



February 25, 2024

The Second Sunday in Lent

ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH-LCMS
2045 LYNN ST | SANFORD, MI 48657

Pastor: *Christopher P. Vossler*
Organist: *Sara Glynn/Dishaw*

Hymn: 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll
 4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the
 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther
 bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to
 taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes
 chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go
 Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O
 robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -
 forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren
 won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers
 I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the
 from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how
 be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."
 they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."
 to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.
 we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus

Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the
Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 115:11–13, 18; antiphon: Psalm 25:6

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast
love,*

for they have been | from of old.

You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD!*

He is their help | and their shield.

The LORD has remembered us; he will | bless us;*

**he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the
house of | Aaron;**

he will bless those who | fear the LORD,*

both the small | and the great.

We will | bless the LORD*

**from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the
LORD!**

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast
love,*

for they have been | from of old.



Kyrie

LSB 186





Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

C 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.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, my covenant is with you,

and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

[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

Romans 5:1–11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message

Deacon Donald M. Barnard

Hymn: 531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus



1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on
3 Je - sus, hail! En - throned in glo - ry, There for - ev - er
4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst
Thee were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed, Thou hast
to a - bide; All the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore Thee, Seat - ed
to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it



free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,
full a - tone - ment made. All Thy peo - ple are for - giv - en
at Thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners Thou art plead - ing;
is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,



Bear - er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer - it
Through the vir - tue of Thy blood; O - pened is the
There Thou dost our place pre - pare, Ev - er for us
All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing our



we find fa - vor: Life is giv - en through Thy name.
gate of heav - en, Rec - on - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise!

Pastor Christopher P. Vossler

Goal: That the hearers would reconcile through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

I. Introduction

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II. Broken Relationships

- Why do our relationships sometimes break?
- Where do these difficulties come from?

III. Reconciliation with God

- Could we come to God on our own?
- How has God reconciled us to Himself?

IV. Reconciliation with Others

- How does God call us to respond when our relationships are broken?
- How can we effect reconciliation with others?

V. Conclusion

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P The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us;

**and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Collect for Peace

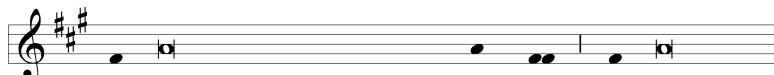
A Let us pray.

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

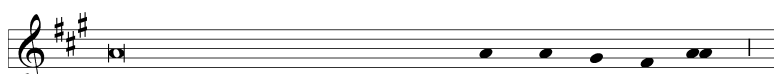
C Amen.

Benediction

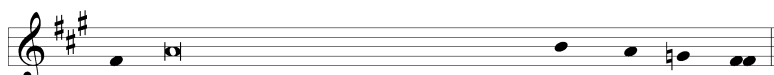
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

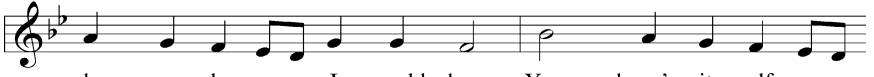
Hymn: 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from
 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and
 3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om



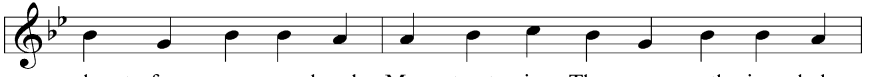
me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer - me. Earth
 all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,
 bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And



has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were
 grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy
 in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in



void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my
 lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false
 peace - ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from



heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.
 doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.
 death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious
 Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my
 O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
 cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
 and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.
 Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.
 tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

Dismissal for Sunday School
 Dismissal for Youth Bible Study

P Go in Peace, serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

> Postlude



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WELCOME:

We join in welcoming our visitor's this morning. If you would please be sure to sign the guest book (Elders can direct you to the location), Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL
SUNDAY: <i>Worship Service 9:30am / 10:30am Fellowship/11am Bible Study</i>
MONDAY:
TUESDAY: <i>5pm Confirmation Class/7pm Lighthouse</i>
WEDNESDAY: <i>Ladies Aid 9am/Lighthouse 1pm/ Lenten Dinner 6pm/Lenten Worship 7pm/Choir 8pm</i>
THURSDAY: <i>Youth Ministry Board 6pm</i>
- FRIDAY:
- SATURDAY: <i>Band Rehearsal 4pm</i>
SUNDAY : <i>Worship Service with communion-Second week of Lent 9:30am / 10:30am Fellowship/11am Bible Study/</i>

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD 2/11/24

OFFERINGS	mom	Memorials	TOTAL	ATTENDANCE
Env / Plate				
\$3354/227	21	-45	\$3647	90

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD 2/14/24

OFFERINGS	mom	Memorials	TOTAL	ATTENDANCE
Env / Plate				
\$230/46		-	\$276	34

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD 2/18/24

OFFERINGS	mom	Memorials	TOTAL	ATTENDANCE
Env / Plate				
\$1734/243	20	-40	\$2037	72

Memorials: In honor of Pastor Young from Mark & Laura Sprenger, Don & Nancy Retzloff and Carolyn Sutton. In honor of Pete Laplow from Carolyn Sutton.

