

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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SAINT PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Vertrau Auf Gott!

Trust in God!



WELCOME TO SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH
as we gather in person and virtually to
Worship in the name of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

Bold portions of the bulletin are read by congregation.

Our Mission

We affirm that:

God has planted us in fertile soil;
Unified us in the waters of baptism;
Nurtured us with Word and Sacraments;
And called us to harvest in bountiful faith.

Therefore, the mission of Saint Paul's Cordova is to:

Be led by the Spirit of Jesus;
Praise and worship the Trinity;
Grow our membership with faith and love;
And share our blessings with all God's people.

Holy Communion at Saint Paul's

In the Lutheran tradition we invite persons baptized with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit to come forward to receive Holy Communion. In the mystery of this most Holy Sacrament, we receive the true Body and precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and for eternal life. Please come forward as directed by the ushers. On your way to the altar rail, please pick up a communion cup from the small table.

A note for parents – we also welcome all baptized children, regardless of age, to receive Holy Communion. Some parents wish for their children to wait until a later age to receive. If you do not wish for your children to receive, please make sure the Pastor knows that. It is not Pastor's practice to deny children Holy Communion at the altar, unless parents indicate otherwise. Welcome and hospitality are very important at this altar.

For those who have need of gluten-free hosts or unfermented grape juice, please indicate that to the Pastor and the assistant.

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Announcements & Prelude

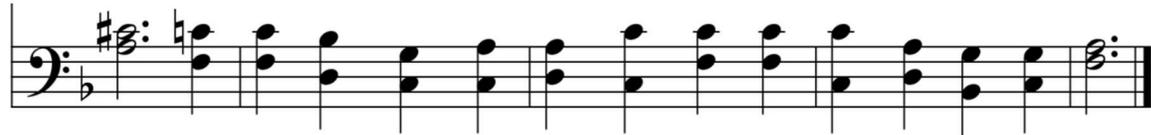
A Hymn in Procession – “Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright”



1 Lord, teach us how to pray a- right with rev' rence and with
2 We per- ish if we cease from pray'r; Oh, grant us pow'r to
3 Give deep hu- mil- i- ty; the sense of god- ly sor- row
4 Faith is the on- ly sac- ri- fice that can for sin a-
5 Give these, and then your will be done; thus strengthened with all



fear. Tho' dust and ash- es in your sight, we may, we must draw near.
pray. And when to meet thee we pre- pare, Lord, meet us on our way.
give; a strong de- sire with con- fi- dence, to hear your voice and live;
tone; to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes on Christ, on Christ a- lone.
might, we, thro' your Spi- rit and your Son, shall pray, and pray a- right.



Invocation

The assembly stands.

Celebrant In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Father of all mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Celebrant Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Celebrant Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant I said, "I will confess my sins to the Lord."

People **And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We repent of all our sins, known and unknown. We are truly sorry and pray for forgiveness. We firmly intend to amend our lives and to seek help in mending what is broken. We ask for strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and declares the absolution.

The Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie Eleison – "Lord, have mercy"

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (*Response: And also with you.*)

Celebrant In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



People Lord, have mer - cy.

Celebrant For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



People Lord, have mer - cy.

Celebrant For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



People Lord, have mer - cy.

Celebrant For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People



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

People



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.** *Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading of Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Lector The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95 *Venite, exultemus*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal-vation.
Let us come before his presence with thanks-giving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.



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For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that to-day
you would hearken to his voice!
Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.
They put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."
So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

A Reading of Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Lector The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Verse

The People stand.

On my heart im - print your im - age, Bless-ed Je - sus,
king of grace, that life's trou-bles nor its pleasures ev - er may your work e-rase.
Let the clear in - scription be: Je - sus cru - ci - fied for me, is my life, my
hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

A Reading of the Gospel according to John 4:5-42

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and

who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon *The Reverend Jonathon Moyers, S.T.M.*

Hymn of the Day- "*Built on a Rock*" **Hymnal # 652**

The Apostles' Creed *The Celebrant and people together.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the † body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition, (Hear us, O God) the congregation responds: Your mercy is great.

The Sharing of Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Offertory Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with angels and archangels, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Celebrant and People together



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God; you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving Passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able;

We implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine; that we and all who share in this Most Blessed Sacrament may receive the true body and precious blood of your Son, be filled with heavenly peace and joy, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be † sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, _____ and all your saints, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

