

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses. Hebrews 4:15.*

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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent – March 17, 2024**

# **Order of Worship**

## **Service of the Word & Sacrament**

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 Bob Rankin, Mark Hartmeister

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 110 (pew bible, p.541)
- ◆ The Hymns: 573 (1-2), 438, 359 (*on page 8*), 573 (3)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Jeremiah 31:31-34, John 12:20-33
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 143
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed (liturgy insert, p.15)

### **Sermon Text – Hebrews 4:14–5:10**

#### ***Learn About Jesus, Your High Priest After the Order of Melchizedek***

1. He represents you *perpetually* before God's Throne.
2. He is able to sympathize with your weaknesses and help you.
3. He is THE Source of eternal salvation for all.

- ◆ Offering of Thankful Hearts
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction / Closing Hymn (573, stanza 3)

## Today's Scriptures

### First Lesson – Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The New Covenant*

31 “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, 32 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. 33 For 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. 34 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.”

### Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 143

*My Soul Thirsts for You*

P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!:

**C In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**

P Enter not into judgment with your servant:

**C For no one living is righteous before you.**

P I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done:

**C I ponder the work of your hands.**

P I stretch out my hands to you:

**C My soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**

P Answer me quickly, O LORD!:

**C Hide not your face from me.**

P Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love:

**C For in you I trust.**

P Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!:

**C Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**

### Second Lesson – John 12:20-33

*Some Greeks Seek Jesus*

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. 21 So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” 22 Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

23 And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. 27 “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” 29 The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” 30 Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” 33 He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

**Sermon Text – Hebrews 4:14– 5:10**     *A Priest Forever after the Order of Melchizedek*

4:14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. 5:1 For 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. 2 He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. 3 Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. 4 And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. 5 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”; 6 as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” 7 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. 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. 9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, 10 being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

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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 (3/17)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Wed	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Sun (3/24)	9:30 am	Palm Sunday Worship Service
	10:45 am	Palm Sunday Brunch served by men

### **Upcoming Events**

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 Sixth and Final Midweek Lenten Service** will be this Wednesday at 7:00 pm. This year's overall theme is *The Vocabulary of the Cross*. This week's word: "JUSTIFICATION." Pastor Tim Wheaton of Prince of Peace, Loveland, will conduct the service here. Pastor Schuetze will conduct the service at Redeemer, Cheyenne (schedule change caused by the wintery weather conditions that preempted the travel of the front range pastors last Wednesday).



## Synod News & Notes

- CLC Youth Camp will be taking place on the Immanuel campus in Eau Claire, June 9-15, 2024. It is a week-long camp of faith, fellowship, and fun. Camp is open to kids going into grades 6-9 and the cost is \$140/camper. There is also a morning pre-camp program available for kids going into grades K-5 with a cost of \$60/camper. Registration will open Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM CST. For more information visit [youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp](https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp), or email the camp directors Amber Casto and Sam Radermacher at [youthcamp.clc@gmail.com](mailto:youthcamp.clc@gmail.com). 
- Call News: Teacher Levi Schaller of Grace Lutheran School, Fridley MN, has accepted the call from Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners WI. <> Teaching vacancies currently exist at Gethsemane Lutheran School, Saginaw MI; Grace Lutheran School, Fridley MN; Faith Lutheran School, Markesan WI; Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac WI; and Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire WI. <> Pastoral vacancies exist at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato MN (second pastor); and St. Peter's and Calvary Lutheran Churches of Iron River / Marquette MI (dual parish).

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

March 18-23

**Mon John 12:23-26** Jesus recognizes that His time has come. Just as a seed must be buried in order to produce grain, so it is necessary for Him to die in order that many might have life. Those following Jesus will be the beneficiaries of that life.

**Tues John 12:27-33** A preview of Gethsemane, when Jesus' soul was also troubled, and He prayed that the Father's will be done. The Father lets the crowd know that He hears Jesus' prayer, and Jesus points to His being lifted up on the cross.

**Wed Hebrews 4:14-16** Having Jesus as our great high priest is a source of great confidence to us, for He understands our weaknesses and in His great mercy stands ready to help us.

**Thurs Hebrews 7:24-27** Although Jesus understands our weakness, He Himself is without sin. What's more, unlike the Levitical priests, He is our permanent priest. No other is needed. Through Him we have life forever!

