

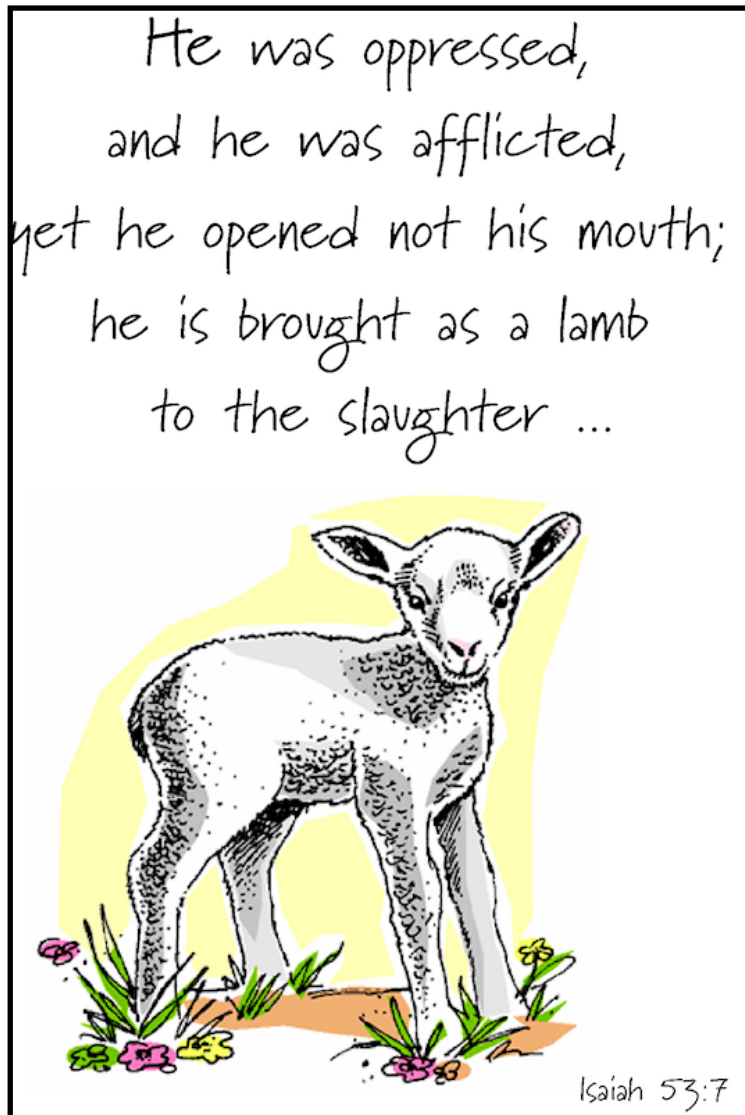
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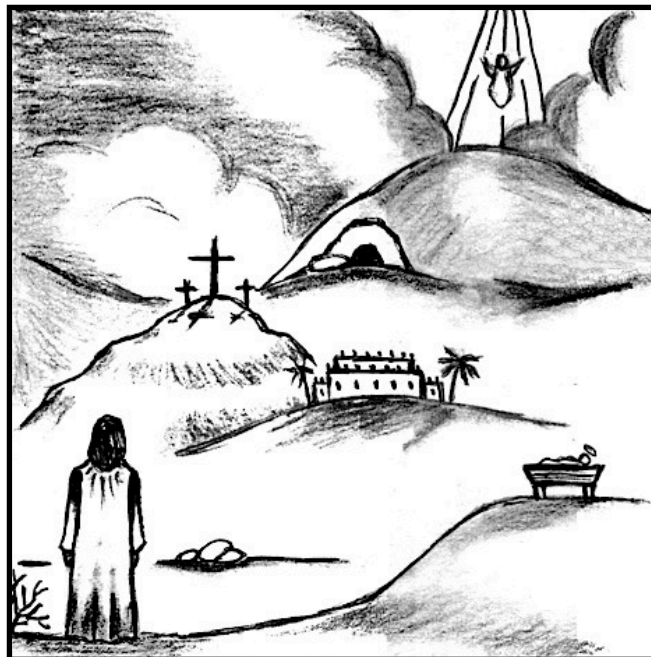
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2nd Sunday in Lent – March 16, 2025

