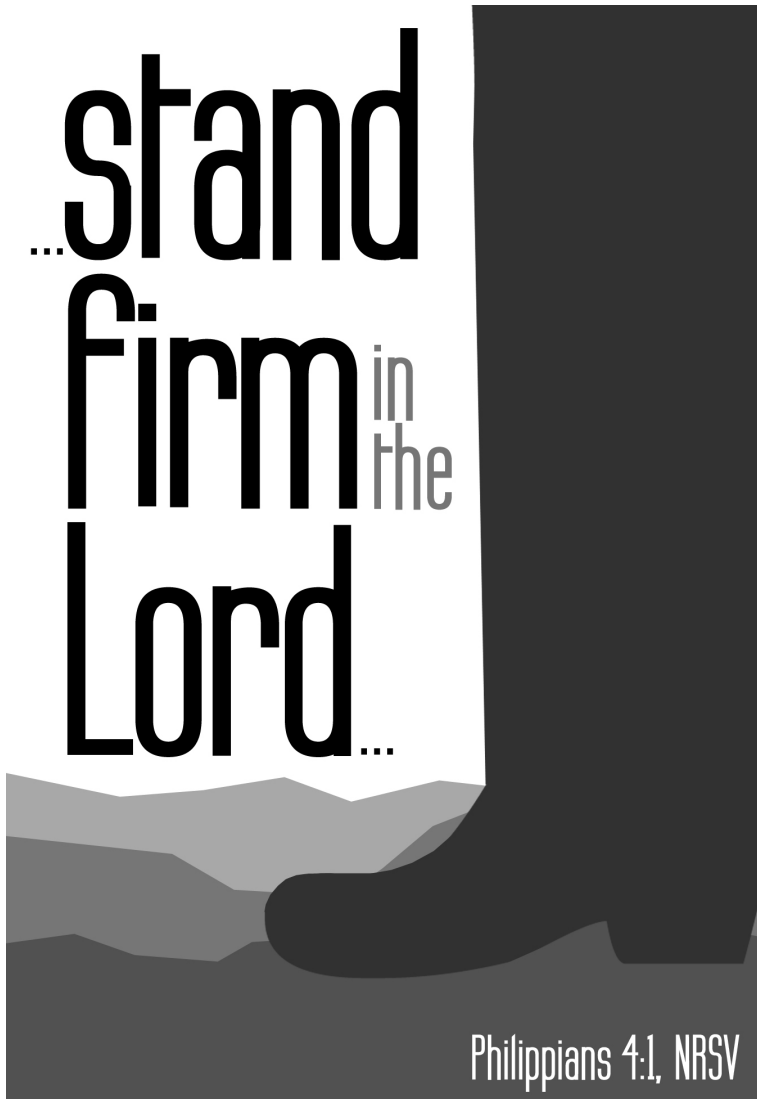


WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



GOSPEL PROCLAIMERS WILL SUFFER OPPOSITION

The Second Sunday in Lent

ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Wisconsin Rapids, WI*

March 17, 2019



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. It's encouraging to see parents bring their families to worship the Lord. If your child is restless, you can use the Family Room to calm your child. Restrooms are located in the hallways along either side of the Worship Center. For those with special needs, large print copies of the service and listening devices are available from the ushers. One of our ushers or greeters can give you directions or answer your other questions.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

It's obvious that the proclamation of God's Word is vital to the salvation of the world. Yet, people turn on those who speak the truth of God's Word. We don't have to think long at all to realize that. We can even, at times, find ourselves in that camp of turning against God's Word when it doesn't suit our agenda. May we be willing to be gathered by the words of our Savior today!

The liturgical color¹ throughout the season of Lent is purple, which communicates somberness and quietness. This is fitting given Lent's somber focus on Jesus' sufferings and death.

Today's service includes a celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. For personal preparation, consider using page 156 in the front of the hymnal.

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¹ The liturgical color is found on the pastor's stole and the piece of cloth hanging from the pulpit.

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

The service of word and sacrament proclaims the gospel through God's Word and the Lord's Supper.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted | 127 (1-4)

10:30-The schoolchildren will sing verse 3.

10:30 BAPTISM - Gracie Ann & Gunnar Joseph Stensberg

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Please stand.

