



St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point

Ash Wednesday February 26, 2020

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!

Prayer before the Service-Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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Psalm 51 (responsively whole verse by whole verse)

Old Testament Lesson-Joel 2:12-19

“Now, therefore,” says the LORD,

“Turn to Me with all your heart,
With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.”

So rend your heart, and not your garments;

Return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and of great kindness;
And He relents from doing harm.

Who knows if He will turn and relent, And leave a blessing behind Hi—

A grain offering and a drink offering For the LORD your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly;

Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders,
 Gather the children and nursing babes;
 Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber,
 And the bride from her dressing room.
 Let the priests, who minister to the LORD,
 Weep between the porch and the altar;
 Let them say, "Spare Your people, O LORD,
 And do not give Your heritage to reproach,
 That the nations should rule over them.
 Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?' "
 Then the LORD will be zealous for His land, And pity His people.
 The LORD will answer and say to His people,
 "Behold, I will send you grain and new wine and oil,
 And you will be satisfied by them;
 I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations.

Epistle Lesson-2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says:

"In an acceptable time I have heard you,
 And in the day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But **in all things** we commend ourselves as ministers of God: **in** much patience, **in** tribulations, **in** needs, **in** distresses, **in** stripes, **in** imprisonments, **in** tumults, **in** labors, **in** sleeplessness, **in** fastings; **by** purity, **by** knowledge, **by** longsuffering, **by** kindness, **by** the Holy Spirit, **by** sincere love, **by** the word of truth, **by** the power of God, **by** the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, **by** honor and dishonor, **by** evil report and good report; **as** deceivers, and yet true; **as** unknown, and yet well known; **as** dying, and behold we live; **as** chastened, and yet not killed; **as** sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; **as** poor, yet making many rich; **as** having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Gospel Lesson-Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

"Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left

hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

“And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

“Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Hymn.....419

Sermon

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

Theme: Paul leads us to the cross, bearing crosses

I. The devil is determined to stop the preaching of the cross

II. God is determined to preach the cross into hearts and ears

III. And so the battle continues, even today

Prayers

Communion Liturgy

Communion Hymns.....569, 627, 607

Benediction

Closing Hymn.....423

Lenten Midweek Services —The theme will be **Walking with Paul to the Cross and Beyond**. The lessons will be the Epistle lessons from the previous Sunday;

Ash Wednesday-2 Cor 5:20-6:10 Theme-Paul’s Mission is to lead us to the Cross while we bear our cross

Lenten Midweek 1, March 4th -Genesis 3; Romans 5:12-19, Theme-The Journey to the Cross begins with Adam

Lenten Midweek 2, March 11th-Romans 4, Theme-The Saints of Old faithfully walked on the path with eyes fixed on the Cross

Lenten Midweek 3, March 18th-Romans 5:1-11, Theme-The journey to the Cross leads through trials and tribulations

Lenten Midweek 4, March 25th-Ephesians 5:8-14, Theme-The Lord provides light for the saints on the way to the Cross

Lenten Midweek 5, April 1st-Roman 8:1-11, Theme-The Lord provides pilgrims on their way to the Cross with the Spirit
Palm Sunday, April 4th-Philippians 2:5-11, Theme-The mind of Christ enables us to follow Christ to the Cross humility and faith
Maundy Thursday-1 Corinthians 11:23ff, The Lord richly feeds His children, as they make their way to the Cross
Good Friday-Isaiah 53; John 19, Theme-We have arrived at the Cross and ponder what this means for us!
Easter Sunrise-1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Theme-The Lord is Risen!

ALIS Auction tickets are available from the church office. \$25 per ticket.

You are invited to the 18th Annual Grilled Pork Dinner at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Altamont, on Sunday, March 1, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Prices are: Pork Loin Dinner: \$10; Porkburger Dinner: \$6; Hot Dog Meal \$5; Children ages 4 and under eat FREE. Meal includes: whole pork loin, pork burger or hot dog; baked beans / green beans; baked potato/chips; coleslaw; applesauce; pie/dessert; dinner roll; drinks. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship with friends!

Ladies Aid is collecting CPH children's books, eg, Archbooks for a mission project for the children of our congregation. Please put any donations into the box in the coatroom labeled "book drive." Any questions contact Lydia Holste.

St Paul Lutheran Church, Shobonier, is hosting their Annual Dinner on Sunday, March 8th from 11 AM- 1 PM. Service BBQ Pork, Hot Dogs, German Potato salad, etc. \$10/meal adult, \$5/meal child.

A Church Security seminar is being sponsored by the Men's Club on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7 PM. Dan Strauch, a certified instructor, will lead a 2 hour program entitled **Critical Violent Incident**. If you are interested in attending talk to a men's club member or Gary Wachtel so that we can have enough resources and refreshments. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Benefit for Janet Pike (Schroeder) will take place on March 14, 11AM to Close at the Country Haven Event Center. See the bulletin board for details.

Prayers-For Pam Rowlee, who has been hospitalized; for those afflicted with the viruses this year, and those working with them.

Those participating-

Pastor-Rev. David Speers

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