

# THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

8:15am and 10:30am.



March 8, 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](mailto: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:

Kelli Oliver and Lydia Zuehsow  
& Kim Fecht, *Altar Guild*

Lucas S. and Luther O. *Acolytes*

John Turner, *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

"The Samaritan Woman at the Well," is a recent work by Chinese Christian folk artist He Qi. Born in 1951, he was one of many young people sent to the countryside during the Cultural Revolution. Deeply influenced by the art forms of rural China, He Qi depicts stories from the Bible by blending Chinese folk art and traditional painting technique with the iconography of the Western Middle Ages.

*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

Panis Angelicus

C. Franck (1822-1890), arr. by Clair W. Johnson

*Mark Olson, trumpet*

### 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

"As the Deer Runs to the River"

ELW 331



1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,  
2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,  
3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!  
4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.  
Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.  
God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."  
Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923  
Music: JULION, David Hurd, b. 1950

\*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

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



There your ancestors <sup>1</sup> tested me,  
 they put me to the test, though they had <sup>1</sup> seen my works.  
**Forty years I loathed that gener- <sup>1</sup> ation, saying,**  
**‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not <sup>1</sup> know my ways.’**  
 Indeed I swore <sup>1</sup> in my anger,  
 ‘They shall never come <sup>1</sup> to my rest.’”

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-11

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* GRADUAL HYMN

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

ELW 811

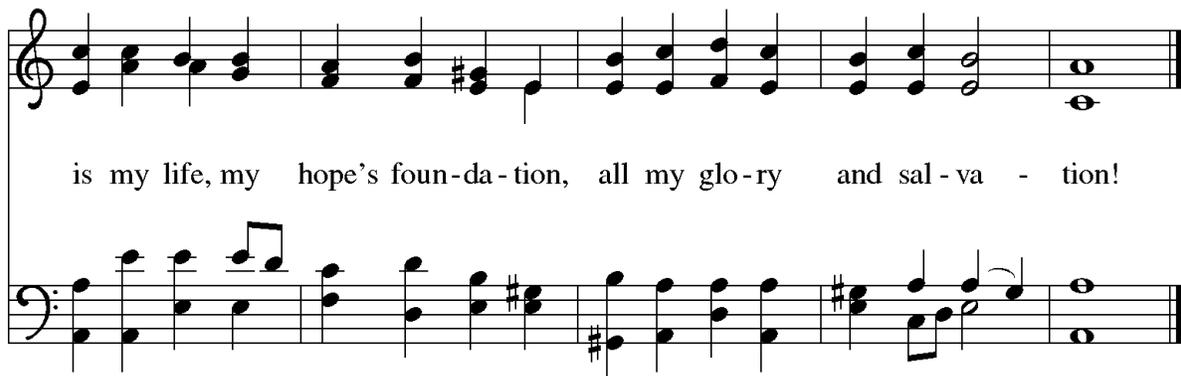
On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



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 KREUZ, Johann B. König, 1691–1758

\* GOSPEL

John 4 in a script based on the *Good News Bible*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Narrator:** Jesus came to a town in Samaria named Sychar, which was not far from the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by the trip, sat down by the well.

It was about noon and his disciples had gone into town to buy food. A Samaritan woman came to draw some water.

**Jesus:** Give me a drink of water.

**Woman:** You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan—how can you ask me for a drink?

**Jesus:** If you only knew what God gives, and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would ask him and he would give you living water.

**Woman:** Sir, you don't have a bucket and the well is deep. Where would you get living water? Our ancestor Jacob gave us this well; he, his sons, and his flocks all drank from it. You don't claim to be greater than Jacob, do you?

**Jesus:** Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but those who drink the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give will become in them a spring which will provide them with living water, and give them eternal life.

**Woman:** Sir, give me this water! Then I will never be thirsty again, nor will I have to come here and draw water.

**Jesus:** Go call your husband, and come back here.

**Woman:** I don't have a husband.

**Jesus:** You are right when you say you don't have a husband. You have been married to five men, and the man you live with now is not really your husband. You have told me the truth.

**Woman:** I see you are a prophet, sir. My Samaritan ancestors worshiped God on this mountain, but you Jews say that Jerusalem is the place where we should worship God.

