

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*Jacob's Dream at Bethel*



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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent – February 25, 2024**

## Order of Worship: Service of the Word

Find today's order of service printed on the liturgy insert tucked inside the front cover of the maroon *Lutheran Service Book* (in the hymnal rack). Large print copies of the order of worship and worship bulletin are on the shelf under the tract rack or speak to an usher who will be happy to share them with you. A warm welcome in Christ to all worshipers!

### Serving Us Today

Organist Lisa Sprengeler

Ushers Mark Hartmeister, Don Claeys

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 122 (pew bible, p.550)
- ◆ The Hymns: 901, 708, 226 (on page 6), 722
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Romans 5:1-11, Mark 8:31-38
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 73
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

### **Sermon Text – Genesis 28:10-17**

#### ***Where Is "God's House" Located?***

1. Wherever His promises are proclaimed for the comfort of sinners.
2. Wherever His people gather to commemorate His faithfulness.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (722)

# Today's Scriptures

## First Lesson – Romans 5:1-11

*Peace with God Through Faith*

1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through 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. 3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and 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. 6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10 For 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. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

## Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 73

*God Is My Strength and Portion Forever*

P Truly God is good to Israel:  
C **To those who are pure in heart.**  
P But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled:  
C **My steps had nearly slipped.**  
P For I was envious of the arrogant:  
C **When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.**  
P Nevertheless, I am continually with you:  
C **You hold my right hand.**  
P You guide me with your counsel:  
C **And afterward you will receive me to glory.**  
P Whom have I in heaven but you?:  
C **And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.**  
P My flesh and my heart may fail:  
C **But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**  
P For behold, those who are far from you shall perish:  
C **You put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.**

P But for me it is good to be near God:  
C **I have made the Lord GOD my refuge.**

## **Second Lesson – Mark 8:31-38**

*Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection*

31 And 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. 32 And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But 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.” 34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. 36 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? 37 For what can a man give in return for his soul? 38 For 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.”

## **Sermon Text – Genesis 28:10-17**

*Jacob’s Dream*

10 Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. 11 And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. 12 And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! 13 And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. 14 Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. 15 Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” 16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.” 17 And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

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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 come 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 will be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

### **This Week at St. Paul**

Today (2/25)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Wed	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Sun (3/3)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

### **Upcoming Events**

Wed. Lenten Services: Feb 28; Mar 6,13,20, 7:00 pm  
Palm Sunday Worship: Mar 24, 9:30 am  
Palm Sunday brunch served by men, 10:45 am  
Maundy Thursday Communion Service: March 28, 7:00 pm  
Good Friday Worship: March 29, 7:00 pm  
Easter Sunday Worship: March 31, 9:30 am

**Our Third Midweek Lenten Service** will be held this Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Our theme this year is *The Vocabulary of the Cross*. This week's word: "VICARIOUS." See poster in the narthex for more details. Pastor Schuetze will conduct the service this week here at St. Paul. Next week: Pastor Libby.



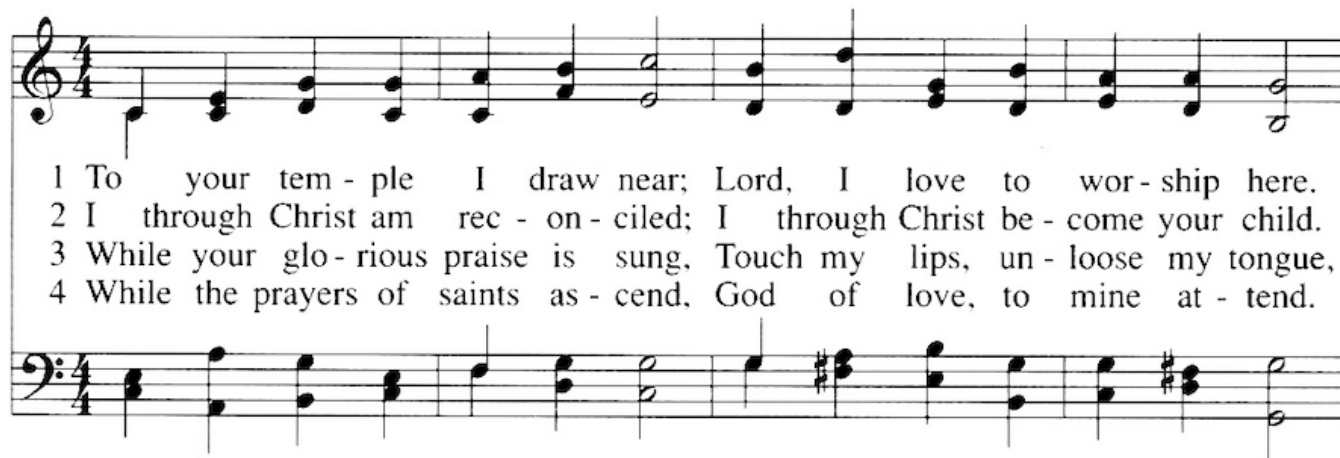
**Request for Potential VBS Volunteers** Plans are being made for a potential three-day vacation Bible school session in mid/late July. The dates for the session will likely fall in the two weeks between July 14 and July 27. We are still gauging the viability of such a program, as it will likely depend on the availability of volunteers and potential student enrollment. If you think you would be available during that time and would like to volunteer, please talk to Derek Barthels or reach him at (715) 379-4399 or [barthelsderek@gmail.com](mailto:barthelsderek@gmail.com).

