

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent – February 22, 2026**

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*Welcome to*

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Lakewood, Colorado**

**A Warm Welcome in Christ 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, in Canada, and throughout 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. Questions? Please speak with one of the ushers. They will happy to assist you!

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

*based on Worship Supplement 2000 (pp. 12-21)*

### Opening Prayer

### Hymn

LSB 870 *"Now That the Daylight Fills the Sky"*

### The Invocation

P: Welcome ... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

### Confession of Sins & Announcement of Forgiveness

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

### Lord, Have Mercy

*The Kyrie*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

### Glory to God in the Highest

*The Gloria in Excelsis*

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,

Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:

We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,

Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray ...

C: Amen.

## First Lesson

*Genesis 2:7-9,15-17; 3:1-7*

2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. 8 The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. 9 And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. | 15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." | 3:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent,

“We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, “You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ” 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

## Psalm of the Day

*Psalm 130*

P: Out of the depths:

**C: I have cried to You, O LORD.**

P Lord, hear my voice!:

**C: Let Your ears be attentive 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, my soul waits:

**C: And in His word I do hope.**

P: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning:

**C: Yes, more than those who watch for the morning.**

P: O Israel, hope in the LORD; for with the LORD there is mercy:

**C: And with Him is abundant redemption.**

P: And He shall redeem Israel:

**C: From all his iniquities.**

## Second Lesson

*Matthew 4:1-11*

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. 3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” 4 But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’ ” 5 Then the devil took

Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: “He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.’ ” 7 Jesus said to him, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’ ” 8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.” 10 Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’ ” 11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia!

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score with four staves of music. The first staff is a treble clef with a C-clef, containing the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that'. The third staff contains the lyrics 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.'. The fourth staff contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'.

## Confession of Faith

*Apostles Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion

of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Hymn of the Day**

LSB 562 "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"

**Sermon**

Romans 5:12-19

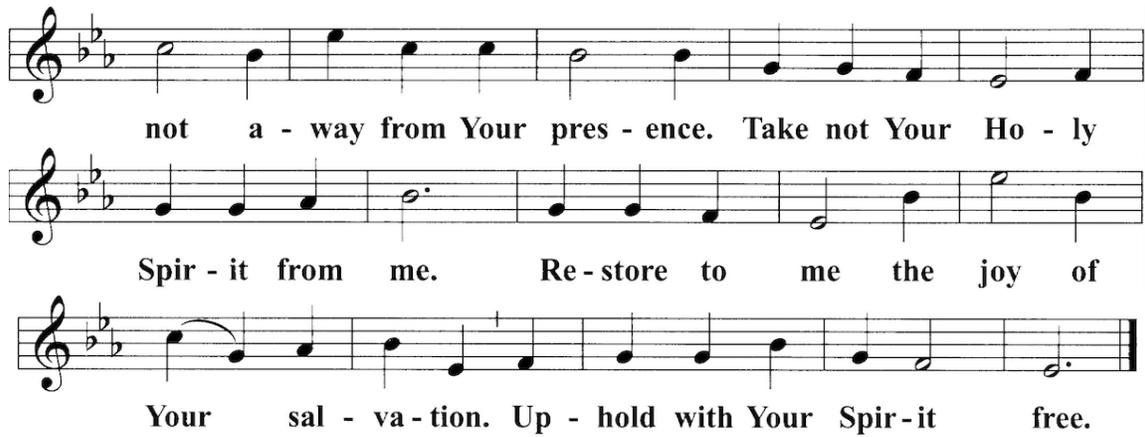
***Contrasting the Two Adams***

1. The first Adam's sin brought sin and death to all.
2. The Second Adam's obedience brought righteousness and life to all.

