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order of  
Melchizedek.”

*Hebrews  
5:9-10  
NKJV*

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The 5th Sunday in Lent .....March 17th, 2024

The Propers for the Fifth Sunday in Lent take us to the heart of our Lord’s saving work on behalf of the whole world. In the *Old Testament Reading*, the prophet Jeremiah succinctly lays out the Lord’s promise of a new covenant. From this new covenant flows a gracious promise: “For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more” (Jer 31:34). This amazing forgiveness is only made possible through the sacrificial service and reverent obedience of Jesus, our great High Priest. The Lord’s promise to “remember their sin no more” is surely one of the sweetest, most comforting promises in all of Scripture.

**Let us worship the Lord together!**

**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.

**As our resurrected Lord, Jesus is our High Priest.** And why did He do all this? For one reason – you. What He cared about more than anything is what He loved more than anything – you. It was for you that Jesus the High Priest gave His life on the altar of the cross. He gave His body and spilled His blood not for His sins, but for yours. And now you can turn to Him no matter what is going on in your life. He knows exactly what you’re going through. He knows your hurts and your fears and He lifts them up to His Father. Your prayers are heard, never doubt that, your sins are forgiven, never doubt that, He is your rescuer, never doubt that. For the High Priest, the Perfect High Priest is your High Priest.

~ Pastor Donald Peterson III – Emmanuel Lutheran LCMS – Lake View, Iowa ~

**Bell Choir** "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed"

**Opening Hymn 529** "Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus"

✠ 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** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*(Hebrews 10:22)*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.** *(Psalm 124:8)*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *(Psalm 32:5)*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*

**C Amen.**

**Adult Choir** "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

1. O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame laid down,  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown;  
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss, till now was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

2. What, Thou, my Lord, has suffered was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain;  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor, vouchsafe to me Thy grace.
3. And when I am departing, O part not Thee from me;  
When mortal pangs are darting, come, Lord, and set me free:  
And when my heart must languish amidst the final throe,  
Release me from mine anguish, by Thine own pain and woe.
4. Be near me when I'm dying, o show Thy cross to me;  
And to my succor flying, come, Lord, and set me free:  
These eyes, new faith receiving, from Jesus shall not move;  
For he who dies believing, dies safely, through Thy love.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

**Introit**

*Psalm 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: Psalm 43:1*

**P** Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,

**C** **from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!**

**P** I love the LORD, because He has heard

**C** **my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

**P** Because He inclined His ear to me,

**C** **therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**

**P** The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

**C** **I suffered distress and anguish.**

**P** Then I called on the name of the LORD:

**C** **"O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

**P** For You have delivered my soul from death,

**C** **my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

**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** Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,

**C** **from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!**

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

*LSB 186*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you. *(2 Timothy 4:22)*

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.  
 Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

**Old Testament Reading** *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

<sup>31</sup>Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

**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

*Hebrews 5:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup>Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a High Priest, but was appointed by Him who said to Him,

“You are My Son,  
today I have begotten You”;

<sup>6</sup>as He says also in another place,  
“You are a Priest forever,  
after the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence.

<sup>8</sup>Although He was a Son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, <sup>10</sup>being designated by God a High Priest after the order of Melchizedek.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 10:32–45*

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



**C** Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>32</sup>And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, He began to tell

them what was to happen to Him, <sup>33</sup>saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him over to the Gentiles. <sup>34</sup>And they will mock Him and spit on Him, and flog Him and kill Him. And after three days He will rise."

