



St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point **First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2018**

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

Prayer before Service-O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church, that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come, 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 25 (Responsively whole verse by whole verse)

Old Testament Lesson-Genesis 22:1-8

Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”

Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.”

So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” Then he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”

And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went together.

Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” So he said, “Here I am.”

And He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”

Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of the place, The—LORD—Will—Provide; as it is said to this day, “In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, and said: “By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

Epistle Lesson- James 1:12-18

Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

Gospel Lesson-Mark 1:9-15

It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. Then a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness. And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him.

Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Sermon Hymn.....714

Sermon

Text: Mark 1

Theme: The greatest gifts of God come in the midst of hard and fierce battle

I. The Lord driven out to do battle after baptism

II. The Lord's witness, thrown into battle

III. The Lord goes forth preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom

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Lenten Services continue with services, on February 21st, at 7 PM with Holy Communion. The theme is "The Lord's Prayer in the Lord's Passion"

Lenten Midweek, February 21, **Hallowed be Thy Name**

Lenten Midweek, February 28, **Thy Kingdom Come**

Lenten Midweek, March 7, **Thy Will be Done**

Lenten Midweek, March 14, **Give Us this day our daily bread**

Lenten Midweek, March 21, **Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us**

Maunday Thursday, March 29, **Lead us not into temptation**

Good Friday, March 30, **But deliver us from evil**

Easter Sunday, April 1, **For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen!**

ALIS PTL dinner auction is February 24th. Tickets are \$25.

Social hour begins at 5, dinner is at 6 and the auction begins at 7. Please have tickets and items, or at least a description of the item to school no later than 6pm Thursday February 15th. Thanks for your passed support

and we look forward to seeing you there. Any questions call Jo Ellen Tappendorf 618-267-6661

150th Anniversary Committee will be meeting, February 25, at Ron and Deb Ohnesorge's. Please mark your calendar.

Former Lutheran Hour speaker Reverend Gregory Seltz and Congressman John Shimkus will team up to discuss "The Two Kingdoms and the role of a Christian in the Political Process" at the upcoming Lutheran Layman's League Annual Meeting Mar 17. St John's Congregation of Champaign will host the meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. More details and registration information will be forthcoming. Please put the date on your church and personal calendars. Reverend Seltz is now Executive Director of Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) in Washington DC and Shimkus was a Lutheran School teacher before going into Congress.

Bethesda Lutheran Communities helps people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in 13 states through a variety of programs. To learn more about the programs and to support them go to www.BethesdaLutheranCommunities.org.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont is hosting their Annual Pork Dinner on Sunday, March 4th. Serving 11-1:30 PM

Immanuel Augsburg Ladies Aid will be hosting their Soup Luncheon after service until 1 PM. Free will donation

The LYF would like the congregation for their support of the Ash Wednesday Dinner

The Men's Club and the congregation would like to thank Ron and Deb Ohnesorge for providing the LLL Lenten devotional booklets

Prayers-For Keith Meier who is undergoing treatment for cancer; For Cheryl Burks who is recovering from back surgery this week; for Chrisha Hammer who recovering from surgery this week; For the families of the victims of shooting in Parkland, Florida; For our college students; For a blessed Lententide; For ALIS students and families at Danville

This Week at St Paul

Sunday: Catechism 11 AM Isaiah 25-27

Monday: ALIS BOD 7:30 PM Isaiah 28-30

Tuesday: Isaiah 31-33

Wednesday: Joshua Bible Study 10 AM

Catechism 5:30 PM

Lenten Midweek Service 7 PM

Elder's Meeting 8:15 PM Isaiah 34-36

Thursday: Isaiah 37-39

Friday: Isaiah 40-42

Saturday: Isaiah 43-45

Those serving

Preacher-Rev David Speers 618-483-6993

Organist-Lucille Klitzing www.stpaulbluepoint.org

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