



## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

701 S. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware 19713

*Growing in faith. Growing in community.  
Welcoming all in Jesus' name.*



RECONCILING IN CHRIST

### ASH WEDNESDAY

**Wednesday, February 18**

**12PM & 7PM Services  
of Holy Communion**



The beginning of Lent gives us the occasion to admit that we will die and that we are sinners. On Ash Wednesday we are marked with ashes—a sign of our death and of our sorrow for sin—but the ashes trace a cross on our forehead, where the baptismal water first marked us with God's grace.

**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**We believe all people are created in God's image.**

Rooted in Jesus' ministry of liberation, unconditional love, and hospitality, we strive to welcome all into our community. This welcome explicitly includes those who have traditionally been marginalized in the church and society due to their sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, racial and ethnic background, physical ability, developmental ability, citizenship/documentation status, and socio-economic status.

We hope that our young people experience God in our gathering together. Families, you are welcome to use the Prayground in the rear corner of the sanctuary if you want more space, and to use the Prayground in the narthex if you need a break from the activities in the sanctuary. Most of all, know that the joyful noise of young people in our worship is welcome!

**Hearing assist devices are available in the narthex.  
If you need any other help with worship,  
please speak with an usher at the doors to the sanctuary.**

## ⊕ GATHERING ⊕

*Christians gather on this day to mark the beginning of Lent's baptismal preparation for Easter. On this day, the people of God are marked with the ashes of human mortality, the church hears God's promise of forgiveness, and tastes God's mercy in the bread of life and the cup of salvation. From this solemn liturgy, the church goes forth on its journey to the great baptismal feast of Easter.*

*All gather silently.*

*Please stand, as you are able, as the procession enters in silence.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*John 3:17; Psalm 46:1-3*

Let us worship God.

God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved through him.

**God's love endures forever.**

God is our refuge and strength, a present help in time of trouble.  
Therefore, we will not fear though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though the waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**God's love endures forever.**

### GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated.*

⊕ WORD ⊕

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**PSALMODY**

**Psalm 51**

*Sung in unison*



<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
    in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,  
    and cleanse me | from my sin.

<sup>3</sup>For I know | my offenses,  
    and my sin is ev- | er before me.

<sup>4</sup>Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;  
    so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
    a sinner from my | mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
    and would have me know wisdom | deep within.

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
    wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
    that the body you have broken | may rejoice.

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face | from my sins,  
    and blot out | all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
    and renew a right spir- | it within me.

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away | from your presence,  
    and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of | your salvation  
    and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.



<sup>13</sup>Let me teach your ways | to offenders,  
and sinners shall be re- | stored to you.

<sup>14</sup>**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of | my salvation,**  
**and my tongue shall sing | of your righteousness.**

<sup>15</sup>O Lord, o- | pen my lips,  
and my mouth shall pro- | claim your praise.

<sup>16</sup>**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or | I would give it.**  
**You are not pleased | with burnt offering.**

<sup>17</sup>The sacrifice of God is a | troubled spirit;  
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will | not despise.

## REFLECTION

Pastor Cris Frigm

## EPISTLE READING

**2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10**

*Now is the day of salvation*

A reading from Second Corinthians:

<sup>20b</sup> We entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

<sup>6:1</sup> As we work together with him, we entreat you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup> For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup> We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup> but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: in great endurance, afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup> beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup> in purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup> truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup> in honor and

dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors and yet are true,<sup>9</sup> as unknown and yet are well known, as dying and look—we are alive, as punished and yet not killed,<sup>10</sup> as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing and yet possessing everything.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## REFLECTION

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*Please stand, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**We Are Turning, Lord, to Hear You**

HFW 1293



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind—



slow to an - ger, rich in bless-ing, and with love to us in - clined.