**Jesus:** Believe me, woman, the time will come when people will not worship the Father either on this mountain or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans do not really know whom you worship; we Jews know whom we worship, because salvation comes from the Jews. But the time is coming, and is already here, when the real worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. These are the worshipers the Father wants to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

**Woman:** I know that the Messiah, called Christ, will come. When he comes he will tell us everything.

**Jesus :** I am he, I who am talking with you.

*The congregation rises.*

**Narrator:** At that moment Jesus' disciples returned; and they were greatly surprised to find him talking with a woman. But none of them said to her, "What do you want?" or asked him, "Why are you talking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar, went back to town, and said to the people there,

**Woman:** Come and see the man who told me everything I have ever done. Could he be the Messiah? **Narrator:** So they left the town and went to Jesus. In the meantime the disciples were begging Jesus:

**Disciples:** Teacher, have something to eat!

**Jesus:** I have food to eat that you know nothing about. My food is to obey the will of him who sent me and finish the work he gave me to do. You have a saying, "Four more months and then the harvest." I tell you, take a good look at the fields; the crops are now ripe and ready to be harvested! The reaper is being paid and gathers the crop for eternal life; so that the planter and the reaper will be glad together. The saying is true, "One plants and another reaps." I have sent you to reap a harvest in a field where you did not work; others worked there, and you profit from their work.

**Narrator:** Many of the Samaritans in that town believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him they begged him to stay with them; and Jesus stayed there two days. Many more believed because of his message, and they told the woman, "We believe now, not because of what you said, but because we ourselves have heard him, and we know that he is really the Savior of the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND SERMON

Pastor Don Larsen

### \* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Living Water"

LA 54



1 Gifts of riv - ers, lakes, and tor - rents, tid - al pools, and  
2 Liv - ing wa - ter, free - ly giv - en— all, who thirst and  
3 How could we re - frain from tell - ing, shout - ing from the



o - cean swells, rains to nur - ture new - born seed - lings,  
ask, re - ceive from the Christ who seeks and finds us  
moun - tain peaks, sing - ing hope with bold con - vic - tion



springs to feed the des - ert wells— none com - pare to  
near our wells of hope and need. Christ— who knows each  
through the by - ways, fields, and streets? We bear wit - ness

liv - ing wa - ter, flow - ing from its  
 life's be - gin - nings, ev - 'ry mo - ment,  
 to Christ's mer - cy, blessed and cher - ished

lav - ish Source, ev - er quench - ing  
 deed, and thought - loves be - yond our  
 as Christ's own. In the stream of

and re - stor - ing on its end - less, joy - ful course.  
 un - der - stand - ing, loves be - yond what creeds have taught.  
 liv - ing wa - ter, all are wel - come, loved, and known!

Text: Jeannette M. Lindholm  
 Music: PLEADING SAVIOR, J. Leavitt's *Christian Lyre*, 1830

#### \*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.*

O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

When the waters run dry, sustain this earth. Send water to places languishing with drought, and bring relief to places damaged by floods. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides or oppresses. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need especially Bobby, Dan, George, Jim, Lynn, Meredith, Naomi, Paul, Roberta, and Susan. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church musicians and musical ensembles. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory. 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

Spirit of God, come dwell within me.  
Open my heart, oh, come, set me free, set me free.  
Fill me with love for Jesus, my Lord,  
come, fill me with living water.

Lord, how I thirst, my Lord, I am weak.  
Lord, come to me, you alone I seek,  
Jesus is living, Jesus is here.  
Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me.

Lord, you are life and hope and love,  
come, fill me with living water, water,  
living water, living water, living water,  
water, living water, water, living water.  
Water, water.

Jesus is living, Jesus is here,  
Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me.  
Stretch out your hand, bring comfort to me,  
come, fill me with living water, water, water

\*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.

