



BUT GOD
DEMONSTRATES
HIS OWN LOVE
TOWARD US,
in that
WHILE WE
WERE
STILL SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

Romans 5:8

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The Propers for the Second Sunday in Lent are filled with promise and hope for the suffering. In the *Epistle*, Paul explains how “*we rejoice in our sufferings*” (Rom 5:3). All this hope in suffering is keyed by the *Gospel*: Jesus bears His cross to accomplish redemption, and His disciples bear theirs as well (Mk 8:31, 34).

Welcome to all our brothers and sisters in Jesus.

The Lord’s Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. If you are not partaking of the Lord’s Supper but would like to receive a blessing, please come up to the communion rail when sent by an elder, kneel, and cross your arms over your chest. The Pastor will then know that you desire a blessing.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US.

Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in the narthex of the church.

In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

We welcome children and all the joy and little chatter that comes with them. If for any reason you want to take your little one out, there is a Nursery (Cry Room) available for use, located just outside the sanctuary.

Luther was studying Rom. 1:16–17: “I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation for everyone who believes ... ‘The righteous shall live by faith.’” Suddenly, Luther realized it was not about an active righteousness (our actions), but about a passive righteousness (God’s actions in Christ credited to us freely)! The righteous requirements of the Law were fulfilled by Christ’s perfect life and death, to pay for our sins! The result? Righteousness - a “not guilty” verdict, rendered upon mankind in Christ, and appropriated by faith alone. (Romans 3 & 4). Our righteousness in Christ is certain. So we have a solid sure hope. “Through Him we have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God” (Rom. 5:2).

~ Pastor Matthew Harrison, LCMS President ~

Bell Choir “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Opening Hymn 708 “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth. *(Psalm 124:8)*

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. *(Psalm 130:3-4)*

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:
God, be merciful to me, a sinner. *(Luke 18:13)*

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Adult Choir & Congregation: “Infant Priest” **Hymn 624**

Choir verses 1-3

Congregation verses 4-5

Choir verse 6

Congregation verse 7

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 115:11-13,18; antiphon: Psalm 25:6

P Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,

C **for they have been from of old.**

P You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

C **He is their help and their shield.**

P The LORD has remembered us; He will bless us;

C **He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron;**

P He will bless those who fear the LORD,

C **both the small and the great.**

P We will bless the LORD

C **from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!**

All: 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.

P Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,

C **for they have been from of old.**

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy (*Mark 10:47*)

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C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before Me, and be blameless, ²that I may make My covenant between Me and you, and may multiply you greatly." ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God

said to him, ⁴"Behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

P O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C **the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

P who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C **and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Epistle

Romans 5:1–11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27–38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

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

²⁷And Jesus went on with His disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they told Him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹And He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered Him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰And He strictly charged them to tell no one about Him.

³¹And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And He said this plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. ³³But turning and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

³⁴And He called to Him the crowd with His disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by

the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn 437 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

Sermon Text

Romans 5:1-11

Sermon "A Profound Reality"

Perhaps More than We Can Grasp, "Christ Died for the Ungodly"
Is a Profound Reality.

1. It's profound because we don't even want to understand how

_____ .

2. It's profound because the death of Christ for us is far beyond

anything _____ .

3. It's profound because it creates a new relationship that we

_____ .

4. It's profound because it enables us to rejoice in something we do

understand all too well: _____ .

Hymn 562 "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"

Prayers

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

(Psalm 136)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9) LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Pax Domini ~ *The Peace of the Lord (John 20:19)*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God (John 1:29)

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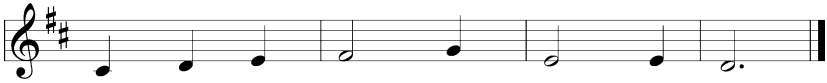
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Hymn 623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

Hymn 629 "What Is This Bread"

Hymn 634 "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"

Hymn 642 "O Living Bread from Heaven"

Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32)

