



*The Rejected and Lamenting Savior*

Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025



St. Paul Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod

Columbus, Indiana

## Welcome to St. Paul!

We are glad that you have come to God's house to be fed and strengthened by His holy Word. The order of service for today is printed on the **insert** in this bulletin. Guests, we extend a special welcome to you this morning. We are privileged to have you as our guest today and encourage you to worship with us again soon.

**The Family Quiet Room and Restroom** are located outside the doors of the sanctuary and to the left. In the Family Quiet Room, you can hear and see the service. **Assisted hearing devices** are available for the service. Please contact an usher.

Do you need prayer support? Please call Bonnie England at **812-447-7895** to activate our **Prayer Chain**. Your fellow church members will pray for you.

**Our Communion Practice:** We invite and encourage those who have been instructed, confirmed, and confess the faith of this congregation and other congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to receive the Sacrament. Communicants at this altar acknowledge their sins, believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, and desire the Spirit's help to turn from their sins.

Those who are not communing are invited to come forward and receive a blessing by placing their arms across their chest.

If you have questions regarding our Communion teaching and practice, please speak to a pastor.

**Communion Preparation:** To prepare for the Lord's Supper, you may wish to pray the prayer on the inside cover of the hymnal or review the Christian Questions and Answers on pages 329-330.

### Today's Christian Education Opportunities

First Steps of Faith (Infants and Toddlers with a parent)  
Sunday School classes for ages three-sixth grade  
Confirmation Instruction (grades 7-8) led by Pastor Patterson  
Sr. High Youth in the Youth Room led by Pastor Fickenscher  
*Financial Peace University* does not meet today. The final session will be next Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
*Signs, Symbols, and Their Meaning* led by Pastor Bauman meets in the fellowship room

### Serving Today

Organist: Nora Cleary

Acolytes: 8 AM Service Naomi Lewis

10:45 AM Service Grant Gilmore

## Church Calendar

*Kantor Mau on vacation today*

*Jen Probst on vacation through Thursday*

*Pastor Bauman on vacation tomorrow-Saturday*

*Spring Break Week—No School*

*Church Office Open Only on Tuesday Morning*

Today	<b>8:00 AM Divine Service</b> 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM <b>10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish</b> Noon Confirmation Make-up Session 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM
Monday	LWML to Lutheran Community Home 5:30 PM Girl Scouts
Wednesday	9:00 AM Bible Study <b>10:15 AM Matins Service</b> 5:30 PM Lenten Supper 5:30 PM Sr. Handbells <b>6:30-6:45 PM Hymn Sing</b> <b>6:45 PM Lenten Service</b> 7:45 PM Sr. Choir
Thursday	Church Reserved
Next Sunday	<b>8:00 AM Divine Service</b> 9:10 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM <b>10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish</b> Noon Lunch 12:15 PM Youth Confirmation 12:15 PM Spanish Bible Study 7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

### IN THE GATHERING SPACE...

- + April Newsletter
- + April-June *Portals of Prayer*
- + 2024 Contribution Statements

### SUNDAY LUNCHES...

- Today, March 16<sup>th</sup>: No Lunch Served (Spring Break)
- Next Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>: Spaghetti with Meatballs
- March 30<sup>th</sup>: Latino families serving meal
- April 6<sup>th</sup>: Sloppy Joes

# Second Sunday in Lent

## Prelude

*What Wondrous Love Is This*—arr. D. Wyrzten

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please sign the Record of Fellowship*

## Ringling of the Bell

## Opening Hymn

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## Confession of Sins

*please stand* pages 184-185

## Introit

*from Psalms 69 and 74*

**P** For zeal for Your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me. O God, why do You cast us off forever? Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture? Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old, which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage! Remember Mount Zion, where You have dwelt. Direct Your steps to the perpetual ruins; the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!

**G** *All sing the Gloria Patri—page 186: Glory be to the Father...*

## Kyrie

page 186

*The Gloria in Excelsis (pages 187-189) is omitted during Lent*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

page 189

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** *(sung) And with thy spirit.*

**P** Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** *(sung) Amen.* *please be seated*

## Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 26:8-15

And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."

Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that He has pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

[Paul writes:] Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Verse of the Day

*please stand speak together* (Luke 13:35)

**C** Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see Me until you say, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

## Gospel Reading

Luke 13:31-35

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the thirteenth chapter.

