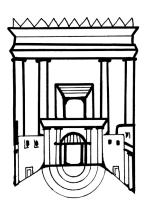
Third Sunday in Lent



March 3, 2024 10:00 am St. Paul's Eggertsville Campus

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Eggertsville Campus Third Sunday in Lent March 3, 2024

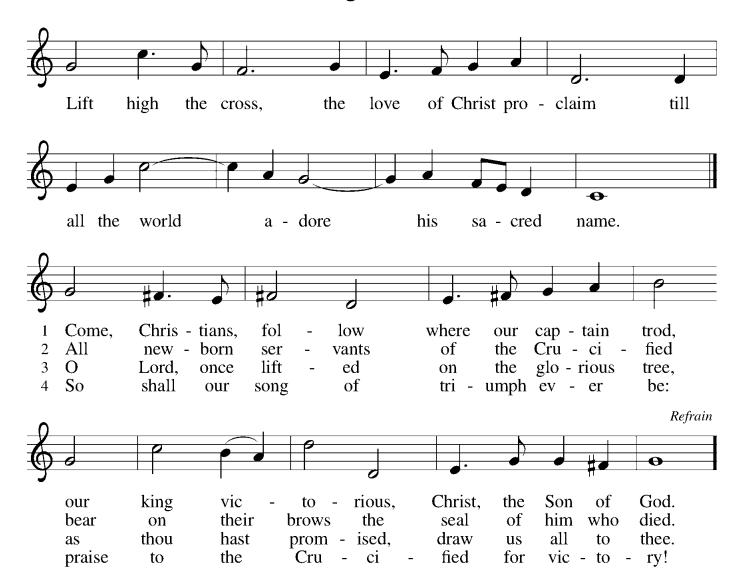


Musician: Paul Storfer

Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.
- C Amen.
- P Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
 - Holy God,
- C we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.
- P Friends, hear about God's grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through Jesus Christ. So your sins are forgiven in the name of Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Lift High the Cross



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Apostolic Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- \mathbf{C} And also with you.

Canticle: W&P 113

Open our eyes, Lord



Prayer of the Day

- P Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen

Children's Time

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

- A This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

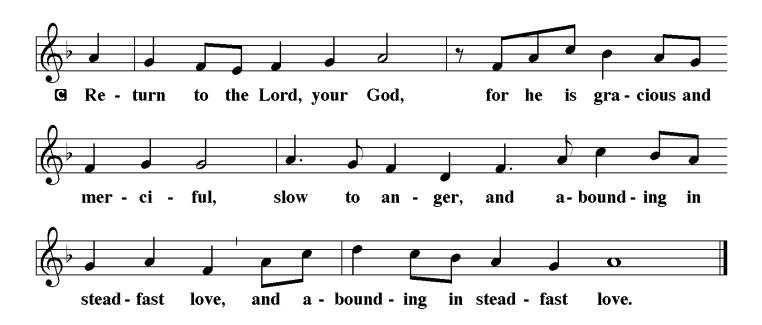
Psalm 19 (read responsively)

The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)

- A The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
- C One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- A Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
- C their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

- A It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- C It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- A The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- C The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- A The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- C More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- A By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
- C Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- A Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- C Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.
- A This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



- P The Holy Gospel according to John the Second Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 2:13-22

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

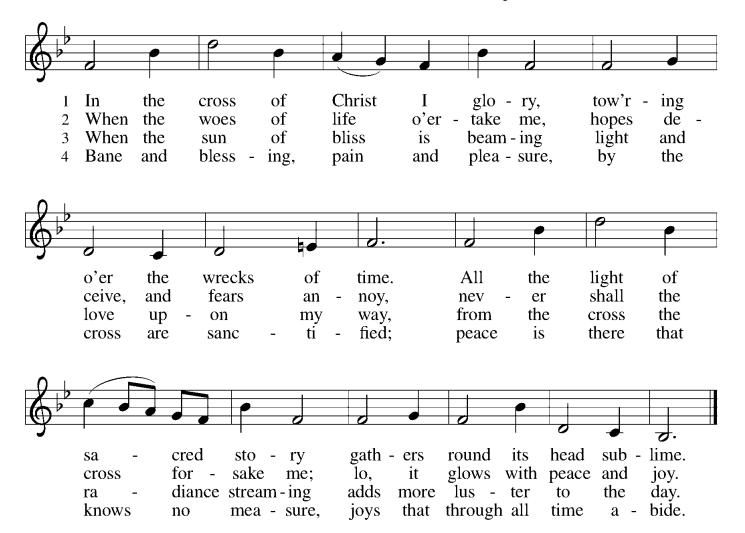
The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After 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.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon



In the Cross of Christ I Glory



Apostle's Creed

- P Let's join to proclaim our faith in the Apostles' Creed:
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers of the Church

A Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need. (Please kneel or sit as you are able.)

