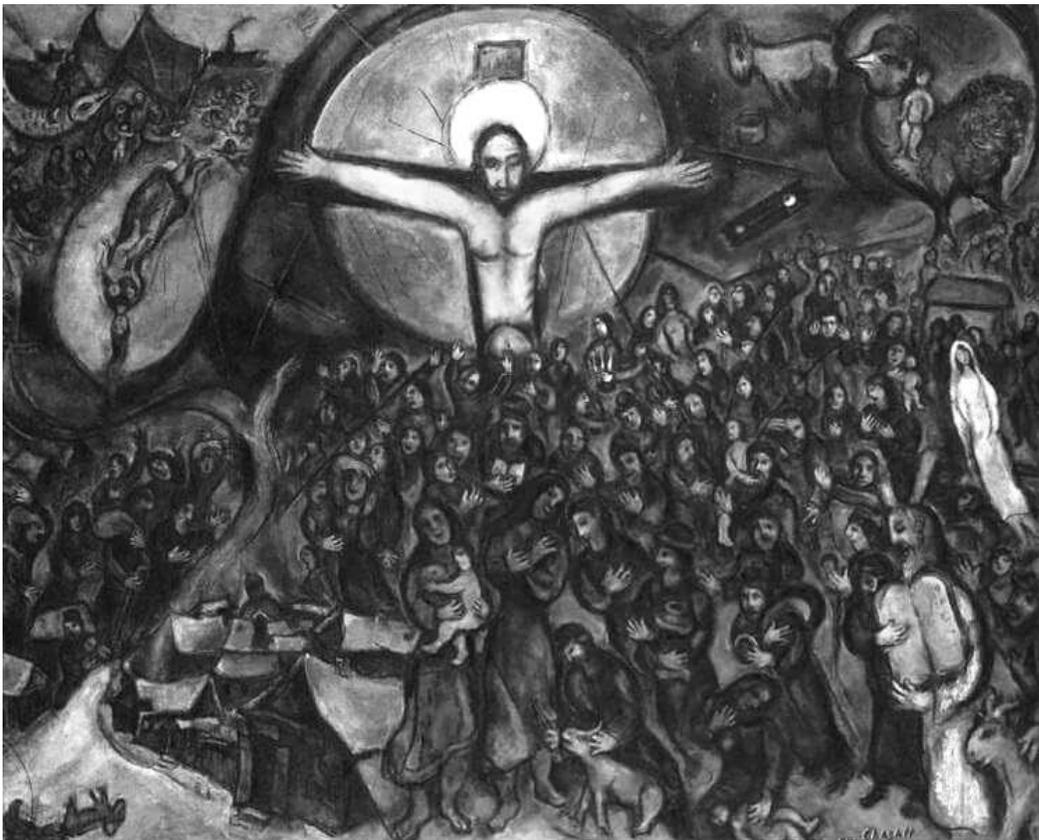


SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

8:15am and 10:30am.



March 1, 2026

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We are happy you have joined us for worship today. Wherever you are on your journey with or toward God, you are welcome here—you are a blessing to this assembly. We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status.

We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.

Lutherans believe, teach, and confess that in, with, and under the bread and wine in Holy Communion we receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. All who are drawn in faith are welcome to join in this confession and receive the Sacrament.

We invite and encourage your full participation in our worship this morning. With this service bulletin you can follow and participate in this morning's liturgy.

New to St. Paul? If you have questions or want more information, please fill out a newcomer form with the QR code at the right. Questions about transferring membership from another Lutheran church, or for beginning the process for baptism, confirmation, membership, or transferring from one of the other Christian traditions, may be directed to the Church Office at 781-646-7773 or parishadmin@stpaularlington.org.