**C** (*sung*) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill You." And He said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish My course. Nevertheless, I must go on My way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see Me until you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** (*sung*) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

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## Little Sermon

## Hymn of the Day

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## Sermon

*The Rejected and Lamenting Savior*

Luke 13:31-35

## Offering

Sung Offertory: **pages 192-193**

## Prayer of the Church

*please stand*

## Service of the Sacrament

pages 194-198

## Distribution

**624, 420, 622, 431**

*Visitors—Please read our Communion statement on the inside front cover of the bulletin.*

## Closing Liturgy

*please stand* pages 199-202

## Closing Hymn

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## Postlude

*Prelude and Fugue in G Minor—J.S. Bach*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS OMITTED...** During the penitential season of Lent, our praise is restrained. We don't speak or sing Alleluia, and the *Gloria in Excelsis*, the Hymn of Praise, is omitted. We look with anticipation to Easter Sunday when our praises and alleluias will sound forth once again in celebration of our Lord's resurrection.

# *The Rejected and Lamenting Savior*—Luke 13:31-35

What does the Jewish historian Josephus confess about Jesus? According to another Jewish writing, *The Babylonian Talmud*, what crimes was Jesus convicted of?

Both of these ancient writings acknowledge that Jesus is able to do the m\_\_\_\_\_.

The Pharisees want Jesus to leave the region. What lie do they tell Him? How do we know that it is a lie?

## **Jesus is the Rejected Savior.**

Jesus will not only be rejected in Galilee. He will also be rejected in J\_\_\_\_\_.

As you listen to Isaiah's prophecy about Jesus' rejection, how is His rejection for your benefit?

Jesus will finish His course and accomplish His goal on the t\_\_\_\_\_ d\_\_\_\_\_.

## **Jesus is the Lamenting Savior.**

A lament is crying out with one's s\_\_\_\_\_, s\_\_\_\_\_, and even c\_\_\_\_\_.

God wants us to come to Him with our laments because He has the p\_\_\_\_\_ to help us.

Take Home Point: Jesus was rejected for you. He comes to you when you endure ridicule, rejection, sorrows, struggles, and trials to strengthen you, forgive you, and hear your prayers as you cry out to Him.

**Next Sunday's Readings** *Ezekiel 33:7-20; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9*

**LIVING THE SERMON...** Jesus is no sorcerer, fake, or fraud. He is the promised Messiah, our Savior and Lord. In the face of ridicule, rejection, suffering, sorrow, or trial, bring your laments to your loving Lord. He promises to hear and help you for He longs to save, support, strengthen, and deliver you.

**PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH...** Give thanks for Jesus who was rejected for you and who has gathered you to Himself. Place your burdens, cares, and laments before the Lord, even as you pray for those you know who are enduring suffering, sorrow, and ridicule for their faith.

**MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK...** *[Jesus said,] No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.* Luke 13:5

## **In the Wilderness—Lenten Sermon Series**

During our midweek services we are studying the book of Numbers which recounts the Israelites' journey in the wilderness to the Promised Land. Supper is served from 5:30-6:15 PM. We sing our favorite hymns from 6:30-6:45 PM, and the Lenten services begin at 6:45 PM. Here are the upcoming service themes:

**Wednesday, March 19:** Doubt in the Wilderness—Numbers 13:1, 25-14:35

**Wednesday, March 26:** Rebellion in the Wilderness—Numbers 16:1-50

**Wednesday, April 2:** Anger in the Wilderness—Numbers 20:1-13, 22-29

**Wednesday, April 9:** Idolatry in the Wilderness—Numbers 25:1-18

**Easter Sunday, April 20 at 7, 9, and 10:45 AM**—Through the Wilderness to the Promised Land

# Extending Christ's Love Update

This past Friday, our church building was filled with incredible joy and activity as more than 200 students, grandparents, and special friends participated in Grandparents Day. The day began in worship with chapel, with voices of all ages singing praises to our God. The theme of Grandparents Day was the Wilderness, which corresponds to our Lenten sermon series and the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School: The WAY in the Wilderness. After chapel, we headed to the fellowship room for a presentation and activities. You can imagine the fellowship room bursting at its seams with all the students and their grandparents.



Events like Grandparents Day highlight our need for additional space for ministry. Through your support of Extending Christ's Love, our Great Hall in the new Christian Education Center will be more than 50% larger than our current fellowship room. With the church and school in one building, classrooms will also be able to be utilized for activities.

