services, there's a signup in the lobby on the bulletin board. Also, if you'd like to have the reason/memorial for the flowers in the New and Announcements, send Pastor Groth an email and he'll make sure to include it.

OFFERING SUMMARY (includes online and memorials to Gen Fund)

2022 Weekly Budget: \$11,203.00 Budget to Date: \$78,421.00

Received Last Week: \$12,359.61 Rec'd to Date: \$54,172.61

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

8:00 am: 173 Live Stream Peak: 19 10:00 am: 50 Total: 242

Sunday Bible Study: 38 Sunday School: 10 Tues./Wed. Bible Study: 16

Ash Wednesday Service: 40 Live Stream: 27 Total: 67

CALENDAR

TODAY

8:00 am	Worship
9:10 am	Sunday School
9:15 am	Bible Study
10:00 am	Worship

MONDAY

6:00 pm	Bible Basics Class
7:00 pm	Choir Practice

TUESDAY

7:00 pm	Bible Study
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WEDNESDAY

9:00 am	Bible Study (same as Tues.)
7:00 pm	Lenten Service

NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 am	Worship with Communion
9:10 am	Sunday School
9:15 am	Bible Study
10:00 am	Worship with Communion

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