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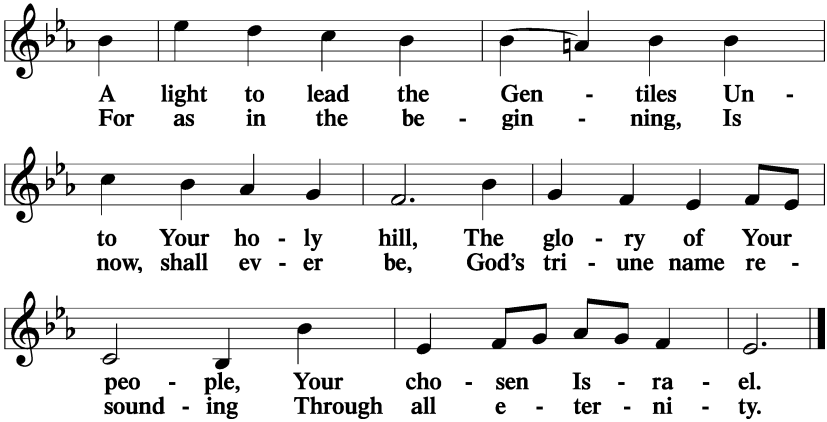
1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

~ Installation of Sunday School and Bible Class Teachers ~

Benedicamus ~ *Let Us Bless* (Psalm 103:1)

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P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

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.

Closing Hymn 611 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

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Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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Parish Fellowship meets on tomorrow, February 26th at 10:30 am.

Calendar of Events

TODAY February 25th, 2024

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am
Bell Choir Practice5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice6:00 pm

MON: ~ PTL La Parilla Fundraiser ~

Parish Fellowship Meeting..... 10:30 am
Book Club in the Jerusalem Room 11:30-12:00 noon

TUES:

Pastor Wonnacott at the Whitlock 10:30 am

WED:

Preschool/Day School Chapel..... 11:00 am
Soups, Sliders, & Salad Dinner.....6:00 pm
Lenten Worship Service.....7:00 pm

THURS:

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am
8th Grade Public School Confirmation5:00 pm
New Member Class 2.0.....7:00 pm

FRI:

SAT:

NEXT SUNDAYMarch 3rd, 2024

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
Worship Service..... 9:30 am
Adult Basketball..... 2:00-4:00 pm
Bell Choir Practice5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice6:00 pm

Library Cart Today! The Baxters are premiering to Amazon Prime Video on March 28th! For those of you who have enjoyed reading the Christian fiction of the Baxter family by Karen Kingsbury, you may want to reread her Redemption series prior to the movies. Her first five books are: Redemption, Remember, Return, Rejoice and Reunion, all based on the children of John and Elizabeth Baxter. The Firstborn Series deal with the sixth child. Two books are also included about the Baxter children in their younger years.

Anyone wishing to donate for lilies to adorn the chancel on Easter may give their gift to Mel Schutz or any attendant. Thank you.

Don't forget to come enjoy some great food as the PTL is sponsoring a fundraiser tomorrow all day long at **La Parilla Caliente!** We also get any proceeds from any \$25 gift cards that are purchased.

Biblical Neighboring! A reminder from the board of Lay Ministry:

The Elders would like to begin contacting those members who haven't attended worship services for more than 24 months. There are currently over 100 names on this list. If you feel that you could help by contacting someone you may know, ask any of the Elders or Pastor Wonnacott to see the list and let us know that you plan to make contact. Please let us know what the results were after you have met with them. **Most important of all, please pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ who are on the list as well as those sitting in the pews next to you.**

As we approach an early Easter Season this year, the Bd. Of Christian Ed is once again planning an Easter Party for the little ones. We are asking for **donations of prewrapped "mini" candies and 2" plastic eggs to help fill over 1000 eggs** for the Easter Egg Hunt. There will be a designated box in the Narthex for the candy. Thank you for your help. All donations are greatly appreciated. Look for more information on the party in future bulletins!

Groovy, Man!

