

## THOSE SERVING IN MARCH

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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI

Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022

**Inviting People to  
Journey with Christ's Family  
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

*Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."*

*\*(Indicates that the people should stand as they are able.)*

### **Announcements**

#### **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.^*

*Prelude....A time for silent reflection*

#### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of God,  
who makes a way in the wilderness,  
walks with us,  
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

**Amen.**

Holy One,

**we confess that we have wandered far from you:  
we have not trusted your promises,  
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,  
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,  
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.  
Have mercy on us!**

**Forgive us and turn us again to you.**

**Teach us to follow in your ways,  
assure us again of your love,  
and help us to love our neighbor.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

the Word draws near to you,  
and all who call out to God shall be saved.

In Jesus, God comes to you again and again  
and gathers you under wings of love.

In ✝ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.

God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

**Amen.**

Gathering Hymn      "Our Father, We Have Wandered"      **ELW #606**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

### Prayers for the Children

We ask that all members join the Women of the ELCA and pray this prayer as you rise in the morning and as you prepare to retire each evening.

Lord, Jesus Christ, I bring to you:

Jada, Myles, & Conner Garske; Britain Hahn, Gracie Brandau; Amara Brandau; Chase Brandau; Avery Brueggen; Riley & Aria Brueggen; Nolan & Logan Buchholz; Thadyn & Ayawyn Conner; Vanessa & Elliott Ornes; Lailah Eckes; Lena Ornes; Porter Sorenson; Kennedy & Josie Ornes; Brooklyn, Madelyn, & Kaylin Gruen; Emma, Bryce, Marah & Bria Gruen; Ava, Katie, & Benjamin Gruen; Brady Zimmerman; Braylee Zimmerman; MaKenzie & Cooper Powell; Wesson & Arden Mayne; Vanessa, Mia, & Brek Anderson; Tyler & Jaden Bever; Carlee, Collin, & Camden Neidfeldt; Morgan Speicher; Krista & Sierra Cook; Tyler Brandau; Franklin & Douglas Wildes; Emma Elder, Bryson Lamb, Elizabeth Wildes; Sophia, Derek & Deacon Erdman; Kody Tormoen; Angel Brueggen; Callie Fleming; Miranda, Daphne & Linus Arndt; Alaina & Braxton Holthaus; Jayda Leis; David, Sam & Zachary Ross; Gannon Tormoen; Jase & Margo Picha; Watson Sebranek, Rylan McCarthy, Ellery Tormoen.

That your spirit will dwell with them according to your will. That they will grow in the knowledge of you and know that they are dearly loved by you. I pray that you will protect them from deception by the evil one and all his darts that would lead them astray. May they do well in school, learning and discerning what direction you have in mind for them. I also pray for all children everywhere, that you would keep them in your care. In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen

Nail Clippers      Metal, with or without nail file  
Tooth Brushes      Please leave in packaging.

Please place your donated items on the table located in the narthex.

### **Sugar Creek Bible Camp**

We have placed information with regard to the summer programs available at Sugar Creek Bible Camp on the table in the narthex. The church contributes 50% of the camping fee.



P: For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Canticle of Praise**      “Glory to God in the Highest”      ELW p. 148

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen

### **Word**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song. ^*

### **First Reading**

*God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.*

### Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of amascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” <sup>8</sup>But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” <sup>9</sup>He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” <sup>10</sup>He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 27

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?  
<sup>2</sup>**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,  
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

### IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Dylan Dougherty, Seth Tormoen, Danelle Dougherty, Robert Cale, Matthew Dutton.

### CALENDAR

Sun., March 13	Church Council	11:15 am
Wed., March 16	Quilting	9:00 am
	Lenten Service	7:00 pm
Thurs., March 17	W-ELCA General Meeting	10:00 am
Sun., March 20	Sunday School	9:00 am
	Worship	10:15 am

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER

We will be sponsoring a drive-up chicken dinner on Sunday, April 24. Jamie Thomas will again prepare the barbeque chicken and we'll serve the usual potato salad, beans, cranberry sauce, and dinner roll . The cost will be \$10.00/plate. The church council approved the profit from the dinner to be designated to the cemetery maintenance account. We need your help in selling tickets, not just buying one for yourself and family members. Nalani will be handing out tickets TODAY!!

#### PERSONAL CARE KITS

We are close to packing 200 care kits using grant money from Thrivent Financial. That is all well and good, but what does that say when we have not received donations from individual members? Open your hearts to those in need and consider donating one or more of the following items:

- Towels: Size 20" x 40" to 27" x 52", light-weight, dark colors preferred
- Soap: Bath size bars
- Combs: Sturdy

(list continued on Page 10)

P: Here is food and drink for the journey.  
Take and be filled.

Distribution

*Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's table.*

"Lamb of God"

ELW p.154

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus,  
in this rich meal of grace,  
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.  
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope  
to a world in need.  
Amen.

#### Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.^

\*Benediction

Sending Hymn "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" ELW #808

P: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God's People, Pastor: Cathleen Morris; Organist: Nalani Bever; Reader: Kirstin Arndt; Altar: Dixie & Leonard Arndt; Communion Servers: Thadyn Conner & Ayawyn Conner

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Steve Zirk, Gary Von Ruden, Sue Ann Degenhardt, Curt Brieske, Randy Steinbrink, Gloria Meltesen, LuAnn Bever-Denter, Florence Dougherty, Darlene Babbitt, Sacia Morris, John Acker, Lois Reineke, Rylan McCarthy, Pat Nelson, Judy Bever.

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.  
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

<sup>4</sup>**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my  
life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God  
in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the  
hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup>**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround  
me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices  
of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup>**My heart speaks your message— "Seek my face."  
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in  
anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me  
not, O God of my salvation.

<sup>10</sup>**Though my father and my mother forsake me,  
The Lord will take me in.**

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD;  
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

<sup>12</sup>**Subject me not to the will of my foes,  
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing  
violence.**

<sup>13</sup>This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living!

<sup>14</sup>**Wait for the LORD and be strong.  
Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

### Second Reading

*Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be  
persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken.  
Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious  
future and encourages other Christians to follow in his  
footsteps.*

### Philippians 3:17-4:1

<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** "Return to the Lord, your God" ELW p. 151

### GOSPEL READING

*Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.*

**Luke 13:31-35**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

**Hymn of the Day**

"Jesus, Still Lead On"

**ELW #624**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

(Merciful God, receive our prayer.)

### OFFERING

*Offering plates are located in the Narthex as you enter and exit the church.*

### Offering Prayer

Extravagant God,  
**you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.  
Now we gather at your feast  
where you offer us the food that satisfies.  
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,  
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,  
in whose name we pray.  
Amen.**

### Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ^

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

ELW p. 152

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

ELW p. 153

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Words of Institution

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.**