

## 'Family'

"You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone.

God is building a home. He's using us all—

irrespective of how we got here—in what He is building."

Ephesians 2:19 MSG

Mark 4: C.I.A. – Christ In Action

A Farmer's Story

## Welcome to St. Paul!

We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly.

~ 1-Thessalonians 1:2

Leader: God is good!

Congregation: All the time and I am a witness!

Opening Song ......"Shout to The Lord"

**Prayer** 

Welcome / Announcements

**Special Prayer for Honduras Mission Trip** 

Psalm 103:14-18 NKJV

<sup>14</sup> For He knows our frame;

He remembers that we are dust.

<sup>15</sup> As for man, his days are like grass;

As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.

<sup>16</sup> For the wind passes over it, and it is gone,

And its place remembers it no more.

<sup>17</sup>But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting

On those who fear Him,

And His righteousness to children's children,

<sup>18</sup> To such as keep His covenant,

And to those who remember His commandments to do them.

Gospel ...... Mark 4:1-20 NASB 1995

4 He began to teach again by the sea. And such a very large crowd gathered to Him that He got into a boat in the sea and sat down; and the whole crowd was by the sea on the land. <sup>2</sup> And He was teaching them many things in parables, and was saying to them in His teaching, <sup>3</sup> "Listen *to this*! Behold, the sower went out to sow; <sup>4</sup> as he was sowing, some *seed* fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate it up.

<sup>5</sup> Other *seed* fell on the rocky *ground* where it did not have much soil; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> And after the sun had risen, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other *seed* fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. 8 Other seeds fell into the good soil, and as they grew up and increased, they yielded a crop and produced thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold." 9 And He was saving, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." <sup>10</sup> As soon as He was alone, His followers, along with the twelve, began asking Him about the parables. <sup>11</sup> And He was saying to them, "To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God, but those who are outside get everything in parables, <sup>12</sup> so that while seeing, they may see and not perceive, and while hearing, they may hear and not understand, otherwise they might return and be forgiven." <sup>13</sup> And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How will you understand all the parables? <sup>14</sup> The Sower sows the word. <sup>15</sup> These are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them. <sup>16</sup> In a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; <sup>17</sup> and they have no *firm* root in themselves, but are *only* temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they fall away. <sup>18</sup> And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, <sup>19</sup> but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. <sup>20</sup> And those are the ones on whom seed was sown on the good soil; and they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Children's Message	Laurie Lentz
Message	"A Farmer's story"
Worship Song	"How Great Thou Art"

**Prayers / The Lord's Prayer** 

#### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### Confession & Words of Assurance

P: Most Merciful God,

C: I confess my sins to You. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbor as myself. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

## **Holy Communion**

Communion will be by continuous table for those who want to come up.

Others may take communion at their seat by individual cup available at the entrance. Cups at continuous table are filled with wine (red) or grape juice (white). We welcome all believers in Jesus Christ who are baptized into Him. We usually commune children from fifth grade on. Other children will receive a blessing.

<b>Distribution Music:</b>	
	Softly and Tenderly"
Closing Song	Doxology

#### **Benediction**

A: Choose this day whom you will serve.

C: As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

#### **Postlude**

## **Serving Today** Minister ...... Pastor Beverly Kelling Lector ...... Debbie Whitehead Acolytes ...... Brice Terrill & Easton Hennessy Music Ministry Coordinator, Vocals & Violinist ...... Jeanette Rath Organist ...... Grace Reed Drummer ...... Rick Brickles Shulee Norris & David Hershberger

Altar flowers are given in celebration of Addison Halbardier's birthday given in love by Chuck & Lynda Halbardier.

Sanctuary Lamp shines brightly in celebration of Audrey Moncada's son, Justin and grandson, Braedyn's birthdays.

## Responsibilities – March 10th:

Flowers: Debbie Whitehead Sanctuary Lamp: Lentz Family Ushers: Mark Nester & Johnette Dixon Lector: Kim Anderwald

**Acolytes:** Wesley & Clayton Nickols



### "The Red Brick Church on Avenue M"

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## "And never stop praying."~1Thessalonians 5:17

#### **Healing & Comfort:**

Bobby Klein, Matt Hook, Margaret Reus, Buffie Rogge, Sharon Becksted, Chris Porter, Patricia Welch, George Brucks, Jean Krenmueller, Dorothy Wells, Victor Rene Ortiz, Henry Nietenhoefer, Helen Ann Jones, Cindy Sprenger, Ailyn Fernandez, Doug Newtwich, Maricella Frausto & Lance Brucks.

#### **Homebound and Nursing Homes:**

Brian Boehle, Marian Lindeburg, Gladys Feller, Kathy Feller, Elaine Eccles.

#### **Active Military:**

Ben Rath, Rebecca Bryant, Patrick Graff, Riley Lynch, Collin Bezely, Clayton Reed, Jimmy "Sawyer" Rhodes, Ethan Kammer, Andy Lynch, Larry & Teresa Sullivan, Heath Runnels, Sean Constante & Jessie Philip.

#### This Week's Birthdays:

Valencia Winchester, Reenie Beard, Gladys Williams, JJ Silva, Olivia Zapata and Truett Timberlake

\*Please help us to update, if we need to add or remove someone from the lists above please contact the office.

# "COME AS YOU ARE" 6pm Worship Service

March 6<sup>th</sup> – Don Krumrey

March 13th - Derlin Hennig

March 20th – Laurie Lentz

March 27<sup>th</sup> - TBA

## **Prayer Ministry**

Email- Don Krumrey: dkrum45@att.net

Contact: Don Krumrey (830-741-9991)

Shirley Krumrey (830-931-4311)

Prayer offered at the end of service



Are you interested in becoming a part of our church family?

Contact Pastor Beverly or call the church office.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00am Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School

#### Monday, March 4th

6:00pm Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Bible Journaling 7:00 Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>
7:00am Prayer Warriors

Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>
9:30am Tacking Quilters
11:00pm BSF
6:00pm Lenten Worship Service
Soup & Sandwich Fellowship
7:00pm Bible Study (A/C)
David Hershberger

Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>
Office Closed
Highschool BSF
1:00 pm Hand Quilters
Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, March 9th

Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00am Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School

4:30pm Emmaus Gathering

@ Sommerset MC

**Texas Primary Election** 

Last Day to Vote - Tuesday, March 5, 2024

St. Paul Lutheran Women will be collecting plastic grocery bags for a special project.

Please be collecting those and on the lookout for the container that will be on campus for collection of those.

## Honduras Mission Trip 2024 (March 6<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>)

Join us in praying for those attending from our community and church:

Jody & Dr. Stacey Jacobs Jose & Stephanie DeLaCruz Eric Constante



# Mark 4: A Farmer's Story

Question: What is the simple, single Truth Jesus is teaching? This parable describes a heart's response to God's seed of truth.

Like the soils, faith can be harde	ened,	_,
(	or	
Wherever the	is	_,
Hard: suppression of truth; rejec		;
Rocky:unable to withstand trials, perse		
&		
Thorns: sins; disappointments;	•	
Good:	with	
&		
For us the seed (	_) doesn't	,
liberally,	deliberately	

**Mark 4:13** - 'Then Jesus answered the people .... 'You should understand this story. If you do not understand it, you will not understand any of my stories.'