

The hour has come
for the



to be glorified.

JOHN 12:23, NRSV

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 21, 2021

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HANOVER, PA

“Purpose: We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.”

Rev. E. Robert Burkhart, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jack R. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus

Steven Ruppright, Director of Music Ministries

Lori Rebling, Hand Bell Director

Gretchen Walter, Director of Children's Music

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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: 51:1-12 (*read responsively*)

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

³For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak
and right | in your judgment. R**

⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

⁸**Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice. R**

⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit. 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

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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*** Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray.

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

First Reading:

L: A reading from Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

L: A reading from Hebrews 5:5-10

C: Thanks be to God.

*** Gospel:**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John 12:20-33

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**

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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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

“Seek The Lord”

Children’s 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.

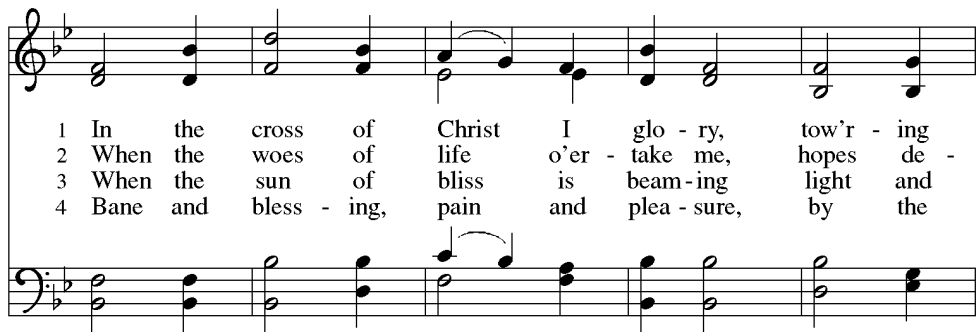
* **Postlude**

* Stand if you are able

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In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872
Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867
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My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887
Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872
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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 Lura and Carly Johnson's 17th birthday on March 25 by Mom, Dad, and Christopher.

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 in honor of the COVID Taskforce.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE:

- Radio – March 28 and April 11 (\$60 or any portion you desire)
- Flowers – March 28, April 4 & 11 one vase each, April 25 two vases (\$20 per vase)
- Communion Bread & Wine – April 11 & 25 (\$12)
- Bulletin – April 11 & 25 (\$20)
- Eternal Flame – April 4, 11 & 25

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

IN LIEU OF EASTER FLOWERS St. Paul's will be taking donations to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. These donations will be recognized in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Forms are available on the counter by the pulpit entrance. Please return forms to the church office by Sunday, March 28, 2021.

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!

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET: *"Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."* – **John 12:24**

In this week's gospel Jesus speaks about his coming death and outlines what it means to truly follow him. Like Jesus, we are called to go the second mile, to put aside self-interest for the sake of the gospel and serve God and neighbor willingly.

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NEW ADDITIONS TO THE PRAYER LIST: Jul, Kathleen

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

THANK YOU to all 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!

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 need 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.

	March 21	March 28
Assisting Minister:	Betty Sheets	Russ Kaltreider
Sound System:	John Markle	John Markle
Offering Deposit Team:	Laura Silver Nancy Smith	Frank Hueske ?
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.)

The office will be closed Friday, March 26, 2021.

SUN., MARCH 21	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 22	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts
	7:00 pm	Lenten Bible Study on Zoom
TUES., MARCH 23	9:00 am	Music & Motion
	4:00 pm	Music & Motion
WED., MARCH 24	9:00 am	Music & Motion
	5:00 pm	Music & Motion Keyboarding
	7:00 pm	Book Club
	7:00 pm	Mid-Week Lenten Worship (on-line)
THURS., MARCH 25	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 26		Church Office Closed
SAT., MARCH 27	10:00 am	Grocery Ministry (Council)
SUN., MARCH 28		Palm Sunday
	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