Please be sure to update any changes to your Phone #, address, email with the church office. Drop a note in the plate, send an email, leave a message, etc. We would like to keep the directory as current as possible. Thank you 😊

Fellowship-Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship this morning for refreshments and conversation! Refreshments are provided each Sunday by members of the congregation. If you would like to provide snacks for fellowship, please sign up on the clipboard by the kitchen.

Voter's Meeting - 3/10 at 11am

Youth Movie Night-Saturday, March 9th @ 6pm Pizza/popcorn/smores and movie discussion. 😊 This month's movie is "Chicken Run" Your friends are welcome too 😊



*March youth outing on 3/24,
1-4pm Northern Lanes
Bowling-Bring a friend 😊*



Held every 3 years since 1980, **the LCMS Youth Gathering** provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to be encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ and learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. *We encourage our Youth to share in the once in this lifetime opportunity to learn more about God's love attending "Endure" 2025. To be held July 19-23, 2025 in New Orleans*



For more information about youth group, Sunday School, youth bible study and events, please use the QR code to get to the form.

Prayer Request: *If you or someone you know are in need of prayers please call or email Edna Rottiers at 989-687-9687 / hughrottiers@gmail.com . Those with additional prayer request please complete a prayer slip and give to one of our Elders before the service or to one of the Ushers*

during the offering. Your prayers are important and our Lord does promise to answer

Mission of the Month: In **February**, we are collecting donations for **Wellspring Lutheran Services**, a Christ-centered organization dedicated to helping families work through difficult life situations as well as providing housing options for seniors in need

Altar Guild representatives for February are Carolyn Sutton (631-3953) and Patty Billingsley (860-4024).



The flowers on the altar for our worship service this morning are provided by **Betty Sczepanski** in celebration of her birthday. **Happy Birthday, Betty** 😊 🎂!

Would you like to beautify the altar with flowers for a worship service? The 2024 Altar Flower Sign-up is on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall. Sign up now and pay for your flowers in the offering plate. After the service, you can enjoy your flowers at home for as long as they last. Just remember to bring back the vase to reuse!

Congratulations to Gordon and Chelsea Gensel on the birth of Grant Gordon Gensel on Monday, February 12th. Grant is the grandson to Bernard and Patty Billingsley 😊

If you would like your 2023 financial **contribution statement**, please ask Jan O'Dell or the church office. Thank you 😊

Blacktop Project-We are accepting donations to the Blacktop project as we work toward future upgrades.

Pastoral Care: Please contact the Pastor @ cell 973-303-8252, office 989-687-2209, or email stpaulrev@tds.net. The Church Office (989-687-2824) / cell (989 859-9300) email stpaulutheran@tds.net, or Deacon Don Barnard (989-751-7726) email: stpauldeacon@tds.net or esocidnator01@gmail.com if you or anyone you know are in need of a visit from the Pastor or Deacon whether it's an illness, hospitalization, nursing home or shut-in. It is important to us that we receive these communications to plan a call or visitation. May God's blessings be upon you today and every day!

Wanted: VBS Coordinator for Registration of Campers 2024



Vacation Bible School is coming up on June 17th - 21st, and we are very excited for this opportunity to bless the youth of our congregation and community! Much of the ground work has already been

accomplished, but there is more to be done over the coming months. The Youth Ministry Board is looking for someone to join us and serve as VBS Registration Coordinator for this year.

Responsibilities include: attending monthly Youth Ministry Board meetings, getting campers signed up to attend, overseeing the registration process. If you are willing to serve in this valuable role, please talk to Andrea McDonald or Pastor Vossler.

Pastor Hoogerhyde Bible Study is be on vacation through Easter

National Honor Society Can Drive: Help support Aaron, Kaitlin and Jace, by bringing in your recyclable beverage cans or just the tabs. There is a deposit collection bin at the lower level entrance.

Please be sure to lock up and turn down the lights when leaving Church.

