

**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. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>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*

- 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!

**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 room  
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)