A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests! It is our prayer that your faith is strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers every week. St. Paul is a member of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC). The CLC is represented by congregations throughout the United States and Canada, as well as the continent of Africa, India, and neighboring nations. All our churches confess that the Bible is the inspired and unerring Word of God. We invite our Guests to record their visit by signing the Guestbook and to come and worship with us again.

Today's Order of Worship is "Divine Worship Setting 1," as printed in the liturgy pamphlet distributed by the ushers. The service is based on pages 12-21 in *Worship Supplement 2000* (tan hymnal). Please leave your copy of the liturgy pamphlet in the pew after the service concludes or drop it into the designated box in the foyer so that it may be used in future services. Thank you.



Serving Us Today
Organist Jeana Kettner
Ushers Mike Sprengeler, John Sprengeler

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 70 (pew bible, page 516)
- ◆ Today's Hymns: 803, 438 (1-3), 672, 812
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Jeremiah 26:1-15, Philippians 3:17-4:1
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: Psalm 42-43

Sermon



Text – Luke 13:31-35

**Theme – *"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining
Forth"***

1. Knowingly and willingly to certain death.
2. With a heart that breaks for those who reject Him.
3. To bring abiding hope to all who trust in Him.

*The Scripture Lessons, Psalm of the Day, and
Sermon Text are printed on the following pages.*

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Jeremiah 26:1-15

Jeremiah Threatened with Death

¹ In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD, saying, ² “Thus says the LORD: ‘Stand in the court of the LORD’S house, and speak to all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD’S house, all the words that I command you to speak to them. Do not diminish a word. ³ Perhaps everyone will listen and turn from his evil way, that I may relent concerning the calamity which I purpose to bring on them because of the evil of their doings.’ ⁴ And you shall say to them, “Thus says the LORD: ‘If you will not listen to Me, to walk in My law which I have set before you, ⁵ to heed the words of My servants the prophets whom I sent to you, both rising up early and sending them (but you have not heeded), ⁶ then I will make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.’”” ⁷ So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. ⁸ Now it happened, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, “You will surely die! ⁹ Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, “This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without an inhabitant’?”” And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. ¹⁰ When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and sat down in the entry of the New Gate of the LORD’S house. ¹¹ And the priests and the prophets spoke to the princes and all the people, saying, “This man deserves to die! For he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears.” ¹² Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes and all the people, saying: “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city with all the words that you have heard. ¹³ Now therefore, amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; then the LORD will relent concerning the doom that He has pronounced against you. ¹⁴ As for me, here I am, in your hand; do with me as seems good and proper to you. ¹⁵ But know for certain that if you put me to death, you will surely bring innocent blood on yourselves, on this city, and on its inhabitants; for truly the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 42-43


Yearning for God in the Midst of Distresses

P As the deer pants for the water brooks:
C So pants my soul for You, O God.
P My soul thirsts for God, for the living God:
C When shall I come and appear before God?
P Why are you cast down, O my soul?:
C And why are you disquieted within me?
P Hope in God:
C For I shall yet praise Him, my Savior and my God.
P Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me:
C Let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your tabernacle.
P Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy:
C And on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God.

 **Second Lesson – Philippians 3:17–4:1**

Our Citizenship in Heaven

3:17 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. 18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things. 20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. 4:1 Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.

