



## **St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point 3rd Sunday of Lent March 15, 2020**

**Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!**

**Prayer before the 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

**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.

**Opening Hymn .....823**  
**Order of Service-Divine Service III.....pg 184**  
**Psalm 95 (responsively whole verse by whole verse)**

**Old Testament Lesson-Exodus 17:1-7**

Then all the congregation of the children of Israel set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped in Rephidim; but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink." So Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the LORD?"

And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, "Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"

So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!"

And the LORD said to Moses, "Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. So he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

## **Epistle Lesson-Romans 5:1-8**

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.

## **Gospel Lesson-John 4:5-30, 39-42**

So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"

Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will

become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”

The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.”

The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.”

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.”

Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”

And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?”

The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” Then they went out of the city and came to Him...

And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all that I ever did.” So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word.

Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

**Hymn.....435**

**Sermon**

**Text: John 4**

**Theme: Jesus meets a poor, thirsty, sinner**

**I. A poor thirsty sinner, who wants this toil to end**

**II. Who does not know Jesus or what she worships**

**III. Who meets Jesus the Messiah, come to save sinners**

**IV. Who goes back to the village to call people to come meet Jesus, who told me...!**

**Prayers**

**Communion Liturgy.....pg 194**

**Communion Hymns.....637, 624, 617**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn.....423**

**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 3, March 18th**-Romans 5:1-8, 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!

**ALIS Auction** will have been postponed until May 8th.

**Zion, Altamont Hog Roast** is still on for this Sun. Mar. 15th, starting at 4:30pm. Take out is available.

**Ladies Aid** has placed **flower order** forms in your mailbox.

They have to be returned to the Ladies Aid mailbox, with a check made out to the Ladies Aid, by March 22.

**Immanuel LYF** are selling pork loins and ribs (\$25 each) now until March 31st. Pick up will be Saturday afternoon before Easter, April 11th, in back parking lot behind Immanuel. Contact Amy Shepard 618-267-9882 or Mindie McManaway 217-343-4081 for info. or to order.

**Saturday, March 21, 2020, members of Immanuel** will be hosting a fundraiser on the Triangle in Altamont. Porkburgers, chips & drinks will be available and the Ladies Aid of Immanuel will feature homemade pies and other baked goods available for purchase. Serving will be from 10:30 – 1:00 pm.

**Central Illinois District 75th Annual LWML Convention** will be held on April 30th – May 2nd at Bethel Lutheran Church, 325 E. Queenwood Rd., Morton, IL 61550. This will be a celebration of our District's 75th Anniversary. Our theme is "Proclaiming Jesus...75 years of Serving the Lord with Gladness". Our theme verse is Psalm 71:17 O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. For our anniversary celebration, there will be some extra activities planned. Starting on Thursday evening there will be an opening worship starting at 7:00pm. All are invited to attend. Friday will begin with registration starting at 8:00 am followed with Bible Study beginning at 9:00 am followed by lunch then servant events from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. There will be an 75th Anniversary Banquet on Friday evening starting at 6:00pm. That will be at Countryside Banquet Facility, Washington, IL. Guest Speaker for Friday and Saturday will be Jan Struck. The Convention will conclude on Saturday May 2nd at Bethel Lutheran Church. More detailed information regarding breakout session, servant events and registration forms are on the Bulletin Board. Please consider coming for just a day or the whole convention to Celebrate LWML CID 75 years of Serving the Lord with Gladness. If there are any questions you can contact Annie Guerrettaz, Jo Ellyn Tappendorf or Elaine Stuckemeyer.

**The Ladies Aid/LWML**, Immanuel Lutheran Church's Augsburg (Shobonier) annual Soup Luncheon has been **postponed**, (originally set for March 22), and will be advertised when a date is set.

