# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

6pm Saturday; 8am, 9:30am & 11am Sunday



Reminiscere—Second Sunday in Lent 27/28 February 2021

ABOUT TODAY'S LITURGY: Holding God to His Word: Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Gen. 32:22–32). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (Mt. 15:21–28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire" (Mt. 15:27–28). This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thess. 4:1–7)-to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint (Rom. 5:1–5).

# **DIVINE SERVICE III – LSB page 184**

**Processional Hymn** 

Savior, When in Dust to Thee

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**Confession and Absolution** 

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### Service of the Word

**Introit** - sung responsively Ps. 25:1–2a, 7–8, 11; antiphon: Ps. 25:6, 2b, 22



Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your | steadfast love,\* for they have been | from of old.

Let not my enemies exult | over me.\*

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.

To you, O Lord, I lift | up my soul.\*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;\* according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, | O Lord!

Good and upright | is the Lord;\*
therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.

For your name's sake, | O Lord,\* pardon my guilt, for | it is great.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be-  $\mid$  ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever.  $\mid$  Amen.

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your | steadfast love,\* for they have been | from of old.

Let not my enemies exult | over me.\*` Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.

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#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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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. **Amen.** 

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 32:22–32

The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saving, "For I have seen God face to face, and vet my life has been delivered." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** *Ps.* 25:17-18

The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;\* bring me out of my dis- | tresses.

Consider my affliction and my | trouble,\* and forgive | all my sins.

### **Epistle Reading**

#### 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to live and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Tract (stand)

Psalm 106:1-4

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good,\*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!
Who can utter the mighty deeds | of the Lord,\*
or declare | all his praise?
Blessèd are they who observe | justice,\*
who do righteousness | at all times!

Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your | people;\* help me when you | save them.

## **Holy Gospel Reading**

## **Saint Matthew 15:21-28**

Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Nicene Creed page 191

Hymn of the Day (sit) When in the Hour of Deepest Need 615

Sermon

Offertory (stand) page 192-193

## **Prayer of the Church**

## **Service of the Sacrament**

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Sit. Prayers to be offered before and after receiving the Sacrament may be found on the inside of the front cover of the hymnal.

Distribution Hymn Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain 435
Nunc Dimittis - Benediction (stand) page 199-202
Recessional Hymn On My Heart Imprint Your Image 422

## THE ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY MESSENGER

**Reminiscere** — We implore the Lord today to remember (*reminiscere*) His tender mercy and steadfast love toward us. By His grace in Jesus Christ, He does. Let us remember them as well, and lead holy lives, for God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

*Our Lenten Services* – this Wednesday will be focusing on our Lord's Passion in Gethsemane. There is plenty of room at either the 6:00pm or 7:30pm service for you to attend.

Baby Shower – Ladies, you've probably heard the exciting news that the Balls are having a baby. St. Paul School Auxiliary, Christian Life, Ladies Aid, and LWML are joining together to give them a shower on Saturday, March 27, from 1:00 to 4:00 at the St. Paul Gym. Because of Covid, we can't all meet together, so we're dividing you up using your last name. If your last name begins with A to G, come from 1:00 to 2:00; if from H to M, come from 2:00 to 3:00; and N to Z, come from 3:00 to 4:00. You will be able to visit with Serena a bit, but we just can't mingle. If you want to come but don't want to get out of your car, someone will be there to meet you at the north side door of the gym. The Balls are registered at Target. If you'd like to give a Script card, see Joanie (633-2209) or Mary (781-7295) by March 15th, so they'll have time to order. Let's help welcome this new baby!

*The Church Council* – meets this Monday, March 1, at 7:00pm.

Looking forward to Holy Week and Easter – At their meeting this past week, the elders decided to retain our service schedule through Holy Week and Easter, that is, the service you attend during the Midweek Lenten services would also be your service on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday (8:20am shifts to noon on Good Friday). On Easter Sunday you would remain at your current service time. Much more info to come.