SUNDAY SERVICE

8:15am | Holy Communion

9:00am | Choir Practice

9:30am | Education Hour with Sunday School, Adult Forum, Confirmation

10:30am | Holy Communion & livestreamed

11:30am | Coffee Hour in Goodman Fellowship Hall

LIVESTREAMING

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.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY TODAY:

Marie Breitenbach, Jennifer Parker

& Kim Fecht, *Altar Guild*

Clara R. and Toby M., *Acolytes*

Tim Ryan, *Lector*

Bev Hjorth, *Cantor*

Kevin Kreutter, *Deacon*

Andy Airasian and Dan Ries, *Ushers*

Hollie Schmidt & Mat Carter, *Livestream Broadcast Team*

Peter and Hollie Schmidt & Lisa Chiulli Lay, *Coffee Guild*

Today's Cover Art

Marc Chagall (1887-1985) depicted the story of Israel's exodus from Egypt in many of his works. Today's cover art, entitled simply "Exodus," may well be his most intriguing presentation. He worked on it from 1952 to 1966. Chagall insistently locates Jesus and his suffering within the context of Jewish suffering in ways that defy rigid, linear historicism. The kaleidoscope works as a good analogy for Chagall's message.

When the instruction for standing * appears, please stand as you are able and as seems comfortable.

At the ✝, you may make the sign of the cross, which reminds us of our baptism.

The congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Amen.

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

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

To you, O God,

all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of ✝ Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

ELW 335

1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
 Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

***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.

***KYRIE (10:30 only)**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



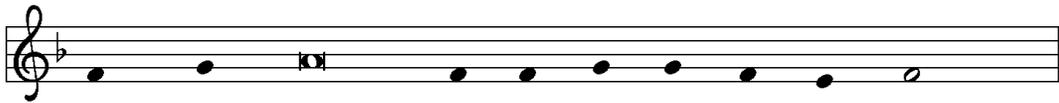
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, 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

Genesis 12:1-4a

A reading from the book of Genesis, the twelfth chapter.

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

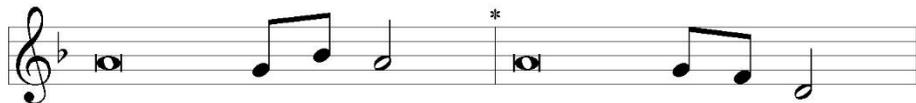
So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (*sung at 10:30*)

Psalm 121



I lift up my eyes ¹ to the hills;

from where is my ¹ help to come?

My help comes ¹ from the Lord,

the maker of heav- ¹ en and earth.

The Lord will not let your ¹ foot be moved

nor will the one who watches over you ¹ fall asleep.

Behold, the keep- ¹ er of Israel

will neither slum- ¹ ber nor sleep;

the Lord watches ¹ over you;

the Lord is your shade at ¹ your right hand;

the sun will not strike ¹ you by day,

nor the ¹ moon by night.

The Lord will preserve you ¹ from all evil

and will ¹ keep your life.

The Lord will watch over your going out and your ¹ coming in,

from this time forth for- ¹ evermore.

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* GRADUAL HYMN

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

ELW 811

On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,

that life’s trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.

Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,

is my life, my hope's foun-da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.
 Music: DER AM KRÉUZ, Johann B. König, 1691–1758

* GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, **“Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.”**

Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” **“How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”** “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” **“How can these things be?”** “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the

wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND SERMON

Pastor Don Larsen

* HYMN OF THE DAY

"God Loved the World"

ELW 323

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
 Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

*APOSTLE'S CREED

In trust and hope, let us confess the faith of the church:

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

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.

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.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As is our custom, please face one another across the center aisle. The deacon invites us to prayer and offers the first intercession. As you are moved to pray, you are invited to pray any of the following intercessions aloud.

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

A brief silence.

Faithful One, you renew us by grace. As you have inspired faith through the work of church artists and hymnwriters throughout the ages, give your church the means to praise your beauty today. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Living One, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare your goodness. Preserve this earth, and protect conservationists, scientists, and all who labor in service to creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ruling One, you bless us to be a blessing. Open the hearts of all leaders to seek the flourishing of every person and lend your help to all who wait for justice, deliverance, and peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate One, you send your Son to save. Declare your word of acceptance to any who feel condemned and lift up any brought low by hatred and exclusion. Tend to all who are struggling with illness or loss especially Bobby, Dan, Diane, George, Jim, Lynn, Meredith, Naomi, Paul, Roberta, and Susan. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Guiding One, you watch over our going out and coming in. Bless newcomers and new members in this assembly and accompany those who have recently left this community to journey elsewhere. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. Thank you for our beloved who have died, and for your promise which saves this whole world by your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

*PEACE

Keep your hands close together or make the peace sign if you'd rather not pass the peace with touch.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

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

You may also make an offering by placing a gift in the offering plate, which is in the narthex.



