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**Sunday Worship**  
8:00am & 10:30am

**Sunday School & Bible Class**  
9:15am

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**St. Paul Lutheran WacoTx**



# **LENTEN WORSHIP**

## **MARCH 15, 2023**

# **“WHO WILL TAKE THE GARBAGE OUT?”**

# Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church

*The Church on the Highway... Where Life and Jesus Intersect*

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## Lenten Worship ~ March 15, 2023

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*“Be thoughtful - be silent - be reverent; for this is the house of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord; During the service, let the Lord speak to you; After the service, speak to one another.”*

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

#### OPENING HYMN: “You Are My All in All”

You are my strength when I am weak  
You are the treasure that I seek  
You are my all in all  
Seeking you as a precious jewel  
Lord to give up I'd be a fool  
You are my all in all

*Refrain:* Jesus, Lamb of God Worthy is Your name  
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Taking my sin, my cross, my shame  
Rising again I bless Your name  
You are my all in all  
When I fall down You pick me up  
When I am dry You fill my cup  
You are my all in all

*Repeat Refrain 2x*

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#### INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (From selected verses in Zechariah 9:9–10)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Response: Amen.**

Pastor: Behold, your King comes to you—

**Response: Righteous and having salvation.**

Pastor: Speaking peace to the nations.

**Response: And ruling from sea to sea—**

Pastor: To the ends of the earth!

**Response: God's kingdom comes—**

Pastor: To us!

**Response: Through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Coming to Calvary's holy mountain, we confess our sins.

*Silence for reflection and confession.*

Pastor: Merciful Father—

**Response: I am wrapped up in myself.**

Pastor: I cling to comfort and choose the easy way.

**Response: I want tweaking, not transformation.**

Pastor: Greed, envy, intolerance and jealousy mark my life.

**Response: I fail to learn, and what I have learned, I fail to practice.**

Pastor: I judge others with a standard I never use for myself.

**Response: Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**

Pastor: Zechariah 13:1 states, “On that day there will be a fountain opened to cleanse from sin and uncleanness.” Because of Christ's cross and crucifixion—Zechariah's day is today! Here a pure and healing fountain flows for you, for me for all. In a full, perpetual tide opened when our Savior died! In Jesus' name, you are absolved, forgiven and loved! God's kingdom comes to us—

**Response: Through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, in Zechariah's seventh vision you take away the sin of Judeans. We thank and praise you that in a much greater way you take away the sin of the world through the sacrificial Lamb—Jesus Christ our Lord. We pray in his powerful and priceless name.

**Response: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Zechariah 5:5-11**

Then the angel who talked with me came forward and said to me, "Lift your eyes and see what this is that is going out." And I said, "What is it?" He said, "This is the basket that is going out." And he said, "This is their iniquity in all the land." And behold, the leaden cover was lifted, and there was a woman sitting in the basket! And he said, "This is Wickedness." And he thrust her back into the basket, and thrust down the leaden weight on its opening.

Then I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, two women coming forward! The wind was in their wings. They had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between earth and heaven. Then I said to the angel who talked with me, "Where are they taking the basket?" He said to me, "To the land of Shinar, to build a house for it. And when this is prepared, they will set the basket down there on its base."

**EPISTLE READING: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**GOSPEL READING: John 1:29-34**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

**SERMON HYMN, 611: "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"**

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| 1 | Chief of sinners though I be,<br>Jesus shed His blood for me,<br>Died that I might live on high,<br>Lives that I might never die.<br>As the branch is to the vine,<br>I am His, and He is mine.         | 4 | Chief of sinners though I be,<br>Christ is all in all to me;<br>All my wants to Him are known,<br>All my sorrows are His own.<br>He sustains the hidden life<br>Safe with Him from earthly strife. |
| 2 | Oh, the height of Jesus' love,<br>Higher than the heav'ns above,<br>Deeper than the depths of sea,<br>Lasting as eternity!<br>Love that found me—wondrous thought!<br>Found me when I sought Him not.   | 5 | O my Savior, help afford<br>By Your Spirit and Your Word!<br>When my wayward heart would stray,<br>Keep me in the narrow way;<br>Grace in time of need supply<br>While I live and when I die.      |
| 3 | Only Jesus can impart<br>Balm to heal the wounded heart,<br>Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,<br>Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,<br>Faith and hope to walk with God<br>In the way that Enoch trod. |   |  |

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**SERMON TITLE: "Who Will Take the Garbage Out" - Zechariah 5:5-11**

**OFFERING**

## THE PRAYERS:

- Pastor: Our King comes to us, righteous and having salvation. May God hear our prayers, because of our crucified and risen King—Christ Jesus. Heavenly Father, we invite you into our lives—
- Response: We make ourselves available to your holy will.**
- Pastor: Help us become living examples of your love in the world.
- Response: Open our hearts to the areas of our lives that need to change—**
- Pastor: So that we carry out the mission of your church—
- Response: Connecting People to Jesus.**
- Pastor: Inspire us to live the Christian life—
- Response: In ways that are dynamic and engaging.**
- Pastor: Bring renewal to our church.
- Response: And make us hunger and thirst for more of Jesus.**
- Pastor: Give us courage when we are afraid.
- Response: Hope when we are discouraged.**
- Pastor: And clarity in times of decision. Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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: (From Zechariah 9:9)

- Pastor: Behold, your King comes to you—
- Response: Righteous and having salvation.**
- Pastor: Speaking peace to the nations.
- Response: And ruling from sea to sea—**
- Pastor: To the ends of the earth!
- Response: God's kingdom comes— By his Spirit.**
- Pastor: God's kingdom comes through us—
- Response: To the ends of the earth! Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN, 570: "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

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| 1 | Just as I am, without one plea<br>But that Thy blood was shed for me<br>And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,<br>O Lamb of God, I come, I come.   | 4 | Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;<br>Sight, riches, healing of the mind,<br>Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,<br>O Lamb of God, I come, I come. |
| 2 | Just as I am and waiting not<br>To rid my soul of one dark blot,<br>To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,<br>O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  | 5 | Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,<br>Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;<br>Because Thy promise I believe,<br>O Lamb of God, I come, I come.    |
| 3 | Just as I am, though tossed about<br>With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,<br>Fightings and fears within, without,<br>O Lamb of God, I come, I come. | 6 | Just as I am; Thy love unknown<br>Has broken ev'ry barrier down;<br>Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,<br>O Lamb of God, I come, I come.           |

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## POSTLUDE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GOD'S BLESSINGS** to all who worship with us this day. During this Lenten season, we praise God for His righteous Son, Who perfectly kept all of God's commandments for us and paid the full price of our disobedience. Let us praise Him with hearts filled with Christ's joy and peace. Members, please remember to fill out a "White Registration Card" so we can have a proper soul-accounting, and Guests, please sign the guest book and complete a "Yellow Visitor Card" located in the hymnal rack. Please place your completed card in the offering plate or in the card collection slot at the end of each pew (center aisle side).

**FLOWERS** were placed on our altar this day to the glory of God by Frank & Jean Harper in thankfulness and celebration for 38 years of marriage and God's many blessings.