**LWML Sewing Days** – Join us for fun days of sewing and fellowship – we will meet March 9, 10, and 11 from 9:00-3:00 in the church basement. Everyone is welcome to join us. Bring scissors and a sack lunch.

**Food Pantry** – In January the Pantry served 26 families. This represents 57 adults and 19 children. Two families were new. At present we could use Ramen noodles, instant potatoes, coffee, canned tomatoes, carrots, peas, fruit, and bar soap. We thank you for all your support.

*Metro-East Lutheran High School* – is now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Any new students (freshmen or transfer) interested in seeking enrollment at MELHS are invited to go to www.melhs.org to download an admissions packet or contact the school office at 618-656-0043. For more information, contact admissions@melhs.org.

*Sausage Supper – St. Paul, Troy* – 112 North Border – Sunday, March 7 – Noon-6:00pm – Carry-outs/Drive Thru Only.

*Daily, 15-Minute, Verse-by-Verse Bible Study for Lent* – The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is an on-demand podcast hosted by Pastor Weedon and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. Pastor Weedon will begin a study this week on the Book of Hosea. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Matthew 15:27-28 – "She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'O woman, great is your faith!' "Faith says "Yes" to all that the Lord gives us. The Canaanite woman trusted Jesus and so she knew there was a blessing for her in everything the Lord says – even when His words seemed difficult or harsh. We all need a faith like that!

*Update on Julie Johnson's Brother, Steve Schweizer* – he has received a positive medical report – his tumors have gotten smaller and he is able to be more mobile. Thank you for all your continued prayers.

#### IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- For the spread of the Holy Gospel
- For the Holy Church throughout the World, For our Synod
- For our country, that we might be at peace and live in harmony
- For our families as we seek to live together in holy love and peace
- For those who live alone
- For all doctors, nurses and medical personnel
- For first responders in our communities
- For the sick, the suffering, the dying of Covid-19

Healing and Comfort for: BETTY STEINMANN, at Glenwood; TERRY **KANE**, cousin of Kate Thoelke, hospice care due to return of cancer; KATIE SCHWARZ, recovering from a concussion; MIKE PASHIA, friend of Larry Madorin, cancer; CHRISTIAN CORTRIGHT, Kendall's nephew. brain tumor; **DOROTHY BRAASCH**, mother of Dave, declining health & back pain; **BUDDY GARTON**, uncle of Cindy Gleason, injured in a fall and having complications; **DARREL MILLER**, health issues; **CONNIE** *MADORIN*, recovering from Achilles tendon surgery; *PAT CORTRIGHT*; brother of Kendall, diagnosed with cancer; BETTY STEINMANN, Hitz Home; LYNN STEINMANN, health issues; RICKEY MILLER, Alhambra Rehab & Healthcare; **DORENE LANE**, friend of Dave DeVries, spiritual and health issues; STEVE SCHWEIZER, brother of Julie Johnson, cancer diagnosis; NORMAN MICNHEIMER, Neil's father, health issues; TIM **DILLON**, grandson of Dave DeVries, severe headaches from falls; **EMILY** KIEHL, niece of Cindy Gleason, vision problems; BARBARALYNN **DEVRIES**, niece of Dave DeVries, rehab for leg amputation and health issues; MARY GRAFF, friend of Dave DeVries, cancer treatments; KIM TOBIN, niece of Dave DeVries, drug issues; TOMIKO JUEDEMANN, mother of Linda Behrhorst, cancer treatments; DALE GROTEFENDT, friend of Paula Kipp, brain cancer; KAY GROTEFENDT, friend of Paula Kipp, cancer free, recovering from surgery & treatments; *THOMAS* SEXTON, grandchild of Keith and Judy (Sievers) Loemker, health issues; TINA THORLEY, former St. Paul member and student, health issues; STRENGTH FOR ALL PREGNANT MOTHERS