ANTHEM

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace

St. Francis of Assisi/ Russell Robinson

Lord, make me an instrument, Lord, make me an instrument, Lord, make me an instrument, O my Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love. And, where there is injury pardon. Where there is doubt, sow faith, Where there is despair, let me sow hope, let me sow hope.

Lord, make me an instrument...

Where there is darkness, let me sow light, where there is sadness, joy! Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, as to console, to console. To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love, for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life!

Lord, make me an instrument...

*OFFERTORY SONG

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND OFFERING

MEAL

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

* GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

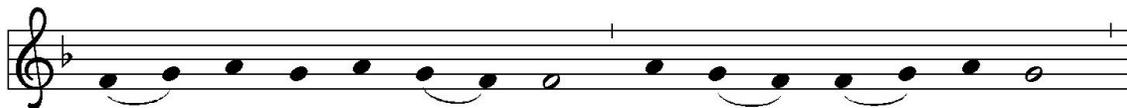
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Presiding minister sings:

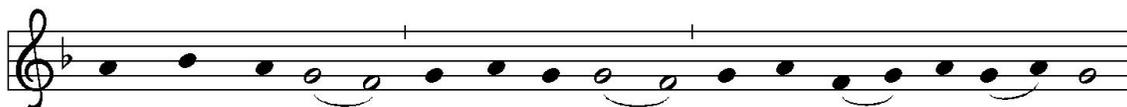


Lord, remember us in your king - dom, and teach us to pray.

All sing:



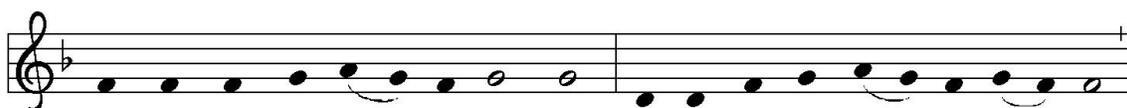
Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we



for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al



and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,



and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

THE COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers are available on request. Both wine and grape juice are available in each tray; the wine is red and the grape juice is white.

Come forward in the center aisle starting at the front of the church. The pastors will motion the first people forward.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
 on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

ELW 735

1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
 2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
 3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of
 morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
 me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
 pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and
 breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
 love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
 grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Julian of Norwich, c. 1342–c. 1413
 Music: NORWICH, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
 2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
 in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Refrain
 Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931
 Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

***TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of our salvation,
 we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
 reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
 Through the body and blood of your Son,
 may we become Christ's body in the world,
 bearing witness to your love for all creation,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

*BLESSING

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SENDING HYMN

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

ELW 325

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

--- ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

at **SAINT PAUL** ---

ADULT FORUM | A Lenten Look at Matthew

A man stormed out of his house after an argument.

He decided he would not return until he had crafted the perfect apology.

Hours later, when he finally walked back down his street, he saw it:

The porch light was already on.

The door had not been locked.

The light had been burning the whole time.

His apology did not turn the light on.

The light allowed him to come home.

John the Baptist cries, "Repent!"

Jesus says, "My yoke is easy."

*Could it be that grace comes first —
and repentance is simply walking toward the light?*

Join us this Sunday as we explore themes in Matthew 3 and 5–7, grace and repentance and the tension between the cross we carry and the mercy that carries us.

Facilitated by Josh Davis, this is one of three Adult Forum sessions (March 1, 8, 15)) focused on readings from the Gospel of Matthew and what they might prompt us to consider in this time of self-examination Lent invites us to enter.

Each session will start at 9:30AM. All are welcome for one or more of these sessions. Questions? Josh Davis: joshdavis1956@gmail.com or 617 733 2555.

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER AND SOUP SUPPERS | Wednesdays in Lent

Beginning on February 25, we gather for midweek Lenten prayer on five successive Wednesdays. At 6PM, we share a simple meal of soup and conversation. We are happy to provide a meal, but this is not a potluck dinner. However, if you wish to contribute something, please remember some people are abstaining from certain things. Things like a small veggie platter, hummus, a jug of cider, or bread would be great.

At 7PM, we sing Holden Evening Prayer in the sanctuary.

