



**A Lent Series**

First Sunday in Lent  
*One Stands; Everyone Else Sits*

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | *Jordan, Minnesota*

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*March 9, 2025*

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God's holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

## **TODAY'S THEME**

Normally in a family everyone must do their part... pitch in... pull their weight. In God's family, he assigns and accepts the work of one on behalf of all. In God's house, God's Son – our brother, Jesus – stands alone on the field of battle against our enemies in our place. He fights vicariously. He fights victoriously. This week we see one man, Jesus Christ, stand against Satan. We simply sit and watch with eyes full of wonder and repentant faith. Because Christ fought that battle as one of us, he won that battle for all of us. The door to heaven stands wide open for those who believe in him.

**Pastor**.....Jeremy Glowicki

**Organist**.....Noah Helke

## 538 Jesus, My Great High Priest

Soloist on vss. 1,4

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

When God's children rebel and wander from his ways, he desires that they return to him for pardon and peace through his Son. The courts of heaven resound with joy when a single wayward child returns home.

**There is rejoicing in the presence of angels of God over one sinner who repents.** *Luke 15:10*

Children of God, the time to turn to our Father for forgiveness is now. God made Christ our sin that we might become his righteousness. He implores us to be reconciled to him, promising:

**In the time of my favor I heard you,  
and in the day of salvation I helped you.** *2 Corinthians 5:21-6:2*

*The congregation sings:*

## 916 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

CW 916 st. 3

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us, his Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
his bless - ed an - gels gath - er a - round the heav'n - ly gates.

No ques - tion will be asked us how of - ten we have come;  
al - though we oft have wan - dered, it is our Fa - ther's home.

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Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The congregation sings:*

## 916 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

CW 916 st. 2

2 To - day your gate is o - pen, and all who en - ter in



shall find a Fa-ther's wel - come and par - don for their sin.  
 The past shall be for - got - ten, a pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
 a fu - ture grace be prom - ised, a glo - rious crown in heav'n.

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## Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For minds set on heavenly things, for hearts that long for heavenly glory, and for the will to bear our earthly crosses, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the gifts of humility and repentance, for faith that finds security in Christ and does not use God's patience as an excuse for sin, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For perspective to see that, apart from Christ, gain is loss, and in Christ, loss is gain, and for the perseverance to press on and take hold of our heavenly prize, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

*The congregation sings:*

## 916 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

CW 916 st. 4

4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,  
what should we do with - out you when heart and eye run o'er?  
When all things seem a - gainst us, to drive us to de - spair,  
we know one gate is o - pen, one ear will hear our prayer.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Today Your Mercy Calls Us'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '4' indicating the time signature. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

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## The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading

1 Samuel 17:4–11,32–40,45–49

*One warrior from each nation stood and fought while everyone else sat. David's victory over Goliath is as much a spiritual victory as a military one, for it teaches us that the battle is the Lord's.*

A challenger who represented the Philistines came out from the camp of the Philistines. He was named Goliath of Gath. He was nine feet, six inches tall. He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he wore scaled body armor, which was made of more than one hundred pounds of bronze. He had bronze greaves on his shins and a bronze spear slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spearhead was made of fifteen pounds of iron. His shield bearer went out ahead of him. He would stand up and shout to the armies of Israel, "Why have you come out to line up in battle formation? I am a Philistine, and you are servants of Saul, aren't you? Choose a man to represent you, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, we will be your servants. But if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our servants, and you will serve us." The Philistine would say, "I defy the ranks of Israel today! Give me a man, and we will fight each other!" When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they lost their courage and were terrified. David said to Saul, "Do not let anyone lose heart because of this Philistine! Your servant will go and fight him." But Saul said to David, "You cannot go against this Philistine to fight with him, because you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior since he was a youth." David said to Saul, "Your servant has been taking care of his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it and rescued the lamb out of its mouth. When the lion reared up against me, I grabbed it by its mane, struck it, and killed it. Your servant struck both the lion and the bear. This uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has defied the ranks of the living God." David added, "The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go then! May the LORD be with you." So Saul dressed David in his own gear. He placed a bronze helmet on his head and dressed him in scaled body armor. David strapped his sword over his gear. David tried to walk around in them, since he had never trained with this kind of equipment before. David said to Saul, "I cannot go in these, because I have never trained with them." So David took them off. Then David took his staff in his hand and picked five smooth stones out of the stream bed and put them into the pouch of his shepherd's bag. He took his sling in his hand and approached the Philistine. Then David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with a sword, with a spear, and with a

javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD of Armies, the God of the ranks of Israel, whom you have defied. Today the LORD will hand you over to me. I will strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth. Then all the earth will know that there is a God in Israel, and all those gathered here will know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear, for the battle belongs to the LORD, and he will deliver you into our hand.” Then, when the Philistine started advancing to attack David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand into his bag, took a stone from it, shot it from his sling, and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown to the ground.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **88A Day and Night I Cry To You**

*Cantors*

- 1 Day and night I cry to you:  
free me from my gnawing fear;  
I am anxious, drained of strength,  
marked as one whose death is near—  
would I praise you from the grave?  
Show me, LORD, your pow’r to save.
  
- 2 How the burden of your wrath  
leaves my soul in deep dismay!  
Why, so often through the years,  
have you turned your face away?  
As a pris’ner of despair,  
am I banished from your care?
  
- 3 Even those I called my friends  
now consider me unknown;  
driven from my family,  
I must bear my grief alone.  
In the darkness, asking, “Why?”  
night and day to you I cry.



## Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14–16

*Jesus has stood in our place, facing every temptation that we have faced. Yet he did not sin.*

Therefore, since we have a great high priest, who has gone through the heavens, namely, Jesus the Son of God, let us continue to hold on to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin. So let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Stand

## Gospel Acclamation

1 John 3:8



*Refrain*



Glo - ry and praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.



Glo - ry and praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

*Tone*



The reason the Son of God ap - peared was to destroy the dev - il's work.

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## Gospel

Luke 4:1–13

*Weak and in the wilderness, Jesus stands against Satan's temptations. He overcomes the, winning the victory for us.*

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where he was tempted by the Devil for forty days. He did not eat anything during those days. When they came to an end, he was hungry. The Devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written: 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'" The Devil led him up to a high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. The Devil told him, "I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, because it has been entrusted to me, and I can give it to anyone I want. So, if you worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written: 'You shall worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" The Devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the pinnacle of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here, because it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you, and they will lift you up with their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "It says: 'You shall not test the Lord your God.'" When the Devil had finished every temptation, he left him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## Children's Sermon

Ages 3 and up are invited to come forward for a Bible lesson.

**864 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

CW 864

## **Sermon**

### **Children's Church**

*During the sermon, parents may choose to take their children ages 2-5 to children's church. Meet today's chaperone in the gathering area. They will hear a Bible story and sing songs. They will return to the sanctuary during the offering.*

*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*

## Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

**Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.**

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

**Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.**

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

**Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.**

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

**Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.**

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

**Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

**Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

## Offering

*During the offering, please fill out the Friendship Register in the pew and pass it down to those sitting next to you.*

## 842 Jesus, Still Lead On

CW 842

*Stand*

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Blessing

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.

**Amen.**

## 802 All Is Well

*Soloist sings vs. 1, cong. joins on verse 2*

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# Easter

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**April 5**

**Friedens Lutheran Church  
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*Coffee & Registration 8 - 9 am Program: 9 am - 12:15 pm with lunch to follow*



Immeasurable

Love

And may you have  
the power to understand,  
as all God's people should,  
how wide, how long,  
how high, and how deep  
his love is.

