



**St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue
Point**

Lenten Midweek Service February 28, 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.

Opening Hymn439 vs 1-7
Order of Vespers.....pg 229
Psalm 99 (Responsively whole verse by whole verse)

Old Testament Lesson-Isaiah 55:1-13

“Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters;
And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat.
Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price.
Why do you spend money for what is not bread,
And your wages for what does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good,
And let your soul delight itself in abundance.
Incline your ear, and come to Me.
Hear, and your soul shall live;
And I will make an everlasting covenant with you—
The sure mercies of David.
Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people,
A leader and commander for the people.
Surely you shall call a nation you do not know,
And nations who do not know you shall run to you,
Because of the LORD your God, And the Holy One of Israel;
For He has glorified you.”
Seek the LORD while He may be found,
Call upon Him while He is near.
Let the wicked forsake his way,
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him;
And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.
“For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD.
“For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts.
“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven,
And do not return there, But water the earth,
And make it bring forth and bud,
That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater,
So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth;
It shall not return to Me void,
But it shall accomplish what I please,
And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.
“For you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace;
The mountains and the hills
Shall break forth into singing before you,
And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree,
And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree;
And it shall be to the LORD for a name,
For an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Epistle Lesson-1 Corinthians 3:5-11

Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, you are God’s building. According to the grace of God which was

given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Gospel Lesson-John 18:28-19:16

Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover. Pilate then went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?"

They answered and said to him, "If He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you."

Then Pilate said to them, "You take Him and judge Him according to your law." Therefore the Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death," that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spoke, signifying by what death He would die.

Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?"

Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?"

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."

Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all.

"But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"

Then they all cried again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber. So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him.

And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands.

Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him."

Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!"

Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him."

The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God."

Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer.

Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?"

Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin."

From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, “If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar’s friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar.”

When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, “Behold your King!”

But they cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar!”

Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. Then they took Jesus and led Him away.

Sermon Hymn.....766 vs 1-3, 9

Sermon

Text: Isaiah 55, 1 Cor 3, John 18-19

Theme: Thy Kingdom Come

I. The Kingdom of God comes without our prayer

II. But Jesus teaches us to seek the blessing of God through Word and Spirit

III. And the Lord blesses the Word

Canticle.....934

Offering

Prayers

Benediction

Closing Hymn.....439 vs 8-15

Lenten Services continue with services, on March 7th, at 7 PM with Holy Communion. 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!

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

35th Annual Hog Roast at Zion Lutheran Church, Altamont, Sunday, March 18, 4:30PM. Menu: BBQ Pork, baked beans, baked potato, chips, applesauce, desserts & pies. Cost is free-will donation with proceeds 1/2 to Lutheran Care Center and 1/2 to 125th Anniversary Fund for Zion. Bulk BBQ Pork will be available for sale.

Prayers-For Keith Meier who is undergoing treatment for cancer; For Cheryl Burks who is recovering from back surgery; for Cherie Hammer, who is recovering from surgery this week;

Those serving
Preacher-Rev David Speers
Organist-Lucille Klitzing

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The 2nd Petition

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean? The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come? God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Luther, Martin. Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation (ESV) (Kindle Locations 2394-2398). Concordia Publishing House. Kindle Edition.

Augsburg Confession Article V

So that we may obtain this faith, the ministry of teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted. Through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given [John 20:22]. He works faith, when and where it pleases God [John 3:8], in those who hear the good news that God justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake. This happens not through our own merits, but for Christ's sake.

McCain, P. T. (Ed.). (2005). Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions (p. 33). St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House.

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