INVOCATION

Minister (M): The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation (C): And also with you.

By publicly confessing our sins, we begin worship with the same realization that we are sinful from birth and daily sin much. But we all also hear of God's mercy and grace.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

C: ♪ **O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.** *CW p.28*
**Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love,
You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit;
You make us pure and holy in your sight.
You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.
O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.
O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father,
You came to live with us; you made your Father known;
You washed us from our sins in your own blood.
You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!
O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth. ♪**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 26:8-15

Despite the threat of death, Jeremiah is determined to carry out his mission.

After the reading, the announcement is made:

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

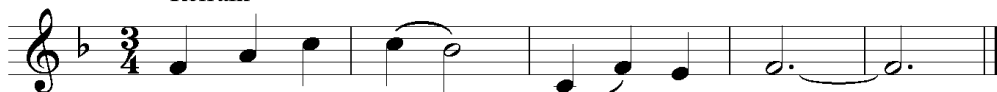
PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 4 | The People's Psalter

8:00 - Pastor will sing the refrain first, then everyone will repeat the refrain.

10:30 - The schoolchildren will sing the refrain first, then everyone will repeat the refrain.

Refrain



Lord, hear my prayer, hear my prayer.

8:00 - Pastor will sing the verses and the congregation the refrain.

10:30 - The schoolchildren will sing the verses and the congregation the refrain.

Verse - God of all righteousness, hear when I pray,
In my distress be my hope and my stay;
Long have I suffered revilement and shame,
Great God of mercy, I call on your name.

Refrain

Verse - Angry, yet silent, I know there will be
Justice according to holy decree;
Never to answer corruption in kind,
But in your promise true peace will I find.

Refrain

Verse - When those around me my faith would confound,
May I rejoice in your gifts that abound;
Peace and assurance all discord withstand,
Safely I rest in the palm of your hand.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:17-4:1

In the midst of hardship, stand firm in the Lord!

After the reading, the announcement is made:

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

CHOIR

Standing Strong

Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:31-35

Jesus is determined to deliver us.

After the reading, the announcement is made:

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The children are invited to come forward for an object lesson.

The Hymn of the Day is chosen for its rich content and its connection to the Gospel of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, You I Love with All My Heart | 434 (1-2)

SERMON -

JESUS KEEPS GOING FOR YOU

Please stand.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated.

THE THANK OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Guests, please don't feel obligated to take part in the offering. We're just happy you're here as our guest to hear and take to heart the message of Jesus. Please fill out the friendship register as it is passed. If the gospel message has moved you to give and you would like an electronic option, you can scan this QR code with your mobile phone. It will connect you with our website's giving page.



MUSICAL OFFERING

Please stand.

God invites our prayers and desires that Christians pray for many people and circumstances, whether locally or globally (1 Timothy 2:1-4).

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Dear God, heavenly Father, how great is your love for us! You willingly sent your beloved son to a world of sinful rebels. The innocent one came to serve the guilty, but his own people rejected him, and his enemies tortured him and put him to death.
- C: Because you did not withhold your one and only Son but let him take our guilt on himself to set us free, we praise your holy name.**
- M: Dear Son of God, our brother, how great is your love for us! You allowed yourself to be condemned so that we could be declared not guilty. Fill our hearts with the same self-sacrificing love that you showed us. You allowed no suffering, no fear, and no doubt to swerve you from your path to Calvary.
- C: Give us the same single-minded dedication and unshakable commitment as we daily take up our cross and follow you.**
- M: Dear Holy Spirit, how great is your love for us! By Word and sacrament you have warmed and transformed our foolish and stubborn hearts, making us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus and receptive to his gospel of forgiveness.
- C: Hold his cross before our eyes that we may dedicate our lives to him who died for us. Make us strong in the hour of temptation. Lead us to love and serve our neighbor as unselfishly as Christ did.**

Special prayers and intercession

- M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Keep us in the true faith in unity with all faithful Christians, and grant us a blessed death. Hear us for Jesus' sake.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Sacrament

THE PREFACE

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M: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: ♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Preface marks the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service. These responsive sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glory.

You are my God, and I will exalt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glory.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **♪ Amen.**

C: **♪ O Christ, Lamb of God,**

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you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

Amen. ♪

(Please be seated and await the direction of the ushers.)

