

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin  
February 17/18, 2018

## The First Sunday in Lent



### Today's Theme:

#### **God uses little things to get big things done.**

- Our opening Bible verses emphasize the day's theme
- Our confession of sins is from Romans 7.
- Each week we will use psalms that celebrate Israel's deliverance from Egypt. Today's selected verses are from *Psalms* 66.

### A Moment of Silence

#### **Baptism**

10:15am

*Lydia Kate Greuel*

#### **Invocation and Call to Worship**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?"

**And he said, "A staff."**

Exodus 4:2

He took his stick in his hand and chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in the shepherd's bag which he had, even in his pouch,

**and his sling was in his hand; and he approached the Philistine.** 1 Samuel 17:40

And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked,  
**only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug.**  
And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself  
and my son,  
**that we may eat it and die."**

And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear... make me a little cake of it and bring it to me,  
and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD,  
**'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty...'**"  
1 Kings 17:12-14

"There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish,  
**but what are these for so many people?"** John 6:9

God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise,  
**and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which  
are strong.** 1 Corinthians 1:27-29

Go and make disciples of all nations,  
**Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy  
Spirit.** Matthew 28:19

Take, eat;  
**This is my body, given and shed for you.**  
Take, drink;  
**This is my blood poured out for you.** Matthew 26:26-28

For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son,  
**that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.**  
**Amen.** John 3:16

**Hymn**            602            *The Gifts Christ Freely Gives*    (1-3)

**Confession and Absolution**    *(from Romans 7)*

Hear me, merciful and mighty Father, as I confess my bondage to sin and death.

I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature.

**For I have the desire to do good, but I cannot carry it out.**

For what I do is not the good I want to do.

**No, the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing.**

I find this law at work—

**When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.**

For in my inner being I delight in God's law.

**But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war and making me a prisoner of the law of sin and death.**

At the root of my sinfulness is this truth:

**I am unwilling and unable to fear, love, and trust in God above all things.**

**Who will rescue me from this body of death?**

**Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Hear the good news!

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

**So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you."**

Come and see what God has done,

**how awesome are his works for us!**

For you, O God, test us; you refined us like silver.

**You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs.**

You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water.

**But God has listened and heard our prayer.**

He turned the sea into dry land; we passed through the waters on foot.

**He has brought us to a place of abundance!**

The LORD God who delivered Israel from the Egyptian bondage also delivers you from your body of sin and death. Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed and His blood forgives you and sets you free. He turned the sea into dry land; we passed through the waters on foot.

**He has brought us to a place of abundance! Amen!**

**Hymn**

**602**

*The Gifts Christ Freely Gives (4-6)*

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O LORD, in an awesome display of mercy and power, You used a baby, a basket, the baby's tears, and a wooden staff, together with Your Word to work deliverance from Egyptian slavery into a life of abundance. Thank You for teaching us also to depend upon Your mercy and power for our salvation granted through Your Word, Baptism, and the Holy Supper, for our deliverance from the shadows of death and damnation into the blessedness of everlasting paradise.

**Amen.**

# The Word of the Lord

## Memory Verse of the Month

*January*

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth,” (*Genesis 1:1*).

*February*

Let us read, mark, learn, and take to heart your Word, O Lord:

**“This is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life,”** (*1 John 5:11–12*).

## Old Testament — Exodus 2:1–10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup>The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. <sup>3</sup>When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. <sup>4</sup>And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. <sup>5</sup>Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. <sup>6</sup>When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, “This is one of the Hebrews’ children.” <sup>7</sup>Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” <sup>8</sup>And Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Go.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. <sup>9</sup>And Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed him. <sup>10</sup>When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, “Because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle 1 — Corinthians 1:22–25**

Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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## **The Holy Gospel — Mark 7:31–37**

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

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## **Creed ~ Luther’s Explanation of the Second Article**

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

# Hymn

## My Soul Rejoices

(933)



