

St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point

4th Sunday in Lenten March 11, 2018

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

Prayer before Service-Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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Psalm 107:1-9, 19

P: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

C: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

P: And gathered out of the lands, From the east and from the west, From the north and from the south.

C: They wandered in the wilderness in a desolate way; They found no city to dwell in.

P: Hungry and thirsty, Their soul fainted in them.

C: Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, And He delivered them out of their distresses.

P: And He led them forth by the right way, That they might go to a city for a dwelling place.

C: Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

P: For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness.

C: Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, And He saved them out of their distresses.

ALL: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Old Testament Lesson-Numbers 21:4-9

Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread." So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.

Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

Epistle Lesson-Ephesians 2:1-10

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 2:9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Gospel Lesson-John 3:14-21

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light,

lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

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Sermon

Text: Ephesians 2:1-10

Theme: We are His Workmanship

I. The Words that describe us by nature are hopeless

**II. Paul makes it clear, God is working in the midst of
this hopeless mess**

**III. Paul declares, over and over that WE are His
Workmanship**

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The Flowers on the Altar are giving in memory of Donald Schmidt by Tim and Delreen Lenz

Lenten Services continue with services, on March 7th, at 7 PM. The theme is “The Lord’s Prayer in the Lord’s Passion”

Lenten Midweek, March 14, Give Us this day our daily bread

Lenten Midweek, March 21, Forgive us our trespasses as
we forgive those who trespass against us

Maunday Thursday, March 29, Lead us not into temptation

Good Friday, March 30, But deliver us from evil

Easter Sunday, April 1, For Thine is the Kingdom, and the
Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen!

Former Lutheran Hour speaker Reverend Gregory Seltz and

Congressman John Shimkus will team up to discuss “The Two Kingdoms and the role of a Christian in the Political Process” at the upcoming Lutheran Layman’s League Annual Meeting Mar 17. St John’s Congregation of Champaign will host the meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Bethesda Lutheran Communities helps people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in 13 states through a variety of programs. To learn more about the programs and to support them go to www.BethesdaLutheranCommunities.org. Brenda Scarbeary will be here on Sunday, March 11, to make a presentation to Sunday school and the congregation about the work of Bethesda.

There will be a benefit for Pam (Berg) Kepley on Sunday, April 8 from 11 AM to 2 PM at the Carriage Inn Event Center. There will be a meal by Deb’s Catering, Bake Sale, Raffle held throughout the benefit. Pam was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor in August 2017. Money raised will help with Pam’s medical expenses. Tickets may be purchased at the Cobblestone Inn,

People's Bank, or Immanuel Lutheran Church office. Donations of pies and other baked good are much appreciated. Check bulletin board for more info.

The Altamont and Effingham/Shelby LWML Zones will be hosting a Joy Workshop featuring Katie Schuermann, on Tuesday, April 24 at 6:30 PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont. All ladies of the congregation are invited to a salad supper, bible study and fellowship. Please RSVP by April 12. Sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

35th Annual Hog Roast at Zion Lutheran Church, Altamont, Sunday, March 18, 4:30PM. Menu: BBQ Pork, baked beans, baked potato, chips, applesauce, desserts & pies. Cost is free-will donation with proceeds 1/2 to Lutheran Care Center and 1/2 to 125th Anniversary Fund for Zion. Bulk BBQ Pork will be available for sale.

Please check your mailboxes for the order sheet for flowers for Easter.

The LYF Will be hosting the Easter Breakfast. A list of donations needed is on the bulletin board. Please have items there by Thursday, March 29th or at the very latest by 10:00am on Saturday, March 31st. LYF Members we will be setting up and preparing for the breakfast on Saturday March 31st at 1:00pm. Please bring with you 1 to 2 bags of individually wrapped candies to fill the Easter Eggs. Any question please contact Annie Guerretaz @ 618-367-1585

The Congregation is invited to a dinner in honor of Mary Zumwalt who is celebrating her 40th year of teaching. It will take place on Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 12:15 PM at ALIS gym. The main dish and dessert will be provided. Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite side dish to share. Please RSVP to Elizabeth 618-267-6713 or Catherine 217-722-7111, or David 618-267-1148 by March 10th.

35th Annual Zion Hog Roast at Zion Lutheran Church, Altamont, Illinois on Sunday, March 18, with serving starting at 4:30 PM. Free will offering with proceeds going to Lutheran Care Center and the 125th Anniversary Fund for Zion.

Prayers-For Cheryl Burks who is recovering from back surgery; For Cherie Hammer, recovering from surgery; For the work of Bethesda

This Week at St Paul

Sunday: Catechism 11 AM

Catechism 5 PM

Jeremiah 22-24

Monday:

Jeremiah 25-27

Tuesday: Pastor at Circuit Meeting 9:30 AM

Ladies Aid 7 PM

Jeremiah 26-28

Wednesday: Joshua Bible Study 10 AM

Catechism 5:30 PM

Jeremiah 29-31

Lenten Midweek Service 7 PM

Jeremiah 32-34

Thursday:

Friday:

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Saturday:

Jeremiah 38-40

Those serving

Preacher-Rev David Speers

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Organist-Lucille Klitzing

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