

# St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point

Tuesday of the 4th week of Lent March 24, 2020

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!

Prayer before the Service -Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Invocation

### Psalm 42

As the deer pants for the water brooks,

So pants my soul for You, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and appear before God?

My tears have been my food day and night,

While they continually say to me,

“Where is your God?”

When I remember these things, I pour out my soul within me.

For I used to go with the multitude;

I went with them to the house of God,

With the voice of joy and praise,

With a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast.

Why are you cast down, O my soul?

And why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him

For the help of His countenance.

O my God, my soul is cast down within me;

Therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan,

And from the heights of Hermon, From the Hill Mizar.

Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls;

All Your waves and billows have gone over me.

The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime,

And in the night His song shall be with me—

A prayer to the God of my life.

I will say to God my Rock, “Why have You forgotten me?

Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?”

As with a breaking of my bones, My enemies reproach me,

While they say to me all day long, “Where is your God?”

**Why are you cast down, O my soul?**

**And why are you disquieted within me?**

**Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him,**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was  
in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen**

## **Old Testament Lesson-Isaiah 35**

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The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them,

And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose;

It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, Even with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,

The excellence of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD, The excellency of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, And make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear!

Behold, your God will come with vengeance,

With the recompense of God; He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing.

For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert.

The parched ground shall become a pool,

And the thirsty land springs of water;

In the habitation of jackals, where each lay,

There shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and a road,

And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness.

The unclean shall not pass over it, But it shall be for others.

Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray.

No lion shall be there, Nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it;

It shall not be found there.

But the redeemed shall walk there,

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,

And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads.

They shall obtain joy and gladness,

And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

## **Epistle Lesson-Romans 8:35-39**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or

distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written:

“For Your sake we are killed all day long;  
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Gospel Lesson-Matthew 4:38-41, Matthew 11:1-6**

**Matthew 4:38-41** Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. But Simon’s wife’s mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her. So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them.

When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them. And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, “You are the Christ, the Son of God!”

And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.

**Matthew 11:1-6** Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities. And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?”

Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.”

### **Sermon**

**Text: Matthew 4 and 11**

**Theme: Where is God?**

**I. It seems easier to understand, when there is someone**

- standing there healing and raising the dead
- II. Healing and even resurrection, in this cursed world, are only temporary and fail**
- III. He is where He promises to be, healing us, by putting to death the old man and giving strength and life to the new man**

### **Prayers**

For the family of Eugene Moeller, who was called to his eternal rest this past week

For Madeline Anne Kemme born to Matt and Faith Kemme

For our shutins

For the Students, teachers, parents at home

For those suffering from the Coronavirus

For those serving those with the virus

For those leading our country

### **Benediction**

**Definition of pestilence—**

**Merriam-Webster**

**a contagious or infectious epidemic disease that is virulent and devastating especially : BUBONIC PLAGUE**

**Cambridge Dictionary of English**

**any very serious infectious disease that spreads quickly and kills large numbers of people**

**Oxford American**

**a fatal epidemic disease**

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