

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin
March 22, 2020
9:00am (Livestream)

The Fourth Sunday in Lent In Time of Pestilence

Greeting

In keeping with the pestilence – Coronavirus – now spreading across the world, we draw near to the Lord. He has assured us, “I create light and darkness; I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD who does all these things (Isaiah 45:7). What is more, “The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love” (Psalm 145:8). He will not forsake us.



Opening Hymn

All Depends on Our Possessing

(732)

1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y
grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.
They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly
not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.
guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.

Well He knows what best to grant me;
All the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt His wisdom never;
As God wills, so be it ever;
I commit to Him my way.

If my days on earth He lengthen,
God my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in Him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding,
Like a stream away is gliding;
Safe I anchor in His grace.

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Confession and Absolution

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

Amen.

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

O almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Introit *Psalm 80:1, 4, 17, 19, antiphon: 2 Samuel 24:15-17, alt., 1 Chronicles 21: 14-17, alt.*

Remember, O Lord, your covenant
and say to your smiting angel,

“Stay your hand, that the land may not become desolate,”

lest you destroy every living soul.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,

you who lead Joseph like a flock!

O Lord, God of hosts,

how long will you be angry with your people’s prayers?

Let your hand be on the man of your right hand,

the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts!

Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Glorify 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.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that we turn from our wickedness and live. Graciously behold Your people who plead to You and spare us. Withdraw the scourge of Your wrath and be moved in mercy to turn away this pestilence from us; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading — 2 Samuel 24:1–25

Again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he incited David against them, saying, “Go, number Israel and Judah.” ²So the king said to Joab, the commander of the army, who was with him, “Go through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, and number the people, that I may know the number of the people.” ³But Joab said to the king, “May the LORD your God add to the people a hundred times as many as they are, while the eyes of my lord the king still see it, but why does my lord the king delight in this thing?” ⁴But the king’s word prevailed against Joab and the commanders of the army. So Joab and the commanders of the army went out from the presence of the king to number the people of Israel. ⁵They crossed the Jordan and began from Aroer, and from the city that is in the middle of the valley, toward Gad and on to Jazer. ⁶Then they came to Gilead, and to Kadesh in the land of the Hittites; and they came to Dan, and from Dan they went around to Sidon, ⁷and came to the fortress of Tyre and to all the cities of the Hivites and Canaanites; and they went out to the Negeb of Judah at Beersheba. ⁸So when they had gone through all the land, they came to

Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. ⁹And Joab gave the sum of the numbering of the people to the king: in Israel there were 800,000 valiant men who drew the sword, and the men of Judah were 500,000.

¹⁰But David's heart struck him after he had numbered the people. And David said to the LORD, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done. But now, O LORD, please take away the iniquity of your servant, for I have done very foolishly." ¹¹And when David arose in the morning, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, ¹²"Go and say to David, 'Thus says the LORD, Three things I offer you. Choose one of them, that I may do it to you.'" ¹³So Gad came to David and told him, and said to him, "Shall three years of famine come to you in your land? Or will you flee three months before your foes while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days' pestilence in your land? Now consider, and decide what answer I shall return to him who sent me." ¹⁴Then David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Let us fall into the hand of the LORD, for his mercy is great; but let me not fall into the hand of man." So the LORD sent a pestilence on Israel from the morning until the appointed time. And there died of the people from Dan to Beersheba 70,000 men. ¹⁶And when the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD relented from the calamity and said to the angel who was working destruction among the people, "It is enough; now stay your hand." And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. ¹⁷Then David spoke to the LORD when he saw the angel who was striking the people, and said, "Behold, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly. But these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand be against me and against my father's house."