### **March Birthday Blessings To . . .**

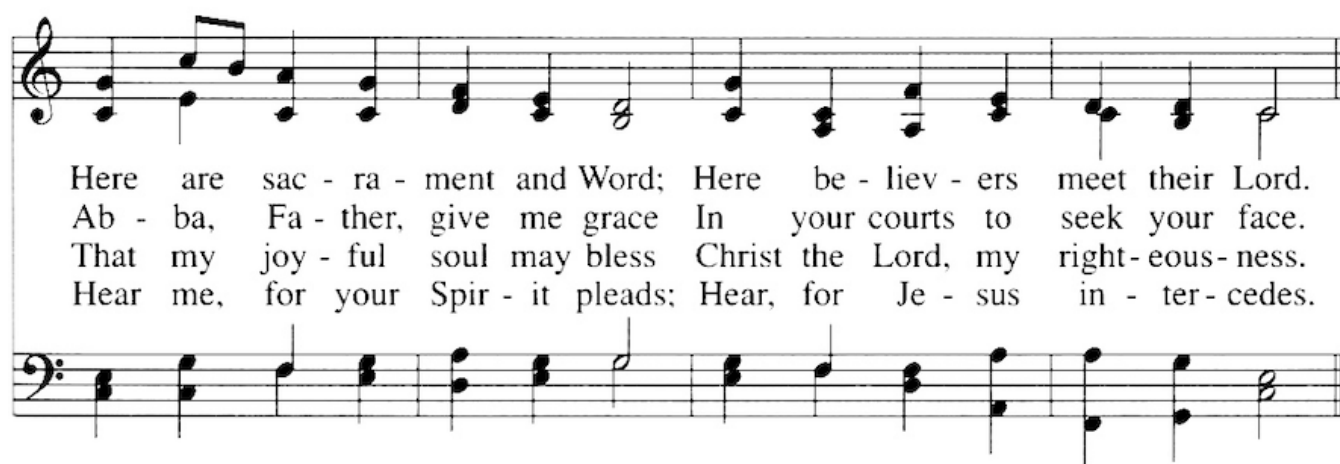
Dennis Roberson, Mar 7	Norman Ross, Mar 18
Carly Mess, Mar 15	Lance Clark, Mar 25

## To Your Temple I Draw Near

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1 To your tem - ple I draw near; Lord, I love to wor - ship here.  
2 I through Christ am rec - on - ciled; I through Christ be - come your child.  
3 While your glo - rious praise is sung, Touch my lips, un - loose my tongue,  
4 While the prayers of saints as - cend, God of love, to mine at - tend.



Here are sac - ra - ment and Word; Here be - liev - ers meet their Lord.  
Ab - ba, Fa - ther, give me grace In your courts to seek your face.  
That my joy - ful soul may bless Christ the Lord, my right - eous - ness.  
Hear me, for your Spir - it pleads; Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.

5 While I listen to your law,  
Fill my soul with holy awe  
Till your gospel brings to me  
Life and immortality.

6 While your ministers proclaim  
Peace and pardon in your name,  
Through their voice, by faith, may I  
Hear you speaking from the sky.

7 From your house, when I return,  
May my heart within me burn,  
And at evening let me say,  
"I have walked with God today."

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

### February 26 – March 2

**Mon John 8:21-30** Jesus knows the kind of death which lies before Him at their hands (v28-*when you lift up the Son of Man*), but continues to call on the Jews to put their trust in Him for forgiveness.

**Tues Hebrews 2:10-15** It was fitting for the Son of God to share in our humanity, that through suffering and dying He might destroy the Devil and free us from our slavery to the fear of death.

**Wed Exodus 14:13-21** The Lord saved His people from the hand of their enemies, not with human weapons of war, but with His power over clouds, wind, and waves. So in His own way He will also protect His children today, and bring them to their heavenly home.

**Thurs Isaiah 52:7-10** Isaiah pictures the joyous news coming ahead of God's people returning from the Babylonian captivity. How much greater the joy that accompanies God's people going to their heavenly home.

**Fri Isaiah 52:11-12** Unlike the release from Egypt, when the Israelites were urged to carry with them the riches of the land, from Babylon they were to take nothing. So also from this world we take no worldly wealth when our journey turns heaven-ward.

**Sat Isaiah 52:13-15** The Lord's servant will succeed! Of that we can be assured even when we recoil at His disfigured form. As great as His humiliation will be, His exaltation will be even greater, and "kings will shut their mouths because of him" (v15).



## Jacob's Ladder

(Genesis 28:10-18)

As Jacob with travel was weary one day,  
At night on a stone for a pillow he lay;  
He saw in a vision a ladder so high  
That its base was on earth and its top in the sky.

This ladder can never, no never, be made  
By man with his might for his cunning is vain;  
But God in His love has here shown there's one way  
By which man can leave darkness and come to God's day.  
Alleluia to Jesus, who died on the tree,  
And has raised up a ladder of mercy for me!

The love of the Father invites to ascend,  
His Spirit gives faith through the Word to the end:  
That mankind so base might arise from the dust  
To the mansions prepared by the Savior above.

Oh, joy! See the angel-lined ladder to home,  
'Tis JESUS who is the one Way to that goal.  
With hearts full of love with the angels we sing;  
Praise God for His ladder, we live now with Him.  
Alleluia to Jesus, who died on the tree,  
And has raised up a ladder of mercy for me!

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