



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 8, 2026

PRELUDE

GATHERING WITH THE WORD ON THE DAY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,

It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God; in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *Just As I Am, without One Plea* (ELW 592)

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

Holy God, we could press our ear to the page, hoping to hear you more clearly. We could silence all the alarms and notifications, hoping to catch a murmur of your voice. We could still our beating hearts, and still we might miss your voice. So today we pray, open up space in our hearts, in our spirits, in our minds, to feel your presence among us. With you, anything is possible. We believe. Help our unbelief. **Amen.**

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

READING: Ephesians 2:14-22

¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, ¹⁵ abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; ²¹ in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

PSALM: Psalm 95

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:32-44

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

³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; ³⁶ send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." ³⁷ But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸ And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹ Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And all ate and were filled, ⁴³ and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE MESSAGE PASTOR KATHLEEN KERIN

HYMN OF THE DAY *Take My Life, That I May Be* (ELW 685)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING SONG: CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART (ELW 186)

OFFERING PRAYER

God our provider, you have not fed us not only with bread, but also with words of grace and life. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

THE SENDING & 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 *As the Deer Runs to the River* (ELW 331)

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Thank you to our lector **Wendy Fuehrer** 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 15 Cathy Silverio
Apr 5 Marcy Griffin

Mar 22 Jason Tapscott
Apr 12 Gary Wagner

Mar 29 Chris Kelly
Apr 19 Malcolm Furbert



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
Lynn Todd - March 22
Janet Stott - March 24

Alexander Tice - March 11
Jonathan Marlapudi - March 24
Jill Todd - March 25

Irene Holliman - March 29

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

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

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

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!

PREACHING WITH POWER will host our Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry on Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00 at our conference's Reformation Lutheran Church @ 1215 Vernon Rd. All are welcome.

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	Genesis 24:1-17	2 John 1-13	Psalm 81
Tuesday	Genesis 29:1-4	1 Corinthians 10:1-4	Psalm 81
Wednesday	Jeremiah 2:4-13	John 7:14-31, 37-39	Psalm 81
Thursday	1 Samuel 15:10-21	Ephesians 4:25-32	Psalm 23
Friday	1 Samuel 15:22-31	Ephesians 5:1-9	Psalm 23
Saturday	1 Samuel 15:32-34	John 1:1-9	Psalm 23



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Matthew Brenner, Organist

Sunday	11:00am	Worship Service
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. Paul's
Thursday	7pm-8pm 7:30 - 8:30 pm	AA Meeting (<i>Luther Room</i>) Bible Study on ZOOM
Friday	7pm-8pm	AA Meeting (<i>Luther Room</i>)
Sunday	11:00am	Worship Service w/ Communion