

Jesus answered them,
“Destroy this temple,
and in three days
I will raise it up.”

John 2:19

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 7, 2021

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HANOVER, PA

Rev. E. Robert Burkhart, Senior Pastor

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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: 19 (*read responsively*)

¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale | to another,
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

³Although they have no | words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends | of the world,
where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of | it again;
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat. R**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. R**

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's | own offenses?
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion | over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable | in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer. 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**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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* **Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray.

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

First Reading:

L: A reading from Exodus 20:1-17
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

L: A reading from I Corinthians 1:18-25
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* **Gospel:**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John 2:13-22

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 Burkhardt

* **Song**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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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

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

arr. Krug

Bell Choir

(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**

* Stand if you are able

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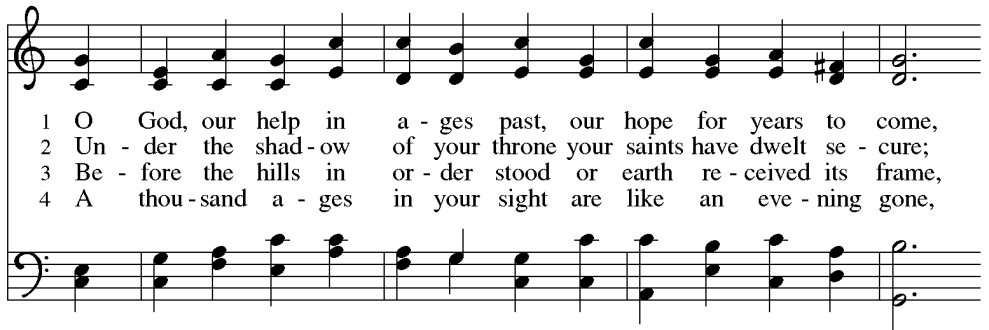
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STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET: *“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. – Exodus 20:17*

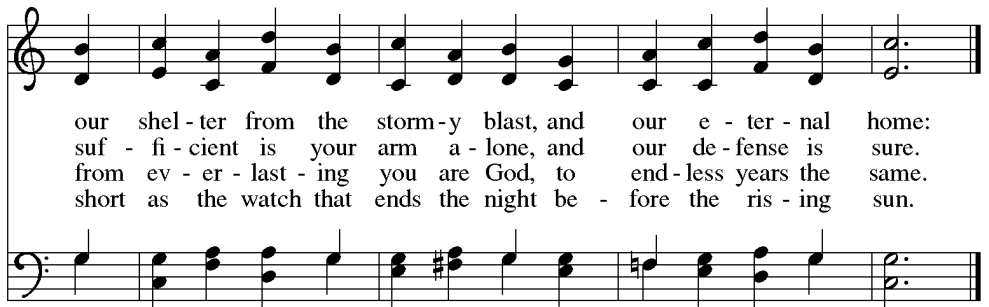
In the last five commandments, God commands what **not** to do, expecting us **to do** the opposite in grateful response to divine abundance. Instead of coveting what others have, we are to cultivate a spirit of generosity that helps us love and serve our neighbors—to go the second mile.

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O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

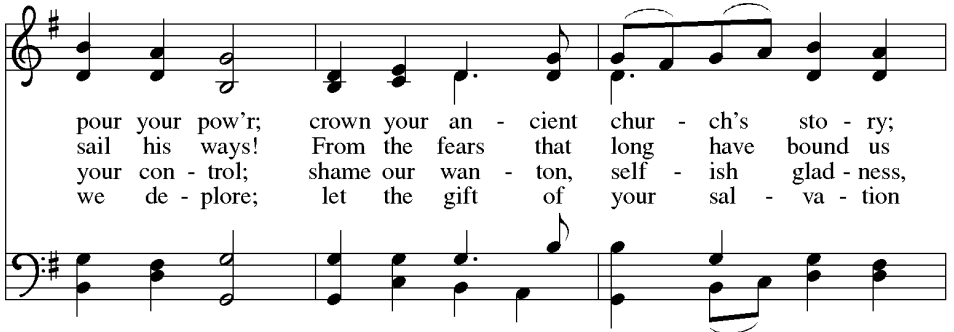
6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

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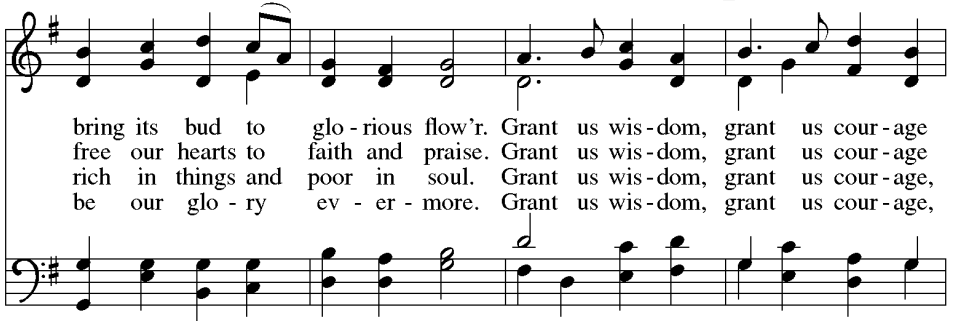
God of Grace and God of Glory



