

First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, LCMC

April 16, 2025

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Connections Educational Hour: 9:30 a.m.

Radio: 1230 AM - 11:00 a.m.

Good Samaritan Village: Ch. 3 - Sun. 6:00 p.m.; Wed. 12:30 p.m.

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Pastor Joel Remmers, Senior Pastor

Pastor Chad Power, Associate Pastor

Lenten Judas Purse

This year's Judas Purse offerings will be given to **First Place**. This summer, our Sr. High Mission Team will be working with Kids Belong in Muskegon, MI where there are over 400 kids in foster care. Kids belong provides support groups, fun activities, meal support and more to families within the foster/adopt/kinship world. They recognize that housing is a major need for kids who age out of the foster care. First Place is a program that is building duplexes to help these kids succeed. They are currently raising funds for building #4. Our Judas Purse donations will go directly to the First Place by Kids Belong building fund. Please use the purple Judas purse bag and calendar to support this mission throughout Lent. We encourage you to also read along with the Lenten reading plan that was included in your Lenten packet.

If you are needing a Lenten Packet, you can find extras in the Friendship Fathering Area.

Join us for Holy Week!!!!

Maunder Thursday Service at 12:10 & 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday at 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

10:00 a.m. Traditional Service (Church van will run)

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service



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United We Live God's Will

Prelude

Announcements/Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us. For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness...

C: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.

L: For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves...

C: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.

L: For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others...

C: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.

L: For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare...

C: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.

L: For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation...

C: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.

L: For harmful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm...

C: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.

L: For idleness in witnessing Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace...

C: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit, God cleanses us and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of the darkness into his marvelous light. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of your sins, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Litany of Psalm 32

L: *Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven...*

C: Whose sin is covered

L: *Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity...*

C: And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

L: *While I kept silent, my body wasted away...*

C: Through my groaning all day long.

L: *For day and night your hand was heavy upon me...*

C: My strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

L: *Then I acknowledge my sin to you...*

C: And I did not hide my iniquity.

L: *I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”...*

C: And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

L: *Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to you...*

C: At a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

L: *You are a hiding place for me...*

C: You preserve, me from trouble, you surround me with glad cries of deliverance

Prayer of the Day

God who understands our Weaknesses and Temptations, it is tempting, oh it is so tempting to believe that we are right, and they are wrong; that we are virtuous, and they are devious; that power plays no part in politics unless you are on the other side of the aisle. Our country, O God, is a mess and has been getting messier with each election cycle for a while. Teach us that our opponents are not our enemies. Teach us that we were formed out of many to make us one, and that means we may disagree sometimes. Teach us to be thoughtful and acknowledge that sometimes we may be wrong as well. Teach us that many whom we demonize might very well be our friends forever in Heaven. For Jesus’ sake we pray. Amen.

First Reading

1 Samuel 13:5-14 — Pages 222-223

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-4 — Page 963

Third Reading

Matthew 22:15-22 — Pages 803-804

Praise Song

“Death was Arrested”

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Joel Remmers

Praise Song

“My Lighthouse”

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Organ Offertory

Prayers of the Church

L: *God of grace,*

C: Hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Benediction

L: *The Spirit of the triune God bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.*

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn No. 888

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

Dismissal

L: *Go in peace. Live in hope.*

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude