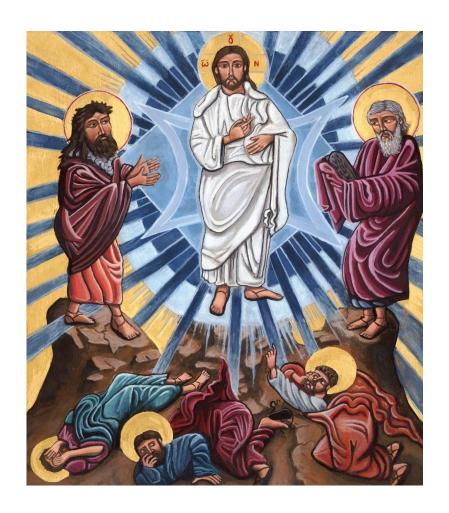
TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



February 11, 2024
ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

$\mathcal{W}_{ ext{elcome}}$ to ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:12am | Service with Holy Communion in Nave

9:00am | Choir Practice

9:30am | Education Hour with Sunday School,

Confirmation and Adult Forum

10:30am | Service with Holy Communion in Nave

and Online

11:30am | Coffee Hour

Worship is streamed on the St. Paul Lutheran Arlington Facebook page. A Facebook account is not necessary to stream, however, without a Facebook account the stream works on a computer browser only and not on a phone.

WEEKLY UPDATE NEWSLETTER

Sign up for Weekly Update newsletter by going to our website at <u>www.stpaularlington.org</u> and clicking on SUBSCRIBE.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday Service - February 14, 7:30

First Sunday in Lent - February 18

Midweek services with a simple dinner at 6:30, worship 7:15, Wednesdays in Lent

During the season of Lent, we will gather together on Wednesday evenings for fellowship and Holden Evening Prayer. Our theme for these midweek gatherings is Lament. Together, we will read examples of lament in scripture and reflect on the ways lament intersects with our own lives and faith. These lessons and reflections will then be shared through The Weekly for those that are unable to attend but would like to follow along. Join us at 6:30 pm for a meal and fellowship, followed by worship at 7:15 pm.

February 21st: What is Lament? Lamentations 3:19-26

February 28th: "Little" Laments Psalm 42

March 6th: Laments from the Depths Psalm 88

March 13th: Individual Lament Psalm 13

March 20th: Communal Lament Psalm 44:1-10, 13, 17-26

Serving the community today are:

Geneva Carter and Kelli Oliver, *Altar Guild* Lucas Simeone and Eli Hulse, *Acolytes*

Kathleen Kean, Lector

Peter Schmidt Cantor

Eric Carlson, Deacon

Eric Carlson, Usher

Matt Carter, Livestream Broadcast

Peter and Hollie Schmidt, Coffee Guild

V.

Altar Flowers are given by Nancy Tiedeman and family in celebration of Mira Sharma's baptism. As we prepare for God's presence in worship, please be aware that some prefer to be quiet at this time. When the instruction for standing * appears, please stand as you are able and as seems comfortable.

At the \pm , you may make the sign of the cross, which reminds us of our baptism. The congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Fantasia in D minor, P.124

J. Pachelbel (1653–1706)

WELCOME

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of \pm Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

* GATHERING HYMN

ELW 732 "Borning Cry"



- "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old. "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- the mid-dle a ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold. you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be-long. be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



suit you well; was there when you were but a child, with a faith to you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one, When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell." I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing I'll be there as I have al-ways been, with just one more sur-prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937 Music: WATERLIFE, John C. Ylvisaker

Holy Baptism

at the 10:30 service

February 11, 2024

ST. PAUL CELEBRATES THE BAPTISM OF

Mira Nancy Sharma

born July 26, 2023

Parents: Laura Jane Tiedeman-Mau and Nitesh Sharma *Sponsors:* Eric James Tiedeman-Mau and Angela Karlovich

Children are invited to come forward.

PRESENTATION

Candidate for baptism, parents and sponsors gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Presenter: We present Mira Nancy Sharma for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Mira baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

As you bring Mira to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,

bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,

teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,

place in her hands the holy scriptures,

and nurture her in faith and prayer,

so that she may learn to trust God,

proclaim Christ through word and deed,

care for others and the world God made,

and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Mira grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Mira in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? *Response: We do.*

People of God, do you promise to support Mira and pray for her in her new life in Christ? *Congregation: We do.*

All stand as able.

* PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Mira with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Mira, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God, and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

* GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE



* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING 2 Kings 2:1–12

Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

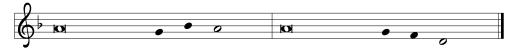
When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

PSALM Psalm 50:1–6

The psalm is sung responsively, with the congregation singing the bold verses.



The mighty one, God the | Lord, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,

God shines | forth in glory.

Our God will come and will 'not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a 'raging storm.

God calls the heavens and the earth $\ensuremath{^{\text{+}}}$ from above

to witness the judgment | of the people.

"Gather before me my | loyal followers,

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

The heavens declare the rightness | of God's cause,

for it is God | who is judge.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4:3–6

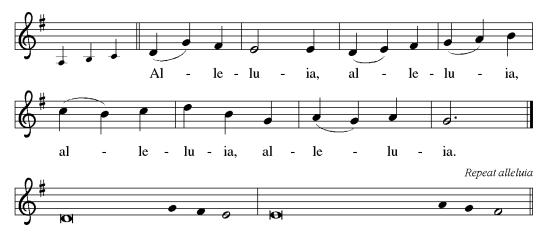
The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

E ven if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (10:30 only)



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

* GOSPEL Mark 9:2–9

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

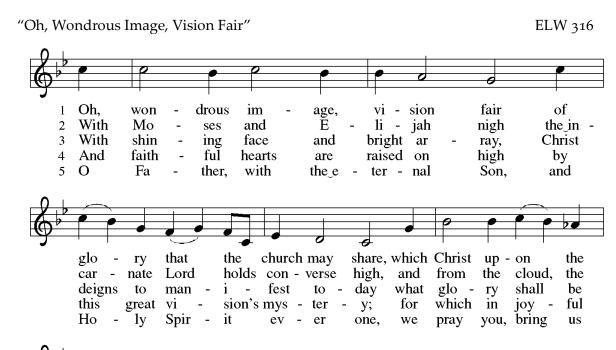
Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Ross Goodman





Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace, receive our prayer.

We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water of this planet. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance, that they will strive for goodness and justice, especially in places experiencing war. We pray for peace in Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, and Russia. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for any who are sick and suffering, especially Dan, Heather, Janna, Jeffrey, Lois, Lynn, Meredith, Owen, Roberta, and Susan. Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation and its ministry in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died especially Cyril and Methodius. Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

* PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

OFFERING

You may give an offering through the Givelify app by scanning this QR code:



ANTHEM

"A Clare Benediction"

May the Lord show his mercy upon you; may the light of his presence be your guide: May he guard you and uphold you; may his spirit be ever by your side.

When you sleep may his angels watch over you;

when you wake may he fill you with his grace: May you love him and serve him all your days Then in heaven may you see his face. J. Rutter (b. 1945)

May the Lord show his mercy upon you; may the light of his presence be your guide: May he guard you and uphold you; may his spirit be ever by your side.

When you sleep, may his angels watch over you;

when you wake, may he fill you with his grace: May you love him and serve him all your days, Then in heaven may you see his face, May you see his face.

* OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

Amen.

* GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

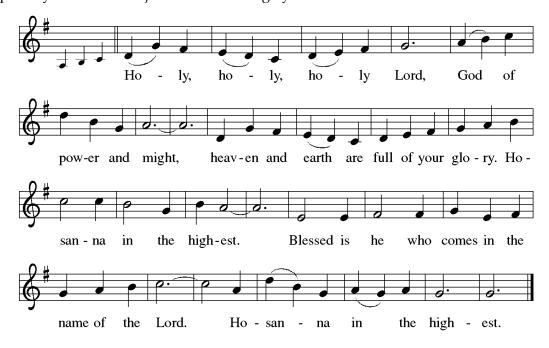
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, 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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

* LORD'S PRAYER

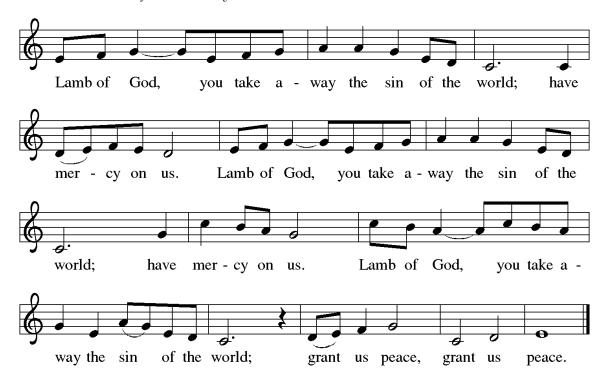
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