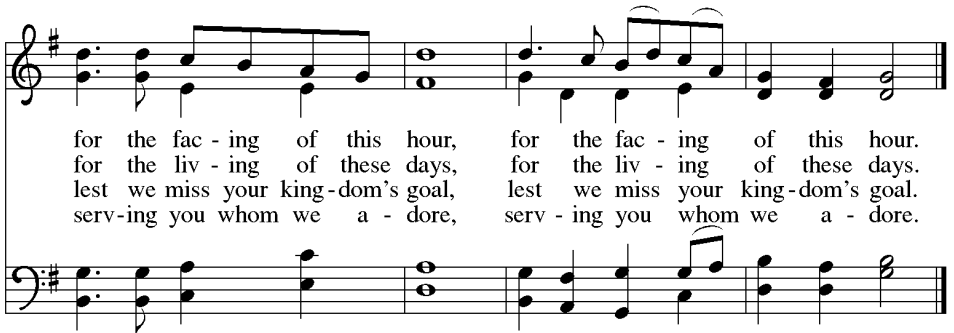
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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 celebration of our wedding anniversary by Charles and Pat McConville.

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THE ETERNAL FLAME is sponsored to the Glory of God in honor of Fran Saur who celebrated her birthday on March 5th.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR MARCH:

- Radio – March 14, 21 & 28 (\$60 or any portion you desire)
- Flowers – March 28 one vase (\$20 per vase)

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

FAITH IN ACTION LENTEN COLLECTION – We will be collecting diapers for Tender Care Pregnancy Center in Hanover now through March 28. They are in need of sizes 4, 5, and 6 ONLY. Donations are greatly appreciated!

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

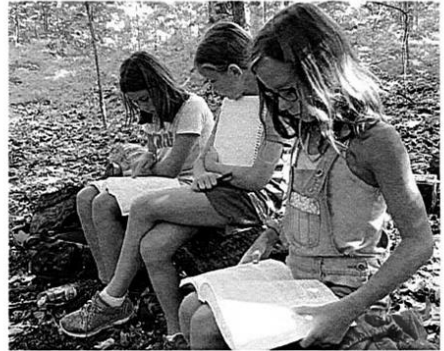
OUR MARCH DESIGNATED GIVING will go to St. Paul Lutheran in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Every dollar you donate will be matched through our Adventures in Ministry fund, thereby doubling your donation. Please give generously. See page 7 of your March Evangel for details of their needs.

GROCERY MINISTRY is growing! We have added New Hope Missions as a partner! Families receive one York County food box, produce, canned and baked goods from New Hope, eggs and produce from St. Paul's every week. Our neighborhood need is also growing. From walking the streets to give it away, we now average 65 -70 families coming weekly to receive food. Last week we provided 82 boxes and 80 doz. eggs and 60 boxes of squash, peppers, cottage cheese, teas, rice tomatoes spinach and spices. More items, more families....means we'd love to have more people join us to pack from 9-9:30ish and distribute from 10-11. You don't need to stay the entire time but are more than welcome! Please consider joining us for a Saturday morning outreach to our community.

WHY CAMP?

A place for Faith Formation and Vocational Discernment

The heart of faith formation is essentially deepening the relationship between us and God, and also between us and our siblings in Christ. Camp is a place where faith formation comes to life! Scripture and living the way Jesus teaches us becomes real. Rather than stories and poems written about and for ancient people, scripture is revealed to us as a story we enter into and are part of!



Lower Susquehanna Synod Bishop James Dunlop, who continues to attend Family Camp with his wife and grandchildren, has often reflected that his time at camp was central in his own vocational discernment, leading him to enter seminary and seek ordination. Deep conversations and time for personal devotion and prayer helped him listen closely to the Holy Spirit – and his experience was not unique!

“Camp is where I first really felt God speaking to me,” is a common refrain we hear from campers year after year – and not just from kids. We hear this from people of all ages, people in public ministry roles, and people who live out their faith in the secular world.

Maybe it’s time we rethink the value of the summer church camp experience. It’s not just a “once and done” opportunity; it’s a valuable and unmatched opportunity for lifelong faith formation and vocational discernment.



**REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP AT
LUTHERANCAMPING.ORG**

**The Lutheran Camping Corporation of
Central Pennsylvania**
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm
LutheranCamping.org

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	<u>March 7</u>	<u>March 14</u>
Assisting Minister:	Frank Hueske	Russ Kaltreider
Sound System:	John Markle	Christopher Johnson
Offering Deposit Team:	Dave Maus	Peg Sennett
	Tom Miller	Jon Shaw
Altar:	Team 3	Team 3
Ushers:	Team 6	Team 6

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.)

SUN., MARCH 7	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
MON., MARCH 8	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts
	7:00 pm	Lenten Bible Study on Zoom
TUES., MARCH 9	9:00 am	Music & Motion
	4:00 pm	Music & Motion
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
WED., MARCH 10	9:00 am	Music & Motion
	5:00 pm	Music & Motion Keyboarding
	7:00 pm	Church Council
	7:00 pm	Mid-Week Lenten Worship
THURS., MARCH 11		Girl Scout Cookie Pickup
	9:00 am	Music & Motion
	4:00 pm	Music & Motion
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Cub/Boy Scouts
	7:00 pm	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
FRI., MARCH 12		PAL Team 1
SAT., MARCH 6	10:00 am	Grocery Ministry (Boy Scouts)
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	9:30 am	Worship Service
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