

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin
February 24/25, 2018

2nd Sunday in Lent

A Worship Series on Moses ~ Let My People Go

Today's Theme:

I Am Weak. He Is Strong.

Today we hear of Moses' shameful weaknesses as he was introduced to the unmatched power of God from the burning bush. As He did for Moses, the Lord also does for us. He reveals our weaknesses and weak faith in order to strengthen our fear, love, and trust in Him above all things. As He did for Moses, God also teaches, forgives, delivers, and uses us for important service.

(During our sermon series on Exodus we are using Psalms that celebrate Israel's deliverance from Egypt. Today we use selected verses from *Psalm 77*.)



Call to Worship

The mighty Pharaoh commanded the Hebrew midwives to kill the baby boys.

Shiphrah and Puah feared God. They did not do what the king commanded.

Shiphrah and Puah did not fear what man could do to them.

Exodus 1:17

The fear of the Lord, for Shiphrah and Puah, meant deep trust in Him even in the face of death.

Their deep trust grew from witnessing God's mighty acts to deliver them. When God turned the water into blood, and sent the plagues of gnats, frogs, flies and boils,

Their fear, love, and trust in Him grew.

They knew:

I am weak. He is strong.

When the tenth plague, the plague of death, passed over their homes, and when God parted the Red Sea for all His people to walk through on dry ground,

Their fear, love, and trust in Him grew.

They knew:

I am weak. He is strong.

Today, we hear of Moses' shameful weaknesses.

Initially, Moses did not trust God.

Initially, he feared the wrong god.

Moses could not rescue himself.

He would make excuses.

Initially, Moses would not do what God asked.

God forgave, taught, gave promises to, and empowered Moses, making him into His most important Old Testament prophet, and the deliverer of His people.

Let us now pause to pray.

Silent Prayer

Lord, speak to me this morning through Your Word. Show me my weakness. Show me Your mercy and Your strength, and thereby empower me to gladly strive to do Your good will. Amen.

Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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.

Romans 7:18

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.

Romans 7:19

I find this law at work—

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

Romans 7:21

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

Romans 7:22

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.

Romans 7:23

At the root of my sinfulness is this truth:

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

Wretched man that I am,

Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Romans 7:24

Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Hear the good news!

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. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.

I will remember the deeds of the LORD;

yes, I will remember your wonders of old.

Psalm 77:11

I will ponder all your work,

and meditate on your mighty deeds.

Psalm 77:12

Your way, O God, is holy.

What god is great like our God?

Psalm 77:13

You are the God who works wonders;

you have made known your might among the peoples.

Psalm 77:14

You with your arm redeemed your people,

the children of Jacob and Joseph.

Psalm 77:15

When the waters saw you, O God,

when the waters saw you, they were afraid;

indeed, the deep trembled.

Psalm 77:16

Your way was through the sea,

your path through the great waters;

yet your footprints were unseen.

Psalm 77:19

You led your people like a flock

by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Psalm 77:20

Amen!

Hymn 573

Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth, as You once spoke to Moses from the midst of a burning bush, so also with the fire of Your Holy Spirit through Your mighty Word, expose our weakness and sin, draw us to You by Your mercy, and empower us for faithful service, depending upon Your eternal goodness and strength through Christ, O Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.

Amen.

Memory

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).

Music

8:00am

Oh, the Height of Jesus’ Love

10:15am

When I Behold Jesus Christ

The Word of the Lord

(The readings are about God’s strength)

Old Testament Reading ~ Exodus 3:1–14; 4:1-17

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” ⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals

off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”⁶ And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.⁷ Then the LORD said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings,⁸ and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.⁹ And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.¹⁰ Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”¹² He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”¹³ Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?”¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

¹Then Moses answered, “But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, ‘The LORD did not appear to you.’”² The LORD said to him, “What is that in your hand?” He said, “A staff.”³ And he said, “Throw it on the ground.” So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses ran from it.⁴ But the LORD said to Moses, “Put out your hand and catch it by the tail”—so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand—⁵“that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.”⁶ Again, the LORD said to him, “Put your hand inside your cloak.” And he put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow.⁷ Then God said, “Put your hand back inside your cloak.” So he put his hand back inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, it was restored like the rest of his flesh.⁸ “If they will not believe you,” God said, “or listen to the first sign, they may believe the latter sign.⁹ If they will not believe even these two signs or listen to your voice, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground, and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground.”¹⁰ But Moses said to the LORD, “Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue.”¹¹ Then the LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or

blind? Is it not I, the LORD? ¹²Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.” ¹³But he said, “Oh, my Lord, please send someone else.” ¹⁴Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses and he said, “Is there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well. Behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. ¹⁵You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you both what to do. ¹⁶He shall speak for you to the people, and he shall be your mouth, and you shall be as God to him. ¹⁷And take in your hand this staff, with which you shall do the signs.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel ~ Matthew 19:23–26

The Holy Gospel is according to St. Matthew, the nineteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁵When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” ²⁶But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Creed ~ Luther’s Explanation of the Third Article

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Sermon I Am Weak but He Is Strong (*Exodus 3-4, selected verses*)

Hymn 734 *I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name*



1 I trust, O Lord, Your ho - ly name; O let me not be
2 Bow down Your gra - cious ear to me And hear my cry, my
3 You are my strength, my shield, my rock, My for - tress that with -
4 With You, O Lord, I cast my lot; O faith - ful God, for -
5 All hon - or, praise, and maj - es - ty To Fa - ther, Son, and



put to shame Nor let me be con - found - ed. My faith, O
prayer, my plea; Make haste for my pro - tec - tion, For woes and
stands each shock, My help, my life, my tow - er, My bat - tle
sake me not, To You my soul com - mend - ing. Lord, be my
Spir - it be, Our God for - ev - er glo - rious, In whose rich



Lord, Be in Your Word For - ev - er firm - ly ground - ed.
fear Sur - round me here. Help me in my af - flic - tion.
sword, Al - might - y Lord— Who can re - sist Your pow - er?
stay, And lead the way Now and when life is end - ing.
grace We run our race Till we de - part vic - to - rious.