The **school musical this year** will be a 70s game show- "Tell Me the Truth". If you have any 60-70s era small appliances, like a hair dryer, rotary phone, veg-o-matic, etc., please contact Jennifer Harman, 574-210-2103. We specifically are also looking for a transistor radio, lava lamp, and any vintage clothing you may have!

If you would like to volunteer to help with the set, props, or costumes, please contact Jennifer Harman as well.

A gray glove was found in the parking lot and is currently residing in the church office. If you have recently found yourself to be shy a glove, please see Janet Miller or an elder to retrieve it. Thanks

Welcome Bags will be delivered in Bremen on Monday, March 11. We will meet at church at 4:30 to pack the bags and receive our addresses. The Evangelism Board needs your help packing and delivering said bags!! This is a great way to meet new neighbors and will not take your whole evening. Please pray for the group going out and the neighbors receiving bags that God bless all involved!

Free online content from the Lutheran Witness. In addition to all the great content that comes to you in the print edition, *The Lutheran Witness (LW)* has even more content online. Each month, on our website, you can find articles expanding upon and adding to that month's print content, as well as articles by LCMS ministry leaders and continuing series on special topics. In 2024, *LW* is featuring reflections, from a Lutheran perspective, on classic works of art and literature such as *The Annunciation* by Fra Angelico and *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. You can also read archived articles from past series on topics such as technology, reading the Old Testament, and the Lord's Supper. Visit witness.lcms.org today and get reading! Be sure to subscribe to the monthly *LW* newsletter to ensure you never miss an article.

YOUTH NEWS

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Youth last week with our annual Super Bowl Subs event. A portion of the funds received will be donated to a designated charity while the remaining funds will go toward those Youth and Adult Leaders attending the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering and in support of future mission opportunities. We ask for your continued prayers for our Youth and that the Lord will continue to guide and watch over them.

Middle School (6th-8th Grades) Youth: The annual Middle School Lock In is coming up ... look for more information in the weeks ahead.

SCHOOL CORNER

We are just finishing up Reading Month! Students have been reading for points, to accomplish personal goals and whole school goals. If the school reaches 1200 points, they will get to go on a special field trip (TBD). **If you have a child or grandchild in the school, please make sure they are reading or read with them!** Reading helps your child with comprehension, critical thinking, vocabulary, language skills, benefits mental health, and helps with every single core subject.

Thank you for all of the donations you gave for the day school, preschool, and their connected programs, from the teachers and staff! We appreciate your support and generosity!

St. Paul's Preschool and Day School is now enrolling for 2024-25! Our goal is to provide a solid education, with a Christian foundation and atmosphere for Preschool through 8th Grade. We also offer a comprehensive scholarship program. Online enrollment and inquiries are

open on our website, stpaulsbremen.church/school. Interested families can also call the school, 574-546-2790, or email schools@stpaulsbremen.org. We are happy to answer questions and schedule tours. **Please advertise for us; word-of-mouth is our best advertisement!**

Preschool/Kindergarten Round-Up is March 14th, 5:00-7:00pm.
Students and parents can meet teachers, visit classrooms, and enjoy some fun activities!

Check out our Third Grade Class on the narthex bulletin board!

Thank you for all the end-of-the-year donations to the Lutheran SGO and Tuition Assistance!

Our goal is to make a Christian education affordable, so please continue to give, and receive the tax credit and deduction for your donations! **Now, there is a link to donate to the LSGO on the church's website under the School drop-down menu.**

You can also find several (easy) ways to donate at www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate. Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, and **NOW electronic giving!** Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. These scholarships make a big difference for our families. Please contact Jennifer Harman, in the school office, if you have questions.

We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.

Servants for Today's Worship February 25th, 2024

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Todd Haug & Joe Hughes

Acolyte: Alexis Andrews

Elder: Dave Burcham

Communion Assistant: Bill Rogers

Video Streamer: Bruce Schmidt

Servants for Next Sunday's Worship March 3rd, 2024

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Ellen Augustine

Ushers: Larry Britt & Bruce Augustine

Acolyte: Reuben & Colton Napper

Elder: Terry Miller

Video Streamer: Tyler & Dakota Schmeltz