



“... the Son of Man
must be handed over to sinners,
and be crucified ...”
-Luke 24:7

St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

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PRAYER: Oh God, You declare in Your Word that You do not want to see the sinner die, but that he turn from his sinful way and live. To this end You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer and die for our sins, and You have called us to repentance and faith in His name. Today I come to You confessing my sin, and yet trusting that for Jesus' sake You grant me forgiveness for all my sins. As I come to Your Table to receive Jesus' body and blood, the sacrifice offered for my sins, I ask that Your Spirit would strengthen my faith, and that I might grow in Your grace and power and that the new man might arise and lead me to live to the glory of Your holy name. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 15

HYMNS: 144; 151:1-6; 305:1-4; 151:7-8

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 116:1-4,8 Psalm 43:1 NKJV)

I love the Lord, because He has heard

My voice and my supplications.

² Because He has inclined His ear to me,

Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.

³ The pains of death surrounded me,

And the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me;

I found trouble and sorrow.

⁴ Then I called upon the name of the Lord:

“O Lord, I implore You, deliver my soul!”

For You have delivered my soul from death,

My eyes from tears, And my feet from falling.”

^{43:1} Vindicate me, my God,

and plead my cause against an unfaithful nation.

Rescue me from those who are deceitful and wicked.”

Glory be to the Father...

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 52:13-53:6

In His sufferings for us Jesus' appearance was marred more than others, more than the sons of men. Of course the physical brutality contributed to this, but so also did the condemnation of God which accounted for the depth of His sufferings. “He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten **by God** and afflicted.”

THE PASSION LESSON: Jesus is Crucified

Even as Jesus, in tremendous pain and torment, was being led away to Calvary, His heart went out to the people of Jerusalem, because of the unnecessary judgment that would befall them. At Golgotha they crucified Jesus between the two criminals. The placard declaring Jesus' cause for execution testified to the truth: He is King, also **our** King!

THE SERMON: Hebrews 4:1-11

Theme: Looking to Jesus Who Endured the Cross; Our Endurance.

- I. Running with Endurance
- II. Gaining Endurance
- III. Responding to His Endurance

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The most wondrous assurance of His peace that God brings us is found in His coming to us in a visible way. Our Lord Jesus tells us that His body, the very body sacrificed on the cross for our sins, and His blood, the same blood that was shed for the remission of our sins, is literally present as we eat of the bread and drink of the wine in the Lord's Supper. As penitent sinners receive His body and blood we also receive His personal assurance that He abides with us in peace. It is therefore important that communicants be able to examine themselves and repent of their sins before receiving the sacrament. If you are a visitor here please arrange to speak with the pastor before communing with us.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Church Council follow after the service.

TUESDAY: Catechism class at 4:15.

WEDNESDAY: Midweek Lenten meditations. Supper serving begins at 6:00. (Pizza Night!) Lenten meditation begins at 7:00. This Wednesday's text: *Matthew 27:45-54*. Theme "*The Redeemer of the World Forsaken.*"

NEXT SUNDAY: **Palm Sunday** -- Worship at 9:30 with Sunday school and Bible class following the service. Sermon text: *Hebrews 12:21-24*. Theme: "*Looking to Jesus Who Endured the Cross: He Is Our Courage.*"

THURSDAY, MARCH 29: **Maundy Thursday** worship with Holy Communion at 7:00.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30: **Good Friday** worship at 7:00.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1: Easter Festival worship beginning at 9:30.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: March 11 Worship - 14 Sunday school 0; Bible Class - 12
March 14 – Lenten meditation- 15

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,221.00	Other Offerings:	
Offerings Received	\$910.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund	\$50.00
Needed for Year:	\$12,210.00	Memorials: Samantha Barthels	
Received for Year:	\$10,470.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund	\$100.00

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Randy Berg, Luke Berg, Andy Ball, Leon Hellickson

March Cleaning – Barthels

CLC NEWS: The Rev. David Schierenbeck, pastor of Berea Lutheran, Inver Grove Heights MN, has announced his plan to retire from the ministry and from his call to Berea at the end of June.

Nominations for CLC offices at this summer’s Convention – There is a new process which will be used for nominating CLC officers and board members this summer. Any voter from a CLC congregation may submit one or more nominations, with a deadline of March 31. Voters may submit nominations online at the CLC website, www.clclutheran.org (look for the link on the right-hand column marked “2018 CLC Officer Nominations.”) There are also printed copies of nomination forms, with instructions, available on the table in the narthex.

GEMS FROM PSALMS AND PROVERBS

Psalm 22:1

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me,

so far from my cries of anguish?” (NKJV)