



JOHN 3:16, NRSV

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 14, 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: 107:1-3, 17-22 (*read responsively*)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good,
for God's mercy en- | dures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the | LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe,**

³gathering them in | from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.

¹⁷**Some were fools and took re- | bellious paths;
through their sins they | were afflicted.**

¹⁸They loathed all man- | ner of food
and drew near | to death's door.

¹⁹**Then in their trouble they cried | to the LORD
and you delivered them from | their distress. R**

²⁰You sent forth your | word and healed them
and rescued them | from the grave.

²¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your | steadfast love
and your wonderful works | for all people.**

²²Let them offer sacrifices | of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with | shouts of joy. 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

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

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* Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

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

First Reading:

L: A reading from Numbers 21:4-9
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

L: A reading from Ephesians 2:1-10

C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel:

P: The Holy Gospel according to John 3:14-21

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

"Lift High the Cross"

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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

"Seed That on Earth Is Dying"

Herresthal/Ellingboe

Senior 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 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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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 in honor of Christopher Johnson's baptismal anniversary on March 18 by Mom, Dad, Lura, and Carly.

THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE are sponsored to the Glory of God in celebration of our wedding anniversary by Charles and Pat McConville.

THE BULLETINS are sponsored to the Glory of God in celebration of our wedding anniversary by Charles and Pat McConville.

THE ETERNAL FLAME is sponsored to the Glory of God and with thanks for those serving on Congregation Council.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR MARCH:

- Radio – March 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.

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET: *“For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.” – Ephesians 2:10*

We have been created to love God and neighbor and to live a life marked by good works and radical generosity. During the season of Lent we are reminded to devote our time and resources to go the second mile for the sake of the good news.

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What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.

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Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain
our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947

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THANK YOU to all of our volunteers who faithfully distribute groceries on Saturday mornings! Our Youth and Families, Boy Scout Troop and Pack 102, Book Club, Congregation Council, and a team of additional volunteers are what makes this ministry possible. (Looking to volunteer? Contact Nancy Smith or Deb Sowers.) We also appreciate our partnerships with Central Penn Food Bank, New Hope Ministries, and Honey Locust Farms! Our ministry is consistently able to bless 65-80+ families in our community every week. Thanks be to God!

OUR GROCERY MINISTRY TEAM thanks members of the congregation for donating egg cartons. We have PLENTY to use now and are no longer in need of them. We'll let you know if the need arises again!

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB IS MEETING on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. We will be discussing Beneath A Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan. This is a story of a young Italian boy who helped Jews escape into Switzerland from Nazi persecution in Italy. It is based on a true story. Join us for a good discussion.

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 Philippians. 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.

| | <u>March 14</u> | <u>March 21</u> |
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| Assisting Minister: | Russ Kaltreider | Betty Sheets |
| Sound System: | Christopher Johnson | John Markle |
| Offering Deposit Team: | Peg Sennett Jon Shaw | Laura Silver Nancy Smith |
| Altar: | Team 3 | Team 3 |
| Ushers: | Team 6 | Team 6 |



IN LIEU OF EASTER FLOWERS St. Paul's will be taking donations to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund since many of you like to honor and memorialize your loved ones. These donations will be recognized in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please return this form to the church office by Sunday, March 28, 2021.

Make checks payable to "St. Paul's Lutheran Church Discretionary Fund".

In Memory of _____

By _____

In Honor of _____

By _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for St. Paul's Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Name: _____

Phone or email: _____

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.)

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| SUN., MARCH 14 | 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 15 | | April Evangel Articles Due |
| | 6:30 pm | Girl Scouts |
| | 7:00 pm | Lenten Bible Study on Zoom |
| TUES., MARCH 16 | 9:00 am | Music & Motion |
| | 4:00 pm | Music & Motion |
| WED., MARCH 17 | 9:00 am | Music & Motion |
| | 5:00 pm | Music & Motion Keyboarding |
| | 7:00 pm | Christian Ed Committee (Zoom) |
| | 7:00 pm | Mid-Week Lenten Worship |
| THURS., MARCH 18 | 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 |
| SAT., MARCH 20 | | Cub Scouts Blue and Gold |
| | 10:00 am | Grocery Ministry (Book Club) |
| SUN., MARCH 21 | 8:30 am | Radio Broadcast |
| | 9:30 am | Worship Service |
| | 9:30 am | Rotation Faith Formation |
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