In addition, your support of Extending Christ's Love will enable us to serve more children and their families through our early childhood ministry. We are five months from the beginning of the school year, and we already have 59 children enrolled. *Thanks be to God!*

Unfortunately, we have only one opening remaining in the Little Doves, four-year-old class for the coming school year. Once we have one more registration, all others will need to be turned away. The kindergarten and Little Lambs (three-year-old) classes are also nearing capacity with nine openings in kindergarten and eight in the Little Lambs class. The Christian Education Center will give us the ability to expand our early childhood ministry from the current three classrooms to six classrooms, doubling the number of students and families we can serve.

**Rummage Sale is June 6-7 and your help is needed:** Please continue to gather items for our Rummage Sale on June 6-7. Larger items can be stored in the chapel. Donations can be brought to church May 18-June 3. Volunteers are needed to set up for the Rummage Sale on June 4-5, and to serve during the sale on June 6-7. Please sign up in the gathering space if you can serve. If you have any questions, please contact Phil Burbrink at 812-344-9946.

The Building and Finance Committees are grateful for your continued prayers and support of Extending Christ's Love.

## Youth Events

### **KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)**

The April KfC event is our annual Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:45 AM service on **Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**. There is no lunch served with this KfC event and no RSVP is needed.

### **SPY (high schoolers) and C4Life (sixth-eighth grade)**

**Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> Youth AND Young Adults:** Fun and fellowship at Back 9 Golf in Indianapolis. Meet at church at 1:30 PM for devotions. We will travel to Back 9 for play from 3-5 PM, returning around 6 PM. Bring money for snacks and golf clubs, if you have them. Cost: SPY and C4Life Youth—free.

Young adults, parents, younger siblings—suggested \$10 donation. If you have questions, please contact Eric and Linda Scheidt (812-371-8810; elscheidt@juno.com).

**Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> Servant Event:** Sixth and seventh graders and high school youth are invited to remain for lunch and help us fill Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt on Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> Servant Event:** SPY and C4Life Youth that attend the 8 AM service are encouraged to help hide Easter eggs during the 10:45 AM service.

*Friends are always welcome. If you have any questions, please contact a youth counselor or Pastor Bauman.*



**IN OUR PRAYERS... Sick and Recovering:** Warren Scheidt, James Neawedde, Callan Jones, Amy Yeley, Lisele Bockes, Jasmine Denny and unborn child, Dennis Peters, Pastor Stache, Ray Cline, Sandy Lagneau, Karen Hendershot, Phyllis Fox, Nancy Lipka, Kay Newton, Kathy Hoover, Lynn Hoeltke, Jan Sherbundy, Bob Runge, Jill Scheidt, Pam Jenkins, Candice Rominger (Clearys' friend), Amy Coombs (Darlene Bower's friend), Judy Parker (Gayla Alesandro's friend), Angela Vennemann (Kathy Hoover's niece), Margaret Osman (Nancy Dyer's sister), Paul Schultz (Gloria's son; Sandy Banister's brother); Edward Arnold (Amanda Kruger Arnold's brother-in-law), Greg Hercamp, Mike Alesandro (Gayla's husband), Cassie Murray (Jason and Laurie Schroer's friend), Lonnie Doty (Laurie Schroer's father), Tiffany Wilson (Karen Hendershot's cousin), Connie Ball (Jan Voelz's friend), Dave Jensen (Krugers' friend), Moe Humphrey (Ray and Pat Hall's friend) Ozzy Hentges (Kallis' friend), Kristina Hargitt (Kim Chandler's friend), Amy Cockburn (South Decatur principal), Dale Christophel (Ray and Pat Hall's friend), Ed Vogel (Eddie Vogel's father), Annie Walton (Holly Wischmeier's coworker's daughter), Marcelle Williams (Bridges' friend), William Leitshuh (Clearys' friend), Naomi Gillespie (Haaks' great-niece); **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Noah Hoeltke, Evan Rickus, Shane McGowen (Sally Haak's nephew), Michael Mullins (Sperrys' friend), Sam Studler (Kallis' friend), Ty Chamberlain (Taffy Schroer's relative)

### **SPRING BREAK IS THIS WEEK...**

Today, March 16<sup>th</sup>: Only the 9:30 AM Confirmation Class meets. Youth choirs will not meet. No lunch will be served. A confirmation make-up session will be offered after the 10:45 AM service.

Church Office: The church office will be open only **this Tuesday morning, March 18<sup>th</sup>**. Bulletin announcements must be submitted by 8 AM Tuesday.

Pastoral Care: Pastor Bauman will be visiting family this week. If you need pastoral care, please contact Pastor Patterson or Pastor Fickenschler directly.