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the  
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me  
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and  
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bles - sing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and  
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy  
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,  
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!  
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

**Sermon**            **God's Way: Little Stuff for Big Stuff**

**Offering**            *Please complete the friendship register found at the end of the pew.*

**Prayer of the Church**

## **The Lord's Supper**

*Note for those desiring to commune...* Our practice of closed communion is the Biblical and historic practice of the Christian church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for His people since it seeks to prevent spiritual damage to those who do not recognize the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine in this Holy Supper (1 Cor. 11:29). Furthermore, it does not deny that members of other denominations are Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Romans 16:17) and the Bible's witness that the Lord's Supper is the highest expression of fellowship and doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42). For this reason, guests who are not a member of a sister LCMS congregation are asked to speak to a pastor before communing.

### **Admonition to Communicants**

We now come to this altar, giving us memory of the thousands of animals sacrificed in Old Testament times. This same altar points to the altar of the cross upon which our Lord was sacrificed, once for all, taking the punishment of our sins. For, "By his stripes are we healed," and "the chastisement that brought us peace was upon him." Let us then take to heart the words with which Christ presents His body and blood, and give thanks for the incomprehensible love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood. Come, let us receive through the bread and the wine His true body and blood, His guarantee and pledge to us.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

# Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God

(962)

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a -  
way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a - way the sin of the world; grant us Your  
peace, grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

**Distribution Hymns**                      606                      424                      618                      622 (1-4)

## Post-Communion Prayer

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in the Holy Supper, and we ask You not to abandon Your children but always to place in our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, godly fear, love, and trust in you alone, that we may be enabled to serve You constantly even as we look forward to the day we see you face to face; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**



## Hymn

*On My Heart Imprint Your Image*

(422)

On my heart imprint Your image,  
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures  
    Never may Your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
    Is my life, my hope's foundation,  
    And my glory and salvation!

## Benediction

The LORD has answered our prayer! He turned the sea into dry land; we passed through the waters on foot. He has guaranteed for you a place of abundance. The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

*Christ, the Life of All the Living*

(420)

Christ, the life of all the living,  
    Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Who, Thyself for me once giving  
    To the darkest depths of woe:  
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit  
I eternal life inherit.  
    Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
    Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

**Next Week:** I Am Weak but He Is Strong   (*Exodus 3:1–14*)



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## Serving the Lord in Worship

**Liturgy** Rev. Mark R. Palmer                      **Sermon** Rev. Timothy J. Shoup  
**Organist** Mrs. Debbie Welch  
**Acolytes** Addison Diemel                      Hailey Zernicke                      Raina Dworniczak

### Prayers

**In Need of Healing . . .** Carol Bartels, Anita Bartelt, June Bethke, Ruthann Buelow, Bill Buss, Michele Czarapata, Mikalah Fallon, Doris Hoffman, Shirley Kieckhafer, Lee Kohn, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Jim Luepke, Penny Meek, Brittany Slack, Katie Titler, Todd Wegner, and Larry Wilke.



**Baptism . . .** Lydia Kate Greuel, daughter of Jordan and Katie Greuel, was born on January 11, 2018, and will be baptized during the 10:15am service this weekend. Her sponsors are Joshua Hughes, Nicole Gloede, and Katie Moeller.

### Announcements

#### *Attended/Communed – February 10, and 11, 2018*

Saturday	2/10	7:00pm	112
Sunday	2/11	8:00am	170
Sunday	2/11	10:15am	<u>293</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>575</b>

**Thank you from Gary Wolf . . .** Thank you all very much for your prayers, thoughts and visits.

**Unused Offering Envelopes . . . .** may be dropped off in the box provided in the narthex or church office. They are recycled and used for chapel offerings.

**Church Picnic Committee Needed . . .** We are looking for people to be a part of the church picnic committee. If you wish to participate, please contact Pastor Shoup or the church office at 715-758-8559.



