



St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point **1st Sunday of Lent March 1, 2020**

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!

Prayer before the 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

Holy Communion will be celebrated in this service. If you are a Communicant member of a Missouri Synod congregation and wish to partake of the sacrament, please fill out a Communion Registration Card and give it to the usher who invites you to the Lord's Table. If you are not an LC-MS member but wish to commune, please speak with the pastor or the head usher before coming to the Sacrament.

ALIS Children introduction and songs

Opening Hymn562
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Psalms 32 (responsively whole verse by whole verse)

Old Testament Lesson-Genesis 3:1-21

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’”

And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him,
“Where are you?”

So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”

Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”

And the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

So the LORD God said to the serpent:

“Because you have done this,
You are cursed more than all cattle,
And more than every beast of the field;
On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust
All the days of your life.
And I will put enmity Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”

To the woman He said:

“I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception;
In pain you shall bring forth children;
Your desire shall be for your husband,
And he shall rule over you.”

Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, “You shall not eat of it’:

‘Cursed is the ground for your sake;
In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.
Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you,
And you shall eat the herb of the field.
In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread
Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken;
For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.”

And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

Epistle Lesson-Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

(For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel Lesson-Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the

mouth of God.’ ”

Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written:

“He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and,
‘In their hands they shall bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

Jesus said to him, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’ ”

Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.”

Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’ ” Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

Hymn-(Please rise).....657

Sermon

Text: Matthew 4:1-11

Theme: The Spirit Led Him to Meet His Enemy

I. He goes to battle with what seems to be little power

II. The Devil had to face the Word of God

III. The Word continues to fight for us today

Prayers

Communion Liturgy

Communion Hymns.....600, 602, 655, 632

Benediction

Closing Hymn.....424

Lenten Midweek Services will take place at **12 Noon and 7 PM through the end of the Wednesday Services** on April 1st.

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;

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!
Thrivent Dollar decisions are due soon. If you have not
made your choices, (eg Blue Point or ALIS), please call your agent
or log in online.

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!

**Last chance to register for the Central Illinois LLL
District Annual Meeting** held at the Christ Lutheran Church in
Normal on Saturday, March 7. As Christians we walk in the
intersection of Church and State. Guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Gregory

Seltz, Executive Director, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL), will provide instruction and inspiration to lay people interested in becoming a Champion of Religious Liberty. Learn more about the newest LHM resources for you and your congregation to use in sharing the Gospel featuring the new Households of Faith Kit with a give-away of a Spiritual Conversation Kit and DVD based Bible Studies during the convention. Free will offering will be taken to support LCRL ministry. Babysitting will be provided at the event – please indicate number of children. Registration fee is \$15.00 includes refreshment and catered lunch. Children and students are free

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 ALIS and Lutheran Schools and those who attend and serve at them, as we begin Lutheran Schools week; For Pam Rowlee, who has been hospitalized; for those afflicted with the viruses this year, and those working in health care.

This Week at St Paul

Sunday:Adult Instruction	Joel 3-4
Monday:	Amos 1-3
Tuesday: Men’s Club Church Security 7 PM	Amos 4-7
Wednesday: Bible Class 10 AM	
Lenten Midweek Service 12 PM	

Catechism 5:45 PM;	
Lenten Midweek Service 7 PM	Amos 8-9
Thursday: Greek Study 10 AM	Obadiah
Friday:	Jonah 1-2
Saturday: Catechism 9 AM	Jonah 3-4

Those participating-

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