



3rd Sunday in Lent – March 8, 2026

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Welcome to

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

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. Questions? Please speak with one of the ushers. They will happy to assist you!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

based on The Lutheran Hymnal (pp. 5-14)

Opening Prayer

Hymn

LSB 905 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

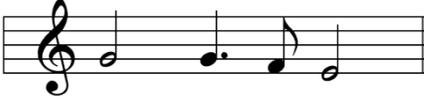
The Invocation

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

C: 
A - men.

Confession of Sins & Announcement of Forgiveness

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: 
Who made heav'n and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: 
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.



Responsive Psalm Reading

Psalm 143

P: Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my supplications!:

C: In Your faithfulness answer me, and in Your righteousness.

P: Do not enter into judgment with Your servant:

C: For in Your sight no one living is righteous.

P: My spirit is overwhelmed within me:

C: My heart within me is distressed.

P: Answer me speedily, O LORD:

C: Do not hide Your face from me.

P: Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning

C: For in You do I trust.

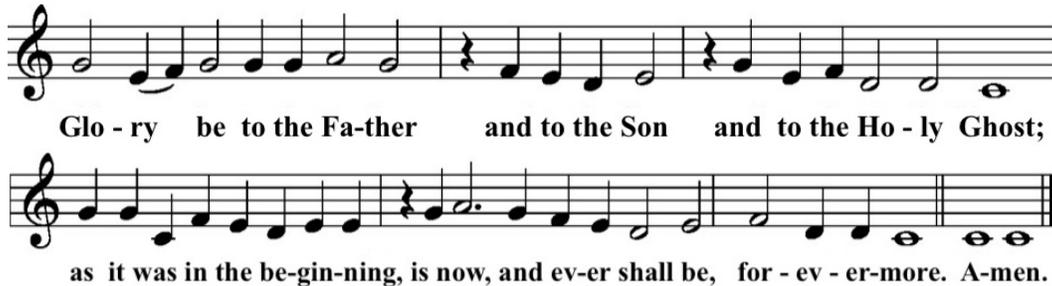
P: Teach me to do Your will, for You *are* my God:

C: Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

P: Glory be to God!

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri



Lord, Have Mercy

The Kyrie



Glory to God in the Highest

The Gloria in Excelsis

[LSB #947:1, alt.]

All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His
fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A child of
God for - ev - er. The Fa - ther's love, the Sa - vior's birth, Bring
peace, good will, to all the earth, Oh, thank Him for His good - ness!

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

P: The Lord be with you:

C:

A single line of musical notation in treble clef, one flat key signature, and common time. It contains a sequence of notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4.

And may He be with you.

P: Let us pray:

C:

A single line of musical notation in treble clef, one flat key signature, and common time. It contains a sequence of notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4.

A - men.

First Lesson

2 Peter 1:1-11

1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: 2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus

our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. 10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; 11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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.

Second Lesson

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

(Upon announcement of the Second Lesson, the congregation sings:)

C: 
 Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

1 Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. 2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” 3 Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. 4 I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” 6 When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. 7 And He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. | 13 They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. 14 Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. 15 Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them,

“He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” 16 Therefore some of the Pharisees said, “This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. 17 They said to the blind man again, “What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” | 34 They answered and said to him, “You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?” And they cast him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” 36 He answered and said, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?” 37 And Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.” 38 Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” And he worshiped Him. 39 And Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.”

(The Second Lesson ended, the congregation sings:)



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

LSB 663 *"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"*

Sermon

Ephesians 5:8-14

The Child of Light

1. Once in the dark. 2. Now in the light.
3. To lead others to the light.

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. 13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. 14 Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”

Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spi - rit with-in me.
 Cast me not a - way from Your pres - ence, and
 take not Your Ho-ly Spir - it from me.
 Re-store un-to me the joy of Your sal-va-tion and up -
 hold me with Your free spir -
 it. A - men.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer

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 694 *"Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower"*

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 LSB 924 *"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"*

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (3/8)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Wed	7:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Service 4
Sun (3/15)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

Extended Calendar

- Immanuel Lutheran College Tour Choir Concert: Thursday, March 19, 6:30 pm
(see note below)
- Palm Sunday Brunch: Sunday, March 29, 10:45 am (served by the men)
- Maundy Thursday Communion Service: Thursday, April 2, 7 pm
- Good Friday Worship: Friday, April 3, 7 pm
- Easter Sunday Worship: Sunday, April 5, 9:30 am

Our Midweek Lenten Service Schedule will continue this Wednesday, March 11. 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
Feb 25	"This Man Went Home Justified"	Luke 18:9-14	Pastor Naumann
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. A sign-up sheet for hosting choir members is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.



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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

March 9-14

Mon Luke 11:14-28 When Jesus drives out a demon, some are amazed. Others credit Beelzebul, or demand more signs. Jesus answers His detractors, and warns of the danger of worse things than one demon.

Tues Ephesians 5:1-9 God made us His children so that like dear children we might imitate Him, not walking in the immorality, impurity, and greed of this world. May we ever walk as children of light (v8).

Wed 2 Samuel 22:1-7 David praises the Lord, his rock and refuge in the face of all his enemies. In great distress (v5-6) he called to the Lord, who heard and answered his cry for help.

Thurs Psalm 86:1-10 The servant of the Lord calls to his good and forgiving God, confident that there is no one like the true God, who is great and does marvelous deeds.

Fri Psalm 86:11-17 The Lord's servant seeks the Lord's truth in order to walk in it, even when ruthless men seek his life. The Lord's help and comfort remain with him, for the Lord remains a gracious God.

Sat Psalm 43 Oppressed by his enemy, the psalmist looks to God to show him the way to His dwelling. Surely His light and truth will guide to His holy mountain, to joy and gladness, to God's salvation!

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