The communicant members of our congregation will be invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Because the Bible has convinced us that Jesus' body and blood are present in the sacrament, and that receiving the sacrament together is a public statement of oneness in our beliefs and commitment, we ask our guests to speak with the pastor prior to communing. We don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of stating your agreement with our convictions before we've had an opportunity to explain and prove them from Scripture. The pastor would be happy to explore our convictions with you, on the basis of God's Word, so that you might commune with us in the future!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

If you are in need of gluten free wafers or grape juice, please ask for directions from an usher.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord | 309 (1-3)

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus | 452 (1-4)

Please stand.

THANKSGIVING

C: **♪ O Jesus, blessed Lord, to thee**

CW 316

My heartfelt thanks forever be,

Who hast so lovingly bestowed

On me thy body and thy blood.

Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:

What wealth is come to me this day!

My Savior dwells within my heart -

How blest am I! How good thou art! ♪

M: Let us pray together.

C: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen. ♪

CLOSING HYMN

Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose | 466 (1, 4)



TAKE HOME QUESTIONS

1. Agree or disagree and explain – The Pharisees who came to warn Jesus about Herod, without question, had deceitful intentions.
2. What is Paul saying in Philippians 3:19? Answer as though you are trying to get a 10-year-old to understand that verse.
3. Read all of Jeremiah 26 (don't let the Hebrew names scare you; you don't have to know how to say them, just understand who's who). What got Jeremiah in the position that people wanted to kill him? What happened after today's first reading that kept him from being killed? What does that mean for us today?
4. Jerusalem is mentioned all over the Bible in both positive and negative lights. How is that fitting for God's holy city? For God's holy people? Which connotation lasts forever?

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPEN FORUMS TODAY!

March 17 at 9:15 & 11:45AM

Please stay after the service today for an open forum on staffing and the calling process. At his request, one of our teachers, Mr. Randy Pahl, has asked to work part-time beginning this summer. Details on a recommendation to call Mr. Pahl to be a staff minister and to request a teacher be assigned from the Martin Luther College's graduating class are spelled out in a letter in member mailboxes. (This letter was also read at the midweek services on March 13.) We will discuss this proposal as well as calling an associate pastor. We hope you will stay for this important meeting.

NEW BIBLE STUDY SERIES STARTS NEXT WEEK

March 24 | 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Pastor Proeber will be leading us through a study of the book of 1 John during our Sunday Morning Bible Study. Beginning March 24, we will cover one chapter per week. Hear what John has to say about walking in light and living in love. Bibles are available, so just show up! We meet in the cafeteria.

BRING IN YOUR MILK CAPS

If you have Milk Moola bottle caps from Kwik Trip, please bring them in as soon as possible. Kwik Trip is ending this program, and we must submit the caps by the end of March to receive credit for them.



Our school will still collect items for the following programs: Boxtops for Education, Coca-Cola Give, Loaves for Learning, and Tyson A+. Money earned from these programs pays for bus transportation for field trips.

HANDBELL FESTIVAL IN MEDFORD

April 7 | 2:00 p.m.

The annual handbell festival will be held at Medford Area Elementary School. Our own Joyful Ringers will be a part of this two-day event. You are invited to the free public concert on Sunday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m. The concert will involve ten handbell choirs and over 140 ringers. It will be worth the trip to Medford.

KEEPING THE CHILDREN INVOLVED IN WORSHIP

In addition to our usual **Children's Worship Bulletin**, we now have **My Worship Notes** for elementary-age children. These brightly colored sheets can be found in the tract rack near the left-most entrance to the worship space. We have also moved the **Quiet Bags**, so they are near this rack. All of these items are designed to help your children be more engaged in the worship service. If you need help finding any of these items, please ask an usher.

FOLLOW ALONG

You may have noticed that the pastor often refers back to the scripture readings during his sermon. We encourage you to bring your Bible, pick up a Bible from the rack in the Welcome Center, or ask for a printed copy of the readings from the ushers. Then, you can follow along and take notes. You may find it helps you stay more focused during the sermon.