Text: Gracia Grindal, based on Joel 2:13

Music: KAS DZIEDAJA, Latvian folk tune

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

*The practice of faith*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup> “Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give

alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,<sup>4</sup> so that your alms may be done in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup> “And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>16</sup> “And whenever you fast, do not look somber, like the hypocrites, for they mark their faces to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face,<sup>18</sup> so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>19</sup> “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal,<sup>20</sup> but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Be seated.*

## REFLECTION

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### INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE

Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent – self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love – strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

**ANTHEM (7PM)**

"To Dust"  
Sanctuary Choir

Karen Marrolli

## **LITANY OF CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

Holy and merciful God,  
**we confess to you and to one another,**  
**and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,**  
**that we have sinned by our fault in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness:

The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

**we confess to you, O God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,  
**we confess to you, O God.**

Our anger at our own frustration

and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**we confess to you, O God.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,  
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,  
**we confess to you, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship,  
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,  
**we confess to you, O God.**

Acknowledge our repentance, O God,  
for the wrongs we have done.

For our neglect of human need and suffering  
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,  
**accept our repentance, O God.**

For all false judgments,  
for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,  
and for our prejudice and contempt  
toward those who differ from us,  
**accept our repentance, O God.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation  
and our lack of concern for those who come after us,  
**accept our repentance, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.  
**Favorably hear us, O God., for your mercy is great.**

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

*Those who desire ashes come forward and kneel, as they are able.  
Ministers mark the forehead of each person with a cross of ashes, saying:*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

## PENITENTIAL SONG

## Savior, When in Dust to You

ELW 601 (harmony)



1 Sav-ior, when in dust to you low we bow in hom-age due;  
2 By your help-less in-fant years, by your life of want and tears,  
3 By your hour of dire de-spair, by your ag-o-ny of prayer,  
4 By your deep ex-pir-ing groan, by the sad se-pul-chral stone,



when, re-pen-tant, to the skies scarce we lift our weep-ing eyes;  
by your days of deep dis-tress in the sav-age wil-der-ness,  
by the cross, the nail, the thorn, pierc-ing spear, and tor-turing scorn,  
by the vault whose dark a-bode held in vain the ris-ing God,



oh, by all your pains and woe suf-fered once for us be-low,  
by the dread, mys-te-rious hour of the in-sult-ing tempt-er's pow'r,  
by the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dread-ful sac-ri-fice,  
oh, from earth to heav'n re-stored, might-y, re-as-cend-ed Lord,



bend-ing from your throne on high, hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!  
turn, oh, turn a fa-vring eye; hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!  
lis-ten to our hum-ble sigh; hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!  
bend-ing from your throne on high, hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!

Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, alt.

Music: ABERYSTWYTH, Joseph Parry, 1841–1903

*After all who desire ashes receive them, the minister continues:*

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,  
**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**  
By the cross and passion of our Savior,  
**bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

**Amen.**

*The congregation stands.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

Guide your church, O God. Accompany all Christians in this season of repentance, and renew our faith in the riches of grace you give to us in baptism. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Heal this earth, O God. Satisfy the needs of every parched place, every diverse ecosystem, every suffering creature. Though all return to dust, grant beauty and purpose to each living thing. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Restore the nations, O God. Let your healing spring up quickly across the world. Give all in authority the will to loose the bonds of injustice and let any who are oppressed go free. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Deliver your people, O God. Comfort any whose hearts are rent by grief, especially the family of Dean. Uphold any who are sick, bring food to those who hunger, and give housing to all without shelter. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bless this assembly, O God. Reconcile us to one another and to you. Strengthen our resolve to fast from evil, open our hands in sharing, and quicken our prayer. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Hold us forever, O God. We thank you for all who now know their treasure in heaven, and for all who on earth proclaimed your abounding, steadfast love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers:*

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.  
**Amen.**

*Be seated.*

⊕ MEAL ⊕

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**GATHERING OF GIFTS**

*In response to God's love in Jesus Christ,  
we offer our gifts for service and mission.*

*At this time, please sign the Fellowship Pad (the black folder) found at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor and back again. There are also QR Codes at the end of this worship folder for attendance, prayer requests, and online giving.*