You alone are God. We thank you for the gift of sabbath rest. Awaken the church to the mystery of your presence and give us glad hearts as we receive the good news of your deliverance. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You renew creation. Drive out those who would make the earth a marketplace. Protect rainforests, mountaintops, oceans, and wilderness areas from commercial exploitation. Unite nations, policymakers, and businesses in efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You judge the nations. We pray for an end to war and strife in every land. Strengthen international efforts to negotiate peace and provide humanitarian aid to people fleeing from conflict. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You bring healing and hope. We give thanks for physicians, nurses, researchers, therapists, and public health workers who prevent and treat illness. We pray for any who are sick, especially the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You abide with your people. Sustain any in this community undergoing life transitions: marriage, divorce, childbirth, adoption, moving, graduation, employment change, or a death in the family. We pray for those preparing for baptism. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You bring life from death. We remember our loved ones who have died, confident that they have new life in you. May we trust that nothing can separate us from your love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

Ways to Give to St. Paul's

Options you can use to continue tithing to St. Paul's:

- In-Person Worship: Continue to put your envelopes and cash in the plate
- Giving by Mail: If you are not able to attend worship in person, please mail your donations payable to St. Paul's 4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, NY 14226
- Online: On the St. Paul's website is a link to Online Giving which will allow you to donate either via PayPal or credit card. Click the Online Giving button and you will be taken to the site to set up an account, where to direct your donation, and the amount you want to donate.

The website is: https://stpaulseggertsville.com/online-giving/

- P Let us pray.
- God of grace, we give you thanks for all the blessings you have poured into our lives. Thank you for the opportunities to share those blessings through and beyond St. Paul's. Use the gifts we offer here today and in our planned giving to bless the world with your hope, your presence, and your love. Amen



Dialogue and Preface

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give God thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right and proper that we should at all times and in all places, offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and speak their unending hymn:

Sanctus (spoken)

C Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

P In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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

Holy Communion at St. Paul's: celebrated every time we gather, and is open to all. Please approach by the center aisle, receive the bread and the wine, and return to your seat via the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request it from the Assisting Minister holding the wine. Children are welcome! Those who receive elsewhere may receive here. Children who do not yet receive may come for a blessing. If you have difficulty walking, communion will be brought to you at your seat.

Communion Blessing

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

Prayer After Communion

- P Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.
- C Amen.

Benediction

- P And now as you go on your way, may the Lord go with you. May he go before you to show you the way, behind you to encourage you, beside you to be your friend, above you to watch over you, and within you to give you peace. Go today celebrating in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, and all God's children said...
- C Amen

Closing Hymn: LBW 415 (on the following page)

Sharing the Peace and Sending

- P Go in peace to serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God.

God of Grace and God of Glory



ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: March 3-10, 2024

Sunday: 8:50-9:30 am: No Adult Forum—Will restart April 7

9:30 am-1:30 pm: Western New York Church at ALC

10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV

10:00 am: Worship, Communion, and Sunday School

11:30 am: Confirmation Class at St. Paul's Eggertsville Campus

1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Monday: 4:30-5:30 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share

5:30-7:30 pm: Amherst Family Support Center Meeting

Tuesday: 10:00 am: Bible Study

1:30-3:30 pm: GriefShare Meeting

5:00-6:30 pm: Recovery on Main Meeting (NA) 7:00-9:00 pm: Lutheran Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday: 12:00 pm: Lenten Soup & Psalms

1:00 pm: Staff Meeting 1:00 pm: Pinochle Group

6:30-8:00 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group

8:00 pm: AA Meeting

Thursday: 6:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety II

7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal

Saturday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at ALC

9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open

4:00-7:00 pm: Spaghetti Dinner to Support Youth Group (in Parish Hall)

5:00 pm: Worship and Communion at ALC

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1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Altar Flowers: Are given by Ira Striejewski in memory of his loving wife, Marilyn, and mother to Debbie, and Donald and Michele

Deacons: 3/3: Sara Gallagher; 3/10: Barbara Walter

Ushers: 3/3: Bob & Karen Brown; 3/10: Mike & Michele Degen

Prayer List: Shut-Ins (* indicates new names or changes added this week)

Ruth Blank: 2330 Maple Road, Apt. 374, Williamsville, NY 14221

Neal DeLeo: Bristol Village, 8455 Clarence Center Road, #105, Clarence Center, NY 14032

Marilyn Emerson: 33 Northfield Drive, Snyder, NY 14226 Douglas Endres: 26 Sovereign Court, Getzville, NY 14068 *John Hornung: Brothers of Mercy, 10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence, NY 14031

Jan Isaacs: 6 Bush Gardens, Three Rod Road, Alden, NY 14004

Omar Jenson: The Maplewood, 100 Daniel Drive, Webster, NY 14580

Dave Lampe: Ashley Woods, Room 8, 400 YMCA Way, Penfield, NY 14526

Elaine Masman: Doseberg Campus, Room 120, 2700 North Forest Rd., Getzville, NY 14068

Ralph Mast: 150 Bissel Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14211

Dorothy Menth: Elderwood at Basset Park, 245 Bassett Rd., #54, Williamsville, NY 14221

Marion Niblock: Beechwood Rehab, 2235 Millersport Highway, #714, Getzville, NY 14068

