

St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point

3rd Sunday in Lenten March 4, 2018

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

Prayer before Service-O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Opening Hymn645
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Psalm 19 (Responsively whole verse by whole verse)

Old Testament Lesson-Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying:

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

“You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Epistle Lesson-1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.”

Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence. But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.”

Gospel Lesson-John 2:13-25

Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers’ money and overturned the tables. And He said to those who sold doves, “Take these things away! Do not make My Father’s house a house of merchandise!” Then His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up.”

So the Jews answered and said to Him, “What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?”

Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

Then the Jews said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?”

But He was speaking of the temple of His body. Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

Sermon Hymn.....426

Sermon

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Theme: Jesus calls His disciples to boldly confess the faith

I. Just like any good doctor, the Lord inspires Paul to use the scalpel of the Law

II. The healing occurs, for those in the Church, as the Lord opens their eyes to see the fullness of the Gospel

III. Finding in Christ all that we need, even as we live together in God's Church

Offering

Prayers

Communion Liturgy.....160

Communion Hymns.....624, 627, 707

Benediction

Closing Hymn.....823

Lenten Services continue with services, on March 7th, at 7 PM. The theme is "The Lord's Prayer in the Lord's Passion"

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!

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.

Concordia University Chicago Kapelle Spring Tour is coming to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tuesday, March 6 at 7 PM.

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.

Please check your mailboxes for the order sheet for flowers for Easter. **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.

Ingathering for Bethesda Homes Gifts from the Heart will be collected for Bethesda Homes and will be sent with Brenda Scarbeary. Items need are cleaning supplies, paper products, personal care & hygiene supplies, hand & bathtowles & washcloths, non-perishable items to pack in lunches and kitchen supplies. A full list of items to donate in on the bulletin board under the LWML/Ladies Aid section.

The LYF Will be hosting the Easter Breakfast. A list of donations needed is on the bulletin board. Please have items there by Thursday, March 29th or at the very latest by 10:00am on Saturday, March 31st. LYF Members we will be setting up and preparing for the breakfast on Saturday March 31st at 1:00pm. Please bring with you 1 to 2 bags of individually wrapped candies to fill the Easter Eggs. Any question please contact Annie Guerrettaz @ 618-367-1585

The Congregation is invited to a dinner in honor of Mary Zumwalt who is celebrating her 40th year of teaching. It will take place on Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 12:15 PM at ALIS gym. The main dish and dessert will be provided. Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite side dish to share. Please RSVP to Elizabeth 618-267-6713 or Catherine 217-722-7111, or David 618-267-1148 by March 10th.

35th Annual Zion Hog Roast at Zion Lutheran Church, Altamont, Illinois on Sunday, March 18, with serving starting at 4:30 PM. Free will offering with proceeds going to Lutheran Care Center and the 125th Anniversary Fund for Zion.

Prayers-For Keith Meier who is undergoing treatment for cancer; For Cheryl Burks who is recovering from back surgery this week; for Bryce Kopplin, who has deployed to Afghanistan.

This Week at St Paul

Sunday: Catechism 11 AM

Catechism 5 PM

Jeremiah 1-3

Monday:

Jeremiah 4-6

Tuesday: Men's Club 7:30 PM

Jeremiah 7-9

Wednesday: Joshua Bible Study 10 AM

Catechism 5:30 PM

Lenten Midweek Service 7 PM

Jeremiah 10-12

Thursday:

Jeremiah 13-15

Friday:

Jeremiah 16-18

Saturday:

Jeremiah 19-21

Those serving

Preacher-Rev David Speers

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Organist-Faith Wendte

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