#Up Coming Events#

February 28st **Wednesday Lent Dinner**
6pm/Worship Service 7pm

Youth Movie Night-Saturday, March 9th @
6pm Pizza/popcorn/smares and movie

discussion. 😊 This month's movie is "Chicken Run"



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SERVING	This Week 2/25	Next Week 3/3
Flowers:	Betty Szczepanski	Stacy & Gary Smith
Music:	Sara Glynn-Dishaw	Amanda Koch
Proclaimer:	Pastor Christopher P. Vossler	Pastor Christopher P. Vossler
Fellowship Host	Julie VanKuiken & Jan O'Dell	Open
Ushers	Gerianne Barnard & David McDonald	Linda Mitchell & Marilyn Bowen
Acolytes	Madison & Lucas	Natalie & Bradyn
Greeters	Jim & Margie Dittmer	The Barnards

Sanford Food Pantry: The current needs for the Food Pantry are **Hamburger, Tuna, Chicken Helper**. There are refillable canvas bags from the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry available on the food pantry table in the fellowship hall. The bags have a suggested list of items and instructions. You may take these bags home and place the purchased items in the bag and return it to the church. The bags will be delivered to the Sanford

Food Pantry the last week of the month. The empty bags will be returned to the church to be used again. *Thank you for all of the items and monetary donations. Please remember that the food pantry does not accept expired or dietary food.*

Lenten Worship Services

“What Is a Christian?”

Have you ever been asked, “what is a Christian?” The simple Sunday School answer to this question certainly comes to mind: “A Christian is one who believes in Jesus as their Savior.” And while this answer does explain *whose* a Christian is and how one becomes a Christian, we can go so much deeper. A Christian is characterized by their faith in Jesus, but “you will recognize them by their fruits” (Matthew 7:16). The way we live shows us to be Christian. On the Sundays in Lent, Pastor Vossler will unpack the Christian life in five different ways: A Christian is Steadfast, Conciliatory, Zealous, Saved, and Humble.

“Hear Our Penitential Cry”

While most of our favorite psalms declare God’s glory and rejoice in His mighty deeds, not always are our prayers so joyous. Seven times, the psalmists turn to God in penitence, crying out for mercy because of their sinful actions. During our midweek worship services between Ash Wednesday and Holy Week, we will be blessed by pastors of the Midland Circuit preaching on the Penitential Psalms to guide our own life of penitence. The Christian life is one of repentance: acknowledging our sins and turning from them toward God, the source of our forgiveness.

LENTEN Midweek SCHEDULE – 2024

February	28	Lent II
March	6	Lent III
	13	Lent IV
	20	Lent V

*Lenten Dinners @ 6pm & Services @ 7pm. February 28 & March 6, 13,
20*

HOLY WEEK – 2024

March	24	Palm Sunday	9:30 am
	28	Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm
	29	Good Friday	1:00 pm
	31	Easter (Sunrise Svc)	7:00 am
		(Breakfast)	8:00 am
		(Celebration Svc)	9:30 am
April	6	Easter Concert	4:00 pm

Read the Bible in a Year!

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

For Christians – and especially for Lutherans – nothing is more important than God’s Word. God speaks to us through His Word, and we do well to listen to what He has to say to us. That is why regular devotions and prayer and Scripture reading are so important for our spiritual life.

It’s always a good time to start a plan to read the Bible! And in fact, you can read through the entire Bible in a year, with only 15-20 minutes per day. Are you worried that the Bible might be too much for you to read in a single year? There are resources that can help. One option that is available is on your smartphone: Download the YouVersion Bible App and look up the “Reformation Reading Plan,” which was developed by the Michigan District to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017.

If you don’t have a smartphone, you can follow this reading plan in the bulletin every week, along with suggested readings from Luther’s Small Catechism. Note that whatever day you start the reading plan in the app will be “Day 1,” so you may find yourself on a different day than what is in the bulletin.

Daily Readings:

Days 120-126	Reading	Catechism
Monday	Luke 18: 1-30, Deuteronomy 10, 11	The Time Between the Testaments
Tuesday	Luke 18: 31-43, Deuteronomy 12, 13, 14	The Church Year
Wednesday	Luke 19, Deuteronomy 15, 16, 17, 18	Terms Relating to Worship and God's House
Thursday	Luke 20: 1-26, Deuteronomy 19, 20, 21, 22	Symbols and Their Meanings
Friday	Luke 20: 27-47, Deuteronomy 23, 24, 25	Catechism Glossary
Saturday	Proverbs 8: 22-36, Psalms 60, 61, 62, 63	Scriptural Index
Sunday	Exodus 20: 1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Cor 1: 18-31, John 2: 13-25	A Short Form of Baptism

Daily Devotion Resources:

Daily Prayers for Morning, Noon, Evening, Close of Day (LSB 294-298)/*Treasury of Daily Prayer*/Portals of Prayer

Prayer Requests:

- Youth in the Church, especially our Confirmands
- Our Shut-ins
- Pastors of our congregation and Synod, and for increase in the numbers of Seminary students for future Pastors