Ephesians 3:18

Speaker of the Day  
**Pastor Larry Schlomer,**  
WELS World Mission Administrator



**Standard RSVP not required. Please RSVP for child care or special dietary needs to your congregation's Reporter by March 25, 2025.**





# LORD, HAVE MERCY

FOR ABUSING YOUR COMMANDMENTS

## **Lent Series – Begins Wednesday! March 12, 6:30 pm**

How does one abuse God's Commandments? That seems like an easy question. You abuse God's Commandments by breaking them. However, there is another way to abuse God's Commandments—by striving to *not* break them in an effort to win God's favor and earn our place in heaven. The second abuse is infinitely worse than the first, as it sets aside God's perfect plan of salvation for a completely different plan that will never work.

Satan often works by turning a blessing into a curse. God intended for his law to serve as a mirror, enabling us to see our sin and thus our need for a Savior. Satan would have us believe the law is more like a ladder, and that with focused effort we can climb our way up to God. This misguided belief leaves us in one of two undesirable places. Either we are overwhelmed with guilt when we realize we cannot climb that ladder, or we are swelling with damnable pride because we think we are near the top rung.

## *News & Notes*

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### **Radio Broadcast**

The radio broadcast is sponsored by the Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Thank you!

### **Easter Silent Auction**

The silent auction will begin on Ash Wednesday and conclude on Easter Sunday. This will be a cash or check only event and will use your offering number as your bidding number. The proceeds will be used to fund the many mission and outreach projects of Woven. If you have any questions, please see a member of Woven.

### **Puzzle Contest**

Get your puzzle on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 for pulled pork sandwiches and the puzzle contest at 12 pm. Get your team of 4 together and get ready to pound pieces into place to crown the champions. All ages are welcome to participate.



### **Pioneer Fundraiser - Easter Lilies and Spring Plants**

Please note that sales for the Pioneer Fundraiser Easter Lilies will take place until TODAY, March 9th. You can find product information, as well as the order form, located on the table in the gathering area. Please direct any questions to Donna Breeggemann. Checks should be made out to Pioneers.

### **Theology On Tap**

The next Theology on Tap meeting will take place on Thursday, March 20th at 6:30 pm at Mana Brewing in Shakopee.

# MARCH 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 9 am Communion Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am	3 Worship 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm	4 Committee Meeting 7 pm	5 <b>Soup Supper 5 pm</b> Foundations 5:30 pm Ash Wednesday service 6 pm	6 <b>Senior Coffee Fellowship 9 am Feedmill</b>	7	8
9 Worship 9 am Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am <b>Fellowship Sunday</b>	10	11 Council Meeting 6:30 pm	12 Lent Service 6:30 pm Soup Supper 5 pm Foundations 5:30 pm	13	14	15
16 Worship 9 am Communion Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am	17	18 Oak Terrace 9:45 am	19 Lent Service 6:30 pm Soup Supper 5 pm Foundations 5:30 pm	20 <b>Theology on Tap 6:30 pm Mana Brewing</b>	21	22
23 Worship 9 am Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 am	24	25	26 Lent Service 6:30 pm Soup Supper 5 pm	27	28	29
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## SERVING THE LORD

		Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
3/9	9 Am	(Need Volunteer)	2	(Need Volunteer)	Noah Helke
3/12	9 AM	(Need Volunteer)	3	(Need Volunteer)	Noah Helke
3/16	9 AM	(Need Volunteer)	4	(Need Volunteer)	Lois Zander

March Altar Guild	March Cleaners
Angela Ambroz/Nancy Stocker/Brenda Stocker	Ben Zietlow
March Counters	Winter Service Group Leader
-	Need Volunteer
April Altar Guild	Children's Church Volunteer
Dianne Jabs/Lynn Sorenson	-

Attendance	
Sunday	111
Monday	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>111</b>

Gifts To Our Lord		
	Received	Needed
Current	\$2603	\$3834
Online Giving	\$1806	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4409</b>	<b>\$3834</b>



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