



**Destroy
this
temple,
and**

**I will raise it
again in three
days”**

John 2:19

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

March 4/7, 2021

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Welcome to the House of the Lord

The Lenten Season. Soon Holy Week. Crucifixion.
Then resurrection. The body raised on the third day.

Jesus stood at the great temple in Jerusalem. In our gospel reading from John, Jesus spoke the unthinkable, "Destroy this temple." Who would do that?! No one would do that! Why would anyone consider it?! Another unthinkable in the land of the Jewish people would have been to destroy the Christ, the Anointed Promised One. But that was the apostle Paul's message, "Christ crucified!" It is our message also. Come. Let us worship Him. Crucified. Risen. Ascended. Glorified. The Christ. The Son of the living God. Your Savior and mine.



Opening Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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| 1 | When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride. | 3 | See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown? |
| 2 | Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood. | 4 | Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all! |

Confession and Absolution

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

Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Gloria *(In keeping with the penitential nature of Lent, we refrain from singing the Gloria.)*

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through 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 — Exodus 20:1–17

And God spoke all these words, saying, ²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³“You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day.

Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³“You shall not murder. ¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵“You shall not steal. ¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of

the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the second chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” ¹⁸So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

The Law of God is good and wise
And sets His will before our eyes,
Shows us the way of righteousness,
And dooms to death when we transgress.

Its light of holiness imparts
The knowledge of our sinful hearts
That we may see our lost estate
And turn from sin before too late.

The Law is good; but since the fall
Its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sin to die
And has no pow'r to justify.

To Jesus we for refuge flee,
Who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne,
Saved by His grace through faith alone.

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Sermon “**Destroy this Temple**” *John 2:19*

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Holy Communion . . . Our practice of close 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 members of a sister LCMS congregation are asked to speak to our pastor before communing.

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Agnus Dei

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Distribution

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

Distribution Hymns

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

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I come, O Savior, to Thy table, for weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able to satisfy and make me whole:
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood be for my soul the highest good!

Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning that sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; so I, a sinner, come to Thee.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood be for my soul the highest good!

Unworthy though I am, O Savior, because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, for Thou my faithful shepherd art:
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood be for my soul the highest good!

Weary am I and heavy laden; with sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden my heart, for I am now Thy guest.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood be for my soul the highest good!

What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, the covenant of hope and grace.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood be for my soul the highest good!

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Your Table I Approach

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Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart prove hurtful to me there.

Lord, I confess my sins and mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find forgiveness at Your hands.

Your body and Your blood, once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord, in blest reality.

Search not how this takes place, this wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more than what we think could be.

O grant, most blessed Lord, that earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail to thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

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Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

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Serving the Lord in Worship

Pastors	Rev. Timothy J. Shoup	Rev. Mark R. Palmer	
Organist	Mrs. Lorraine Doell		
Acolytes	Ethan McClone	Jackson Krause	Paige Niquette

Prayers

In Need of Healing . . . *Bob Buettner, Lori Cathey, Ruby Christensen, Gabe Delzer, Shirley Kieckhafer, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Patrick Luepke, Judy Manthei, Sue Nohr, Rachel Olson, Mary Peterman, Charlie Rosin, Jerry Steif, and Rachel Wussow.*



We Pray for . . . the family of *Donna Seefeldt* who was called to her eternal home on Sunday, February 28, 2021, and given Christian burial on Friday, March 5, 2021.

We Pray for . . . the family of *Amy Joltz*, daughter of Bob and Sharon Schlender, who was called to her eternal home on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

Flowers . . . are placed to the glory of God in memory *Whitney James Kastning*, niece of April and Lissy Kastning, who would have been 24 on March 4. The Lord called her home earlier this year. She is deeply missed by family and friends.

Announcements

Flowers for Easter . . . It is time to start thinking about beautifying the chancel area for the Easter season. Lilies can be purchased for \$17 and other spring plants (mums, kalanchoes, begonias) can be purchased for \$18. There are sign-up sheets and envelopes in the narthex. Please deposit the form with the correct amount of money into the box or call Karen Baker at 715-853-9137 to place your order.



Attendance— February 24, 25, & 28, 2021

Wednesday	2/24	10:00am	157
Wednesday	2/24	7:00pm	32
Thursday	2/25	7:00pm	72
Sunday	2/28	7:45am	96
Sunday	2/28	9:00am	42
Sunday	2/28	<u>10:15am</u>	<u>114</u>
Total			513

Online Services Livestream Views **214**

Hope in Him 2020–2022
3-year special offering
As of February 28, 2021

	Mortgage	School Repair	WRLHS	Missions	Total
Pledged	\$173,721	\$74,041	\$43,002	\$11,352	\$302,115
Received	\$139,285	\$53,279	\$23,917	\$6,283	\$222,763

Unused Contribution Envelopes . . . may be dropped off in the box in the narthex or in the church office. The envelopes get recycled for chapel offerings.