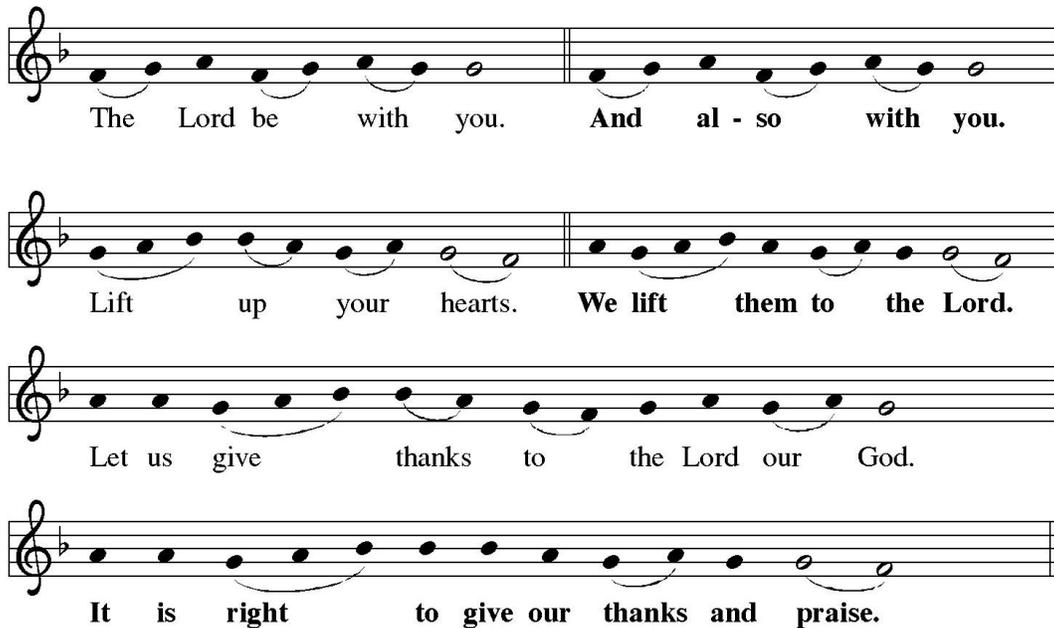
PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND OFFERING

# 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



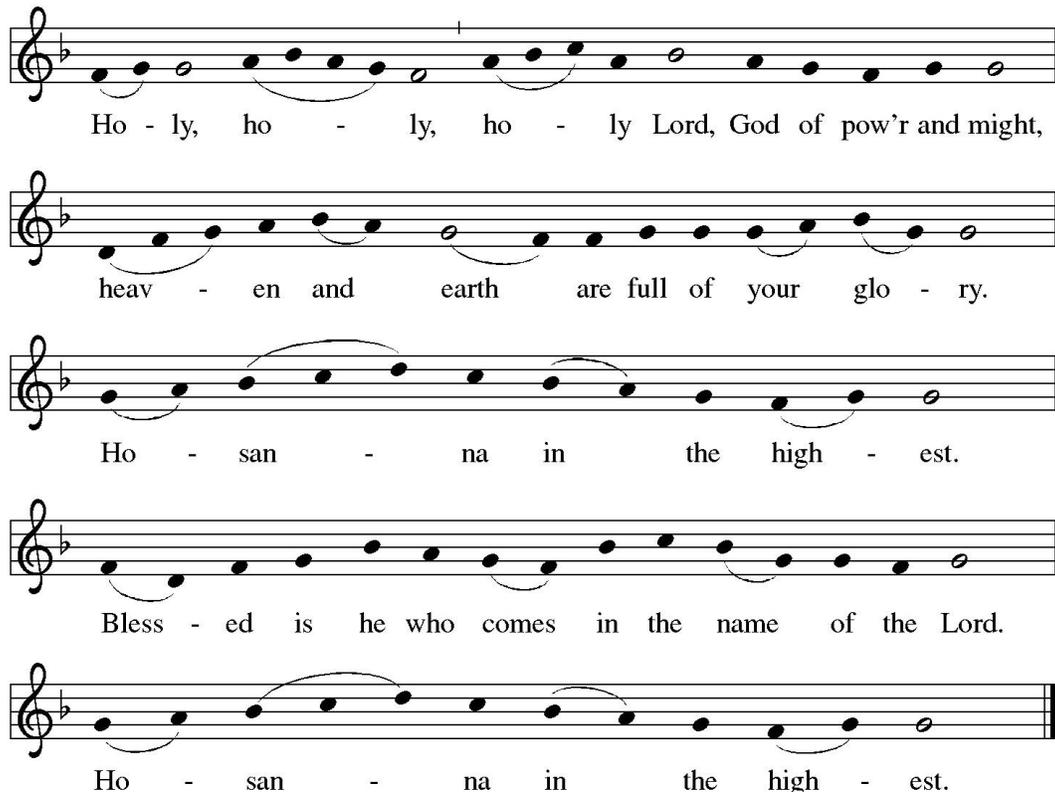
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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:

