



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Second Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 1, 2026

PRELUDE

GATHERING WITH THE WORD ON THE DAY

The woman with the alabaster jar shows a shocking, extravagant love that exemplifies the Greatest Commandment: to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind and to love your neighbor as yourself. Simon was a Pharisee; whose home Jesus was in when the woman kneels at his feet and pours out a full jar of expensive perfume. Jesus reveals the actions of the woman to be about forgiveness, grace, and love. Jesus' forgiveness releases this woman of her burdens. What do we carry into Lent that we can "release" to God?

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God, **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *The Glory of These Forty Days* (ELW 320)

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Good News God, speak louder than the news updates. Speak louder than our mental distractions. Speak louder than our anger and louder than our fear. God, speak loudly to us today, because we long to hear your good news. We pray in your holy name. **Amen.**

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

READING: Galatians 2:16-21

¹⁶ yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through the faith of Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by the faith of Christ and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. ¹⁷ But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸ But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. ¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ, ²⁰ and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 7:36-50

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. ³⁷ And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸ She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." ⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed

my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little." ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE MESSAGE PASTOR KATHLEEN KERIN

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lift High the Cross* (ELW 660)

THE 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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE SHARING OF PEACE

OFFERING SONG: LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL - ELW 184

OFFERING PRAYER

God's mercies are new every day. As we remember what God has done, is doing, and will do, let us return our gifts and talents back to God through the offering of our lives. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE & LORD'S PRAYER

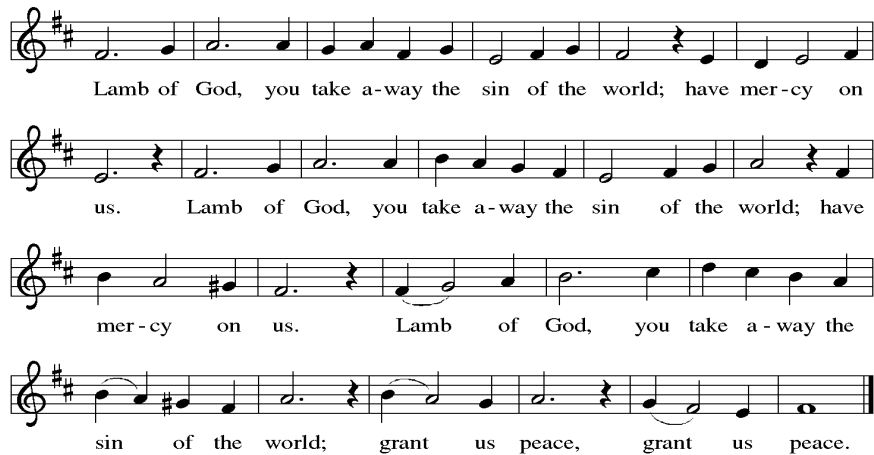
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, you make me always new. Each breath I breathe is life from you, a gift of love that sets me free. O God, thank you for breathing new life in me in the body and blood of your son, Jesus.

BLESSING

As you leave this place, when you meet anger, speak with love. When you meet fear, speak with hope. When you meet pain, speak with gentleness. But no matter what, speak this good news. For the good news of the gospel is love and justice for all. It is joy that surprises, and nonviolence that transforms. The good news of the gospel is alive in the world, so go forth speaking. For if you won't, then who will? Thanks be to God for this good, good news. The Lord ✝ bless you now and always.



amen

SENDING SONG *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* (ELW 335)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Thank you to our lector **Karen Santiago** and our communion assistant **Chris Kelly** for serving this morning. Readers and Communion Assistants are now on a rotating schedule. Thank you for everyone's flexibility and working together to support our Worshiping Community! Please consider signing up to assist in worship in the Narthex.

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In January all blue carpets in the church were cleaned. **We kindly ask that no food or drinks be brought inside of the Sanctuary.** Please continue to enjoy coffee and fellowship in the Narthex. Thank you for helping to keep it clean.

Upcoming Worship Readers

Mar 8 Ann Farley

Mar 15 Cathy Silverio

Mar 22 Jason Tapscott

Mar 29 Wendy Fuehrer

Apr 5 Marcy Griffin

Apr 12 Gary Wagner



PRAYER LIST

Andy, Tara McFarland, Bruce Drelich, Jared, Lois Rodemer, Axel Bayala, Jackie Duffy, Carla, Ann Dearden, Donna Curry, Paul Oetinger and Ann Farley.

If you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact Tracey in the office at stpauls19120@gmail.com Be sure to provide the person's full name and (if possible and safe to do so) a little bit about the prayer needs.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Marianne Vescovitch - March 5

Alexander Tice - March 11

Lynn Todd - March 22

Jonathan Marlapudi - March 24

Janet Stott - March 24

Jill Todd - March 25

Irene Holliman - March 29

Lenten Soup Suppers - Wednesdays in Lent 6PM dinner 7PM worship

Wednesday, March 5 - St. John's - 3101 Tyson Ave Philadelphia, PA
Wednesday, March 11 - St. Paul's - 5900 N. 5th Street Philadelphia, PA
Wednesday, March 18 at St. David's, 9169 Academy Rd., Philadelphia, PA
Wednesday, March 25 at Redemption, 8001 Bustleton Ave., Philadelphia, PA

This year's Lenten Theme will be Forgiveness;
Join us for a meal together and Conference Worship together!

St. Paul's will be hosting a Soup Supper on Wednesday, March 11th

Please mark your calendars to attend and a sign up sheet for SOUPS, SALADS, BREAD, & DESSERTS will be in the Narthex.

ST. PAUL'S OUTREACH

SENIOR WEDNESDAY
10 am to 12 pm

ST. PAUL'S FOOD PANTRY OUTREACH
Tuesday, Wednesday 9am-11:30am

We are looking for volunteers to assist people who come to our door on Wednesdays from 9:00 am - 11:30 am, and assistance to help carry in supplies on Thursday mornings.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday	Numbers 21:4-9	Hebrews 3:1-6	Psalm 128
Tuesday	Isaiah 65:17-25	Romans 4:6-13	Psalm 128
Wednesday	Ezekiel 36:22-32	John 7:53-8:11	Psalm 128
Thursday	Exodus 16:1-8	Colossians 1:15-23	Psalm 95
Friday	Exodus 16:9-21	Ephesians 2:11-22	Psalm 95
Saturday	Exodus 16:27-35	John 4:1-6	Psalm 95



A gift to the Endowment Fund of St. Paul's was given

In Memory of

Rita M. Kopp
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by Pastor Kopp and Family



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Matthew Brenner, Organist

Sunday	11:00am	Worship Service w/ Communion
Monday Pastor at St. Tim's	7pm-8pm	AA Meeting (<i>Luther Room</i>)
Tuesday Pastor at St. Tim's	9am-12pm 6pm-7pm	Food Pantry (<i>Community Wing</i>) AA Meeting (<i>Luther Room</i>)
Wednesday	9am to 12pm 6pm to 8pm 12:00 noon 6PM	Food Pantry (<i>Community Wing</i>) NA Meeting (<i>Luther Room</i>) Senior Wednesday Devotional Soup Supper @ St. John's
Thursday	7pm-8pm 7:30 - 8:30 pm	AA Meeting (<i>Luther Room</i>) <i>Bible Study on ZOOM</i>
Friday	7pm-8pm	AA Meeting (<i>Luther Room</i>)
Sunday	11:00am	Worship Service