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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI  
First Sunday in Lent  
March 1 2020  
**Inviting People to  
Journey with Christ's Family  
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

*Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.*

### Gathering

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

*Welcome Your Neighbors*

*Announcements*

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

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who is present, who gives life,  
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.  
**Amen.**

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us.**  
**We confess that we have turned away from you,  
knowingly and unknowingly.**  
**We have wandered from your resurrection life.**  
**We have strayed from your love for all people.**  
**Turn us back to you, O God.**  
**Give us new hearts and right spirits,**  
**that we may find what is pleasing to you**  
**and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

Receive good news: God turns to you in love.  
"I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God.  
All your sin is forgiven in the name of ☐ Jesus Christ,  
who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.  
**Amen.**

\*Gathering Hymn "Oh Lord, throughout These Forty Days" **ELW #319**

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.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

Bible passage that reminds us that Jesus brings hope to our lives.

Week 1	"I Am the Door"	John 10:1-10
Week 2	"I Am the Bread of Life"	John 6:35-40
Week 3	"I Am the Good Shepherd"	John 10:11-18
Week 4	"I Am the Light of the World"	John 8:12-20
Week 5	"I Am the Resurrection and the Life"	John 11:17-27

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assistant to the Bishop Libby Howe will be participating in worship next Sunday. We will also have a time of fellowship after service.

—The W-ELCA group will be collecting items for Personal Care Kits again this year during lent. While lent is a few weeks off, it's never too early to begin looking for items, especially since sales seem to run frequently. We want to thank Dr. Mark Mueller of Deer Creed Dental of Tomah for donating over 100 toothbrushes to the project. We also have over 100 towels, so we would appreciate it if you would concentrate on the following items:

Soap: Bath size bars  
Combs: Sturdy  
Nail Clippers: Metal, with or without nail file

—We are a busy people and often have conflicts on Sunday morning

which preclude us from attending church. However, whether we are in the pews or not, the bills of the church need to be paid. If you are interested in establishing an offering which would automatically transfer funds from your checking/savings account to the church account, or if you prefer to have your credit card charged, forms are available in the narthex. If you have any questions, please direct them to Nalani.

St. Paul's high school and confirmation youth are invited to a social gathering at the bowling alley in Kendall on Sunday, March 8th from 3 to 5 pm. If anyone has questions or needs a ride please contact Justin Arndt at 414-587-6642.

During our mid-week Lenten Services this year, we will be reflecting on the "I Am" statements of Jesus. Each week we will read and reflect on a

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

C: **Amen.**

\*Canticle of Praise

"Glory to God"

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\*Prayer of the Day

**Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with*

### **Word**

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

*the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.*

### **Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

<sup>15</sup>The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God

said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'<sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die;<sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."<sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

### Psalm 32

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!  
<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**  
<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.  
<sup>4</sup>**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**  
<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you  
forgave me the guilt of my sin.  
<sup>6</sup>**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of  
trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**  
<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.  
<sup>8</sup>**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.**  
<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay  
near you."  
<sup>10</sup>**Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**  
<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

**that we may testify to your goodness  
and share the hope that is ours  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen**

Benediction

Sending "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" **ELW #618**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share God's love and mercy.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Katie Wallace, Bill Collar, Dakota Holiday, Carla Von Haden, Ruth Johnson, Drew Thurston, Doug Nevin, Judy Bever, Alrita Ornes

### IN THE MILITARY

Jacob Picha, Todd Nofsinger, Dylan Dougherty, Danelle Dougherty;

#### Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.\*

Seth Tormoen, Robert Cale

### THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God's People, Pastor: Cathleen Morris, Organist: Nalani Bever, Greeters: Anita Steinke and Lois O'Rourke, Reader: Kirstin Arndt, Altar: Steve and Pam Brandau, Communion Server: Justin Arndt, Ushers: Bob Buchholz, Brian Buchholz, Ed Ross, Justin Arndt

### Calendar for March 1 — March 8

Wed., Mar 4	Lenten Service	7:00 PM
Thurs., Mar 5	Quilting	9:00 AM
Sun., Mar 8	Finance Committee Meeting	9:00 AM
	Sunday School/Confirmation	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:15 AM

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to our Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution

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.**

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table of mercy and joy.

Distribution

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

“Lamb of God”

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\*Prayer after communion

**Faithful God,  
you have kept your promise to us in this meal,  
nourishing us with the gift of salvation.  
Now send your servants forth in peace,**

## SECOND READING

*Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.*

### Romans 5:12-19

<sup>12</sup>Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—<sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

\*Gospel Acclamation

“Return to the Lord”

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## GOSPEL READING

*Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.*

**The gospel according to Matthew 4:1-11**

## Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'  
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

Sermon

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

### \*Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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 INTERCESSION** (Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

### \*PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us show signs of Christ's peace.

### OFFERING

\*Offertory "Create in Me a Clean Heart" **ELW #186**

### Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ\*

\*Offertory Prayer

Holy and generous host,  
**you set a table where we feast as friends.  
Prepare us to witness to your goodness  
with every gift you have given us to share,  
that all people may know your peace  
through Jesus Christ, now and forever.  
Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.