

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

“St. Philip’s Evangelical Lutheran Church & School”

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Pastor: Raymond Kimbrough

Principal: Jason Schapekahm

Welcome, Friend!

You Have Come To The Right Place!

Jesus Loves YOU!

WELCOME

Guests and visitors, we invite you to worship with us again in the future.

For more information regarding St. Philip’s Lutheran Church,
please contact Pastor Kimbrough at 414-263-1373 or 414-254-6093.

For information on our K4 – 8th grade Christian day school please contact our
Principal, Jason Schapekahm at 414-263-7614 or 414-659-4688.

Worship Theme

“Our Greatest Needs – A Gift for the World”

Order of Service

Opening Hymn: 523 – How Deep the Father’s Love For Us

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you. *(spoken)*

Confession of Sins

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Lord Have Mercy (sung)

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

L: Christ, have mercy upon us.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

L: Amen.

C: Amen.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. (spoken)

Oh Taste and See (sung)

L: Oh taste and see that the Lord is good

C: Oh taste and see that the Lord is good.

L: Blessed are they who take refuge in him

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L: Your word, oh Lord, is eternal.

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L: It stands firm in the heavens.

C: It stands firm in the heavens.

L: Your faithfulness continues.

C: Your faithfulness continues.

L: Forever
C: Forever
L: And ever
C: And ever
L: Amen
C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor & Congregation: Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *(spoken)*

First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-8

The LORD promised Abram that one of his descendants would be a gift for the world. The LORD also gave Abram the gift of faith to believe that promise.

¹The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

²“I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

³I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

⁶Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

Psalm of the Day – Responsive Reading – Psalm 121 (selected verses)

Reader: I lift up my eyes to the hills.

Congregation: Where does my help come from?

Reader: My help comes from the Lord,

Congregation: The maker of heaven and earth.

Reader: He will not let your foot slip.

Congregation: He who watches over you will not slumber.

Reader: Indeed he who watches over Israel,

Congregation: Will neither slumber nor sleep,

Reader: The Lord watches over you,

Congregation: The Lord is your shade at your right hand.

Reader: The Lord will keep you from all harm,

Congregation: He will watch over your life.

Reader: The Lord will watch over your coming and your going.

Congregation: Both now and forevermore.

Reader and Congregation:

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Alleluias are omitted during Lent.

Please rise for the second lesson.

Second Lesson: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Abraham provides an example of how salvation is not earned but received as a gift through faith.

¹What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? ²If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. ³What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

⁴Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. ⁵However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

¹³It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

Congregation: Praise be to you, O Christ! *(spoken response)*

Sermon Hymn: Are You Washed in the Blood

(Please rise for the final stanza.)

Verse 1: Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing pow’r?
Are you washed in the blood of the lamb?
Are you fully trusting in his grace this hour?
Are you washed in the blood of the lamb?

Chorus: Are you washed in the blood
In the soul cleansing blood of the lamb
Are your garments spotless?
Are they white as snow?
Are you washed in the blood of the lamb?

Verse 2: Are you walking daily by the Savior’s side?
Are you washed in the blood of the lamb?
Do you rest each moment in the crucified?
Are you washed in the blood of the lamb? Chorus.

Verse 3: When the bridegroom cometh will your robes be white,
Pure and white in the blood of the lamb?
Will your soul be ready for the mansions bright,
And be washed in the blood of the lamb? Chorus.

Verse 4: Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin
And be washed in the blood of the lamb;
There’s a fountain flowing for the soul unclean
O be washed in the blood of the lamb. Chorus.

Sermon Theme: “What Does It Mean To Be BORN AGAIN?”

1. **The Need for This NEW BIRTH Verses 1-3**
2. **The Nature of This NEW BIRTH Verses 4-5**
3. **The Evidence for This NEW BIRTH Verses 6-8**
4. **The Basis of This NEW BIRTH Verses 14-17**

Sermon Text: John 3:1-17

¹Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

⁴“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

⁹“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

The Apostles’ Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Our Offering to the Lord

Please place your offerings in the basket at the back of church.

Online giving is also available from our website or click this link:

<https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing>.

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Congregational Response: A-men, A-men, A-men. (sung)

Closing Hymn: 519 – There Is a Redeemer

"Our Mission Statement"

(Our Purpose as a Church)

Our mission here at St. Philip’s Lutheran is outlined for us in Matthew 28:19: ‘Go and make disciples of all nations, teaching them and baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.’ Making disciples includes proclaiming God’s Word in its truth and purity, strengthening the faith of those under our care, and reaching out to the people of our community, (including our unchurched friends and relatives). Let us pray for and work together toward this goal.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
THE WEEK OF MARCH 5, 2023**

Praise Band: Erskin Henderson, Hayley Moldenhauer, Thomas Moldenhauer, Emma Schneck and Jack Wright. Thank you.

Lay Reader: Mr. Thomas McNeal. Thank you.

Next Week: March 12, 2023

Piano: Ms. Emma Schneck

Lay Reader: Mr. Thomas McNeal



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Wednesday, March 8

Lenten Worship 8:15AM

Thursday, March 9

Call Meeting

Sunday, March 12

Bible Class 9:30AM

Worship with communion 10:30AM

OFFERING UPDATE

2/20/23-2/26/23	Week	February to Date	July to Date
Budget	\$3,490.57	\$13,962.26	\$124,622.64
Actual	\$1,532.00	\$10,940.00	\$119,996.42
Over(Under)	(\$1,958.57)	(\$ 3,022.26)	(\$ 4,626.22)

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In Our Prayers

Please keep **Johnnie Patterson, Linda Abner and Joyce Vernon** in your prayers as they continue to deal with medical issues. We look forward to the day they can return to worship.

Please keep the families of **Annie Martin and Johnnie Patterson** in your prayers at the loss of their brother and uncle, Steve Turner.

If you know of someone who should be added to our prayer request list please contact Pastor Kimbrough at 414-263-1373 or Mrs. Allard at 414-263-7614. We would love to be able to include others on this list as well.

OPEN ENROLLMENT – MARCH 1-20, 2023

The second open enrollment for St. Philip's Lutheran School and the Milwaukee Parental Choice program for the 2023-2024 school year began March 1, 2023, and will continue through the end of the day on March 20, 2023. St. Philip's Lutheran Church members with children or grandchildren who are between the ages of 4 and 14 are encouraged to contact Mr. Schapekahn, Pastor Kimbrough, Mrs. Allard or any of our teachers for more information. We have seats available at all grade levels and would love to have our congregation children as students at St. Philip's Lutheran School. For more information and/or to set up an appointment to enroll please call Mr. Schapekahn at 414-659-4688 or Mrs. Allard in the school office 414-263-7614.
<https://sms.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>