**VOLUNTARY (7PM)**

“Lenten Contemplation”  
Handbell Ensemble

arr. William E. Moats

**OFFERTORY**

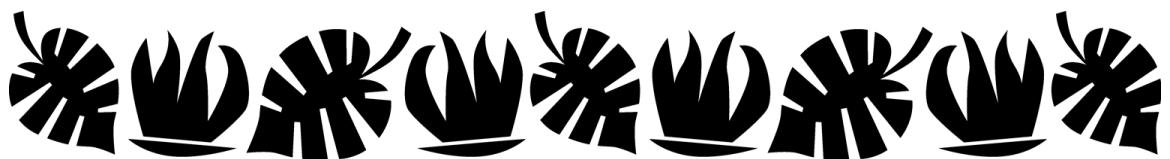
**Once We Sang and Danced**

**ELW 701**

*Found on p. 12*

**12 PM:** *Please sing all verses of the hymn, standing on Verse 4  
as the gifts are presented and the table is set.*

**7 PM:** *Please stand and sing Verses 1 & 4 only*





1 Once we sang and danced with glad-ness, once de - light filled ev - 'ry breath;  
2 All the wil - lows bow in weep-ing, all the riv - ers rage and moan,  
3 God, who came to dwell a - mong us, God, who suf - fered our dis - grace,  
4 Come, O Christ, a - mong the ash - es, come to wipe our tears a - way,



now we sit a - mong the ash - es, all our dreams de - stroyed by death.  
as cre - a - tion joins our plead - ing: "God, do not leave us a - lone."  
from your own heart, grieved and wound-ed, come the rich - es of your grace.  
death de - stroy and sor - row ban - ish; now and al - ways, come and stay.

Text: Susan R. Briebl, b. 1952, based on Psalm 137

Music: KAS DZIEDĀJA, Latvian folk tune

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth,  
**your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to**  
**nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and**  
**wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness**  
**to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## EUCARISTIC PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

And now, with confidence as children of God, we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

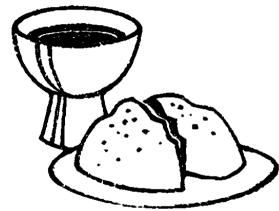
## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christ journeys with us these forty days and sustains us with the gift of grace.  
**We come to receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.**

Jesus, Lamb of God,  
**have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
**have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
**grant us peace.**



*Be seated.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

*In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission.*

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Those who choose not to commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossed arms. If you would like to receive communion in your pew, please notify an usher.*

*Our bread is gluten-free. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available upon request.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### Let Us Worship God with Justice

Tune: BEACH SPRING (ELW 712)



1. Let us wor - ship God with jus - tice, ev - en as we sing and pray.
2. Share your ta - ble with the hun - gry, share your plen - ty with the poor;
3. Then your light will shine like morn - ing and your Sav - ior will ap - pear.
4. Lift your voice for lib - er - a - tion; speak the truth and nev - er fear,



Let us keep the fast God choos - es on this day and ev' - ry day.  
when you see the tired and home - less of - fer them an o - pen door.  
You will call and God will an - swer: "faith-ful ser - vant, I am here."  
for the God of our sal - va - tion ev - en now is draw - ing near.



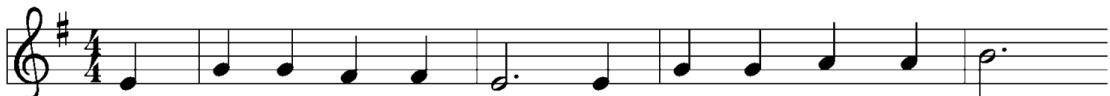
Lift your voice for li - ber - a - tion; speak the truth and ne - ver fear,  
Com - fort those who are af - flict - ed, work to set the cap - tives free.  
Then the Ho - ly One will guide you; you will be like liv - ing streams.  
Keep the fast of faith in ac - tion on this day and ev' - ry day.



for the God of our sal - va - tion ev - en now is draw-ing near.  
Live with kind - ness, nev - er hid - ing from your hu - man fa - mi - ly.  
God will lift the fall - en ci - ties and re - store the peo-ple's dreams.  
Wor - ship God with peace and jus - tice, ev - en as we sing and pray.

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### **Lord Jesus, Think on Me** ELW 599 (harmony)



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;  
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;  
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;  
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,



from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.  
let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom-ised rest.  
through dark-ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.  
I may the\_e-ter - nal bright-ness see and share your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375–430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–1896, alt.  
Music: SOUTHWELL, W. Daman, *The Psalms of David*, 1579, alt.

