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**The Third Sunday
in Lent**

READINGS

Ezekiel 33:7-20
I Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

HYMNS

LSB 765
LSB 418
LSB 761

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

DIVINE SERVICE VI

Opening Hymn

God Moves in a Mysterious Way – LSB 765

Please stand for last stanza

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

Proverbs 28:13; Acts 3:19

P Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,

C **but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.**

P Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

Confession of Sins

P Gracious Heavenly Father,

C **I confess before You and my brothers and sisters that I have sinned against You in my thoughts, my words and my deeds. I have not been faithful in keeping Your Law and I have squandered the blessings You have provided. I have not listened to Your Holy Word but have fought against it before others. I am a sinner. For Jesus' sake, forgive me of my sins and cleanse me of my iniquity. Lord, I believe. Help me with my unbelief.**

Holy Absolution

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ... Now, be at peace and enter into His Holy presence in prayer and thanksgiving.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 5:4–8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked will perish.

For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;

evil may not dwell with you.

The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;

you hate all evildoers.

You destroy those who speak lies;

the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.

I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;

make your way straight before me.

Glory 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.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked will perish.

Kyrie

O Lord, have mercy upon us,

And in Your pity hear us.

O Christ, have mercy upon us,

And in your kindness cheer us.

We cry to You, our Help and Peace:

O Lord have mercy upon us,

O Christ have mercy on us.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

Collect of the Day

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7–20

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from

me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and

the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

On My Heart Imprint Your Image – LSB 422

On my heart imprint Your image,
Blessèd 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!

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Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C 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.**

Please be seated

Sermon Hymn

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days – LSB 418

Sermon

Please stand

Offertory

Sung to the Doxology

We bring our gifts before Your throne
For You have made our hearts Your home
And cleansing us with love that's true
We offer our own lives to You

In Jesus' name we pray for peace
Here in our church, our faith increase
Peace in the world, peace in our street
Your peace, please give, in the great feast. Amen.

Offering

BLESSING OF PARAMENTS

P Beloved in the Lord: "The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt." "Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary."

It is therefore fitting that we implore the Lord's blessing as we clothe the altar of His sanctuary from which He strengthens and preserves us in the true faith.

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

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Most gracious and merciful God, You strengthen us with Your most holy Sacrament. We implore You to sanctify these Lenten Paraments for use in the consecration and distribution of the body and blood of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless these paraments.

C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

Benedicamus

P The Service is ended, let us therefore go in peace.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Benediction

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Departing Hymn

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me – LSB 761

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This Week at St. Paul's

TODAY: Sunday, March 24

Worship Service	9:00 am
Fellowship	10:00 am
Sunday School Classes	10:30 am

Wednesday, March 27

Confirmation Class.....	5:30 pm
Lenten Meal	5:30 pm
Lenten Service	6:30 pm

Next Sunday, March 31

Worship Service	9:00 am
Fellowship	10:00 am
Sunday School Classes	10:30 am

Serving the Lord with Our Attendance and Gifts

Attendance on March 17 – 65; Communing 51
March 17 Offering - \$ 3,008.52
March 20 (Midweek) attendance – 29

Birthday Blessings

Celebrating a BIRTHDAY this week – Laurie Maurer, Stephanie Theisen, Jane Marquardsen.

Remember In Prayer

Betty Rinderknecht.....	Joyce VanDonsel	Harold Zoeller
Bob Frazier.....	Jerry Micholski	Kay VanSickle
Jean Larsen	Tom & Lela Litfin.....	David Micholski
Nicole Micholski	Luella Noack.....	Marlene Krotzer
Ron VanSickle.....	Faye Miller	Samuel Judson

Shannon Micholski St. Paul's Church Families: Shirley Malmborg, Tom Litfin, Beth Burda

This year, St. Paul's will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord three ways: Sunday morning at 7:00, **Easter Sunrise**; at 9:30, **Easter Morning**; and Saturday night at 7:30pm, **Easter Vigil**. Make an effort to attend one or more of these services and to celebrate our Lord's defeat over death and hell.

The Lenten Season is now upon us and we will again be worshipping together at our Lenten Services on Wednesdays. We will be enjoying a meal together beginning on Wednesday, March 13th at 5:30pm followed by a Lenten service at 6:30pm. A signup sheet has been posted on the bulletin across from the kitchen.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS! **Confirmation classes** are now meeting at 5:30pm. The last Wednesday of Confirmation is Wednesday, April 10th. There will be **NO Wednesday night Adult Bible Study** from now until the end of April.

Please continue to **SAVE YOUR TEAL'S RECEIPTS!** We will be taking advantage of Teal's Rebate program. They will donate 1% of all the receipts turned in. Please save your receipts and then place them in the box in the kitchen. Thanks to Joyce VanDonsel for her work collecting and tabulating the receipts!

If you see Pastor limping around today, rest assured that he's fine. He is still on the mend after suffering a sprained ankle earlier last week. Keep him in your prayers as he continues to heal!

This year St. Paul's will have a traditional **Passover Seder**, a history-teaching meal for the Christian Church. The Seder will be on Maundy Thursday, April 18th at 6:30 PM. A sign-up form has been posted on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. There is no cost for the Seder, but a free-will offering will be collected.

Jen VanDonsel is looking for a volunteer (or two) in her home daycare. A few hours a week is all that is needed to help her bundle (and unbundle) the little ones as they gear up to play outside in the warmer weather now that the Spring season is approaching. If you can help in this way or would like additional details, please contact Jen at 320-493-4691.

Two copies of the March 2019 issue of the **Lutheran Witness** are available. It is a monthly periodical that focuses on issues in the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. They are located on the shelf below the church mailboxes. Feel free to take home, read and enjoy. Return promptly so that others may do the same.

Thank you to Carin Calander for all of her work on our monthly newsletter! Your suggestions and submissions for the newsletter are encouraged. Articles, recipes, poems and other ideas can be e-mailed to her at calfam1@frontiernet.net or placed in her church mailbox.

Just a reminder to make it a habit to check your church mailboxes frequently. If you check it today, you will find the April – June 2019 issue of the devotional, *Portals of Prayer*.

Our Sunday morning worship services are recorded each week on a DVD. If you would like to receive a copy to view at your convenience, please contact the church office.