12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— 13 (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. 15 But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. 16 And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. 17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) 18 Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

**Offertory**

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me



not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

**Offering of Thankful Hearts**

**Prayer of the Church**

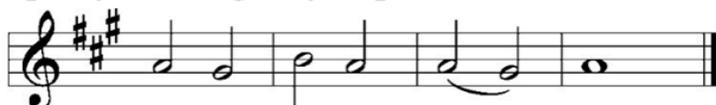
**The Lord's Prayer** – Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn**

LSB 565 "Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

**Benediction**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C:** 

A - men, a - men, a - men.

**Closing Hymn**

919 "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

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## This Week at St. Paul

Today (2/22)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Wed	7:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Service 2
Sun (3/1)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

**A New Church Directory** will be published soon. Kindly inform Pastor if there are changes to your contact information from the 2025 Directory. Thank you.

**Prayer Needs:** On January 17, pastor and assistant seminary professor Timothy was beaten with iron rods by Hindu extremists on his way to a church service in India. He required immediate surgery on his right knee and is on strict rest for three months. Please pray for Timothy's recovery and that the Lord would protect our pastors in India (and around the world). It seems there are more and more incidents like this affecting especially our pastors in our affiliated churches in India.

**Our Midweek Lenten Service Schedule** will continue this Wednesday, February 25. This year's Lenten theme is *"Ironies of the Passion."* In each service we are examining things that were said or done in connection with Jesus' suffering and death that were "ironic." Service time: 7:00 pm. Here are the service details:



### ***Theme: "Ironies of the Passion"***

Feb 18	"It Is Better That One Man Die for the People"	John 11:45-53	Pastor Libby
<b>Feb 25</b>	<b>"This Man Went Home Justified"</b>	<b>Luke 18:9-14</b>	<b>Pastor Naumann</b>
Mar 4	"Not During the Festival"	Matthew 26:1-5	Pastor Schuetze
Mar 11	"Don't You Fear God?"	Luke 23:39-43	Pastor Libby
Mar 18	"We Have No King but Caesar"	John 19:12-16	Pastor Naumann
Mar 25	He Had Been Wanting to See Jesus	Luke 23:6-12	Pastor Schuetze

**The Immanuel Lutheran College Tour Choir** will present a concert of sacred music at St. Paul on Thursday, March 19, at 6:30 pm. Housing is needed for 29 choir members and 2 directors for the night of the concert. If you are able to host two or more choir members kindly inform President Ed Chiappetti or the pastor. A sign-up sheet for hosting is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.



### **Synod News & Notes**

- Dr. Daniel Sullivan has received the call from the CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions to serve as a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI.
- Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck has received the 2-year call from the CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions to serve as the President of Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary.
- Teacher Katie Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven, FL, has received the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY.
- Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has accepted the vacancy call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN.
- Seminarian Sam Radermacher, in conjunction with his vicarship under Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has accepted the summer vacancy call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA.

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

### February 23-28

**Mon Matthew 4:1-11** Jesus, our Substitute, was tempted in all ways like we are, yet without sin, that through both His living and His dying, we might be reconciled to God. He took no short-cuts to save us all.

**Tues 2 Corinthians 6:1-10** Paul urges us to rely on God's abundant grace in all troubles, hardships, and difficulties. As the apostles were sustained through suffering, so shall all God's children also be upheld.

**Wed Genesis 3** The whole reason for Jesus' suffering and death on the cross is laid out for us in this chapter. Adam and Eve's fall into sin is answered by the Lord's promise of victory over the Tempter (v15).

**Thurs Psalm 16** During the Lenten season, this Psalm is worth repeating, as both Peter and Paul (Acts 2 and 13) quoted from it as referring to Jesus. In His suffering, He trusted in God's promise of resurrection(v10).

**Fri Psalm 32:1-7** With the promise of forgiveness, the Lord invites us to acknowledge our sin, confessing our transgressions. The interludes (Selah) may give us pause to ponder the wonder of His deliverance.

**Sat Psalm 32:8-11** May our gracious God teach us always to walk in His ways, trusting in His mercy, that others may observe our rejoicing in the Lord and also be drawn to trust His forgiving grace in Christ.

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