*After all have returned to their places, remain seated.*

## BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## ☩ SENDING ☩

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH – ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## BENEDICTION

May the God of peace make you holy in every way and keep your whole being – spirit, soul, and body – free from every fault at the coming of our ☩ Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

## The Glory of These Forty Days

ELW 320 (harmony)

*Found on p. 17*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

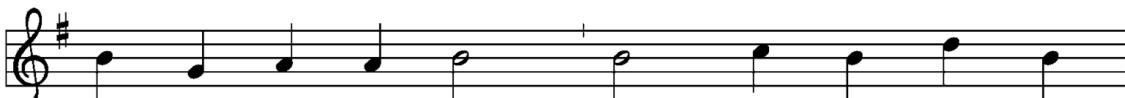
Postludes, a festive element of worship,  
will not be played during the season of Lent.

## The Glory of These Forty Days



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days  
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw  
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight,  
4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too,

we cel - e -  
the lov - ing  
de - liv - ered  
re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength-en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862-1947, alt.

Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY	12PM	7PM
Assisting Minister	Marjorie Chin	Lynn Deschere
Lector	Tom Olson	Henry Chisholm
Bread Provider	Sherry Mench	Linda Radwick
Altar Guild	Linda Radwick	Cheri Simons

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting for St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be held on **Sunday, February 22, 2026, at 11:15 AM**. Items on the agenda include approval of the budget, leader elections, and a property motion. Please pick up a copy of the annual report in the sanctuary.

## SCOUT SUNDAY

On **February 22**, come early between **8 - 10 AM** to enjoy breakfast prepared by our Boy Scout Troop. We will then recognize them and their charter at the beginning of worship at **10 AM** as we celebrate Scout Sunday.

## ADULT FORUM

**The Book of Romans and Us** - The apostle Paul is the author of Romans, a letter to first century believers in Christ living in the capital city of the Roman Empire. We gather one last time for conversation about this important letter. **Sunday, February 22 at 8:30 AM**, in the Blue Room.

**Psalms in Lent** - Pastor Cris will spend some time with our Lenten Psalmody as we journey toward Holy Week. The rich readings this year include some favorites...Psalm 121, 95, 23, and 130. These forums will run for the **Sundays of March (1,8,15,22)**.

## LENTEN SUPPER AND STUDY

The Reconciling In Christ (RIC) Committee invites you to a Lenten Supper and Study of the documentary "1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture." We gather for soup, screening, and study on Wednesdays in **March (4, 11, 18, 25), 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**. Join us for food, fellowship, and thought-provoking discussion.



# Worship Opportunities

## Sunday, February 22

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Each year on the first Sunday in Lent we hear about Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, and we pray that we may be able to resist the temptations that come to us here and now. Come to worship, to receive the Spirit's strength to live in light of your baptism.

*8:30 AM – Adult Forum*

*10 AM Service of Holy Communion—Live Streamed*

*11:15 AM Congregational Meeting*

## Sunday, March 1

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

This Sunday, we set off along with Abraham, as he journeyed to the Promised Land, and with Nicodemus, when he visited Jesus in the night, for we are heading through Lent to arrive at Easter. Come: join the people of God in prayer and praise, word, and meal.

*8:30 AM – Adult Forum*

*10 AM Service of Holy Communion—Live Streamed*

## Sunday, March 8

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

During Lent we accompany Jesus to his cross and resurrection, and this Sunday we stop at a well to receive a drink of water. The water turns out to be Christ himself. Come to worship, and join all of us thirsty people, made alive in Christ.

*8:30 AM – Adult Forum*

*10 AM Service of Holy Communion—Live Streamed*

## Sunday, March 15

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Last week the salvation that Christ offers the world was likened to water, and this week God's mercy is likened to light. What is the "darkness" in your life? Come to worship to celebrate the light that is Christ in you.

*8:30 AM – Adult Forum*

*10 AM Service of Holy Communion—Live Streamed*

## Sunday, March 22

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Bible readings this Sunday are for everyone who feels half dead, for everyone who sees death everywhere, as well as for everyone who is afraid to even think about death. Come to worship, to receive the breath of the Spirit, to hear the voice of Christ, to be fed at the table, and to celebrate the life God gives.

*8:30 AM – Adult Forum*

*10 AM Service of Holy Communion—Live Streamed*



*Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully.*



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**Weekly Epistle/E-mail Blast** - articles are due by Wednesday morning at 10 AM  
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**Worship Attendance**



**Prayer Requests**



**Electronic Giving**