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

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

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

With His arm the Lord redeemed His people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.
His way was through the sea, yet His footprints were unseen.
 He led His people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

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

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: Behind Burdens, Faith Sees God's Heart (Exodus 5:1-23)



Serving the Lord in Worship

Liturgy	Rev. Mark R. Palmer	Sermon	Rev. Timothy J. Shoup
Organists	Saturday – Mrs. Debbie Welch	Sunday – Mrs. Lorraine Doell	
Acolytes	Charlie Tauchen	Heidi Dreyer	Salvador Oviedo
Music	8:00am – Adult Choir	10:15am – Grades 3 & 4	
French Horn	8:00am – Ms. Rachel Emrick		
Pianist	8:00am – Mrs. Debbie Welch		

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, Larry Wilke, and Gary Wolf.*



Announcements

Attended/Communed – February 14,17/18 2018

Wednesday	2/14	10:00am	308/105
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Wednesday	2/14	7:00pm	124/119
Saturday	2/17	7:00pm	106/ 74
Sunday	2/18	8:00am	173/138
Sunday	2/18	10:15am	<u>199/142</u>
		Total	937/605

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 . . . "When God's Darkness Surrounds You " (Exodus 20:1–17)
When times are darkest, God wants you to know how close He really is. It's in those threatening times that you can especially learn and live in His love. Tune in next Sunday to hear Lutheran Hour guest speaker Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer at 7:30am on WTCH/960 AM or at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7 FM, or at lutheranhour.org.

Midweek Lenten Services

10:00am and 7:00pm

2/28/2018	<i>Out of Egypt: Through the Water (Rev. John Eyer)</i>
3/07/2018	<i>Mountain to Mountain: Moriah to Zion (Rev. Travis Kleinschmidt)</i>
3/14/2018	<i>Garden to Garden: Eden to Heaven (Rev. Mark R. Palmer)</i>
3/21/2018	<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
- 8 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 paper juice cups
- 2 quarts maple syrup

Cash Donations for:

- sausage
- fresh fruit
- sweet rolls/donuts
- French toast sticks
- Nesco liners

55+ Group . . . will meet on Tuesday, February 27, at noon in the fellowship hall for a potluck dinner. The program this month will be presented by Officer Tony Escalante, Bonduel Police Chief. Also, Brian Wussow will present a short update on his work for Wycliffe Bible Translators. Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend.

Annual Trivia Event . . . Join in the fun! **Wolf River Lutheran High School** is hosting its **5th Annual Trivia Event** fundraiser to benefit the new school on **Saturday, March 17, 2018, at W7467 River Bend Rd, Shawano.** Registration is at 1:00 pm and the event starts at 1:30pm. Prizes will be given for best St. Patrick's Day attire and best decorated table. Trivia events are informal, fun competitions where teams battle to see who has the greatest knowledge of trivia. Teams may have up to eight (8) adults. Individuals don't have to have a full team to sign up. Free drinks and popcorn will be available as well as free babysitting. There will also be a bake sale and silent auction to help defray the cost of new volleyball equipment. Participants are encouraged to bring a snack item to share at your table too...sort of a snack potluck. The **cost is \$10 per person in advance or \$ 12 at the door.** Please call **WRLHS office at (715)745-2400** or email office@wrlhs.org to reserve your spot.

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

Feb. 28	Heidi Dreyer	Reed Luepke
March 3	Ben Reisner	
March 4	Jake Dreyer	Alicia Oviedo

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

March 3	Sheila Bahr	
March 4	Karla Moede	Pam Schmidt



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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EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sun. 2/25** 8:00am Worship
 9:00am Fellowship–PTL
 9:00am Bible Bowl Practice
 9:15am Bible Study
 10:15am Worship
 5:00pm–7:00pm SPYRT Skating at Crawford Center
- Mon. 2/26** 7:30am Strong Bones
- Tues. 2/27** 7:00am Bible Study
 8:00am Quilting
 12:00pm 55+ Group
 7:00pm Adult Choir
- Wed. 2/28** **10:00am Midweek Lenten Worship**
 1:30pm Meadow View
 5:00pm Public School Confirmation
 5:45pm Bell Choir
 6:00pm 5th/6th Grade Confirmation
7:00pm Midweek Lenten Worship
- Thurs. 3/1** 1:30pm Ladies Aid
 7:00pm Men’s Club
- Fri. 3/2** 7:30am Strong Bones
 SCRIP due by noon
- Sat. 3/3** 7:00pm Worship – Holy Communion
 SCRIP collected
- Sun. 3/4** 8:00am Worship – Holy Communion
 9:00am Fellowship (Parish Fellowship #2)
 9:00am Bible Bowl Practice (Youth Room)
 9:15am Sunday School
 9:15am Bible Study
 10:15am Worship – Holy Communion

MARCH calendars are available for pick-up on the table in the narthex.

March 2018						
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