**The Ladies of St. John's, Effingham Lydia Guild** is hosting the Joint Spring JOY Shop for all ladies, pastors, and guests of the

Altamont & Effingham/Shelby Zones. The JOY Shop will be held Thursday, April 23rd at St. John's Effingham. There will be a free will donation. The meal begins at 6:00pm. The program will begin at approximately 6:45 in the church sanctuary. Theme: "A Time for Everything" based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. Presentation: Haiti mission trip presentation. Ingathering: Non-perishable food items for the St. John's Effingham Food Pantry. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin if you plan to attend.

**Viral matters**-We are going to keep meeting during this time, but with some changes. We will not be **shaking hands**. We will not be passing the **collection plate** (it will be gathered in the narthex and brought forward). If you are sick, stay home, and call the pastor if you would like a visit/communion. **Communion** will be offered in both common and individual cups. The individual cups will be separated making them easier to grab without touching the others. There is much more that can be said, given that Christians have endured, plagues, persecutions etc. For this time, we fix our eyes on Christ, and follow His voice, as He leads us through trials, troubles, and yes, even through the valley of the shadow of death. He is with us! A blessed Lent!

**Prayers**-For Gene Moeller who was hospitalized; For Pam Rowlee, who has been hospitalized; For Paul Peters, the father of Teresa Riley, who has suffered multiple heart attacks; for those afflicted with the viruses this year, and those working in health care. For the school closings.

**This Week at St Paul**

Sunday:Adult Instruction 1 and 3:30 PM	Zechariah 3-4
Monday: ALIS BOD at 7 PM	Zechariah 5-6
Tuesday: Adult Instruction 10 AM	Zechariah 7-8
Wednesday: Bible Class 10 AM	
Lenten Midweek Service 12 PM	
Catechism 5:45 PM	
Lenten Midweek Service 7 PM	
Elder's Meeting 8:15 PM	Zechariah 9-10
Thursday: Greek Study 10 AM	Zechariah 11-12
Friday:	Zechariah 13-14
Saturday: Catechism 9 AM	Malachi 1-4

**Those participating-**

Pastor-Rev. David Speers                      Organist-Faith Kemme

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15] Therefore the expressions or propositions mentioned [that good works are necessary, and that it is necessary to do good] are unjustly censured and rejected in this Christian and proper sense, as has been done by some; **for they are employed and used with propriety to rebuke and reject the secure, Epicurean delusion, by which many fabricate for themselves a dead faith or delusion which is without repentance and without good works, as though there could be in a heart true faith and at the same time the wicked intention to persevere and continue in sins, which is impossible; or, as though one could, indeed, have and retain true faith, righteousness, and salvation even though he be and remain a corrupt and unfruitful tree, whence no good fruits whatever come, yea, even though he persist in sins against conscience, or purposely engages again in these sins, all of which is incorrect and false.**

31 Above all, this false **Epicurean delusion is to be seriously rebuked and rejected: some imagine that faith, and the righteousness and salvation that they have received, cannot be lost through sins or wicked deeds, not even through willful and intentional ones.** They imagine that a Christian retains faith, God's grace, righteousness, and salvation even though he indulges his wicked lusts without fear and shame, resists the Holy Spirit, and purposely engages in sins against conscience.

32 Against this **deadly delusion** the following true, unchangeable, divine threats and severe punishments and warnings should be repeated often and impressed upon Christians who are justified through faith:

Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers ... will **inherit the kingdom of God.** (1 Corinthians 6:9–10)

Those who do such things **will not inherit the kingdom of God.** (Galatians 5:21; see also Ephesians 5:5)

If you live according to the flesh **you will die.** (Romans 8:13)

[McCain, P. T. (Ed.). (2005). *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (p. 550). St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House.]

106. What was the image of God? The image of God was this: A. Adam and Eve **truly knew God as He wishes to be known** and were perfectly happy in Him. B. They were righteous and holy, doing God's will. [Luther, Martin. *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation (ESV)*. Concordia Publishing House. Kindle Edition.]