

*And a voice came  
“from heaven,  
You are my Son,  
the Beloved;  
with you I am  
well pleased.”*

*Mark 1:11, NRSV*



**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

February 21, 2021

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HANOVER, PA**

Rev. E. Robert Burkhart, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jack R. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus

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## Announcements

### † Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Gracious God,

**Cong.:** have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your gracious Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

**Cong.:** Amen.

**Psalm:** 25:1-10 (*read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>To | you, O LORD,  
I lift | up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be | put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your | ways, O LORD,  
and teach | me your paths. R**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your | truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,  
for they are from | everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your  
good- | ness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners | in your way. R**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the low- | ly in justice  
and teach the low- | ly your way.

<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. R

### \* Greeting

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

**C: And also with you.**

### \* Song

*"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"*

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### \* Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

*Response to the prayer:* **C: Amen.**

**First Reading:**

L: A reading from Genesis 9:8-17  
The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:**

L: A reading from 1 Peter 3:18-22  
The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\* Gospel:**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:9-15

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel concludes:*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Rotation Faith Formation**

*Pastor will dismiss the PreK through 6th grade children for Children's Sunday School.  
Please have children wear their masks. Children will return at the end of the service.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Burkhart

**\* Song**

*"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"*

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**\* Apostles' Creed**

**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 to the dead.\***

**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 the People**

*Each petition ends with these words:*

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Response at the conclusion of the prayers: C: Amen.*

**Offering**

*“Songs of the Cross”*

arr. Mountz

Lori Rebling & Steven Ruppright

Piano and Organ Duet

*(Use this time to reflect on your financial and spiritual offerings to God.)*

\* **Offertory Prayer**

L: Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* **Communion Prayer**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed ...

\* **The 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.**

\* **Invitation to Communion**

*All baptized believers are welcome to commune. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.*

**Continuous Communion Distribution**

*Usher volunteer may be needed.*

*Usher will release one row at a time. Please maintain 6 ft. distance in the aisle. Upon approaching the altar, sanitize your hands. Take a wine cup, refrain from touching other cups. Receive the bread from the Pastor, holding out your open hand, palm up, fingers straight out. The Assistant Minister will pour wine into your cup. Please remain fully masked when receiving your bread and wine. Proceed to the cup disposal area and consume both elements at that location. Place disposable communion cup in the waste container.*

\* **Blessing**

*Response after the blessing: C: Amen.*

\* **Prayer after Communion**

L: Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

\* **Benediction**

*Response: C: Amen.*

\* **Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

*Response: C: Thanks be to God.*

*An usher will dismiss one row at a time, first one side of the sanctuary and then the other side; be patient and follow usher guidance. Wear mask until you leave church property. Do not congregate in the building.*

\* **Postlude**

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\* Stand if you are able

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# Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'er, strong de - liv - 'er,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

# Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

The image shows a musical score for three voices. It consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the treble staves. The first system contains three lines of lyrics. The second system contains two lines of lyrics. The third system contains two lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style.

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543  
public domain

**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!** If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is sponsored to the Glory of God by St. Paul's.

**THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE** are sponsored to the Glory of God in honor of doctors, nurses, and first responders.

**THE BULLETINS** are sponsored to the Glory of God in honor of doctors, nurses, and first responders.

**THE ETERNAL FLAME** is sponsored to the Glory of God in memory of our baby, Amos Daniel Feeser.

**SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:**

- Radio – February 28, March 7, 14, 21 & 28 (\$60 or any portion you desire)
- Flowers – March 28 one vase (\$20 per vase)
- Bread & Wine – March 7, 14, 21 & 28 (\$12)
- Bulletins – February 28, March 7, 14, 21 & 28 (\$20)
- Eternal Flame – March 7, 14, 21 & 28 (\$10)

Please contact Sue ([swineholt@comcast.net](mailto:swineholt@comcast.net) or 717-637-5941) in the church office to reserve your special date.

