

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 9, 2025

One Stands; Everyone Else Sits

Opening Hymn 688 vv. 1-4, “The Gifts Christ Freely Gives”
Re-Affirmation of Baptism

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Prayer of the Day: Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil’s temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan’s lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING

Psalm of the Day (On Insert).....Psalm 91D v. 1

SECOND READING

Gospel Acclamation Verse: *The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.*

GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day721, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

SERMON – VIDEO (Part 2) “One by One”

Offering Hymn717 v. 2, “What Is the World to Me”

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Prayers/Lord’s Prayer

Hymn 502, “Children of the Heavenly Father”

Closing Prayer/Benediction

Closing Hymn930 v. 1, “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 17:4-11,32-40,45-59

One warrior from each nation stood and fought while everyone else sat. David’s victory over Goliath is as much a spiritual victory as a military one, for it teaches us that the battle is the Lord’s.

A challenger who represented the Philistines came out from the camp of the Philistines. He was named Goliath of Gath. He was nine feet, six inches tall. He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he wore scaled body armor, which was made of more than one hundred pounds of bronze. He had bronze greaves on his shins and a bronze spear

slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver’s beam, and his spearhead was made of fifteen pounds of iron. His shield bearer went out ahead of him.

He would stand up and shout to the armies of Israel, “Why have you come out to line up in battle formation? I am a Philistine, and you are servants of Saul, aren’t you? Choose a man to represent you, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, we will be your servants. But if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our servants, and you will serve us.” The Philistine would say, “I defy the ranks of Israel today! Give me a man, and we will fight each other!” When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they lost their courage and were terrified. David said to Saul, “Do not let anyone lose heart because of this Philistine! Your servant will go and fight him.” But Saul said to David, “You cannot go against this Philistine to fight with him, because you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior since he was a youth.”

David said to Saul, “Your servant has been taking care of his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it and rescued the lamb out of its mouth. When the lion reared up against me, I grabbed it by its mane, struck it, and killed it. Your servant struck both the lion and the bear. This uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has defied the ranks of the living God.” David added, “The Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Saul said to David, “Go then! May the Lord be with you.” So Saul dressed David in his own gear. He placed a bronze helmet on his head and dressed him in scaled body armor. David strapped his sword over his gear. David tried to walk around in them, since he had never trained with this kind of equipment before. David said to Saul, “I cannot go in these, because I have never trained with them.” So David took them off. Then David took his staff in his hand and picked five smooth stones out of the stream bed and put them into the pouch of his shepherd’s bag. He took his sling in his hand and approached the Philistine. Then David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord of Armies, the God of the ranks of Israel, whom you have defied. Today the Lord will hand you over to me. I will strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth. Then all the earth will know that there is a God in Israel, and all those gathered here will know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear, for the battle belongs to the Lord, and he will deliver you into our hand.”

Then, when the Philistine started advancing to attack David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand into his bag, took a stone from it, shot it from his sling, and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown to the ground.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus has stood in our place, facing every temptation that we have faced. Yet he did not sin.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest, who has gone through the heavens, namely, Jesus the Son of God, let us continue to hold on to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin. So let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

Weak and in the wilderness, Jesus stands against Satan's temptations. He overcomes them, winning the victory for us.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where he was tempted by the Devil for forty days. He did not eat anything during those days. When they came to an end, he was hungry. The Devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written: 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"

The Devil led him up to a high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. The Devil told him, "I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, because it has been entrusted to me, and I can give it to anyone I want. So, if you worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written: 'You shall worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

The Devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the pinnacle of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here, because it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you. And, they will lift you up with their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "It says: 'You shall not test the Lord your God.'"

When the Devil had finished every temptation, he left him until an opportune time.



OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 18; Sunday: 150

Offerings: \$22,349.16

(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$7,355.00)

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$510.00; Church Refurbishment: \$2,050.00;

Lutherans for Life: \$20.00; Christian Life Resources: \$20.00

Memorials: In Memory of Verona Justman: \$50.00 (*Church Refurbishment*)



We invite you to support this ministry through financial offerings out of thanksgiving for the Gospel you have received here. Offerings may be placed in the plate located on the table at the back of church, or you may scan the QR code to give electronically.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEAD USHERS: Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwygart; next Sunday: Don Koch/Doug Schulz

ORGANISTS: The **March** schedule is hanging on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please look at your calendars in the near future and sign up for the date(s) you are willing to play for us. Thank you!

