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St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry  
February 28, 2018



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New & Notable

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*This Saturday, March 3rd  
8:00 a.m. at Kim & Patty's  
Please RSVP Alan Robel - [alanrobelt@att.net](mailto:alanrobelt@att.net)*

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*Thoughts from Lori*



How are you doing with your Lenten disciplines? Remember the invitation of Ash Wednesday? "I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." That invitation.

What goals, what disciplines or service, what self-denial did you set for yourself for Lent this year? Have you been able to keep those goals? If so, have they brought you closer to God? Closer to your family? To your

church? If not, if you've fallen short of your aspirations for a holy Lent, don't throw up your hands in defeat. Simply start again. It's never too late to reboot Lent! After all, the whole point is to "prepare with joy for the Paschal feast," as we hear in the Eucharist. [see page 346 of the BCP]

The Paschal feast, of course, is Easter! All of this is about preparing ourselves to celebrate the Resurrection. So, do not be discouraged. Don't give up. Let go of any guilt that threatens to undo your holy Lent. Just start now. Or start again.

Faithfully,  
*Lori* †

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## FLOWERS AND LILIES FOR EASTER

There is a sign-up sheet for those wishing to contribute to the **flowers and lilies that will grace our church on Easter Day**. Your donation of \$25 (or more) may be given - as always TO THE GLORY OF GOD - and in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a person or special blessing. Thank you for helping to make our Easter celebration more beautiful than ever!

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*Not quite new but still notable....*

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### WINDOW TREATMENTS IN THE PARISH HALL

Many of the blinds in the parish hall are dysfunctional, to say nothing of unsightly. Bill and I donated new blinds for one window. You can help beautify this space by donating \$50 (per window). We'll buy and install the new blinds for you. [Note: this will make the parish hall more attractive not only for us, but for potential rental.] Thanks! lml+

Update: only a couple of folks have indicated that they are willing to do this. If you've been intending to sign-up for one but keep forgetting, take a minute now to call (815-385-0390) or email us ([lisa@stpaulmchenry.com](mailto:lisa@stpaulmchenry.com)) so we'll know what we can expect. Thanks.

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## Children's Chapel

"Jesus' hour has come"

Children are invited to attend the Children's Chapel following the service to hear a story, have a snack, and enjoy an activity. This week's leaders are Amy and Jeff Zabor.



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*The usual fare...*

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### **A Word from the Rev. William P. McLemore**

#### **George Herbert**

Tuesday, February 27th, is the Feast Day of George Herbert, who was born to an artistic and wealthy Welsh family, raised in England, and in 1609 entered Trinity College Cambridge. He was known for his poetry and speaking ability, and even served in the Parliament of England (1624-1625). In his mid-thirties, he gave up his secular career and became ordained a priest in the Church of England, spending the rest of his life as Rector of a small Anglican Church in Salisbury. He was noted for his care for his parishioners, bringing the sacrament to them when they were sick, and providing food and clothing for those in need.



His collection of poems, "The Temple," he gave to a friend, who published them after his untimely death in 1633 at the age of 39. What we learn from George Herbert is the joy as a Christian of quiet and unpretentious service to others. His collect (prayer) has the petition, "Give us grace, we pray, to joyfully perform the tasks you give us to do, knowing that nothing is menial or common" that we do in the Name of Jesus Christ.

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### **Lessons and Hymns for this Sunday, March 4, 2018**

**(Third Sunday of Lent - Year B)**

**by the Rev. William P. McLemore**

#### **THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17. Here, God reveals His Ten Commandments. The Psalm: Psalm 19. "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer." Second Lesson: I Corinthians 1:18-25. Paul reminds his readers that God has made the wisdom of the world foolish by comparison to salvation in Jesus. The Gospel: 8:31-38. Jesus chastises those selling things in the temple of God.

## THE HYMNS:

Processional: No. 518. "Christ is made the sure foundation." This hymn is ancient in Christian hymnody probably dating back to the 6th or 7th century A.D. The image of a heavenly Jerusalem is a favorite medieval theme for hymns and this particular version has many lost and left out verses of the Latin original. The current translation is by John Mason Neale (1818-1866). The tune "Westminster Abbey," was composed by Henry Purcell (1659-1695).

Sequence: No. 628. "Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths." This hymn was written by William Watkins Reid, Jr. (1923-2009), who earned degrees from Oberlin in 1945 and 1947, and then obtained a degree from Yale Divinity School. He served the Methodist Church not only in local parishes but also through his involvement in annual conferences and membership on various commissions and boards of that denomination. The hymn extols the benefits of studying Holy Scriptures and therefore is in this section of our hymnal. The tune, "St. Ethelwald," was composed by William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

Presentation: No. 372. "Praise to the living God." This hymn was written by Thomas Olivers and is based on an ancient Jewish creed called the "Yigdal." It has thirteen articles that praise God in every way imaginable. Translated into English, it begins with these words, "Extolled and praised be the living God, who exists unbounded by time." The tune was written by a Jewish cantor, Meyer Lyon, thus the name, "Leoni."

Communion: "Let the broken ones be healed." This short song will be used for our communion hymn during Lent. It was written by the Rev. Michael Hudson in his "Songs for the Cycle," (2004).

Recessional: No. 495. "Hail, thou once despised Jesus." This hymn is one which praises Jesus in his various roles: Galilean King, Universal Savior, Paschal Lamb, God Appointed, Reconciler, Intercessor, and the Emmanuel. The original composition is ascribed to John Blakewell (1721-1819) with later adaptations by Martin Madan (1726-1790). The tune, "In Babilone," is a traditional Dutch melody. When the 1906 hymnal was being produced, the hymn was harmonized by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) and has been in our hymnals since.

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### **Servants for March 4th**

Jim and Beth Lukas - *Ushers*

Judy Robel - *Lector*

Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*

Barb Moriarty, Charles Sterbis - *Eucharistic Ministers*

Jim Lukas - *Vestry Person of the Day*

Paige Morris - *Children's Crucifer*

Doris Gaic, Karen Rowe - *Altar Guild*

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**On the Calendar...**

**Mid-Week Eucharist** - Wednesdays at 12:15 pm

**Men's Breakfast** - Saturday, March 3, 8:00 am

**Ducks-in-a-Row** - Saturday, March 17, 9:00 am

**Vestry** - Thursday, March 15, 7:00

**Palm Sunday** - March 25

**Easter** - April 1

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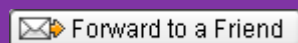
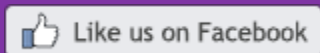
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