**THANK YOU!** Faith in Action Committee wants to thank all who donated cans of soup for our "Souper Bowl" collection. We delivered 189 cans to HACC to support their PAL lunch program. All donations were greatly appreciated!

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:** Join us for "*Living Our Baptism*" as we explore the five discipleship promises of Holy Baptism from Philippians. We will meet Monday evenings (Feb. 22 - Mar. 22) at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Please email [stpaulsnurture@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsnurture@gmail.com) or see Russ Kaltreider to register.

Pastor Burkhart is interested in resuming our Monday Evening "**SOMETHING'S BREWING**" BIBLE STUDY of the Acts of the Apostles, '*in-person*' now that vaccines are being distributed. If there is sufficient interest, we will identify a meeting place, other than the church, that will provide meals and beverages, along with a space where we can safely gather while paying attention to continuing safety protocols. If you would be interested in renewing our studies, please contact the church office, and we will begin a registration of those willing to participate. Our hope is to begin again as soon as possible in March.



**MISSING LEARNING AND TALKING ABOUT GOD'S WORD?** Craving more fellowship with your St. Paul's family? Consider joining the Daily Disciples Faith Formation (adult) class! In addition to fellowship with each other, we discuss how to apply the weekly Gospel lesson to our own lives. Although we'd love to see you each week, each week's lesson is self-contained (you can miss weeks and not feel "behind"). If zoom with video is not your "thing", please know you can join without video and stay muted just to listen in! Hope you'll consider joining us! Please check your emails from St. Paul's for the link or call the church office.

**MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES** will be video-taped and shared on St. Paul's website, [www.stpaulsyorkst.org](http://www.stpaulsyorkst.org). This will enable you to worship at a time during the week convenient to you.

**THE BOOK CLUB WILL BE MEETING** on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall to discuss the book "*The Underground Railroad*" by Colson Whitehead. All are welcome to come.

**NEW ADDITIONS TO THE PRAYER LIST:** Isabella, Stephen Haack, Betty Johannesen, Diana, Jeri, Lou Ann

**Please forward all prayer requests directly to the church office at 717-637-5941. Names will then be forwarded to our prayer warriors.**

**STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET:** "*All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.*" – **Psalm 25:10**

God's commandments and Jesus' teachings are not optional for Christians; they are given for the purpose of our growth in Christ. In turn we share Christ's love with our neighbors and steward carefully all of God's good gifts. *Copyright © 2021, Rev. Robert Blezard. Reprinted by permission. Pastor Blezard serves as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, MD, and works as content editor for [www.stewardshipoflife.org](http://www.stewardshipoflife.org). He blogs at [www.thestewardshipguy.com](http://www.thestewardshipguy.com).*

	<b><u>February 21</u></b>	<b><u>February 28</u></b>
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Betty Sheets	Russ Kaltreider
<b>Altar:</b>	Team 2	Team 2
<b>Sound System:</b>	John Markle	Christopher Johnson
<b>Ushers:</b>	Team 5	Team 5
<b>Offering Deposit Team:</b>	Frank Hueske Russ Johnson	Russ Kaltreider Dan Kiser

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday – Thursday – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday – 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

*(Closed 12:00 to 1:00 pm daily for lunch)*

(The church office is open by appointment only. Please call before you come. Only one person, other than staff, is allowed in the office at a time.)

<b>SUN., FEBRUARY 21</b>	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Rotation Faith Formation
	10:30 am	Confirmation Class
	11:00 am	Daily Disciples Zoom Class
<b>MON., FEBRUARY 22</b>	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts
	7:00 pm	Lenten Bible Study on Zoom
<b>WED., FEBRUARY 24</b>	Mid-Week	Lenten Worship
	7:00 pm	Book Club
<b>THURS., FEBRUARY 25</b>	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Cub/Boy Scouts
	7:00 pm	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
<b>SAT., FEBRUARY 27</b>	10:00 am	Grocery Ministry (Council)
<b>SUN., FEBRUARY 28</b>	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Rotation Faith Formation
	10:30 am	Confirmation Class
	11:00 am	Daily Disciples Zoom Class