

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

March 11/14, 2021

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



Welcome to Worship

In today's Scripture readings... The Israelites complained. They spoke against God and Moses. God heard enough, sent “fiery serpents,” and the people were snake bit. Many died. The people repented; God saved them from the poisonous venom by having Moses place a bronze serpent on a pole (Numbers 21:4-9). In John 3, speaking to Nicodemus under the cover of darkness, Jesus references the bronze serpent and compares it to Himself,

“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up.”

Then Jesus speaks what has become the most well-known verse in the Bible – John 3:16. “For God so loved the world...” John 3:16 is nestled in the context of light and darkness, truth and wickedness, evil and goodness. Jesus brings true light to the dark spots of Nicodemus’ life and to yours. In the season of Lent, we are mindful of Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness, His trust in His Father, and of His suffering in our place under scourge, thorns, and nails. How can we not be moved to examine our hearts – our words and thoughts, actions and lack thereof – repent, return to the Lord, and rejoice in His grace. Grace? It is proclaimed nowhere in all of Scripture more profoundly than in Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, the 2nd chapter:

... we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.

God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

Δ Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

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Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

I Trust, O Christ, in You Alone

The words we speak from a treasured hymn identify our need for Christ, and assure us that He has indeed died for us and for our salvation. We confess and pray:

I trust, O Christ, in You alone;

No earthly hope avails me.

You will not see me overthrown

When Satan's host assails me.

No human strength, no earthly pow'r

Can see me through the evil hour,

For You alone my strength renew.

I cry to You!

I trust, O Lord, Your promise true.

My sin and guilt are plaguing me;

O grant me true contrition

And by Your death upon the tree
Your pardon and remission.
Before the Father's throne above
Recall Your matchless deed of love
That He may lift my dreadful load,
O Son of God!
I plead the grace Your death bestowed.

Confirm in us Your Gospel, Lord,
Your promise of salvation.
And make us long to hear Your Word
And follow our vocation:
To spend our lives in love for You
And show Your love in all we do.
And then, at last, when death shall loom,
O Savior, come
And bear Your loved ones safely home.

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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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 — Numbers 21:4–9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading — Ephesians 2:1–10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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The Holy Gospel

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

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.**

Refrain – Congregation sings after each stanza

Stanza 1 – Solo

Stanza 3 – Spoken

Stanza 2 – Ensemble

Stanza 4 – Congregation



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
 2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;
 3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;
 4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won - der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
 I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.
 On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.
 My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

Sermon **Snakebites and Dark Spots** (*John 3:14–21*)

Offering

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

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.

Hymn

Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee

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Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could never be;
For this heart would still refuse Thee Had Thy grace not chosen me.
Thou hast from the sin that stained me Washed and cleansed and set me free
And unto this end ordained me, That I ever live to Thee.

It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my darkened heart and mind;
Else the world had yet enthralled me, To Thy heav'nly glories blind.
Now I worship none above Thee; For Thy grace alone I thirst,
Knowing well that, if I love Thee, Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.

Praise the God of all creation; Praise the Father's boundless love.
Praise the Lamb, our expiation, Priest and King enthroned above.
Praise the Spirit of salvation, Him by whom our spirits live.
Undivided adoration To the great Jehovah give.



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Serving the Lord in Worship

Pastors	Rev. Timothy J. Shoup	Rev. Mark R. Palmer
Organist	7:00pm, 7:45am and 9:00am	Mrs. Lorraine Doell
Pianist	10:15am Mrs. Willa Rusch	
Acolytes	Ajay Heller Erik Krause	Kaylen Folkman

Prayers

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



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Announcements



Virtual Sunday School . . . is taking place each Sunday and is posted at 9:15am on the St. Paul website at stpaulbonduel.com. Click on the Livestream link on the home page. Links to past Sundays may be found on the Sunday School page under the Church tab.

Flowers for Easter . . . It is time to start thinking about beautifying the chancel area for the Easter season. Lilies may be purchased for \$17, and other spring plants (mums, kalanchoes, begonias) are \$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— March 3, 4, and 7 2021

Wednesday	3/3	10:00am	165
Wednesday	3/3	7:00pm	37
Thursday	3/4	7:00pm	77/ 63
Sunday	3/7	7:45am	108/ 99
Sunday	3/7	9:00am	48/ 38
Sunday	3/7	10:15am	87/ 56
Total			522/256

Online Services Livestream Views 207

Thrivent Choice Dollars . . . Thank you Thrivent and over 100 congregation members, family members and friends that designated their Choice Dollars to St. Paul Church, School, and Preschool. The total for February was \$6,598. That’s wonderful. Thrivent is available Monday through Friday, 7:00am – 6:00pm at 800–847–4836. Or go online at thrivent.com/choice. The deadline for designating 2020 choice dollars is March 31, 2021.

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, and/or 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.

Next Papa Murphy's Fundraiser for SPYRT . . . Support our youth and keep your kitchen clean all at the same time! Papa Murphy's will donate 25% of your online pizza purchase to our SPYRT (St. Paul Youth Rejoicing Together) on Wednesday, March 17. Order online and use the code "SUPPORT" at the checkout. You may also order by calling 715-201-1500 or order in the store and let the cashier know you are part of the fundraiser. Thank you for your support.



The Lutheran Hour . . . "But He Is Strong" (Mark 14:10-72)

We might not see weakness as a virtue. And yet, weakness is where God's strength is made perfect. Tune in next Sunday to hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler at 7:30am on WTCH/960 AM, at 10:00am to WRVM/102.7 FM, or go to www.lutheranhour.org.

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

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

March 17	Aiden Hillsberg	
March 18	Addison Prochaska	
March 21	Kiley Paholke	Autumn Kohn

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

March 18	Patti Herrmann	
March 21	Barb Swiecichowski	???

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Sunday 3/14** 7:45am Worship (livestreamed)
9:00am Worship (Mandatory Masks)
9:15am Virtual Sunday School
10:15am Worship
- Monday 3/15** 7:00pm Online Ministry Team Meeting
- Tuesday 3/16** 7:00am Bible Study
8:00am Quilting
- Wednesday 3/17** **SPYRT – Papa Murphy’s Fundraiser**
8:15am 4K–Grade 2 Chapel
10:00am Midweek Lenten Worship
11:30am Worship — Holy Communion
5:00pm Public School Confirmation
6:00pm 5th/6th Grade Public School Confirmation
7:00pm Midweek Lenten Worship
- Thursday 3/18** 1:00pm Mission Circle
7:00pm Worship — Holy Communion
- Friday 3/19**
- Saturday 3/20**
- Sunday 3/21** 7:45am Worship — Holy Communion (livestreamed)
9:00am Worship — Holy Communion (Mandatory Masks)
9:15am Virtual Sunday School
10:15am Worship — Holy Communion



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