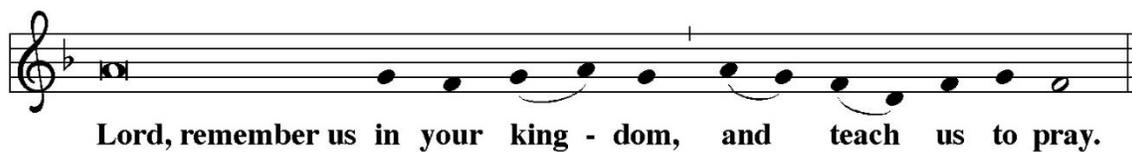


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

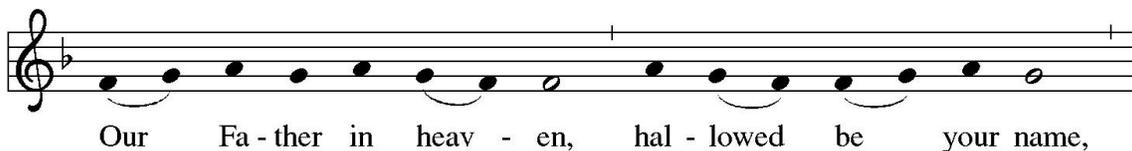
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

*Presiding minister sings:*

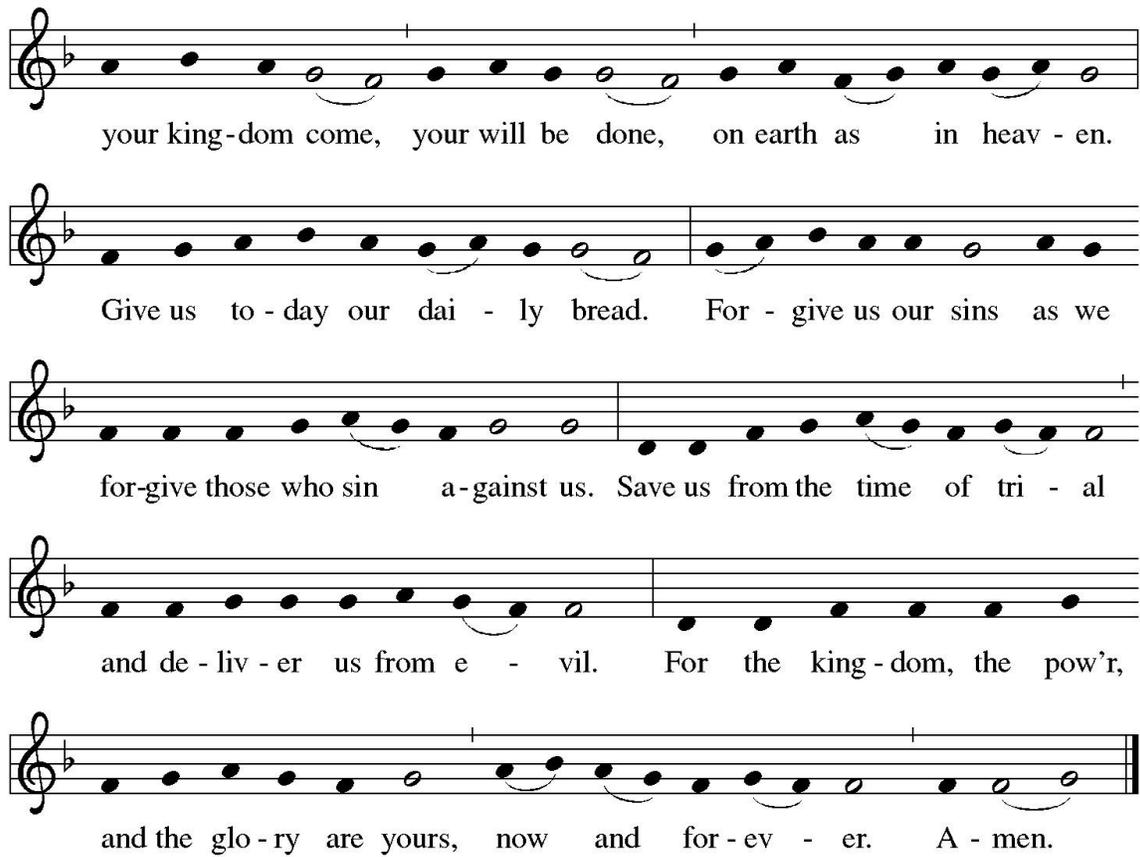


**Lord, remember us in your king - dom, and teach us to pray.**

*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

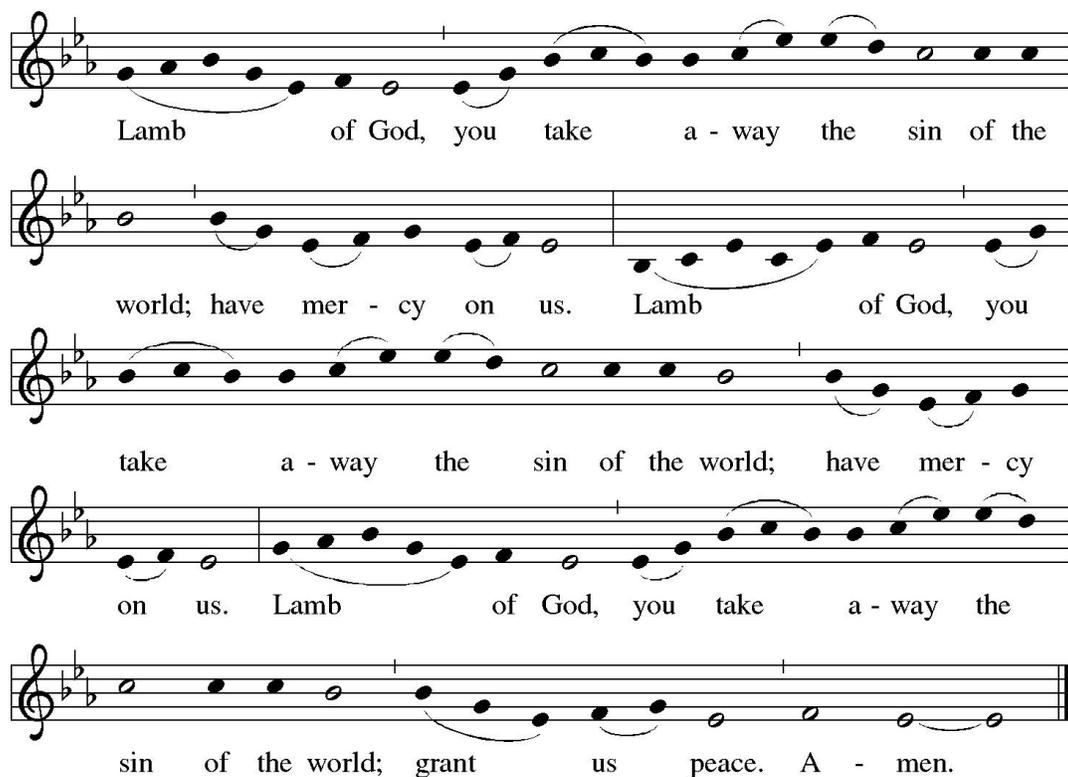
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,

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

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

ELW 623

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;  
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778  
 Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872

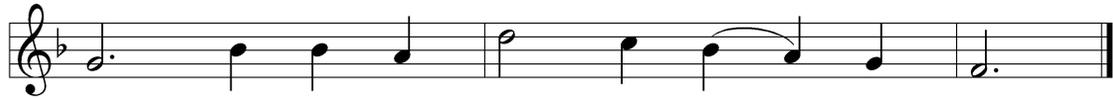
"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

LBW 225

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray that we may  
 2 The chas - tened peace of sin for - giv'n, the fil - ial  
 3 Our trem - bling hearts cleave to thy word. All thou hast  
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, u - nit - ed  
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: oh, keep us



feast on thee to - day; be - neath these forms of bread and  
 joy of heirs of heav'n, grant as we share this won - drous  
 said thou dost af - ford; all that thou art we here re -  
 by our life in thee, thy love pro - claim till thou shalt  
 stead - fast to that day, that each may be thy wel - comed



wine en - rich us with thy grace di - vine.  
 food, thy bod - y bro - ken and thy blood.  
 ceive, and all we are to thee we give.  
 come to bring thy scat - tered loved ones home.  
 guest when thou shalt spread thy heav'n - ly feast.