RE-AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM: Ellie Marie Mose and her parents, Abby and Daniel Mose, invite the congregation to share in their joy as they celebrate the re-affirmation of Ellie's baptism and her new relationship with the Lord. Ellie was born on February 18 and was baptized privately in her parents' home on February 22. Her baptismal sponsors are Daniel Priest and Sarah Mose. We pray for her continued spiritual grace!

THE LENTEN SEASON CONTINUES THIS WEEK! Our Lenten worship services will be held on **Wednesday, March 12**, at **3:15 PM** and **7:00 PM**. Our guest pastor will be Pastor Jonathan Loescher of Bethany, Hustisford. Please remember that during the Lenten Season there are **NO** Thursday evening worship services held.

LUTHER PREP – SACRED SPRING CONCERT: Everyone is invited to Luther Preparatory School's Sacred Spring Concert in Watertown, Wisconsin. This concert is scheduled for **TODAY, March 9**, at **2:00 PM**. The concert will take place in the Luther Prep gymnasium. Luther Prep is located at 1300 Western Avenue in Watertown.

FYSH ACTIVITY: All members of the FYSH group are invited to participate in a pizza party followed by cookie decorating on **Thursday, March 13**, beginning at **5:00 PM** at the school. If you have questions or want more details, please speak with **Cheri Youngbeck (920-296-1028)** or **Tanya Wald (920-627-2050)**.

EVERYONE OUTREACH (Part 2): Because our first *Everyone Outreach* program proved to be successful, we are going to host a second event on **Saturday, March 29**, beginning at **9:00 AM**. Once again, there is no cost to attend! *Everyone Outreach* is designed to help our congregation build a culture of outreach so that every ministry and every member is thinking about and participating in outreach. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet located on the church bulletin board. We would like to have as much participation from our members as possible! This is a different program from the first so even if you attended the first event, you should plan to attend this second one as well. Those who were not able to attend the first event are also welcomed and encouraged to participate in this second outreach program! Any questions about this program may be directed to **Scott Mittelstadt**.

ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL MUSICAL: St. Matthew's School will be presenting their school musical on **Friday, March 14**, at **1:30 PM** -and- **6:30 PM** in **St. Matthew's gym**. We are hoping that by having the 1:30 PM matinee performance, we will ease some of the crowding at the Friday evening performance. The matinee will be the identical performance to the evening's performance. This year's musical production is: **A Not So Terrible Parable**. The well-known story that Jesus told, called *The Parable of the Good Samaritan*, comes to life as a fun, over-the-top whodunit (think the movie *Clue*). Solving this mystery means discovering again just how far our Savior would go to rescue helpless sinners! Refreshments will be served by the PTL following the musical. All are invited!

LENT BY CANDLELIGHT: All women of our congregation are invited to join St. Paul's, Neosho, and Bethany Lutheran Church, Hustisford, for an afternoon of being in the Word, music, and fellowship to prepare your hearts for Christ's sacrifice on the cross. This event will take place on **Sunday, March 16**, at **2:00 PM** in the St. Paul, Neosho, fellowship hall. Please **RSVP** to Sam Kesting (by calling or texting) to **(920) 625-2021** or to Rachel Wisniewski at **(920) 860-1583**.

EASTER LILIES: If you wish to order a lily (or lilies) to be placed in church for the services on Easter Sunday, please sign up on the sheet posted on the church bulletin board in the school hallway. Lilies will be purchased only for those who sign up! After the Easter services, the lily is yours to take home and enjoy. The cost is **\$13.50** per plant. The last day to order is **Sunday, March 30**.

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Worship Service9:00 AM
 Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School 10:15 AM

Tuesday: School Board Meeting7:00 PM

Wednesday: Lenten Worship Services.....3:15 PM/7:00 PM
 Church Council.....**8:00 PM**

Thursday: FYSH Activity – Pizza Party/Cookie Decorating5:00 PM
 Adult Choir.....7:00 PM

Friday: **SCHOOL MUSICAL**..... 1:30 PM & 6:30 PM

Sunday: Communion Worship Service9:00 AM
 Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School 10:15 AM

91D On Eagle's Wings.....Psalm 91D sts. 1, Ref

Verse

1 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -

bide in his shad - ow for life, say to the Lord: "My

Refrain

ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,

bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

Verses

sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

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