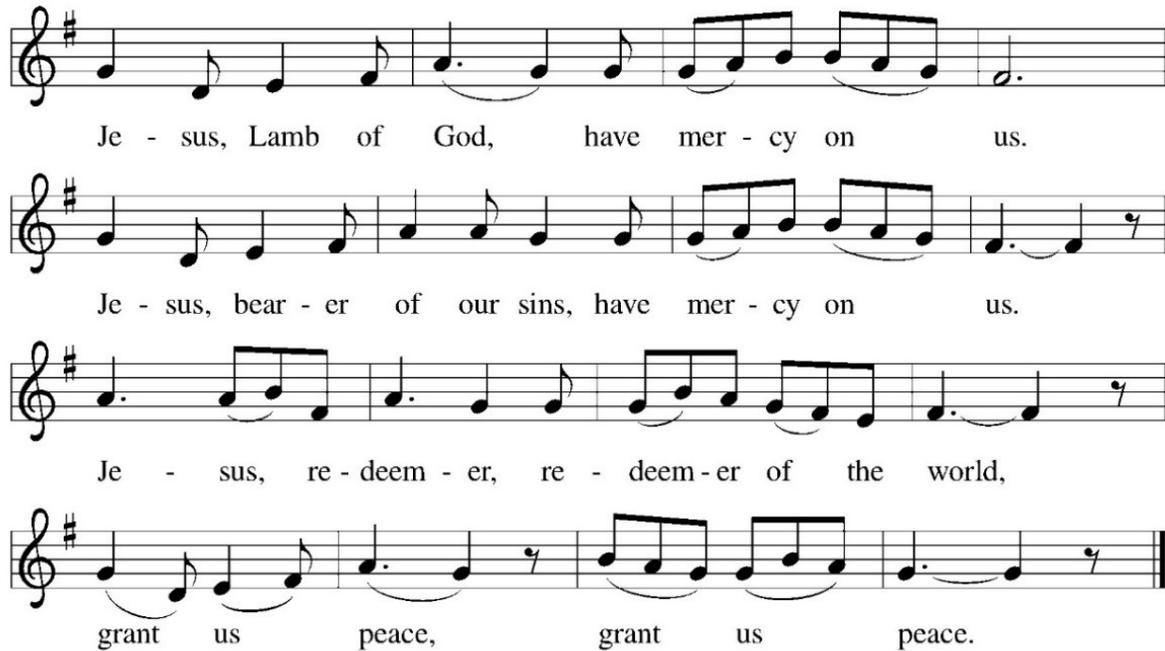
The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

The Celebrant and People together

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.

The Agnus Dei – “Jesus, Lamb of God”



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Invitation to Holy Communion

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his Supper.

People **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you. But only say the word and I shall be healed.**

The Distribution of Holy Communion

In the Evangelical-Lutheran tradition, we invite all baptized persons to receive Holy Communion at the altar. We believe that in the Blessed Sacrament we receive the true Body and precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Please come forward as directed by the usher and return by the side aisle. If you are unable to come forward, the Celebrant will bring Holy Communion to you.

Post-Communion Prayer

May the True Body and Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve your body and soul unto everlasting life. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People together

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant

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. In the Name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Final Hymn-“*Christ, the Life of All the Living*”

Hymnal #339

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Serving this Week

Ushers/Tellers: Henry Hollingsworth and Lee Moore, Lector: Bobbie Leaverton, Communion Assistant/Acolyte: Joshua Lewis

Serving Next Week

Ushers/Tellers: Kathy Barletta and Susan Behrens, Lector: Joseph Comer, Communion Assistant: Tom Roesel, Acolyte: Ella Barletta

Upcoming Events

Today, March 8: Dinner and a Movie at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 5 pm

Monday, March 9: Stations of the Cross at 5 pm

Lay Ministry Education at Grace at 6 pm

Tuesday, March 3: Lenten Matins and Bible Study at St. Paul's beginning at 8:30 am

Wednesday, March 11: Lenten Vespers at 4:15 pm at Grace Lutheran

Lay Ministry Education at 5:15 pm at Grace Lutheran

Sunday, March 15: Dinner and a Movie at Grace Lutheran Church at 5 pm

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Our Lord's Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem March 29th

Holy Eucharist
8:45am at St. Paul's/10:45am at Grace

Holy Monday Jesus Cleanses the Temple March 30th

Holy Eucharist 5:00pm at Grace

Holy Tuesday Jesus Curses the Fig Tree March 31st

Matins (Morning Prayer)/8:30am at St. Paul's

Holy Wednesday Judas Iscariot Plots with the Sanhedrin April 1st

Holy Eucharist 5:00pm at Grace

Maundy Thursday Jesus in the Upper Room April 2nd

Holy Eucharist/7:00pm at Grace
All-Night Vigil
Beginning at 10pm at Grace
Concluding with Matins (Morning Prayer) at 7:00am Friday

Good Friday Christ gives himself on the hard wood of the cross for our salvation April 3rd

The Seven Last Words of Christ Devotion/12:00 Noon at Grace
The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday/2:15pm at Grace
The Evening Liturgy of Good Friday/7:00pm at St. Paul's

Holy Saturday This is the night! April 4th

The Great Vigil of Easter/7pm at Faith Lutheran Church in Salisbury

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord April 5th

Sunrise Service with the New Fire/6:00am at St. Paul's
The Festival Eucharist of Easter Day
8:45am at St. Paul's/10:45am at Grace