**\*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

"O Blessed Spring"

ELW 447



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us  
 2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain  
 3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their  
 4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our  
 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to  
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing  
 heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will  
 last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take  
 this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.  
 rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.  
 move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.  
 wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.  
 vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953  
 Music: BERGLUND, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Jesus Paid It All/O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Arranged by Brant Adams  
 Tunes: All to Christ by John T. Grape and  
 Passion Chorale by Hans Leo Hassler  
*Mark Olson, trumpet*

--- ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

at **SAINT PAUL** ---

**ADULT FORUM | A Lenten Look at the Gospel of Matthew**

**The Yoke**

*A person read the scriptures  
to learn how to carry the burdens of life.*

*They underlined many commands  
and tried to keep them all.*

*One day they came to a line  
about a yoke that was easy.*

*After that  
They began reading the pages again —  
this time  
to see who was carrying the other side.*

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 second of three Adult Forum sessions 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](mailto:joshdavis1956@gmail.com) or 617 733 2555.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP IN FEBRUARY | March 15<sup>th</sup> at 4PM**

We get together at *Mighty Squirrel Brewing Company* (411 Waverley Oaks Road in Waltham) at 4:00PM to share good conversation. At some point in the conversation, we will discuss some of the pros and cons of St. Augustine's just war theory.

**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](http://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 | March 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:

- Soy sauce
- Boxed Mac & Cheese
- Coffee
- Oil (esp olive oil)
- Spices (ground ginger, garlic powder, cumin, paprika etc)
- Crackers
- Pasta Sauce
- Laundry Detergent (sheets are great!)
- Dish Soap
- 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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| <b>March 7:</b>  | 5:00-6:00 | Musical Performance                         |
|                  | 6:00      | Community Potluck dinner in Fellowship Hall |
| <b>April 11:</b> | 6:00      | Community Potluck                           |
| <b>May 2:</b>    | 6:00      | Community Potluck                           |

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## THE COMING WEEK and BEYOND AT ST. PAUL

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

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### SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

Be sure to check out Social Ministry Spotlight in the Weekly Update newsletter.

### TIME TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS | Deadline March 15

Announcement from the Altar Guild: Time to order Easter Flowers! Submit a completed order form (there's one on the next page or link to it in the Weekly Update) to Kelli Oliver ([kel.elizabeth.oliver@gmail.com](mailto:kel.elizabeth.oliver@gmail.com)) or place in the offering plate on Sunday and submit your payment via Givelify or check. Last day to submit orders is Sunday, March 15.

## Easter Sunday Flowers 2026

Flowers will be used to decorate the altar area on Easter Sunday and may be taken home following the 10:30am worship service on 4/5.

Please indicate the number of each type of plant you are ordering:

	Quantity:		Cost:
6" <i>Easter Lily</i>	_____	@ \$13.00 each	_____
6" <i>Daffodil</i>	_____	@ \$9.00 each	_____
6" <i>Pink Hyacinth</i>	_____	@ \$9.00 each	_____
6" <i>Purple Hyacinth</i>	_____	@ \$9.00 each	_____
6" <i>Yellow Tulip</i>	_____	@ \$9.00 each	_____
6" <i>White Tulip</i>	_____	@ \$9.00 each	_____
6" <i>Pink Tulip</i>	_____	@ \$9.00 each	_____
6" <i>Purple Tulip</i>	_____	@ \$9.00 each	_____
		<b>Total Order cost: \$</b>	_____

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number or email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of payment:**

- Givelify app* (mark as "Easter flowers")
- Check* (make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church with "Easter Flowers" in the memo)
  - Check is included with with order form.
  - Check will be mailed in to church office.

**Optional:** Dedication to be printed in Easter Sunday bulletin (example: Flowers are given in honor/memory of NAME, beloved parents, grandparents, etc.):

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Order forms **MUST** be submitted directly to Kelli either in person or via email [kel.elizabeth.oliver@gmail.com](mailto:kel.elizabeth.oliver@gmail.com). **Deadline for orders is Sunday, March 15.**



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