**The Lutheran Hour . . . "Living and Dying"** (Romans 5:1-11) Looking at sinful mankind, Jesus found what he was willing to die, and to live for. Are we willing to do the same? Tune in next Sunday to hear Lutheran Hour speaker emeritus Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus at 7:30am on WTCH/960 AM or at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7 FM, or at [.org](http://www.org).

## Midweek Lenten Services

10:00am and 7:00pm

<b>2/21/2018</b>	<i>Tree to Tree: The Tree of Life to the Cross (Rev. Steven Conradt)</i>
<b>2/28/2018</b>	<i>Out of Egypt: Through the Water (Rev. John Eyer)</i>
<b>3/07/2018</b>	<i>Mountain to Mountain: Moriah to Zion (Rev. Travis Kleinschmidt)</i>
<b>3/14/2018</b>	<i>Garden to Garden: Eden to Heaven (Rev. Mark R. Palmer)</i>
<b>3/21/2018</b>	<i>Death to Resurrection: Wilderness to Promised Land (Rev. Conradt)</i>

# Palm Sunday Breakfast

**Sunday, March 25, 2018**

**7:00am – 9:30am**

**SPYRT is planning for a Palm Sunday Breakfast.** The following items are needed. Call the school office at 715-758-8532 to let us know what items you can donate. Thank you in advance for your contribution of supplies or cash donations. Profits will be used to benefit our SPYRT youth towards their next youth gathering.

### Items needed:

- 12 loaves of bread
- 48 dozen eggs
- 18 12 oz. frozen cans of orange juice
- 6 gallons of 2% white milk
- 5 gallons of 2% chocolate milk
- 4 pounds of butter
- 200 styrofoam cups
- 200 napkins
- 200 paper juice cups
- 1 jar grape jelly

- 1 jar strawberry jam
- 2-3# shredded cheese
- 2 quarts maple syrup
- 1 jar salsa

### Cash Donations for:

- sausage (3 cases)
- fresh fruit
- sweet rolls/donuts (8 dozen)
- french toast sticks (3 cases)
- Nesco liners

### Acolyte Schedule Next Week

**Feb. 21** Reid Schwerin    Kylie Hoeffs  
**Feb. 24** Charlie Tauchen  
**Feb. 25** Heidi Dreyer    Salvador Oviedo

### SCRIP Schedule Next Week

**Feb. 24** Patti Herrmann  
**Feb. 25** Peggy Buchholz    Amy Schmidt

## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sun. 2/18** 8:00am Worship — Holy Communion  
9:00am Fellowship (Men's Club)  
**NO Bible Bowl Practice**  
9:15am Bible Study (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Room)  
10:15am Worship — Holy Communion
- Mon. 2/19** 7:30am Strong Bones  
6:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry  
6:30pm Board of Christian Education
- Tues. 2/20** 7:00am Bible Study  
8:00am Quilting  
6:00pm Bell Choir
- Wed. 2/21** **10:00am Midweek Lenten Worship**  
5:00pm Public School Confirmation  
5:45pm Choir  
6:00pm 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
**7:00pm Midweek Lenten Worship**
- Thurs. 2/22** 2:00pm Women's Bible Study
- Fri. 2/23** 7:30am Strong Bones  
SCRIP due by noon
- Sat. 2/24** 7:00pm Worship
- Sun. 2/25** 8:00am Worship (Adult Choir sings)  
9:00am Fellowship (P.T.L.)  
9:00am Bible Bowl Practice (Youth Room)  
9:15am Bible Study (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Room)  
10:15am Worship (Grades 3 & 4 sing)  
5:00pm–7:00pm SPYRT Skating at Crawford Center



Rev. Timothy J. Shoup, Administrative Pastor  
Rev. Mark R. Palmer, Associate Pastor  
Mr. Gerald R. Schmidt, Principal  
Mrs. Lorraine Doell, Music Director  
Mrs. Robin Reep, Youth Director  
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