¹⁸And Gad came that day to David and said to him, "Go up, raise an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite." ²¹And Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" David said, "To buy the threshing floor from you, in order to build an altar to the LORD, that the plague may be averted from the people." ²²Then Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up what seems good to him. Here are the oxen for the burnt offering and the threshing sledges and the yokes of the oxen for the wood." ²³All this, O king, Araunah gives to the king." And Araunah said to the king, "The LORD your God accept you." ²⁴But the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. ²⁵And David built there an altar to the LORD and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD responded to the plea for the land, and the plague was averted from Israel.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading —Romans 5:15–17

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

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The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according St. Luke the fourth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. ⁴⁰Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

1 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His will is
4 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He is my

just and ho - ly. As He di - rects my life for me,
friend and Fa - ther; He suf - fers naught to do me harm

I fol - low meek and low - ly. My God in - deed
Though man - y storms may gath - er. Now I may know

In ev - 'ry need Knows well how He will shield me;
Both joy and woe; Some - day I shall see clear - ly

To Him, then, I will yield dear - me.
That He has loved me dear - ly.

What God ordains is always good: though I the cup am drinking
Which savors now of bitterness, I take it without shrinking.
For after grief God gives relief,
My heart with comfort filling and all my sorrow stilling.

What God ordains is always good: this truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken.
I fear no harm, for with His arm
He shall embrace and shield me; so to my God I yield me.

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Sermon

“Pestilence, Prayer, and Peace”

(2 Samuel 24)

Song

Be Still, My Soul, Before the Lord

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

(740)

I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within His arms to rest.

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Prayers

In Need of Healing . . . *Bob Buettner, Gabe Delzer, Shirley Kieckhafer, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Carl Kosbab, Judy Manthei, Laurel Sauerbrei, Donna Seefeldt, and Wallace Zernicke.*

Giving Offerings

In thanksgiving to God, do not let the Coronavirus steal your joy of giving. You may...

- a. Mail or drop off your regular envelope at the church office.
- b. Find the ONLINE GIVING link on our web page at [.stpaulbonduel.com](http://stpaulbonduel.com). Please call the church office if you need help.
- c. Find instructions on the web page to down load a giving app for your phone.



Announcements

Attendance —March 11, 14/15, 2020

Wednesday	3/11	10:00am	288
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Saturday	3/14	7:00pm	94
Sunday	3/15	8:00pm	130
Sunday	3/15	10:15am	<u>124</u>
		Total	715

Wonderful! . . . \$3,800 was sent to St. Paul Preschool, School, and Church by 42 Thrivent members designating their Thrivent Choice Dollars this past month. We still have approximately 120 eligible people who could call 800-847-4836 or go online at [.thrivent.com/choice](http://thrivent.com/choice). Please consider doing so. The 2019 program ends March 31, 2020. **It is truly appreciated.**

Easter Lilies . . . Would you like to help beautify the sanctuary for Easter? Even if the service is livestreamed, we can still make the chancel look festive in honor of our Lord. Lilies are \$17, and spring plants are \$18. Call Karen Baker at 715-853-9137 to order. Our ordering deadline is April 5th.

Teacher openings for the 2020-21 School Year . . . two teaching positions need to be filled in our school. Please contact Principal Gerry Schmidt at 715-758-8532 or .schmidt@stpaulbonduel.com with any questions or to recommend someone.

55+ Group . . . has been cancelled for March.

Men's Club . . . for April is cancelled and the Steak Fry is postponed.

The Lutheran Hour . . . "Labors of Love" (Exodus 10)

Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti—The plagues described in Exodus show us the wrath of God and the lengths to which God will go to save His people. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am on WTCH/960 AM, at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to .lutheranhour.org.

Camp Luther News . . . Men's Retreat – September 25-27, 2020

MEN, this one is for you! Come to Camp Luther this fall and join with other men who want to strengthen their faith and become stronger husbands, fathers, and men of God. This weekend is packed full of stuff just for guys, including tournaments, break out sessions, amazing food, and time in God's Word geared toward refocusing us to become the intentional men of God our families deserve. Learn more and register at .com/adult-events.



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