

THE OFFERING

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR LENT, p.125

THE LORD'S PRAYER, p.20 (Traditional version)

THE SACRAMENT, p.21

STATEMENT ON "CLOSE" COMMUNION... "*Close-Communion*" refers to the Scriptural practice of partaking in the sacrament as members of a church united by a common confession of faith. In keeping with the Lord's own instructions in his Word, we ask that our guests today, who are not members of this congregation or another WELS or ELS church to please wait before communing with us until we have had an opportunity to establish our oneness of faith in Jesus Christ and his teachings through time together in Bible study. Please continue to pray with us, that, one day Jesus will restore unity to his Church on earth so that we can express it in this Sacrament.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: #385 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

THANKSGIVING, PRAYER & BLESSING, pp.24-25

CLOSING HYMN: #449 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

BIRTHDAYS: If you see the following members this week, wish them a "Happy Birthday"—**Mar 10th**—Phillip Grunwald, Dan Heise; **Mar 13th**—Mark Brandt, Amber Mihna, Richard Ruppel.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS DRIVE ENDS SOON - If you'd still like to contribute to the homeless drive bring in your donation by the end of day Monday (Tomorrow). See the church website or March newsletter for a list of needed items--Thank you!

LWMS DOOR OFFERING TODAY: The St Paul LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) announces a door offering today after church to benefit WELS Home & World Missions.

PREACHING AT THE MIDWEEK SERVICE THIS

WEDNESDAY (MAR. 13-6:30 pm) Pastor Brad Ragner - **Messiah, Shiocton.** **Theme:** "I Am He" (Based on John 18:3-9)

SERVING THE FELLOWSHIP THIS WED: The Choir (See Sign-Up sheet for servers in the weeks ahead in entryway).



The First Sunday In Lent

Sunday, March 10, 2019

A Member Congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)
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AS WE GATHER

Note the words in our Order of Service for the Sacrament today that speak of Christ as the One, "*who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome.*"

The opening hymn also reminds us of the deep significance the cross holds for us. Then, too, did you know that the cross in our sanctuary today was cut from our 2018 Christmas tree. The evergreen is often a symbol of life. Scripture calls Jesus the "*Prince of Life.*" (Acts 3:15) He is "*the way and the truth and the life.*" (Jn.14:6) In the season of Lent we see this "Tree of Life" cut down while He was yet green and full of life (Luke 23:31) And Scripture tells us why: "*He has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.*" (Heb.9:26)

Indeed, "*Sweet the moments, rich in blessing, which before the cross we spend.*" ~ CW #111:1

Dear Guests,

If you have any needs or questions during your visit with us this morning, let us try to help. Ask an usher or the person next to you. If the Lord has given you children to raise for Him, we're glad you brought them to His house today! If at any point your little one gets overly restless and you need a moment or two alone with them, there is a quiet area downstairs just past the fellowship hall near the restrooms (*There are changing stations in both restrooms.*)



Did you also know that the entire service can also be seen on monitors in the entryway and downstairs in the foyer just beyond the fellowship hall (near the restrooms). This a space for parents with small children or others who need it during worship.

ORDER OF SERVICE

BELLS & WELCOME BY PASTOR

HYMNS IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Hymn: #111 *"Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing"*

Psalm of the Day: Ps.91 page 100 (*Sing in Unison*)

Hymn of the Day: #200 *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

Dist. Hymn: #385 *"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"*

Closing Hymn: #449 *"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY: (*Spoken by Pastor*) Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in Your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (*Sing: "Amen"*)

THE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 26:5-10

Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. ⁶ But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. ⁷ Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. ⁸ So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. ⁹ He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; ¹⁰ and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, LORD, have given me." Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Ps.91, page 100 (*Sing in Unison*)

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to

empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

VERSE OF THE DAY: *"It is written. 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" (Matthew 4:10)*

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." ⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'" ⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" ⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" ¹² Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

THE NICENE CREED, *page 18 in the front of the hymnal.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: #200 *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

THE MESSAGE TODAY--Based on Luke 4:1-13

"It is Written!"

- 1. Christ defeated Satan with his Word.**
- 2. His Victory is ours too!**

After the Sermon rise to sing, Hymn #319

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image

A MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Feb 24 - Worship cancelled

Mar 3 - Plate Offerings: \$3,2102.00

Electronic Offerings (2 weeks): \$200.00

Total Offerings last week: \$3,402.00

OFFERINGS RECEIVED YTD (9 weeks) \$15,514.00

OFFERINGS NEEDED YTD: \$20,457.00; YTD Shortfall: \$4,943.00

Weekly Budgetary Needs: \$2,273.00.

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Brunch • Sunday, Apr 14

Coming up in April--St Paul will be serving a Palm Sunday Brunch. **WHEN:** Immediately following worship. **ON THE MENU:** Various egg bake dishes, meat, potatoes, fresh fruit, donuts, coffee, juice. Note that since Thrivent funds are available for this event we are not asking for food donations as we have in the past at Easter. Thank you! **Come Join us & invite a friend!**