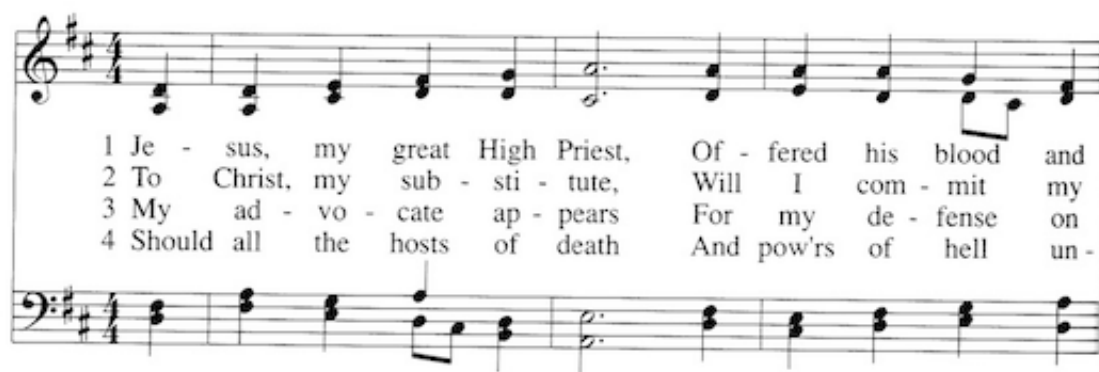
**Fri Numbers 21:4-9** God's answer to His people's well-deserved affliction was to have them trust His Word and look to the bronze snake lifted up on the pole. Whoever was bitten and looked to the bronze snake lived.

**Sat 1 Corinthians 1:20-25** Christ lifted up on a cross seems weaker than a bronze snake, and not a wise thing to depend on for overcoming death. Nevertheless, He is the very power and wisdom of God forever!

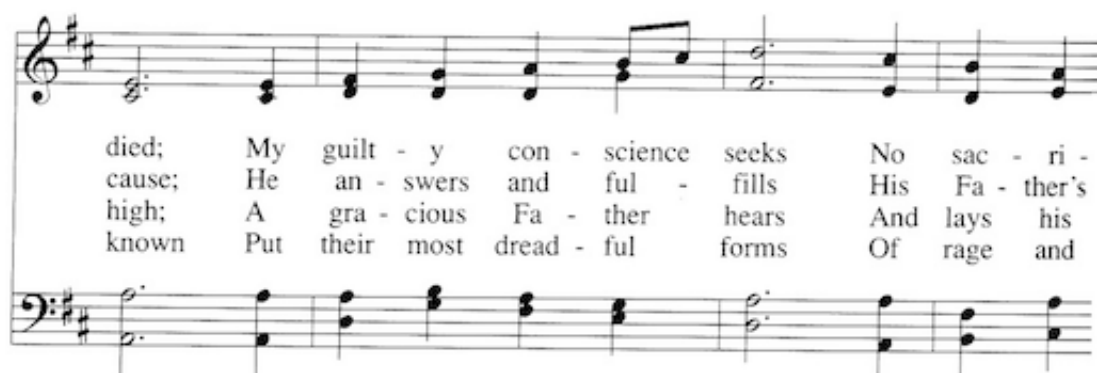
# Hymn after the Lord's Prayer

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## Jesus, My Great High Priest



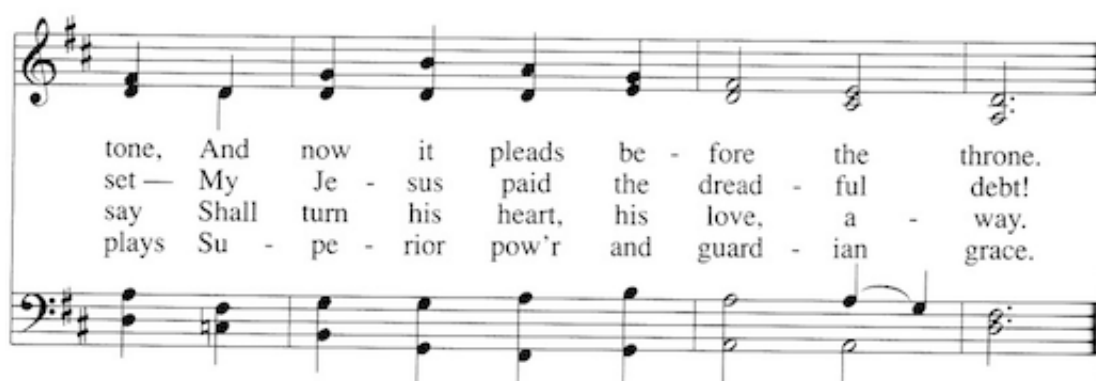
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