<sup>35</sup>And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to Him and said to Him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You." <sup>36</sup>And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Your right hand and one at Your left, in Your glory." <sup>38</sup>Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" <sup>39</sup>And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup>but to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." <sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## **Apostles' Creed**

**G 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.**

**Hymn 430** "My Song Is Love Unknown"

**Sermon Text**

*Hebrews 5:1-10*

**Sermon** "What a Priest We Have in Jesus!"

1. Our Priest, Jesus, was \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. Our Priest, Jesus, \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. Our Priest, Jesus, learned \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. Our Priest, Jesus, equips us for \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Hymn 577** "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

**Prayers**

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

**☩ 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 Lord be with you.



**☩** And with thy spir - it.

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

*LSB 202*

**☩** Bless we the Lord.



**☩** Thanks be to God.



## Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{†}$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn 564 "Christ Sits at God's Right Hand"

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**Parish Fellowship will meet today following the Worship Service.**

### CHRISTIAN MEN - AWAKE!

If you're at least 18 years of age, wake up on Wednesday morning every other week and join in a Bible Study at the Bremen Hospital cafeteria conference room at 6:30 AM. Enter the cafeteria area entrance on the south side patio to the left of the main entrance portico (presently the covid testing drive-thru). The cafeteria has an excellent breakfast menu and we enjoy our study with discussion and fellowship until 7:30 A.M. Bible study is a means of strengthening our understanding of God's plan for us and strengthening our faith, which we all can use in the daily challenges we face. Bring your Bible and join us as we study, eat and fellowship! The dates we will meet in 2024 are as follows: 3/20, 4/3, 4/17, 5/1, 5/15, 5/29, 6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24, 8/7, 8/21, 9/4, 9/18, 10/2, 10/16, 10/30, 11/13, 11/27, 12/11

*If you have questions, please contact Dave Burcham or Tom Coxey.*

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

**We are beginning our food ingathering or Grace Food Pantry today,** Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Cards have been placed on a table in the Narthex with specific items that the food pantry has requested at this time. If you feel so led, please take a card, or a few, and purchase the items listed. All purchased items should be returned to this same table by Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday). Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## Calendar of Events

### **TODAY ..... March 17th, 2024**

Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service.....	9:30 am
Parish Fellowship Meeting.....	After Service
Adult Basketball.....	2:00-4:00 pm
Bell Choir Practice.....	5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice .....	6:00 pm

### **MON:**

Board Meetings.....	7:00 pm
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### **TUES:**

Parent /Teacher Conferences .....	
Board of Lay Ministry Meeting .....	6:30 pm

### **WED:**

Men's Breakfast Bible Study .....	6:30 am
Day School Chapel .....	11:00 am
Potluck Dinner .....	6:00 pm
Lenten Worship Service.....	7:00 pm

### **THURS:**

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study .....	9:30 am
Parent/Teacher Conferences .....	
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Public School Confirmation .....	5:00 pm
New Member Class 2.0.....	7:00 pm

### **FRI:**

Preschool Chapel .....	9:30 am
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### **NEXT SUNDAY ~ Palm Sunday ..... March 24th, 2024**

Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion.....	9:30 am
Bell Choir Practice.....	5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice .....	6:00 pm

**Bourbon Right to Life Banquet** - This year the spring Right to Life banquet for Marshall County will be held at the Cornerstone @ Cedar Banquet Hall located at 9519 Cedar, Bourbon on Tuesday, April 30th. Doors open at 6 pm and dinner is 6:30 pm. Speaker will be Monica Kelsey, Founder of Safe Haven Baby Box. Tickets are \$ 25 each. Jim and Linda Tinkey are hosting a table and if you are interested please let them know. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the battle we face to support human life and show your support for the pro-life initiatives in North Central Indiana.

**New April-June Portals of Prayer and Hope-full Living** magazines are now in the tract rack in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one.

**Egg-Citing News!** The Board of Christian Education will be hosting the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 9:00-10:30 am. There will be a devotion, singing, a craft, refreshments, and of course, the Easter Egg Hunt. All children from age 2 through Grade 3 are invited to attend. We are asking for **donations of prewrapped “mini” candies and 2” diameter plastic eggs to help fill over 1000 eggs.** There is a designated box in the Narthex for the candy and eggs. Thank you for your help. All donations are greatly appreciated.

