

## WORSHIP DETAILS

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Psalm 32

Hymns: 121, 304 vs. 1-4, 748, 324

### **First Lesson:** Judges 10:6-16

<sup>6</sup>Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD. They served the Baals and the Ashtoreths, and the gods of Aram, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the Ammonites and the gods of the Philistines. And because the Israelites forsook the LORD and no longer served him, <sup>7</sup>he became angry with them. He sold them into the hands of the Philistines and the Ammonites, <sup>8</sup>who that year shattered and crushed them. For eighteen years they oppressed all the Israelites on the east side of the Jordan in Gilead, the land of the Amorites. <sup>9</sup>The Ammonites also crossed the Jordan to fight against Judah, Benjamin and Ephraim; Israel was in great distress. <sup>10</sup>Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD, “We have sinned against you, forsaking our God and serving the Baals.”

<sup>11</sup>The LORD replied, “When the Egyptians, the Amorites, the Ammonites, the Philistines, <sup>12</sup>the Sidonians, the Amalekites and the Maonites oppressed you and you cried to me for help, did I not save you from their hands? <sup>13</sup>But you have forsaken me and served other gods, so I will no longer save you. <sup>14</sup>Go and cry out to the gods you have chosen. Let them save you when you are in trouble!”

<sup>15</sup>But the Israelites said to the LORD, “We have sinned. Do with us whatever you think best, but please rescue us now.” <sup>16</sup>Then they got rid of the foreign gods among them and served the LORD. And he could bear Israel’s misery no longer.

### **Second Lesson:** James 4:7-10

<sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable:

<sup>11</sup> Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

<sup>13</sup> “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

<sup>21</sup> “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

<sup>22</sup> “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup> ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

<sup>28</sup> “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could

celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

<sup>31</sup>“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR CALL RETURNED:** Pastor Hanson has returned the call we extended to him. We received this letter: Dear St Paul’s Lutheran Church, Thank you for the honor of being able to deliberate God’s call through you, his church. It’s been a joy getting to know you these past weeks. It’s also encouraging to hear from so many eager to seek and save the lost. St. Paul’s sounds like a blessed place with many great people but at this time I must continue God’s work in California and so I am returning the call. I pray that God will provide a pastor for your congregation. Your Brother in Christ, Pastor Josh Hanson \*The next call meeting date has not been set yet but will be after Easter.

**MIDWEEK LENT WORSHIP:** The theme of our Midweek Lent Worship services this year is “The Hands of the Passion.” When we consider Jesus and the people around him in his Passion, we can’t help but think of their hands — the hands that beat their breast, accepted money for betrayal, petulantly swung swords, pointed in accusation, beat and disavowed, praised, washed, were pierced, and offered eternal life. In short, we can’t help but think about how we sinners have had the same sinful hands of those who surrounded Jesus in his Passion, and how Jesus our Savior has touched us with his hands of grace. The services will begin with Ash Wednesday on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm on Wednesdays. We will also be rotating with the pastors from St. Paul’s, Cudahy and St. Lucas, Bay View.

The schedule for each week is:

- March 2 – Hands of Repentance - Tax Collector (Pastor Adams)
- March 9 – Hands of Betrayal – Judas (Pastor Unnasch)
- March 16 – Hands of Hypocrisy – Caiphas (Pastor Marshall)
- March 23 – Hands of Self-Preservation – Pilate (Pastor Adams)
- March 30 – Hands of Brutality – Soldiers (Pastor Unnasch)
- April 6 – Hands of Misguided Zeal – Peter (Pastor Gaertner)

**LWMS DOOR COLLECTION:** This weekend, March 27 & 28, we are having our semi-annual door collection to support the ministry of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS). If you would like to write a check, please make it payable to LWMS. For more information on their work, visit their website: <http://www.lwms.org>. They thank you for your support!

**GUEST PREACHER:** Next Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> we will have Pastor Matt Vogt here to share God's word with us. Pastor Vogt has been blessed to serve in the mission field his entire ministry. Called to start a new church (Water of Life) in Las Vegas in 1997, Matt served there for over 20 years. His ministry in Las Vegas included daughtering a second congregation in northwest Las Vegas, training pastors for and assisting in starting both a Korean ministry and an African immigrant/refugee ministry, starting a preschool/Kindergarten ministry, and founding a new world mission field in Liberia. Matt served for a number of years as chairman of the AZ/CA District Mission Board and a member of the WELS Board for Home Missions. Matt currently serves as a WELS Mission Counselor, working with five districts and around 70 mission fields/congregations. His wife, Kelli, and their two boys, Noah and Caleb, still call Las Vegas home. Pastor Vogt will also be giving a presentation on new mission opportunities during our regular bible class hour starting at 9:15 AM. Please join us!