ORDER FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Help beautify church for Easter by purchasing one (or more) Easter flowers. Please sign up on the flower chart located in the Welcome Center. Take an envelope, fill it out, place payment inside, and drop the envelope in the offering plate or turn into the church office. Plants can be picked up after the 2nd service on Easter Sunday or the following Tuesday. If you have any questions, please contact Veronica Klish at (715)421-3607. Deadline to order Easter flowers is Palm Sunday, April 14th.

PART-TIME CHILDCARE POSITION AVAILABLE

Little lambs is in need of a person(s) to help with before and after-school care. The hours are Monday-Friday 6:30-8:00 a.m. and 3:00-5:45 p.m. These hours are approximate and can be very flexible depending on your schedule. The hours could also be shared with another worker. Summer hours may also be available. For more information, please contact our director, Carole Melso at littlelambs@stpaulswr.org or 715-421-3634 ext. 15.

MEAL HELPERS – THIS WEEK P-Z

March 20 | 4:30-6:00 p.m.



If your last name begins with the letters P-Z, we would like you to help with our Lenten meal on Wednesday, March 20. There is work to be done before, during, and after the meal. You can help as it fits your schedule. Just ask someone in the kitchen what needs to be done.

PHOTO REMINDER

Just a reminder that photos for a new church directory will be taken in early June. We hope you set aside a little time to participate in the project. You will receive a free photo and a directory. More details will be available as the photo dates approach.

MLC CHOIR IN WAUSAU

March 22

On Friday, the Martin Luther College Choir will be in Wausau. You are invited to hear them perform. They will be at Northland Lutheran High School at 12:45 p.m. and at St. Peter Lutheran Church – Schofield campus at 7:00 p.m. Bring a friend who is a music lover!

SPRING MISSION RALLY IN MARSHFIELD

April 6 | 9:00-2:30

Learn about the Vicar in Missions Program and the Central Africa Medical Mission. The Spring Mission Rally will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, just south of Marshfield. Registration is only \$3 and lunch is provided. These mission rallies are organized by the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, but everyone is welcome. Enjoy this chance to worship, fellowship, and learn how God's word is spread throughout the world.

GROW THE CHURCH

The Board of Mission Outreach is looking for more people to be a part of their team. If you have an interest, skills, or talent in any of these areas, please contact Fred Camacho: outreach to the elderly, social media, welcoming visitors, marketing, branding, promoting mission work, canvassing, or helping others learn to be ambassadors for Christ. You can reach Fred at 715-323-4566 or facjac@charter.net.

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING REPORT

Last week's attendance: 245 Year-to-date average attendance: 239

From July 1, 2018 to March 8, 2019

Actual gifts to ministry: \$ 689,164

Actual cost of ministry: \$ 697,310 Mortgage Balance \$ 1,532,796

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 22 MLC Choir Concert in Wausau

Apr. 6 Mission Rally in Marshfield

Apr. 7 Handbell Festival Concert in Medford



CALENDAR

March 17-24

SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Open Forum on the Call
	9:15 AM	Sunday School (grades K-5)
	10:30 AM	Worship
	11:45 AM	Open Forum on the Call
	2:00 PM	Adult Co-ed Volleyball in the gym
	6:30 PM	Leadership Council in the Bible Study Room
MONDAY	6:30 PM	Willing Workers in the Dining Room
TUESDAY	6:45 AM	Men's Bible Study at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	9:45 AM	Women Walking in the Word in the Resource Center
	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministers peer Group in the Resource Center
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	School Chapel Service
	3:35 PM	Midweek Lenten Service
	4:30 PM	Lenten Supper in the cafeteria (Helpers P-Z)
	6:30 PM	Midweek Lenten Service
	7:30 PM	Catechism Class (grades 6-8) in the Bible Study Room
	7:30 PM	Choir Practice in the balcony
	8:00 PM	Contemporary Choir in the balcony
THURSDAY	7:00 AM	Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	1:00 PM	Newsletter Assembly in the Volunteer Workroom
	5:30 PM	Handbell Practice in the balcony
	6:30 PM	A People Close to God in the Bible Study Room
	6:30 PM	Men's Devotionals Basketball in the gym
SUNDAY	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Bible Study in the cafeteria
	9:15 AM	Sunday School (grades K-5)
	10:30 AM	Worship
	2:00 PM	Adult Co-ed Volleyball in the gym



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