

St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point

2nd Sunday in Lenten February 25, 2018

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

Prayer before Service-O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn708
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Psalm 22:22-31 (Responsively whole verse by whole verse)

Old Testament Lesson-Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.

Then God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be from her."

Epistle Lesson-Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that

tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Gospel Lesson-Mark 8:27-38

Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, “Who do men say that I am?”

So they answered, “John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.”

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered and said to Him, “You are the Christ.”

Then He strictly warned them that they should tell no one about Him.

And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, “Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s

will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

Sermon Hymn.....427

Sermon

Text: Mark 8

Theme: Jesus calls His disciples to boldly confess the faith

I. As the Lord goes out, He calls upon men to confess

II. But when things appear tough, men are often cowed and forsake their confession

III. Jesus, in response, calls upon us to deny self and take up our cross

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Voter’s Meeting after service this morning. We will be nominating up to two circuit visitor nominations, and a member to attend our circuit forum, March 4 at 3:30 PM.

Lenten Services continue with services, on February 28th, at 7 PM. The theme is “The Lord’s Prayer in the Lord’s Passion”

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!

150th Anniversary Committee will be meeting at 3 PM, on 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. Brenda Scarbeary will be here on Sunday, March 11, to make a presentation to Sunday school and the congregation about the work of Bethesda.

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 March 4, after service until 1 PM. Free will donation

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 Kevin Tappendorf recovering from surgery; for Pr Michael Mohr and Holy Cross Lutheran Church, as Pr Mohr considers a call to Holy Cross, Vandalia

This Week at St Paul

Sunday: Voter's Meeting after service

Catechism 11 AM

Catechism 5 PM

Isaiah 46-48

Monday:

Isaiah 49-51

Tuesday:

Isaiah 52-54

Wednesday: Joshua Bible Study 10 AM

Catechism 5:30 PM

Lenten Midweek Service 7 PM

Isaiah 55-57

Thursday:

Isaiah 58-60

Friday:

Isaiah 61-63

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Isaiah 64-66

Those serving

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