



## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 1, 2026 | 8:00 AND 10:30 AM

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

### ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

Jesus' ministry leads to Jerusalem and to His suffering, crucifixion, and death. It was always going to lead to this moment. And where our Savior goes, His people follow. He teaches us that "whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 16:25 ESV). *This is Part 4 of a year-long series, "A Year in Matthew."*

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**P** Pastor      **C** Congregation/All

✠ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.



Led by the Holy Spirit, we gather for worship.  
We are prepared for worship through Confession and Absolution.

### PRELUDE & WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN 685** *"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"*

### CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS

*2 Corinthians 6:2 NIV; Genesis 3:19; Joel 2:12; Psalm 51:17; John 3:16-17*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you."

**C** **But we are dust, and to dust we shall return.**

**P** "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning."

**C** **The sacrifice the Lord desires is a broken and contrite heart; it will not be despised.**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen. ►**

**P** “God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### **SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

### **VERSE OF THE MONTH** *Revelation 5:12*

**C** **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!**



We hear God's Word read and proclaimed,  
and we respond with our prayers and praise, tithes and offerings.

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Genesis 12:1–9*

*The Lord calls Abram (later renamed Abraham) to leave his country and family to move to an unknown land. This faith-filled move will result in the blessing of every nation.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And Abram took

Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved to the hill country on

the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** *Romans 4:1–8, 13–17*

*Saint Paul teaches that Abraham was not justified by his works; instead, Abraham was right with God on account of faith.*

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup>just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; <sup>8</sup>blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” ...

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 12:46–50*

*Jesus’ mother Mary and His biological brothers want to speak to Jesus; however, Jesus’ points out His true family are those who do the will of God the Father.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twelfth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>46</sup>While [Jesus] was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak

LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

to him. <sup>48</sup>But he replied to the man who told him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” <sup>49</sup>And stretching out

his hand toward his disciples, he said,  
“Here are my mother and my brothers!”  
<sup>50</sup>For whoever does the will of my

Father in heaven is my brother and sister  
and mother.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**CREED** *See the inside back cover of the hymnal.*

**SERMON HYMN 753** *“All for Christ I Have Forsaken” (soloist: v. 1)*

**SERMON** *Called to Die: “Dying to Allegiances”*

**GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

*All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*After each petition:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

*The 10:30 am service concludes with the Lord’s Prayer, Benediction,  
and Closing Hymn 708, “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart.”*



We receive God’s gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation  
as we share the Sacrament of the Altar.

**PREFACE**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS | Holy, Holy, Holy** *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

*Tune: SOUTHWELL ("Lord Jesus, Think on Me")*

- C** (sung) **O holy Lord of hosts,  
Our loud hosannas cry:  
Bring Your almighty pow'r to bear;  
Save us, O Lord, we pray.**

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** *1 Corinthians 11:26*

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**PAX DOMINI | Peace of the Lord** *John 20:19*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI | Lamb of God** *John 1:29*

*Tune: SOUTHWELL ("Lord Jesus, Think on Me")*

- C** (sung) **O spotless Lamb of God  
Who takes away our sin,  
By Your great mercy and Your grace  
Wash us without, within.**

*We believe that in the Lord's Supper our Lord gives to us His true body and blood with the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins. We recognize the charge that St. Paul offers in 1 Corinthians 11:27–28 that those who come to receive the Lord's Supper ought to examine themselves so that they do not eat and drink in an unworthy manner. Therefore, out of concern for those who have not been instructed in the faith or who hold to a different confession, we ask that only members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations receive the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more about what our congregation teaches, to inquire about becoming a member or have questions about our practice, please speak to one of the pastors. Adults and children who have not yet been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith are invited to come forward and receive a spoken blessing at the altar rail; please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.*

*For those who require it, diluted wine is found in the purple glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups; gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

*Music during distribution:*

**HYMN 750** *“If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee”*

**HYMN 696** *“O God, My Faithful God”*

**HYMN 571** *“God Love the World So That He Gave”*



Even as this time of worship ends, we go out of the church into the worship of our everyday lives, ready to be God's witnesses and do His will.