Wilma Nantka: Fredonia Place, 201 Reist Street, #238, Williamsville, NY 14221

Sandy Simet: Beechwood, Room #744, 2235 Millersport Highway, Getzville, NY 14068

David Wolf: Solstice, 6363 Transit Road, #244, East Amherst, NY 14051

Ron Wolfe: 324 Village Park Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221

Jane Woodward: Brothers of Mercy Rehab, 10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence, NY 14031

Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family: Kristin DiPasquale, Sarah and Brian Maloney; Chad Israel; Thomas Maier

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In-Person Worship: St. Paul's has two in-person worship services: Saturday evening at 5:00 pm at the Amherst Lutheran Campus, and Sunday morning at 10:00 am at the Eggertsville Campus. Please be respectful of people around you regarding distancing and their comfort levels. The Sunday 10:00 am worship service is also livestreamed on St. Paul's YouTube page.

Church Unleashed: If you cannot join us for in-person worship, please continue to worship with us as Church Unleashed on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am on WBBZ, YouTube, or Facebook.

ALC Book Club: Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 14, beginning at 7:15 pm in the Gathering Room at Amherst Lutheran Campus. All are welcome! The book for March is <u>American Dirt</u> by Jeanine Cummins. Contact me if you have any questions (716-689-6365 or karinej@roadrunner.com.)

Prayer Team Ministry: Once a week you will receive an email with a list of people to pray for and specific requests for that person. We ask that you commit to praying for the names on the email. If you'd like to join us, please contact Heidi at: Heidi@stpaulseggertsville.com

Daily Bread Food Truck: The 2024 Monday Meal Share is underway. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, contact the office at 716-835-0407 or dailybread4007@gmail.com

Tigers Den Food Pantry: The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The pantry hours for March have been adjusted to conform to FeedMore WNY requirements. March hours are Saturdays 3/9 and 3/23 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm; and Thursdays 3/14 and 3/28 from 3:00-6:30 pm. Donations for March: flour, sugar, and cooking oil.

Lenten Lunches and Devotions: Wednesdays from 12:00-12:45 pm. Psalms of Prayer: March 6: Psalm 107-"You deliver the people from their distress" Pastor Steve, Prayer focus: those we know of that are troubled. March 13: Psalm 51- "Create in me a clean heart" Pastor Kristen, Prayer focus: ELCA missions and St. Paul's ministries. March 20: Psalm 31- "Into your hands O Lord I commend my spirit" Pastor Steve and Pastor Kristen, Prayer Focus: all who grieve. Please consider bringing a pot of soup for one of the weeks. The Sign Up sheet is in the Gathering Area.

My son-in-law Brian Maloney has recently been diagnosed with Stage 4 lymphoma. We will accepting gift cards for the first 3 weeks of March - to anywhere - in any amount - for a Gift Card Fundraiser Calendar. Sales of those calendars will be in April. You may put the gift cards in the collection basket, office or give to me directly. Any questions, feel free to contact me.

thank you Love,
FOR YOUR SUPPORT -June Piette

CHO	ly M	leek	Sche	dule
Palm Sunday Sat/Sun March 23/24	Maundy Thursday March 28	Good Friday March 29	Holy Saturday March 30	Easter Sunday March 31
Stripping of the Altar	Pot Luck Dinner	Solemn Services	Easter Vigil	Sunrise Service
Sat @ALC 5:00 pm Sun@ SPEC 10:00 am	@SPEC 6:30 pm	@SPEC 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm	@ALC 5:00 pm	@SPEC 6:00 am 2nd Service 10:00 am

SPAGHETTI DINNER



St. Paul's Annual

Saturday, March 9th, 4-7 p.m.

- * FREE WILL OFFERING
- * All proceeds go to our ELCA Youth Gathering Team
- TAKE OUT AVAILABLE

Bring your own bottle of wine to enjoy!

A BASKET RAFFLE WILL BE HELD





BASKET RAFFLE



All proceeds benefit the Youth Gathering trip July 16 - 20, 2024 in New Orleans

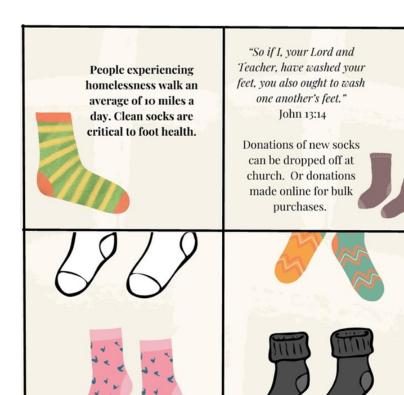
1 Sheet = \$10.00

2 Sheets = \$15.00

Thank you for your support of the Basket Raffle. We can all be winners!







St. Paul's will be collecting new pairs of socks for the homeless throughout Lent. There will be a donation box in each church.



Easter Flowers

Easter is just around the corner. If you would like to purchase Easter flowers in memory/honor of a loved one, the plants are \$10.00 each. All checks are payable to: St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Orders are due by March 6, 2024. **Please print.**

In memor	y of	In honor of	In celebration of
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