

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

March 3/4, 2018

## The 3rd Sunday in Lent



### **A Worship Series on Moses ~ Let My People Go**

**Today's Theme:**

### **Behind Burdens, Faith Sees God's Heart.**

(During our sermon series on Exodus we are using Psalms that celebrate Israel's deliverance from Egypt. Today we use selected verses from *Psalm 136*.)



### **Call to Worship**

Have you ever suffered for doing the right thing, for doing what is godly, or when weighed down with heavy burdens, found it difficult to believe that God cares? Moses could relate. He confronted the Pharaoh after God had promised to rescue His people from the Pharaoh's torture. Instead, the Pharaoh took away from His Hebrew slaves the straw for making bricks. He demanded they find their own straw and continue to make the same daily quota of bricks! Witnessing the whips and pain endured by God's people, Moses cried out to God, "Since I came to the Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil to this people, and you have not delivered your people at all."

We pause to pray...

### **Silent Prayer**

*O Lord, give us faith that will not despair even when you send trouble. Strengthen our faith to know that You will lead us through life's burdens to everlasting joy. 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!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

**for his steadfast love endures forever.** Psalm 136:1

to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,

**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

and brought Israel out from among them,

**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,

**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

to him who divided the Red Sea in two,

**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

and made Israel pass through the midst of it,

**for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
but overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**

Psalm 136:10-15

It is he who remembered us in our low estate,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
and rescued us from our foes,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever;**  
**Amen!**

Psalm 136:23-24

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.  
**Amen.**

It is he who remembered us in our low estate, and rescued us from our foes,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever; Amen!**

**Hymn 724**      *If God Himself Be for Me (Vs. 6)*

Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you.      1 John 3:13  
**Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.**

2 Timothy 3:12

You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death.

**You will be hated by all for my name's sake.**      Luke 21:16-17

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ

**you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake.**      Philippians 1:29

By faith Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

**He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt.**

Hebrews 11:24-26

And when they had called in the apostles, they beat them

**and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.**

Then they left the presence of the council,

**rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.**

And every day, in the temple and from house to house,  
**they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.** Acts 5:40-42

Paul declared, “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time  
**are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.** Romans 8:18

Paul urged,  
**“Join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God.”**  
2 Timothy 1:8

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to  
his eternal glory in Christ,  
**will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.** 1 Peter 5:10

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.  
**In this world you will have trouble.**  
But take heart!  
**I have overcome the world.”** John 16:33

**Hymn**      **724**      *If God Himself Be for Me (Vs. 8, 10)*

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.  
O Lord God, give us faith that will not despair even when you send trouble, faith to  
know that you are not angry, are not our enemy, and are never absent. Let us see Your  
fatherly heart behind all painful burdens. Guard our trust to believe that You will lead  
us through life’s burdens to everlasting joy. Teach us to know that Your Son, Jesus, Who  
first suffered on earth and then ascended in glory, thereby set a pattern also for us.  
**Amen.**

## **Memory**

*February*

“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).

*March*

Let us read, mark, learn, and take to heart your Word, O Lord:  
**“Join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God,”**  
**(2 Timothy 1:8).**

**Music**

**7:00pm**

*If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

**8:00am**

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

## **The Word of the Lord**

*(The readings are about God's purpose in suffering.)*

### **Old Testament Reading ~ Exodus 5:1–23**

Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.’”<sup>2</sup> But Pharaoh said, “Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and moreover, I will not let Israel go.”<sup>3</sup> Then they said, “The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please let us go a three days’ journey into the wilderness that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God, lest he fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword.”<sup>4</sup> But the king of Egypt said to them, “Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people away from their work? Get back to your burdens.”<sup>5</sup> And Pharaoh said, “Behold, the people of the land are now many, and you make them rest from their burdens!”<sup>6</sup> The same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people and their foremen,<sup>7</sup> “You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as in the past; let them go and gather straw for themselves.”<sup>8</sup> But the number of bricks that they made in the past you shall impose on them, you shall by no means reduce it, for they are idle. Therefore they cry, ‘Let us go and offer sacrifice to our God.’<sup>9</sup> Let heavier work be laid on the men that they may labor at it and pay no regard to lying words.”

<sup>10</sup>So the taskmasters and the foremen of the people went out and said to the people, “Thus says Pharaoh, ‘I will not give you straw.’<sup>11</sup> Go and get your straw yourselves wherever you can find it, but your work will not be reduced in the least.’”<sup>12</sup> So the people were scattered throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw.

<sup>13</sup>The taskmasters were urgent, saying, “Complete your work, your daily task each day, as when there was straw.”<sup>14</sup> And the foremen of the people of Israel, whom Pharaoh’s taskmasters had set over them, were beaten and were asked, “Why have you not done all your task of making bricks today and yesterday, as in the past?”

<sup>15</sup>Then the foremen of the people of Israel came and cried to Pharaoh, “Why do you treat your servants like this?”<sup>16</sup> No straw is given to your servants, yet they say to us, ‘Make bricks!’ And behold, your servants are beaten; but the fault is in your own people.”<sup>17</sup> But he said, “You are idle, you are idle; that is why you say, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to the LORD.’<sup>18</sup> Go now and work. No straw will be given you, but you must still deliver the same number of bricks.”<sup>19</sup> The foremen of the people of Israel saw that

they were in trouble when they said, “You shall by no means reduce your number of bricks, your daily task each day.”<sup>20</sup> They met Moses and Aaron, who were waiting for them, as they came out from Pharaoh;<sup>21</sup> and they said to them, “The LORD look on you and judge, because you have made us stink in the sight of Pharaoh and his servants, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.”

