# St. Paul's Lutheran Church Bella Vista Christian Academy 2nd Sunday in Lent February 25, 2024

**Scripture:** Genesis 17:1-7 // Romans 5:1-11 // Mark 8:27-38

**Welcome & Invocation:** In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

10:00 a.m. Opening Songs: Sing Wherever I Go, O Come To The Altar, Lord I Need You

#### Introit – Based on Psalms 115 & 25

P: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,

C: for they have been from of old.

P: You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!

C: he is their help and their shield.

P: The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us;

C: he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

P: he will bless those who fear the Lord,

C: both the small and the great.

P: We will bless the Lord

C: from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

C: and to the Holy Spirit;

P: as it was in the beginning,

C: is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,

C: for they have been from of old.

#### **Collect**

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.

## **Apostles' Creed**

Sermon "Jesus IS Right On Time" Pastor Joel Rockemann

#### **Notes**

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—\*but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:6–9.

- We are often shocked that Christ would die for the "ungodly".
- We are even more shocked that God would say that there was a "right time" to die for the ungodly.

When IS the "right time" for the things in Romans 5:6-9 to hit home for you?

God's timing of sending His Son into the world/for the world *shows* His unconditional love for us.

...God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

Jesus is right on time...

...because He doesn't go looking for the *perfect* YOU Instead, He meets you in the midst of the life you are living right now and says,

"...follow me..."

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Mark 8:34.

because...

For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his

#### *soul? Mark* 8:36–37.

- Jesus *comes* to us when we are *underdone* (uncertain / not read / not wise enough / not old enough)!
- Jesus *comes* to us when we are *overdone* (overwhelmed and spent and *burnt* by life!

Romans 5:6 "For while we were still weak, at the time Christ died for..."

you.

**OFFERING** is collected at door and online

# **Prayers**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those that 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, For ever and ever. Amen.

#### **Benediction**

10:00 a.m. Closing Song: The Blessing

## **Announcements**

## Grief Share Support Group begins Feb. 26, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall.

Topics include how to manage grief-related emotions such as loneliness, anxiety, sadness, anger & regret; how to cope with the changes in your life and relationship; and how to recognize what's normal in grief and what to do if you feel stuck or hopeless. Check the Grief Share box on Connection Card and someone will contact you.

**Bella Vista Christian Academy has open enrollment** for our 2024-2025 school year, Preschool - 8th grade starting March 1. Space is

limited. Apply online at www.bellavistaca.com or contact Pam McCain in the office at 209-835-7438.

**Our next Mite Box Sunday** will be on March 3. Bring your filled Mite Box to Church & empty it into the large mite box in the entryway after each service. We collect mites the first Sunday of each month. Checks are accepted, make them out to St. Paul's. Want to learn more about Mites, call Kim Adams at 209-835-7438.

**Our Christian Friendship Group** will meet on Thursday, March 14 at 11:30 am. This month's lunch is at Straw Hat Pizza, 3228 N. Tracy Blvd. Join in for food, faith & fellowship. Contact Maggie Priebe at 209-914-1935 or Jo Culberson at 970-462-5474 for information.

**Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars**. Thrivent Choice can have a impact on organizations like ours. Eligible Thrivent clients with membership can direct their Choice Dollars to St. Paul's. In 2023, we have received close to 2K. The remaining 2023 Choice Dollars need to be requested by March 31.

If you know of a woman in her 20's or 30's, you may want to recommend, **The Love in a Cottage Podcast, for Godly encouragement**. Our member, Paige Geidel hosts a podcast for Christian women, exploring topics like marriage, motherhood, homemaking & creativity. Listen to the show by visiting https://linktr.ee/loveinacottage.



Our VBS volunteer team started planning for this summer's SCUBA VBS. Help our decorating team gather & buy supplies as they embark on building an underwater coral reef! We're collecting: paper towel

tubes, toilet paper rolls & wrapping paper rolls. Donations can be dropped in the Church office or lobby. If you're interested in helping us purchase some items, see our gift registry by scanning the QR code.

A good gift plan within one's estate plan can help manage taxation. It might be true, instead of waiting until the Lord calls you home to create a gift for ministry, you could begin making that gift this year to reduce

or eliminate the income taxes you pay. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning counselor can work with you & your tax advisor to begin this work. Contact Rod Thompson at 209-914-5702 or Brian Hyde at 209-613-2125.

## This week at St. Paul's

### *Sunday*, 2/25

8:30 am - Worship Service - Church

10:00 am - Worship Service - Church

10:00 am - Live Stream of In-Person Church

1:25 pm - Ladies Movie Outing - Offsite (ticket required)

Deadline to turn in PRC Baby Bottles

### *Monday*, 2/26

6:30 pm - Grief Share - Parish Hall

## Wednesday, 2/28

9:00 am - English Second Language - Life Center

10:00 am - Ladies Jeremiah Bible Study - Admin building conference room

6:00 pm - High School Youth Group - Parish Hall

6:00 pm - English Second Language - Life Center

## Thursday, 2/29

9:00 am - HSS Abide Bible Study - Parish Hall

10:00 am - Pastor Kal's Bible Study - Admin building conference

6:30 pm - Crown Financial Class - Life Center

# Sunday, 3/3

8:30 am - Worship Service - Church

10:00 am - Worship Service - Church

10:00 am - Live Stream of In-Person Church

Join us as a church body as we **read through the scriptures**. Here is our reading schedule (Year 1) for the week of February 26:

Monday, February 26

Luke 12 & Exodus 9

Tuesday, February 27

Luke 13 & Exodus 10

Wednesday, February 28

Luke 14 & Exodus 11

Thursday, February 29

Not available

Friday, March 1

Luke 15 & Exodus 12

Saturday, March 2

Luke 16 & Exodus 13

Sunday, March 3

Luke 17 & Exodus 14

# Remember in Prayer

Chrissy Briggs - Healing during med taper

Karen deSterke - Strength & peace (friend of Kari Mellick)

Gale Heinrich - Healing

Chris Hsiao - Healing & recovery (father of Elaine Hsiao)

Patsy Hull - Health & recovery

Megan Krause - Treatments (Gamache family member)

Roger Kunz - Restored health & strength

Claia Larken - Strength during med taper, to not lose hope

Terry Magee & family - Comfort with the loss of his mother (friend of K. Harris)

Don Maraj - Healing / recovery (father of Mark Maraj)

Ashley McMahon - Treatments (stepmom of Darby McMahon)

Pastor Jeff Morey - Recovery

Angela Perkins - Treatments (friend of Laura Mohr)

Joann Priller - Surgery recovery & strength (mother of Marna Aguirre)

Mary Louise Rainey - Recovery & strength

Quentin Rios - Treatments (Gamache family member)

Gary San Julian - Healing & renewed strength (brother of Linda Actkinson)

Jon & Debbie Schmidt - General prayers

Heidi Teal - Healing & pain relief (sister of Kari Mellick)

Lorraine Toll - Serious health problems (friend of Jodi Seifert)

Lori V. - Healing & help with school (daughter of Michaela

Vanderveen)

Lindsay Walker - Job search

Jeff Wardell - Surgery recovery

Pastor Roland Wilkins - Stroke recovery (friend of Kathy Harris)

Stephen Williams - Treatments

Marty Woodard - Restored health & strength

Ken Zblewski - Recovery (husband of Karyn Zblewski)