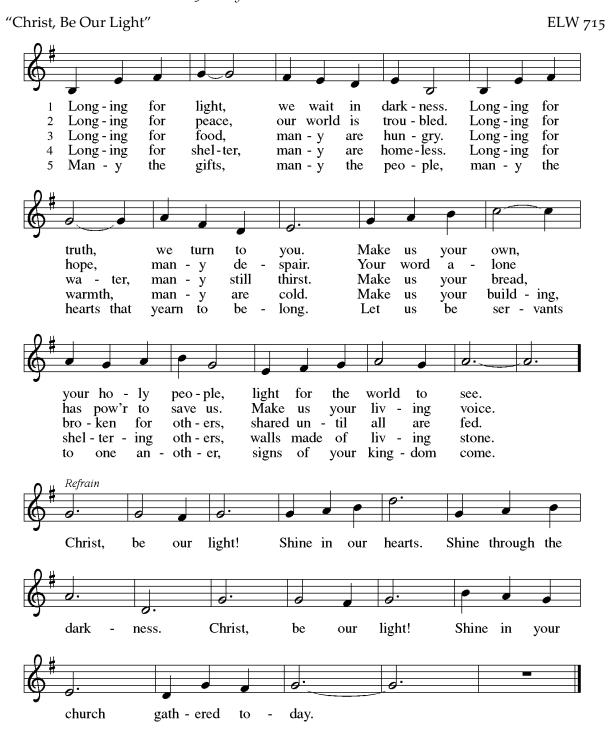
HAUSA

Ubanmu wanda ke chikkin Samma, a tsarkake sunanka, mulkinka shi zo, abin da ka ke so a-yi shi, chikkin duniya kammar yada a-ke yinsa chikkin samma. Ka ba mu rananga abinchin yini. Ka gafarta mana laifinmu, kammar yada muna gafarta ma wadanda su ke yi mamu laifi. Kadda ka kai mu wurin jaraba, amma ka cheche mu dagga Shaitan. Gamma mulki, da iko da girmo naka ne, har abada. Amin.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the bread and wine. Individual communion kits are available in the trays located in the center of the sanctuary.





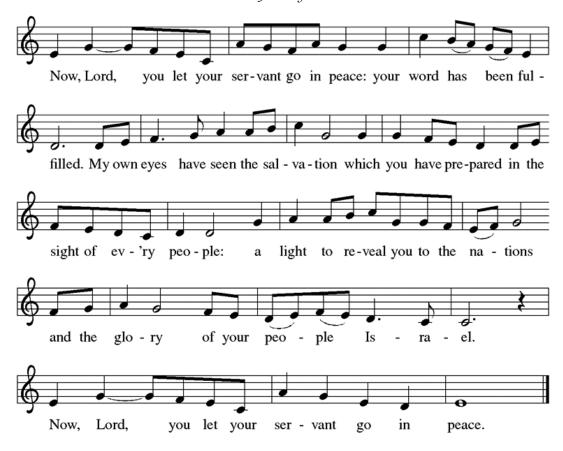
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* TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

* POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (10:30 only)



* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

* BLESSING

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, + bless you and remain with you always. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* SENDING HYMN

"Shine, Jesus, Shine" ELW 671

* DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Toccata and Pastorale in F major, P. 463

J. Pachelbel (1653-1706)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING HAPPENINGS *at* **SAINT PAUL**



GATHER GROUPS FORMING | Sign up in the next two weeks

We are once again forming Gather Groups. This is a great way to get to know other people in the church. These groups meet a few times over the year at members' homes, outdoor spaces, or anywhere that you can think of! All of our members are encouraged to participate! Sign up here: https://forms.gle/uF13mrEdgaLEgsiZ9



UPCOMING ADULT FORUM TOPICS | February

February 11 – Christian Ethics and Worrying – Sergia Hay

Sundays in Lent beginning February 18 - Witness at the Cross. We will be studying the Crucifixion, both as an event and as the central point in our theology. Books are available from Pastor Liz.

BABY SHOWER GIFTS FOR NeST FAMILY | **February** 18th deadline for dropping off gifts Help showering the NeST Resettlement Mom with necessities and nice-to-haves for a baby girl (she's very excited to be having a girl!). The NeST resettlement team would like to help the family get ready for their new addition. There is a wish list at

https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/christella-severe-march-2024-arlington/ZI747WOCZ740 with ideas for pink footies in sizes 3-6 months and larger, pink caps, pink pacifiers (to distinguish from her brother's), pink baby gear, and size 1 diapers. Gifts from the list may be delivered to your own home or to the address provided on the website. Gifts may also be dropped off at St. Paul by Sunday, February 18th. They will be lovingly delivered by a team of NeST committee members.



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