**ALL INVITED TO ROLLER SKATE!:** St. Paul's congregation is invited by the Milwaukee District of Lutheran Girl Pioneers to its annual roller skating party at Incredi-Roll, 10928 W. Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee, this Tuesday, March 29 from 6-8p.m. This is a private event for Girl Pioneers, their families, friends and congregations. Everyone is invited! The cost is \$7.00 per person which includes skate rental. Please round up your friends and join us for a fun evening of roller skating!

**HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

April 10 – Palm Sunday: *regular worship schedule*

April 14 – Maundy Thursday: 3:30 PM and 6:30 PM

April 15 – Good Friday: 1:00 PM and 6:30 PM (Tenebrae)

April 17 – Easter Sunday: 6:00 AM (Sunrise), 8:30 AM (Festival) and 10:30 AM (Festival)

**EASTER BREAKFAST:** We will once again be having an Easter breakfast! Please sign up on the sheet on the narthex counter and join us at 7:00 AM on Easter Sunday in the school gym! There are also sign up sheets to help with the breakfast – set up, serving and clean up.

**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY SPRING RALLY:** All ladies are invited to attend the LWMS Spring Rally, which will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 7:45 AM – 12:45 PM at St. Jacobi Lutheran Church – 8605 W. Forest Home Ave., Greenfield, WI. Flyers with more information are available on the narthex counter.

**WLHS WORK DAYS:** Do you have yard work or spring cleaning that needs to get done such as hedge trimming, or window washing? Consider hiring hard-working members of WLHS student council for a few hours for a free-will donation. All money raised will go towards the 2021-22 WLHS mission project to Malawi and Grenada. Work days will be held on any Saturday or Sunday starting April 9 & 10 through May 7 & 8, excluding Easter and Mother's Day Sundays. To request a team, please email [workdays@wlhs.org](mailto:workdays@wlhs.org) and include your name, address, phone number, the work you need accomplished, and the day(s) this work could be completed.

**WLHS SPRING SACRED CHORAL CONCERT:** Wisconsin Lutheran High School Choral Department will present their Spring Sacred Choral Concert on Sunday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the WLHS auditorium. This is a free, general admission event. The concert will feature sacred music by the A Cappella Choir, Freshman Choir, Inspiration Vocal Jazz and Chamber Choir, and Jubilation Handbells.

#### **USHERS FOR MARCH**

**8:00 AM** – TEAM #3 – Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Todd Grunze, Frank Krajewski

**10:30 AM** – TEAM #7 – David Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Luke Raduenz, Randy Raduenz

**6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

#### **USHERS FOR APRIL**

**8:00 AM** – TEAM #4 – Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser, Adrian Boldt

**10:30 AM** – TEAM #8 – Walter Falkowski, Jacob Marciniak, Fred Socha, Scott Seymer

**6:30 PM** – TEAM #9 – Terry Plant, John Kiesow

#### **USHERS FOR MIDWEEK LENT (March 30)**

**3:30 PM** – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

**6:30 PM** – TEAM #7 – David Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Luke Raduenz, Randy Raduenz

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

Mar 23-29 – TEAM #2 – Jane Koplein, Joan Shevey, Rebecca Kragh

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## REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

March 27: Set-up – John & Jean Terek, Clean-up – Mark & Kristin Hernon

April 3: Set-up –Pete & Sherry Kosovich, Clean-up – Andy & Chris Backus

## THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Sunday, March 27

Worship Service .....8:00 AM

Adult Bible Study/Sunday School.....9:15 AM

Worship Service .....10:30 AM

### Monday, March 28

Worship Service ..... 6:30 PM

### Tuesday, March 29

Public School Confirmation Class..... 6:00 PM

### Wednesday, March 30

Midweek Lenten Worship Service ..... 3:30 PM

Midweek Lenten Worship Service ..... 6:30 PM

Men’s Open Gym ..... 7:30 PM

### Thursday, March 31

Preschool Power Hour .....10:30 AM

### Sunday, April 3

Worship Service with Communion .....8:00 AM

Mission Presentation/Sunday School .....9:15 AM

Worship Service with Communion .....10:30 AM

### Statistics – Last Week

Attendance: 8:00 AM – 69, Communed – 64

10:30 AM – 88 Communed – 64

6:30 PM – 26, Communed – N/A

Total Attendance – 183

Total Communed – 128+

Midweek Lent 3:30 PM – 106, 6:30 PM – 26