### **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. 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.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

The "Every Word of Bremen" organization is looking for volunteers to read the Bible to the Bremen community in early June. To begin planning, the window to volunteer opens soon. If interested in learning more, please speak with Avery Wildauer (Bremen HS student advocate) or Pastor Wonnacott. Additional details below:

"Join us at the pavilion in downtown Bremen as we publicly read the Bible together from Genesis to Revelation"

Dates: June 3-7, 2024

Times: 7:00 am - 10:00 pm

Website: [bibleforbremen.us](http://bibleforbremen.us)

**The Gray Glove – Epilogue:** After a month of searching, cajoling, and pleading for someone to claim the gray glove (and we’ve had some really cold Sundays!), it is apparent that it is truly a lost glove. The gray glove is now, once again, sadly residing in the church office. If you realize it is indeed your glove, please contact the church office

## SCHOOL CORNER

We have finished our Third Quarter (How time flies), and Parent/Teacher Conferences are next week.

There are lots of spring activities coming up- play practices for the musical May 3<sup>rd</sup>, a field trip to Smiley's Amusement Center for those who completed their Reading Challenge goals, last band concerts, a trip for the 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade to the State House, and more! Stay tuned for updates and continue to keep the students and staff in your prayers as we finish out the year. Spring Break is March 29<sup>th</sup>- April 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **St. Paul's Preschool and Day School is now enrolling for 2024-25!**

Our mission is to provide a solid education, with a Christian foundation and atmosphere for Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. We also offer a comprehensive scholarship program. Online enrollment and inquiries are open on our website, [stpaulsbremen.church/school](http://stpaulsbremen.church/school). Interested families can also call the school, 574-546-2790, or email [schools@stpaulsbremen.org](mailto:schools@stpaulsbremen.org). We are happy to answer questions and schedule tours. **Please advertise for us; word-of-mouth is our best advertisement!**

### **Our Fourth and Fifth Grade Classes are highlighted on the narthex bulletin board!**

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**A new year of donating to the Lutheran SGO is underway!** 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](http://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.**

## YOUTH NEWS

**Middle School (6th-8th Grades) Youth Lock In:** The annual Middle School Lock In is now scheduled for April 12th-13th (7 pm-7 am). Join us for various activities, food, fellowship, and more. Youth planning to attend **must sign up on the Youth bulletin board before Spring Break begins on March 29th.** St. Paul's Youth are welcome to invite friends, but please confirm with the Youth Board first. Parents of all attendees must sign a waiver that will be available at drop off. Please direct any questions to Andy Wildauer.

**Youth Service Events:** The Youth Board is busy planning various opportunities for our Youth to serve in various ways in our local communities. Stay tuned for more information on scheduling as we look to give back to those around us.

**Youth Group Communication Channel:** As a parent, you can be added to our GroupMe chat for the St. Paul's Youth Group (Grades 4 through High School) to be kept up to date on upcoming events, participation, etc. If interested, please contact Andy Wildauer.

### Servants for Today's Worship March 17th, 2024

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

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Paul Wonnacott & Curt Nielsen

Acolyte: Kamden & Kellan Guse

Elder: Jon Rettinger

Video Streamer: Bruce Schmidt

### Servants for Next Sunday's Worship March 24th, 2024

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

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Bruce Augustine & Dakota Schmeltz

Acolyte: Gabriel Mejia

Elder: Mike Gumz

Communion Assistant: Terry Miller

Video Streamer: Ethan Tjernagel

# ST. PAUL'S Egg-citing EASTER PARTY

9-10:30 a.m.  
Saturday, March 23



2-year-olds  
through Grade 3

- Join our “Egg-citing” Egg Hunt
- Hear the Easter Story
- Make an Easter Craft
- Sing Songs
- Stay for Refreshments

Parents are  
welcome to attend.

Bring your Easter  
baskets or bags.



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