

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



Adam and Eve leaving the Garden of Eden

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**1ST SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 1, 2020**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT

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

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 91 (pew bible, p.530)
- ◆ The Hymns: 869, 562, 435, 919
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 130
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (last page of liturgy insert)

Sermon Text – Genesis 2:7-9,15-17; 3:1-7

WHAT'S WRONG WITH OUR WORLD?

1. God in love created a perfect world for humans.
2. God's creatures spurned His love.
3. He promises forgiveness and restoration in Jesus.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (919)

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A WARM WELCOME IN CHRIST TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS. We are glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He would be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Old Testament – Romans 5:12-19

12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned— 13 for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come. 15 But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! 16 Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. 17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. 18 Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. 19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 130

P Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD:
C Lord, hear my voice!
P Let Your ears be attentive:
C To the voice of my supplications.
P If You, LORD, should mark iniquities:
C O Lord, who could stand?
P But there is forgiveness with You:
C That You may be feared.
P I wait for the LORD, and in His word I do hope:
C My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.
P O Israel, hope in the LORD”
C For with the LORD there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption.

Second Lesson – Matthew 4:1-11

1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” 4 Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: ‘He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’” 7 Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” 10 Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” 11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Sermon Text – Genesis 2:7-9,15-17; 3:1-7

2:7 The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. 8 Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. 9 And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. 15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.” 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?” 2 The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” 4 “You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (3/1)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Bible Class (study of John 20:19-31)
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Elijah & the Prophets of Baal, OT 46)
Wed	7:00 pm	Lenten Service, conducted by Pastor Chad Seybt
Sat	11:30 am	Fred Newton Funeral Service
Sun (3/8)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Elijah in the Wilderness, OT 47)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wed. Lenten Services: Mar.4,11,18,25; Apr.1, 7:00 pm
- Palm Sunday Worship: April 5, 9:30 am (followed by breakfast served by the men)
- Maundy Thursday Communion Service: April 9, 7:00 pm
- Good Friday Worship: April 10, 7:00 pm
- Easter Sunday Worship: April 12, 9:30 am

UPCOMING CHOIR PRACTICES: Sunday, March 15,22,29, 8:30 am
Sunday, April 5,12, 8:30 am

SERVING US AT GOD’S HOUSE TODAY

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

IN OUR PRAYERS: The family of Fred Newton who was called to his eternal rest last Wednesday. The funeral service will be conducted at St. Paul on Saturday, March 7, at 11:30 am, with visitation here at the church beginning one hour before the service. *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you” (1 Peter 1:3-4).*

OUR SECOND MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE will be held this Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Pastor Chad Seybt of Redeemer, Cheyenne, will conduct the service at St. Paul. Pastor Schuetze will conduct the service at Prince of Peace in Loveland. The full schedule of services is listed on the following page.



REMINDER: *Daylight Savings Time* begins next Sunday, March 8, so you’ll want to remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour.

TODAY’S BULLETIN INSERT – *“What’s Good about the Public Ministry”* – is the third in a six-part series produced by the Committee on Partners in the Public Ministry. The series is adapted from chapel talks delivered to the students of Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE			
“OUR BLESSED SAVIOR SEVEN TIMES SPOKE”			
	Service Theme	Word from the Cross	Speaker
Feb 26	The Forgiving Savior	Luke 23:32-34a	T. Schuetze
Mar 4	<i>The Assuring Savior</i>	<i>Luke 23:39-43</i>	C. Seybt
Mar 11	The Caring Savior	John 19:26-27	T. Wheaton
Mar 18	The Forsaken Savior	Matthew 27:45-46	C. Seybt
Mar 25	The Dying Savior	Luke 23:46	T. Wheaton
Apr 1	The Thirsting Savior	John 19:28	T. Schuetze
Apr 10	The Triumphant Savior	John 19:30	T. Schuetze



