

# ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –  
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**2ND SUNDAY IN LENT  
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### **ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD**

*(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)*

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 25 (pew bible, p.492)
- ◆ The Hymns: 915, 418, \*778, 692 (\*tan hymnal)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Genesis 28:10-17, Mark 8:31-38
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 73

**Sermon Text – Romans 5:1-11**

#### ***THE BLESSINGS OF LENT ARE AMAZING!***

1. Because they're so abundant.
2. Because they're so undeserved.
3. Because they're guaranteed.

- ◆ Presentation of the Offering
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (692)

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Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by  
the tract rack or by request from an usher.

You may contribute an offering for God's kingdom work by  
putting it in the collection plate located by the back pew.  
There will be no offering collection during the service.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

### First Lesson – Genesis 28:10-17

10 Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. 11 When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. 12 He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. 14 Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. 15 I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." 16 When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." 17 He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

### Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 73

**P** I am always with you, O Lord:  
**C** You hold me by my right hand.  
**P** You guide me with your counsel:  
**C** And afterward you will take me into glory.  
**P** Whom have I in heaven but you?:  
**C** And earth has nothing I desire besides you.  
**P** My flesh and my heart may fail:  
**C** But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

### Second Lesson – Mark 8:31-38

31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." 34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. 36 What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? 37 Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? 38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

### Sermon Text – Romans 5:1-11

1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also

rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. 6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10 For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! 11 Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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**A WARM WELCOME IN CHRIST TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS.** We're glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He would be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

**SERVING Us AT GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

Organist: Suzannah Miller  
Ushers: Wayne & Joshua Ruegge

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL**

Today (2/28)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Voters' Meeting
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Lord's Supper, NT 35)
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Wed	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Sun (3/7)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Jesus in Gethsemane, NT 36)
	10:45 am	Bible Class

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wed. Lenten Services: March 3,10,17,24, 7:00 pm  
*Daylight Savings Time begins, Sunday, March 14*  
 Palm Sunday Worship: March 28, 9:30 am  
 Maundy Thursday Communion Service: April 1, 7:00 pm  
 Good Friday Worship: April 2, 7:00 pm  
 Easter Sunday Worship: April 4, 9:30 am

**OUR THIRD MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE** will be held this Wednesday at 7:00 pm, conducted by Mike Sprengeler. Our theme this year is *Lenten Truths Proclaimed By Jesus' Enemies* (see poster in the foyer for more details). This week's thought for meditation is: "Jesus Must Die ... So That We Might Live" (a truth proclaimed by the high priest Caiaphas). Sermon text: John 11:49-53.



**A SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING** will be held today following the worship service. The main agenda item is to receive Karen Thompson as a communicant member. She recently completed a Bible instruction course with the pastor and has expressed her agreement with our church's doctrinal stand on Scripture and the desire to join our church. We look forward to receiving her in our midst and pray the Lord to bless our fellowship together in His Word!

**CHOIR PRACTICES** are planned for three upcoming Sundays (March 21, 28, and April 4) at 8:30 am. We will work on an anthem to present in our Easter Sunday worship service.

#### SYNOD NEWS

- Redeemer of Cheyenne has put in a request for the Immanuel Seminary graduate to fill their pastoral vacancy.
- Pastor David Schaller, Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI, has accepted the call to serve as a professor at Immanuel Lutheran College (he will take the place of Prof. John Reim who is retiring at the end of the current school year).
- There are two graduates from the Immanuel Lutheran College teaching program and one graduate from Immanuel Seminary.
- June Schmid has accepted the call by Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, to teach full time in the lower grades of their Christian Day School.
- The CLC boards and Coordinating Council will meet in Eau Claire on April 12-14. The Call Committee on Graduates will meet on April 13.
- The postponed CLC Convention from last summer is scheduled to be held on the ILC campus on June 24-27



**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS**  
**MARCH 1-6**

**Mon Genesis 28:10-17** Jacob was hated by his brother and sent packing by his father on a 600 mile trek to distant relatives. He needed reassurance that he was not forsaken by God –despite the mess he had made of his life (10-11). So God came to his rescue (12-15), assuring him he would return home safely; being thus assured, Jacob vowed to dedicate Bethel as a worship center to the LORD God. [Question: In what ways does this fit our own experiences and resemble our own responses to God’s protection?]

**Tues Mark 8:31-38** Since we have made a mess of our lives, we need God’s help, too – and God has helped in the most astonishing way: He sent Jesus away from home to endure public shame and suffer an agonizing death. This goes to prove that God’s ways are higher than ours, and that He has not forsaken us. That’s the bottom line of our Lenten meditations.

**Wed Romans 5:1-11** Faith resembles a power cord *by/via which we have access to God’s grace*; it takes a heavy-duty cable to *glory in tribulations* (1-5), for instance. If we need reassurance that God has not forsaken us, here’s the basic outline of how much God loves us (6-11). In spite of the mess we may have made of our life, God does not hold it against us, but only against Jesus – and He came through it all . . . successfully . . . for us (10-11).

**Thurs Psalm 73** There’s a story embedded in the shift of pronouns from *me/my/I* in verses 1-3 . . . to *they/them* in verses 4-12. Question: What do I/we possess that makes our life worthwhile (15-17)? Answer: We have God’s protection (25-27), whereas those who have turned their backs on God are headed for the worst future imaginable (27). We know how *good it is to draw near to God, to put our trust in Him* (28). Praise the Lord!

**Fri Peter** was impulsive (Mt. 14:28 and 17:4, John 21:7), presumptuous (Mt. 16:22), cowardly (Mt. 26:69-72), and slow to assimilate deep truths (Mt. 15:15-20), yet he confessed Christ (Mt. 16:16, John 6:68-69), and the Spirit strengthened him to present God’s plan of salvation (Acts 2:14-36) and defend it against attack (Acts 3:12-26, 4:8-12). Which goes to show that God often crafts raw material into something serviceable in His kingdom.

**Sat Acts 21:37-22:2** These verses may be of small doctrinal importance, yet they sparkle with dramatic energy. Note: First Paul asked if he were allowed to speak; he was. Then he clarified that he was not a threat to public safety, but a Roman citizen. Next he requested permission to address the crowd, and that was granted. He raised a hand-cuffed arm to request their attention, and he gained access to their hearts by his diplomatic greeting: “*Men, brethren, and fathers.*” God had well prepared Paul for such occasions.