 **Sermon Text – Luke 13:31-35**

Jesus Laments over Jerusalem

31 On that very day some Pharisees came, saying to Him, “Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You.” 32 And He said to them, “Go, tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and

the third day I shall be perfected.’³³ Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem. ³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing! ³⁵ See! Your house is left to you desolate; and assuredly, I say to you, you shall not see Me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'"

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (3/16)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Wed	7:00 pm	Lenten Service 3
Sun (3/23)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

Extended Calendar

- Palm Sunday brunch served by men: Sunday, April 13, 10:45 am
- Maundy Thursday Com. Service: Thursday, April, 17, 7:00 pm
- Good Friday Worship: Friday, April 18, 7:00 pm
- Easter Sunday Worship: Sunday, April 20, 9:30 am
- Annual Front Range Mission Festival Service: Sunday, May 4, 3:00 pm, hosted this year by Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland. Guest speaker: Pastor David Reim of Vernon, British Columbia, Canada
- West-Central Delegate Conference, hosted by Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Jamestown, ND: Tues-Thurs, May 20-22
- Pastor-elect Sam Naumann Installation Service at Prince of Peace, Loveland: Sunday, May 25, 3:00 pm

Pastoral Call: As announced last Sunday, I recently received a call to serve as the pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Mountain View, CA (San Francisco area). I ask for your continued prayers that the Lord of the Church lead me to a decision in keeping with His will and the good of His people here and in California. Information about St. Stephen Congregation and its ministry needs will be shared after today's service. Pastor Schuetze

Our Midweek Lenten Service Schedule continues this Wednesday, March 19, at 7:00 pm. Our theme this year is *"The Scriptures Were Fulfilled."* In each service we are focusing our attention on an Old Testament prophecy that was fulfilled in the Passion of Christ, which verifies that God's Word is true and that Christ is the true Savior of mankind. Here are the service details:

"The Scriptures Were Fulfilled"



Mar 5	In Christ's Capture in Gethsemane	Matthew 26:55-56	Lay Minister
Mar 12	In His Being Numbered With Sinners	Mark 15:25-28	Pastor Libby
Mar 19	In Judas' Betrayal	Luke 22:21-22	Pastor Schuetze
Mar 26	In the Scorn Christ Endured from Bystanders	Matthew 27:39-44	Lay Minister
Apr 2	In the Manner of Christ's Death	John 19:30-37	Pastor Libby
Apr 9	In the Cruelty Shown by the Soldiers	Matthew 27:34-35	Pastor Schuetze

Synod News & Notes

- ▶ Call News – Christine Starland (part-time teacher) and Deb Owens (band) have accepted their respective calls to Berea Lutheran School of Inver Grove Heights, MN. <> Pastoral vacancies currently exist at Mountain View, CA; Valentine, NE & Mission/White River, SD (tri-parish); and Manchester, MO. <> Teaching vacancies currently exist at Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI.
- ▶ Installation – Pastor George Dummann of Salem Lutheran Church, Eagle Lake, MN, will be installed as the pastor of Faith Lutheran, New Ulm, MN, on March 30. Salem and Faith are forming a dual parish, with Pastor Dummann serving both congregations.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

March 17-22

Mon John 9:1-12 Jesus brings new light to the eyes of a man blind from birth. The man could not explain how mud and rinsing brought sight, except that Jesus had done it, and now he could see for the first time!

Tues John 9:13-22 The Pharisees did not want to believe that Jesus brought light to the blind man's eyes, so they remained in darkness, while it began to dawn on him that his Helper was a prophet, sent from God!

Wed Romans 8:28-39 God works in all things for the good of His own, from foreknowing them to glorifying them. Therefore we say and sing, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (v31).

Thurs Exodus 2:1-10 The Lord watches over the baby by whom He will deliver His people from bondage, so that he will be nursed by his own mother and given the best education available in Pharaoh's own palace.

Fri Psalm 51:1-12 After the prophet Nathan's visit (2Sam12), David confesses His great sinfulness, even from birth. He looks to God for cleansing, deliverance, a clean heart, and the restored joy of His salvation.

Sat Psalm 51:13-19 As a forgiven child of God, David will declare God's praise (v15), and shout for joy. As forgiven people of God, Zion will bring thank-offerings – righteous sacrifices – to God (v18-19).