



St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point
Lenten Midweek Service March 14, 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

Opening Hymn452

Order of Vespers.....pg 229

Psalm 104:24-35 (Responsively whole verse by whole verse)

P: O LORD, how manifold are Your works!

In wisdom You have made them all.

The earth is full of Your possessions—

C: This great and wide sea, In which are innumerable teeming things, Living things both small and great.

P: There the ships sail about; There is that Leviathan

Which You have made to play there.

C: These all wait for You, That You may give them their food in due season.

P: What You give them they gather in; You open Your hand, they are filled with good.

C: You hide Your face, they are troubled; You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

P: You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the earth.

C: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; May the LORD rejoice in His works.

P: He looks on the earth, and it trembles; He touches the hills, and they smoke.

C: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

P: May my meditation be sweet to Him; I will be glad in the

LORD.

C: May sinners be consumed from the earth, And the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

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-Ecclesiastes 3:9-14

What profit has the worker from that in which he labors? I have seen the God-given task with which the sons of men are to be occupied. He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor—it is the gift of God.

I know that whatever God does, It shall be forever.

Nothing can be added to it, And nothing taken from it.

God does it, that men should fear before Him.

Epistle Lesson-1 Timothy 6:6-19

Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also

called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

Gospel Lesson-John 19:16-31

Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. Then they took Jesus and led Him away.

And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was:

JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.

Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, 'I am the King of the Jews.'"

Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the

tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. They said therefore among themselves, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be,” that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:

“They divided My garments among them,
And for My clothing they cast lots.”

Therefore the soldiers did these things.

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold your son!” Then He said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!” And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I thirst!” Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Sermon Hymn.....766 vs 1-5, 9

Sermon

Text: Matthew 6; 1 Tim 6; Eccl 3

Theme: Give us this Day our Daily Bread

I. Luther reminds us that we too often forget

II. This prayer calls us back to reality, all this is God’s world, through which God works

III. We can rest each day in the hands of God because of Christ.

Canticle.....934

Offering

Prayers

Benediction

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Lenten Services continue with services, on March 14th, at

7 PM with Holy Communion. 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. More details and registration information will be forthcoming. Please put the date on your church and personal calendars. Reverend Seltz is now Executive Director of Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) in Washington DC and Shimkus was a Lutheran School teacher before going into Congress.

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. Lea Stuckemeyer has tickets for sale \$10 for Adults and \$6 (6-12), under 5 free.

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 Guerrettaz @ 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.

Prayers-For Dale Mellendorf, recovering from a broken bone; for Christine Duncan, hospitalized for pneumonia; for Larry Riley, father or Mark Riley, who suffered a stroke and is hospitalized; For Cheryl Burks who is recovering from back surgery; for Cherie Hammer, who is recovering from surgery this week;

Those serving

Preacher-Rev David Speers

618-483-6993

Organist-Lucille Klitzing

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The 4th Petition

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Luther, Martin. *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation (ESV)* (Kindle Locations 2477-2483). Concordia Publishing House. Kindle Edition.

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