



## **A Father's Love**

**The Third Sunday in Lent  
March 24, 2019**

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grant Park, IL**

**Order of Service:** Service of the Word (CW page 38)

**Prayer upon entering church:** Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Opening Hymn:** See This Wonder in the Making (CW 300)

**Order of Christian Baptism** (CW 12)

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 12:1-6

**Psalm:** Psalm 32 (CW page 78)

**Second Lesson:** Romans 8:1-10

**Verse of the Day:** For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

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

**Hymn of the Day:** Jesus Sinners Does Receive (CW 304)

**Sermon:** A Father's Love (Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32)

**Apostles' Creed**

**Offering with Hymn:** All Praise to God who Reigns Above (CW 236)

**Prayers and the Lord's Prayer**

**Third Hymn:** Just As I Am, without One Plea (CW 397)

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn:** Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound (CW 379)

## **Announcements**

**Welcome** in Jesus' name to any and all guests and visitors here with us today. It is a joy to be able to worship with you. Help us to remember your visit by signing our guest book. Ask an usher if you need help finding the book. If you would like more information about our church please speak with pastor after church. If you need a hearing device, please speak to a greeter. Please come again!

**Weekly Preview** next Sunday we celebrate the first of our anniversary services. Our sermon will be based on the first verse of the hymn "Not Unto Us" (CW 392).

**Anniversary offering envelopes** are located on the table in the entry way. Please consider designating a special offering to help us celebrate 150 years.

**Special anniversary service** will be held two weeks from today. Pastor Tod Vertz will be here to share God's word with us for this special service.

**Church directory** has copies out. Please take yours home today!

**New Life in Christ** we are thankful to celebrate the baptism of Autumn Micheel. We ask that Jesus keep her in her baptismal grace until she spends forever with him in heaven. God Bless you sweet girl!

**Knitting after Bible Study** will be held on March 28. All are invited and if you stay you are asked to bring a fruit, salad or dessert. You will need two number 10 knitting needles and a roll of regular knitting yarn. If you have any questions please ask Bobbie Wietbrock.

**About this Sunday** The repentant sinner rejoices at being found in the loving embrace of the Father's full, free, and "foolish" forgiveness.

**Easter Flower sign up** is out on the table in the narthex. Orders for flowers need to be made by Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. If paying by check, please make it out to Valerie Ecker.

**Anniversary Committee** will meet on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

## **This week at St. Paul**

**Today:** Worship 9am  
Sunday School after church  
Bible Class after church  
**Wednesday:** Worship 7pm  
**Thursday:** Bible Study 9am  
**Sunday:** Worship 9am  
Sunday School after church  
Bible Study after church

**Organist:** Thank you to Doreen Romadka  
**Last Week's Attendance:** Worship 54  
Bible Class 13  
Sunday School 2  
Wednesday 26

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