### **LWML TO HOST LUTHERAN HOME BIRTHDAY**

**PARTY...** All ladies are invited to participate in the Birthday Bingo Party **tomorrow, March 17<sup>th</sup>** at the Lutheran Home in Seymour. We will meet at church, travel to Seymour for lunch, and then host the birthday party in the afternoon. If you are interested in attending

and/or providing bingo prizes, please call or text Sariina Kalli at 218-451-1026.

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SUPPER AND SERVICE...** We will gather for our midweek Lenten service **this Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** at 6:45 PM. Our theme for this Wednesday's service is *Doubt in the Wilderness* from Numbers 13:1-2a, 25-14:35. The service will be preceded by a hymn sing from 6:30-6:45 PM.

Lenten Supper: The Wednesday's supper is a soup supper sponsored by the evangelism board. The freewill offering will be applied for kitchen equipment in the Christian Education Center.

**JR. CHOIR SINGS... next Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** at both services. Please have children in the music room at 7:30 AM to rehearse.

**SILENT AUCTION...** The LWML will be pairing a Silent Auction with its Lenten meal to support the Extending Christ's Love campaign. We are looking for items or baskets of items to silently auction off beginning **next Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, and concluding Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, after the Lenten service. If you have something you would like to donate to the auction, please call or text Sariina Kalli at 218-451-1026. It can be a single item like a painting, quilt, or other new or gently used item, OR it can be a themed basket like Coca-Cola, a library basket, or cooking supplies/ingredients, etc. Thank you for your help.

**ACCREDITATION TEAM VISIT...** For the past year, more than 25 church members have been preparing the reports for the National Lutheran School Accreditation Visitation Team. The final report has been submitted and the Accreditation Team will be onsite **Wednesday-Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>**. The team will be attending the Lenten supper and service on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Following the service there will be a Meet-and-Greet with the accreditation team, church and school staff, and church leaders. Please welcome our accreditation team and continue to lift up our early childhood ministry in prayer.

**2025-2026 ECM REGISTRATION...** We are tremendously blessed as there are 59 children already enrolled for the upcoming school year! Nine openings remain in kindergarten, one opening in the Doves class (four year olds), and eight openings in the Lambs class (three year olds).

Information is available on the front table in the gathering space and online at [stpaulcolumbus.org](http://stpaulcolumbus.org). All registration is online. *Please help us promote our Christ-centered, accredited early learning center!* If you have any questions, please contact Director Jen Probst.

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS...** Thrivent members: It's time to designate your Choice Dollars if you have not already done so. Login in to [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com) or call (800) 847-4836 and designate your Choice Dollars before **March 31<sup>st</sup>**. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Lois Wischmeier or the church office.

**EASTER CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED...** The youth will be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**. Individually wrapped candy donations will be collected in the gathering space to offset the costs of filling Easter eggs. Please bring your donations on or before **Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**. Your donations are appreciated!

**ECM FOURTH ANNUAL CARNIVAL...** The fourth annual Early Childhood Ministry CARNival is **Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. This year's CARNival will have a Hawaiian theme. The ECM board is seeking volunteers to host a booth at the event. Booths may include a fun activity or game; prizes will be provided. Please contact Andrea Cotton to sign up for a booth at 812-344-4580 or [amorris1525@gmail.com](mailto:amorris1525@gmail.com).

**DONATIONS FOR JUST FRIENDS...** Just Friends is a nonprofit organization that provides Adult Daycare Services. Donations help Just Friends continue to

provide services at a reasonable cost to families. In the gathering space is a collection box for the following needed items: Folgers coffee, peanut butter grape jelly, sugar free grape jelly, alcohol wipes/prep pads, paper plates (small & regular), plastic cups, Lysol spray, Kleenex, 13-gallon trash bags, paper towels, and Elmer's glue bottles.

**THANKS TO...** all who supported our youth ministry through your generosity at the Lenten supper last Wednesday.

**THANKS FROM THE SCHLEUSER AND OTTE FAMILIES...** We want to thank everyone who donated auction items, made a monetary donation or came to the event and helped in any other way to make Carsyn's senior project a success and for supporting Adicyn. It was more than we expected, and we are truly blessed.

## **The Response of God's People**

### **Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

Divine Service Attendance: **230**; Communion: **193**

### **Last Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

Divine Service Attendance: **396**; Communion: **302**

Sunday School Attendance: **167**

General Fund: **\$18,554.41**      Weekly Need: \$15,933

Extending Christ's Love: \$9,485 (including \$500 Jim Baute Memorials; \$500 Ash Wednesday Lenten Supper for Kitchen Equipment)

National Youth Gathering Sponsorships (gifts are matched dollar-for-dollar): \$1,865

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