<sup>22</sup>Then Moses turned to the LORD and said, “O LORD, why have you done evil to this people? Why did you ever send me?”<sup>23</sup>For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil to this people, and you have not delivered your people at all.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle Reading ~ 1 Peter 1:3–9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,<sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,<sup>5</sup> who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.<sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,<sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,<sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Holy Gospel ~ John 9:1–3**

The Holy Gospel is according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.<sup>2</sup> And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Creed ~ The First Article** p. 322

**Hymn** 709 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

**Sermon** See Him Behind the Burdens (*Exodus 5:22-23*)

**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**

Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven...**

### **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

765

720

715

742

## 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*

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

It is He who remembered us in our low estate,

**for His steadfast love endures forever;**

and rescued us from our foes,

**for His steadfast love endures forever;**

Psalm 136:23-24

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*

Thou hast borne the smiting only  
    That my wounds might all be whole;  
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,  
    Rest to give my weary soul;  
Yea, the curse of God enduring,  
Blessing unto me securing.  
    Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
    Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.



**Next Week:** Plagues of Power, So You Will Know (Exodus 7:14 – 12:32)

# Serving the Lord in Worship

<b>Liturgy</b>	Rev. Mark R. Palmer	<b>Sermon</b>	Rev. Timothy J. Shoup
<b>Organists</b>	Saturday – Ms. Rhoda Lehrke	Sunday – Mrs. Lorraine Doell	
<b>Music</b>	7:00pm – Schmidt Quartet	8:00am – Grades 5 & 6	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Ben Reisner	Jake Dreyer	Alicia Oviedo

## 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

**Easter lilies and plants . . .** Lilies will be \$16 each and other plants (mums, tulips, azaleas, begonias, and kalanchoes) will be \$18 each. All checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church, and put your payment in the box provided. Call 715-853-9137.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars . . .** This is the last month to get your Thrivent Choice Dollars from 2017 designations sent to St. Paul Church or School. After April 1st, your policies have to start earning dollars to designate all over again. Please call Thrivent @ 1-800-847-4836 or go on-line @ [.thrivent.com/choice](http://thrivent.com/choice).

**Wolf River LHS Annual Trivia Event . . .** Join in the fun! **Saturday, March 17, 2018,** at **W7467 River Bend Rd, Shawano.** Registration is at 1:00 pm and the event starts at 1:30pm. The cost is **\$10 per person in advance or \$ 12 at the door.** Please call **WRLHS office at (715)745-2400** or email [@wrlhs.org](mailto:@wrlhs.org) to reserve your spot.

### *Midweek Lenten Services*

10:00am and 7:00pm

<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. Profits will help our SPYRT youth reach their goals for National 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
- 200 paper juice cups
- 2 quarts maple syrup

## **Cash Donations for:**

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

## **St. Paul gratefully accepted the following gifts in memory of:**

- † Victoria Kohn [1924—2017], St. Paul member, to "Hope in Him" for Mortgage and School Repairs;
- † Eugene J. Rusch [1939—2017], St. Paul member, to "Hope in Him" for Mortgage and WRLHS;
- † Wallace Beilfuss [1929—2017], Father of Mary Wudtke, for General Fund and Mortgage;
- † Carole Ann Newman [1945—2017], St. Paul member, to "Hope in Him" for Mortgage, School, Missions, and General Fund;
- † Germaine Frank [1939—2017], St. Paul member, to "Hope in Him" for Mortgage, School Repairs, WRLHS, and General Fund;
- † Carl J. Busch [1927—2017], St. Paul member, to "Hope in Him" for Mortgage, School, Endowment Fund, and Prayer Shawl;
- † Gloria Swanson [1946—2018], St. Paul member, to "Hope in Him" for Mortgage, School Repairs, Missions, Textbooks and The Lutheran Hour ministry;
- † Concordia (Kupsky) Beversdorf [1918—2018], former St. Paul member, to "Hope in Him" for Mortgage and WRLHS;
- † Dorothy (Schmidt) VanKauwenbergh [1936—2018] former St. Paul member to "Hope in Him" for Mortgage.

## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

**Sun. 3/4**            8:00am Worship — Holy Communion  
 9:00am Fellowship (Parish Fellowship #2)  
 9:00am Bible Bowl Practice  
 9:15am Bible Study (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Room)  
 9:15am Sunday School  
 10:15am Worship — Holy Communion  
 SCRIP collected

**Mon. 3/5**            7:30am Strong Bones  
 6:00pm Board of Trustees  
 6:00pm Board of Parish Fellowship

**Tues. 3/6**            7:00am Bible Study  
 8:00am Quilting  
 6:00pm Bell Choir  
 7:00pm Board of Elders

**Wed. 3/7**            **10:00am Midweek Lenten Worship**  
 5:45pm Choir  
**7:00pm Midweek Lenten Worship**

**Thurs. 3/8**            6:00pm Board of Parish Education

**Fri. 3/9**              7:30am Strong Bones  
 SCRIP due by noon

**Sat. 3/10**            7:00pm Worship

*Daylight Saving Time Begins (Set clocks one hour ahead.)*

**Sun. 3/11**            8:00am Worship  
 9:00am Fellowship (Altar Guild)  
**NO Bible Bowl Practice**  
 9:15am Sunday School  
 9:15am Bible Study (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Room)  
 10:15am Worship

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