

# ***ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH***

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –  
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



*Stand  
Firm  
in the  
Lord....*

*Philippians 4:1*

**2ND SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 17, 2019**

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD**

*(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)*

- ♦ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 84 (pew bible, p.526)
- ♦ The Hymns: 500, 730, 646 (1-3), 646 (4)
- ♦ Scripture Lessons: Jeremiah 26:1-15, Luke 13:31-35
- ♦ Psalm of the Day: From Psalms 42 & 43

### **Sermon Text – Philippians 3:17–4:1**

#### ***CHILD OF GOD, NEVER FORGET: YOUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN***

1. Don't be caught up by the empty pleasures of the world.
2. Center your life on Jesus and the heavenly treasures He gives you.

- ♦ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ♦ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ♦ Benediction & Closing Hymn (646, stanza 4)

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**Visitors, Welcome!** The members of St. Paul Lutheran are pleased to meet you and are happy you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word in the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again! The Lord be with you.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

### First Lesson – Jeremiah 26:1-15

Early in the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: "This is what the LORD says: Stand in the courtyard of the LORD's house and speak to all the people of the towns of Judah who come to worship in the house of the LORD. Tell them everything I command you; do not omit a word. Perhaps they will listen and each will turn from his evil way. Then I will relent and not bring on them the disaster I was planning because of the evil they have done. Say to them, 'This is what the LORD says: If you do not listen to me and follow my law, which I have set before you, and if you do not listen to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I have sent to you again and again (though you have not listened), then I will make this house like Shiloh and this city an object of cursing among all the nations of the earth.'" The priests, the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speak these words in the house of the LORD. But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, "You must die! Why do you prophesy in the LORD's name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?" And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, "This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!" Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

### Psalm of the Day – From Psalms 42 & 43

P As the deer pants for streams of water:

**C So my soul pants for you, O God.**

P My soul thirsts for God, for the living God:

**C When can I go and meet with God?**

P Why are you downcast, O my soul?:

**C Why so disturbed within me?**

P Put your hope in God:

**C For I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.**

P Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me:

**C Let them bring me to the place where you dwell.**

P Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight:

**C I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.**

### **Second Lesson – Luke 13:31 -35**

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you." He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' In any case, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

### **Sermon Text – Philippians 3:17–4:1**

Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sun (3/17)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Jesus and the Samaritan Woman, NT 11)
	10:45 am	Bible Class
Wed	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Sun (3/24)	8:30 am	Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Pool of Bethesda, NT 24)
	10:45 am	Bible Class

### **SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE DURING MARCH**

- Ushers: Ed Chiappetti, Bob Rankin
- Elder: Mike Sprengeler
- Communion Assistant: Larry Reed

### **EXTENDED CALENDAR**

- Wed. Lenten services: March 27; April 3,10 (7 pm)
- Maundy Thursday Com. Service: Thursday, April 18 (7 pm)
- Good Friday Worship: Friday, April 19 (7 pm)

### **UPCOMING CHOIR PRACTICES**

- Sunday, March 24 & 31, 8:30 am
- Sunday, April 7, 8:30 am

**THANKS TO ALL** who provided housing for the Immanuel Lutheran College Tour Choir members last Thursday (one day later than planned due to weather!) and to all who shared food items for the pre-concert meal and sack lunches for the choir members to take along on the bus on Friday morning. What a blessing to have the Gospel of Christ presented to us so beautifully through the musical talents and singing voices of the students! If you would like to order a CD of Tour Choir music you may do so online at this address: [clcbookhouse.org/shop/music-cd/god-with-us-cd/](http://clcbookhouse.org/shop/music-cd/god-with-us-cd/).

## ST PAUL LENTEN SERVICES (REMAINING SCHEDULE)

<i>LANDMARKS OF JESUS' PASSION</i>			
DATE	THEME	TEXT	SPEAKER
Mar 20	<i>The Garden of Prayer</i> where God's Will was Done	Luke 22:39-42	C. Seybt
Mar 27	<i>The Way of Sorrows</i> where Jesus carried His Cross	John 19:16-17	J. Klatt
Apr 3	<i>The Seat of Judgment</i> where Justice Prevailed	John 19:12-16	C. Seybt
Apr 10	<i>The Mount Called Calvary</i> where the Savior Died	Luke 23:32-33	T. Schuetze
Apr 19 (Gd Fri)	<i>The Garden Tomb</i> where the Dead Savior Lay	John 19:31-42	T. Schuetze

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday Worship: April 14, 9:30 am  
*(followed by brunch served by the men)*

Maundy Thursday Communion Service: April 18, 7:00 pm

Good Friday Worship: April 19, 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Worship: April 21, 9:30 am

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

### MARCH 18-23

**Mon Romans 1:** We live among humans deceived by the theory of evolution (18-21), devoted to sexual perversion (22-28), rotten in heart, mind, and soul (29-32)—and some of their mud will stick to us. So let's admire God's way of compensating and appreciate Jesus all the more, for He has squared our account with God; what's good enough for God is good enough for us (16-17). His loving mercy has power to cleanse us from the inside-out (16-17).

**Tues Rom. 2:1-3:20** How does that impact traditional Christians? Sometimes we are proud and impenitent, but at other times we do the right thing for the right reason (1-10). Faced with this broad spectrum of human behavior, God reacts as each occasion/person requires (11-16), not as one may think he deserves (2:17-3:18). Bottom line: God downloaded His law not to save anybody, but to condemn everybody (19-20).

**Wed Rom. 3:21-31** That leaves us at God's mercy, of course, which is our only hope now and forever. But how did He accomplish it? Well, when Jesus lived in humanity's shoes, He gained full credit for humanity, and the Father transferred Jesus' credits to our side of the ledger. That holds water because God stands behind it (24-26); His standards have been upheld by Jesus (not by our "good deeds"), and we rejoice in God's mercy (27-31).

**Thurs Rom. 4** If someone needs more convincing, he should pay closer attention to the way God set His love on Abraham, patriarch of the Church. Abraham did not please God because he was a decent fellow, but because he was *fully convinced that what God had promised He was also able to perform, and therefore it* (his trust in God's promises) *was accounted to him for righteousness*. Same for us: we trust God to resurrect us with Jesus.

**Fri Rom. 5** presents Christ as Adam's counterpart and our champion. **Ch. 6:** Our sin-nature has been counterbalanced by God's Spirit so that we love God and willingly place ourselves in His service. Though God has exempted us from slavery to His Law, we don't use that as an escape hatch from Christian living (**ch. 7:1-12**), and we keep on struggling with our human nature, often to our shame and regret. But Jesus is still the answer to our needs (**7:13-25**).

**Sat Rom. 8** Those who love God don't throw dirt on Him (1-11); as we need straightening out, His Spirit goes to work on us (12-17); when we feel burdened by life, His Spirit helps us, prompts our prayers, and assures us God has our best interests at heart. Bottom line: *Since God did not spare His own Son but delivered Him up* (separated from us) *for us all – how should He not with Him* (returned to us) *give us everything* we need during our earthly pilgrimage to heaven? [This rhetorical question merits our **Amen!**]