CBP ESTIMATE: At the February 16 Voters' Meeting, the voters of St. Paul set our Cooperative Budget Plan estimate for the new year _____. This is the amount we plan to contribute as a congregation during 2020 to subsidize ILC, to support our synod's mission program, and to fund administration costs, the operation of the CLC Book House, and other projects of the Board of Education and Publications. Last year we fell short of our estimate by _____ with the congregation making up the difference from the General Fund. Let's do our best to meet our pledge this year! *Reminder: only offerings specially designated for the CBP (top right corner of the St. Paul offering envelope) will be used to help us meet our goal _____ for the year.*

\$ _____	General Fund	CBP	\$ _____
\$ _____	Building Fund	Mission	\$ _____
Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church		ILC Building	\$ _____
		ILC SAF	\$ _____
		Other	\$ _____
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SYNOD NEWS

- **Prayer Need:** “Jyothi Benjamin (spiritual leader of the CLCI) has been recovering from Typhoid fever and his mother-in-law (who is over 80 years old) is very sick with bladder cancer. While visiting her, he received a letter of summons to the superintendent of police. He was able to talk to them by phone and explain that he was out of town attending to his mother-in-law and also recovering from his own illness. They gave him 10 days to come to the police station to answer questions. He will be returning to his town and going to the station on Monday (Feb 24). Please pray for this difficult situation and that there would not be any impediment to the work of the kingdom” *(from CLC foreign missionary, Peter Evensen)*
- **Nominations for ILC President:** The Board of Regents announces the following nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College: Professors Paul Naumann, Daniel Schierenbeck, and John Ude. The term of this call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2022. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be received by April 11, 2020 (postmarked by April 1), to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

MARCH 2-7

Mon Genesis 2:7-9,15-17,3:1-7 reveals why we need Good Friday and Easter. Back in green Eden, Adam and Eve could freely (at no cost) eat of the fruit of every tree—with one exception (17). But why create an exception? So that A&E could practice being obedient, willingly. Since Satan despises obedience to God, he seduced Eve to disobey, willfully. She broke God's quarantine, and that's how the sin-virus entered humanity's DNA and corrupted us, too.

Tues Matthew 4:1-11 In the course of time, Jesus (the second Adam) became Satan's target. If he could trick Jesus into being self-assertive and self-serving for just a moment (as he had done with Eve), he could puncture Jesus' self-sacrificing spirit. You know what would follow. Jesus without self-sacrifice is no Savior at all; no atonement, no Good Friday, no Easter, no salvation!

Wed Romans 5:12-19 The Holy Spirit goes to some length to lay this out for us: Jesus is the perfect counterbalance to imperfect Adam. See how God made it work: Via Adam humans are sinful mortals (12), so God provided His solution via Jesus (15). Adam's unrighteousness was counteracted by Jesus' righteousness; Adam's disobedience was compensated by Jesus' obedience (17-19), and we are recipients of this remarkable, miraculous interchange.

Thurs Psalm 130 God gives us a wake-up call so that we despise our filthy thoughts, our dirty mouths, our slimy habits. That's a good start. Out of these depths we cry for His help, "I learned in Sunday School that You are on top of my problem, that You are good-hearted enough to forgive me; so I depend on You to pull me out of the black hole of despair (5-6). I cast myself on Your mercy, for *You can redeem me from all my iniquities*. So, help me, God!"

Fri Luke 4:1-13 These three assaults of Satan against Jesus prove a number of things: Satan is a smooth operator; he knows the Bible well enough to misuse it (10-11), he can do bogus miracles (5), and he can fake self-sacrifice, too (6). More importantly, Jesus refused to fall for any of those tricks, for He stayed faithful to His pledge of self-sacrifice. That's how He earned His status as our Savior (Philippians 2:9-11). Thank You, dear Lord Jesus!

Sat Acts 8:26-40 The Holy Spirit warms our hearts as we review how God can reach His strong arm down to Earth, select an individual here or there, and end that person's search for ... for what? For an understanding of how to get right with God. That's what God sent Philip to do, and that's what he did, for *Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at Isaiah 53:7-8, preached Jesus to him*. When such a person's heart has been won, he puts his past behind him, receives cleansing (36-38), and is headed for the day when he will see Jesus face-to-face. Lord, bless us all, great and small, day by day. Amen!