The Lutheran Hour . . . "Widow's Mite" (Mark 12:13–34)

Why did Jesus commend a poor widow who gave all her money to a corrupt institution that oppressed widows? Dr. Michael Zeigler takes a deeper look. Tune in next Sunday at 7:30am on WTCH/960 AM, at 10:00am to WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to www.lutheranhour.org.

St. Paul Online Ministry Team Update!

We are looking for photos and a few photographers. Please take a moment to upload a photo to this site: bit.ly/Stpaulphotos to potentially be used in our social media posts or website. If viewing this note online, this link ([click here](#)) shows nice examples of what we are looking for — happy, smiling faces and photos of our events and services, weddings, school activities, sporting events, and so forth.

Our St. Paul Online Ministry team is working to improve and upgrade our work online with the goal of bringing Christ to more people, and more people to Christ at St. Paul Lutheran. Would you like to help? Do you enjoy working with livestreaming; photography; social media; audio visual equipment? Please let one of our pastors know that you would like to be a part of it. Thank you!

We currently have 16 people participating in the effort.

Thrivent Choice Dollars . . . Thank you to the 52 people that designated their Choice Dollars to St. Paul Church, School, or Preschool in January for a total of \$4,144. That is definitely appreciated. Thrivent is available Monday through Friday, 7:00am – 6:00pm at 800-847-4836. Or go online at thrivent.com/choice. If you have dollars to designate or think you might, please consider doing this. The deadline for designating available 2020 choice dollars is March 31, 2021.

WRLHS Trivia Event . . . The 7th Annual Trivia Event will be held on March 14 at Wolf River Lutheran High School in Shawano. Theme: *Let's Go To The Movies*. Flyers with the details are on the tables in the narthex. Sign up has begun!

Fish Fry . . . Wolf River Lutheran High School will have a drive-thru fish fry on Friday, March 12, from 4:00pm – 7:30pm. This event is CASH ONLY. Cost will be \$10 for fish, and \$6 for chicken tenders. Please call contact 715-745-2400 for more information.

LCMS Life Conference . . . LCMS Life Ministry will host its first-ever virtual life conference March 19–20, under the theme “Making Disciples: Valuing Life.”

Registration is open now at www.lcms-life.org. Join us!

- Be equipped to speak up for the sanctity of life within your community and our society
- Gain ideas on how to care for all human life
- Interact with fellow Lutherans on Life Ministry topics
- Be a part of the LCMS Life Ministry community

Dozens of experts in Life Ministry will present throughout the conference with multiple video presentations available for immediate on-demand viewing as soon as you login. Engage in live Question and Answer sessions with experts in Life Ministry.

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

March 10	James Engel	
March 11	Ajay Heller	
March 14	Erik Krause	Kaylen Folkman

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

March 11	Sheila Bahr	
March 14	Pam Schmidt	Amy Schmidt

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sunday 3/7** 7:45am Worship — Holy Communion (livestreamed)
9:00am Worship — Holy Communion (Mandatory Masks)
10:15am Worship — Holy Communion
- Monday 3/8** 7:00pm Online Ministry Team Meeting
- Tuesday 3/9** 7:00am Bible Study
8:00am Quilting
6:30pm Church Council
- Wednesday 3/10** 8:15am 4K-Grade 2 Chapel
10:00am Midweek Lenten Worship
4:00pm–5:00pm Food Pantry
5:00pm Public School Confirmation
6:00pm 5th/6th Grade Public School Confirmation
7:00pm Midweek Lenten Worship
- Thursday 3/11** 7:00pm Worship
- Friday 3/12**
- Saturday 3/13**
- Sunday 3/14** 7:45am Worship (livestreamed)
9:00am Worship (Mandatory Masks)
10:15am Worship



Midweek Lenten Worship

10:00am and 7:00pm

Return to the Lord

February 17	<i>Call to Return</i>	Pastors Shoup and Palmer
February 24	<i>Return from False Witness</i>	Pastor John Eyer
March 3	<i>Return from Denial</i>	Pastor Steve Conradt
March 10	<i>Return from Betrayal</i>	Pastor Travis Kleinschmidt
March 17	<i>Return to Prayer</i>	Pastors Shoup and Palmer
March 24	<i>Return to the Kingdom of God</i>	Pastor Steve Conradt



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