

✠ **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** ✠
Kenesaw, NE

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Organist: Mrs. LaMoine Fischer

Bible Class/Sunday School 9:00am

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Divine Service 10:00am

Third Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2015

As We Gather

Today, God's Word takes our eyes off ourselves and focuses them on His saving love. If we are to be saved, God must take the initiative. As He reveals His will in the Ten Commandments, He also reveals His will in giving us new hearts, baptizing us into Christ's love, by which alone he declares us righteous. Connected to the resurrection of our Lord, our hope is firmly planted in Him.

Divine Service

(Adapted from Hymnal Supplement-CPH)

Hymn of Invocation p. 554 "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"

Confession and Absolution

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you,

C: that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

P: If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness,

C: we lie and do not practice the truth.

P: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light,

C: We have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. *(1 John 1:5-7)*

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love, according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. *(Psalm 51:1-2)*

P: God has spoken to you, His people, in this way: "Your guilt is taken away; your sins are forgiven for Christ's name's sake."
(Isaiah 6:7, 1 John 2:12)

C: Amen.

Psalm 19 *(Read responsively)*

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In them He has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;

the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is pure,
enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is clean,
enduring forever;

the rules of the Lord are true,
and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover, by them is Your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can discern his errors?

Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless,

and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.
**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.**

Kyrie

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Hymn of Praise (Omitted during Lent)

Salutation and Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Let us pray...one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

"You shall have no other gods before Me.

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments.

"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

"You shall not murder.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

Gradual

All: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle Reading I Corinthians 1:18-31

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe: For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

(Rise)

Verse

All: Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the second chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple He found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And He poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And He told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make My Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house will consume Me."

So the Jews said to Him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking about the temple of His body. When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken,

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Apostles' Creed (Back of Hymnal)

Small Catechism Reading - The Sacrament of the Altar

All: *What is the Sacrament of the Altar?* It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and the wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Hymn of the Day p. 849 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Sermon

Offering and Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

P: May the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience to serve the living God. (Hebrews 9:14)

C: Amen

Closing Hymn p. 918 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"



St. Paul's Mission Calendar

Today	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class
✠	10:00 AM	Divine Worship
Mon.	9:00 AM	Bible Study
Wed.	10 AM - 2 PM	OGT Pack & Sort Day
	3:30 PM	Midweek
	6:30 PM	Confirmation
	5:30 - 7:00 PM	LWML serves Ham & Swiss Sliders
✠	7:30 PM	<i>Ash Wednesday Service</i>
		Fellowship League & Choir following service
Thurs.	9AM - 2 PM	Pastors' Conference - Zion, Red Cloud
Tues. - Thurs.	8:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Preschool
	12:45 PM - 3:15 PM	Preschool

Board of Evangelism/Stewardship will meet today after services in the fellowship hall.

Daylight Savings Time Begins Today: Sun., March 8th
Spring forward. Did you set your clocks ahead one hour?

Kenesaw Volunteer Fire Dept. Soup Supper: Sun., March 8th, 5:00 - 7:00 PM Kenesaw Fire Hall. Fight off this winters chill by joining them for chili, vegetable beef and chicken noodle soup, plus pies, cakes and desserts. Free-will offering goes toward purchasing new equipment and supplies.

Dartball Tournament: March 8th (today) 5:00 PM at Zion Lutheran - Hastings, hosted by Calvary-Rosemont.

Please remember these people in your prayers -
 Pastor Paul Duffy and family

Birthdays:

Mar. 9 Bennett Rowe; Rob Thompson
 10 Sharon Duffy; Ashlynn Klusman
 14 Jamie Beal; Roger Struss

In the Service: Austin Applegate, Alec Applegate,
 Trevor Stickels, Julian Tucker,
 Hannah Panwitz, Danielle Burr
 Darren Woodside (brother of Chelsey Jacobitz)

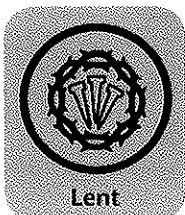
Missionaries: Sharon Owens, Macau, China
 Pastor John Reehl, Russia and the Baltics

Our Expression of Love

March 1, 2015	Attendance 109	
Current Envelope		\$1,985.00
Current Plate		218.75
Mission Envelope		205.00
Russian Orphanage		25.00
Lent Offering		5.00
Total		\$2,438.75

Our Expression of Love

March 4, 2015	Attendance 79	
Current Envelope		\$305.00
Current Plate		174.32
Mission Envelope		70.00
Total		\$549.32



About the Cover: "Destroy this temple," Jesus challenged, "and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19). The Jewish leaders were astounded and confused. What could He mean? The temple had been forty-six years in the building (v. 20)! Jesus wasn't speaking about the temple begun by Herod the Great, but the temple who was born in the days of Herod, the temple of His own body, where God pitched the tent of His glory among us.

The temple of His body