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER & BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN 708** *“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, SENDING & POSTLUDE**

**P** Go in peace; serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

*This week's takeaway: “Choose today whom you will serve” (Joshua 24). Our allegiance belongs to the one true God—yet it is often divided. Jesus challenges one of our deepest loyalties by redefining the family. In Christ, family is not blood, but faith—a shared allegiance to Him in God's eternal family.*

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### **SERVING IN THIS SERVICE**

Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, *Liturgist*

Rev. Andrew Lehenbauer, *Preacher*

Kathryn Oetting, *Organist*

Marvin Moss, *Soloist (8:00 am)*; Annika Pottschmidt, *Soloist (10:30 am)*

Addilyn Batye, Dovelyn Montrey, *Acolytes (8:00 am)*

Lily Petty, Gracie Brackman, *Acolytes (10:30 am)*

Deb Robinson, *Greeter (8:00 am)*

Joe & Janice Blackburn, *Greeters (10:30 am)*

Pat McKeage, Jim Beerman, Rod McCaslin, Darren Starbuck, *Elders on Duty*

### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

*Please contact the church office to keep our prayer list up-to-date.*

*Our pastor “on call” number in case of emergency is (660) 580-5483.*

**New:** Mary Schlueter, Bill Hering, Hudson Kloos, Paul Brackman, Wilmer Bredehoeft, Nicole Maxwell, Richard Cordes, Melba Poese, Bridget Kageman, Addison Wehrle, Alan Luebbert, Diane Stumpfenhaus, Lisa Arnett, Ron Roepe, Joyce Kroll, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Rev. Dr. Les Mitkos, Susan Reeves, Les Bruns

**Ongoing:** Raymond Becker, Barbie Cowherd, Baby Felix, Gene Virus, Harry Rehkop, Nolan Kirby, Jon Spells, Joe Connell, Roger Kammeyer, Ledrue Brandt, Alyssa Pfannkuch, Alice Hildebrand, Donnie Fiene, Rev. Perry Copus, Darla Wolters, Vickie Greene, Amy Gerdts, Tim Bergman, Amy Backus, David Rehmsmeyer, Dannie Griffit, Lari Huntze, Johnny Cowherd, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball

**Celebration:** Wilmer Ziegelbein, 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Nation and World:** the people of the Solomon Islands

**Partners in Mission:** Trinity Lutheran Church; Park Hills, MO and Rev. Jeremy May and Rev. David Schmitt; Saint Paul Lutheran High School

**Birthdays:** (3/1) Alan Brandt, Roger Bushman, Melissa Koonce; (3/2) Randy S. Hinck, Joan Werths; (3/3) Lori Brunkhorst, Micah Frerking, Mark Lyons, Molly Poppe; (3/4) Cynthia Bennett, Ruth Bennett, Norine Block, Judy Marshall, Karla McKeage; (3/5) Alicia Meyer, Lana Schulze; (3/6) Oliver Hess; (3/7) Clint Colwell, Karen Colwell, Meaghann Maggert, Zadok Poppe

**Anniversaries:** (3/3) Steven & Michelle Knight; (3/4) Royce & Dolores Herndon, Richard & Linda Strobel; (3/6) Danny & Frances Meyer

## **FAMILY FOOTNOTES**

*Gina Martens, Family Life Director*

Something worth remembering...

When God seems silent:

- \* Press into Him when you want to pull away.
- \* Praise God out loud when you get lost in complaints.
- \* Put yourself in the company of truth.

## **PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP**

Exodus 17:1–7; Romans 5:1–8; Matthew 19:16–30

Hymns (*Lutheran Service Book*): 429, 730, 743, 732, 618, 437



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