During these services, we will consider portions of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and comments on the Sermon by Dietrich Bonhoeffer in his book *Discipleship*.

MUSIC WITH FRIENDS CONCERT | Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 5 pm.

Featuring a varied program of music by J.S. Bach, Igor Stravinsky, Vaughan Williams, and others performed by Charles Blandy (tenor), Joan Ellersick (viola) and Tom Berryman (piano). This benefit concert is free and open to all. Attendees will be invited to support *Lamplight Women's Literacy*, www.lamplightliteracy.org, a nonprofit organization that provides educational and workforce development programs to low-income immigrant workers seeking to advance their career goals.

ARLINGTON EATS | Donation needs

The first school vacation lunch distribution of the year will occur in February so many of our February requests will support that program. Anything that comes in after this distribution can be used for April school vacation. February Spotlight Items:

- Granola bars (especially MadeGood, Kind Bars)
- Snack packs (especially Goldfish, Pirate's Booty)
- Boxed mac n cheese (Kraft, Goodles)
- Baked beans
- Coconut milk
- Soy sauce
- Dish soap
- Baby wipes

ST. PAUL BIBLE STUDY | Thursday Evenings, 7-8pm by Zoom

All are invited to join our bible study! We will gather on Thursday evenings on Zoom from 7-8pm. Each week, we will study the upcoming Sunday's lectionary texts, which are the bible readings we hear in worship. To access the readings and Zoom link, please see St. Paul's Weekly Update email. If you are not a subscriber, you can sign up on our website or email Pastor Larsen for the Bible Study Zoom link <stpaularlington.interim.pastor@gmail.com>.

SPRING POTLUCK EVENTS

The Community meals that we have been sharing have been really lovely, and we want to make sure that everyone can mark their calendars for our upcoming times.

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| March 7: | 5:00-6:00 | Musical Performance |
| | 6:00 | Community Potluck dinner in Fellowship Hall |
| April 11: | 6:00 | Community Potluck |
| May 2: | 6:00 | Community Potluck |

THE COMING WEEK and BEYOND AT ST. PAUL

Thursday, February 26	7:30pm	Bible study on zoom
Sunday, March 1	8:15am & 10:30am	Service of Holy Communion
	9:00am	Choir practice
	9:30am	All educational ministries
	11:30am	Coffee Hour
Saturday, March 7	5:00pm	Music with Friends Concert (piano, viola, tenor) to benefit Lamplight Women's Literacy
	6:00pm	Potluck Supper
Wednesday, March 11	6:00pm	Soup Supper – Fellowship Hall
	7:00pm	Holden Evening Prayer

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Food Link

Food Link is an Arlington-based food rescue and distribution organization. It sources food from a variety of sources including major food and restaurant chains. A lot of the food would otherwise be disposed of as waste. Their mission statement says, “Food Link is a community organization that envisions a world in which everyone has abundant nourishing food and a food system in which no edible food goes to waste. (It) is a bridge between retailers, distributors and farms that have surplus food and community organizations seeking nutritious food for people in need.”

Food Link is located on Summer Street, near the center of town and just off the Minuteman Bikeway. There is a core of paid staff, but most of the work of collecting, processing and distributing the food is done by volunteers.

Volunteers at Food Link take on a variety of roles. Some collect food at restaurants, grocery and specialty stores, farms, wholesalers, etc. Others work at the Food Link facilities in Arlington and Roxbury sorting, packing, loading and unloading the food that comes in. Food is collected and distributed in personal vehicles and some volunteers learn to drive the fleet of vans that pick up and deliver particularly large batches of food. Millions of pounds of food are rescued and shared with people in need each year.

As food support programs have been cut and grocery prices have risen, the role Food Link plays in providing for our communities grows. As a community, St. Paul can help Food Link achieve its mission. In turn, Food Link provides rewarding opportunities for personal engagement and can also help our church build community. Food Link hosts groups of volunteers (usually no more than 10 at a time), to work together at their Arlington base, “The Hub”. If you would be interested in a rewarding volunteer opportunity right in our community, please go to the Food Link website

<https://www.foodlinkma.org>

If you would like to be part of a team effort by St. Paul, or just for yourself!

Finally, Food Link is seeking a full-time Operations Assistant. Interested or know a potential candidate? Visit the Food Link website.



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