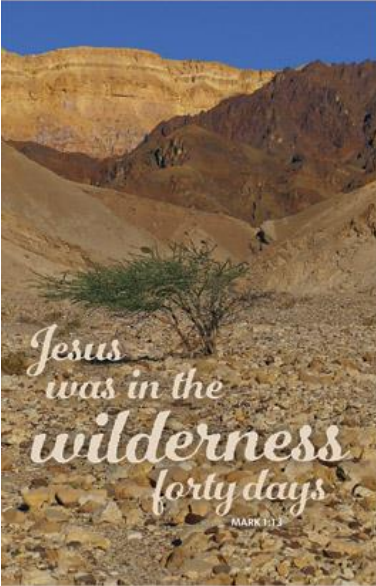


**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
127 YORK STREET, HANOVER, PA**



**1ST SUNDAY
OF LENT
Camp Sunday
February 18, 2024**

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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.

Our Purpose:

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

Guiding Principles:

As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:

- Generously** stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
- Serving** as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
- Providing** for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
- Growing in Faith** through worship, study, and discernment
- Praising** God through music, word, and service
- Welcoming** all people into fellowship with God

For the Season of Lent we are using liturgies from the ELW– Setting V.

All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.

Worship texts are from “The Seeds of Joy” Lent 2024

P: Pastor

L: Lay Reader

A: Assisting Minister

C: Congregation responses are in bold

*Stand as you are able

If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
+ 1st Sunday of Lent +
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INTRODUCTION

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call To Confession

P People of God,
the Merciful One already knows everything we confess. By naming our sins and hearing words of forgiveness, we are drawn deeper into relationship with God and one another. Let's bring before God what we have done wrong and what we've failed to do, trusting that we will receive the joy of being forgiven.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Prayer of Confession

P God of abundant goodness,

C **we have hurt those we love, those far from us, ourselves, and your creation by what we do and by what we neglect. We cling to disappointments, judgments, and failures and refuse to enjoy what you give. We are too content when injustice, violence, and hardship plague our neighbors. We ignore the gift of your presence in times both tragic and triumphant. Forgive us for what we have done and for what we have failed to do. Pour out on us the joy of your presence and heal what we have harmed.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

P Friends, receive these joyful words: You are entirely and completely forgiven for all of your sins. You are entirely and completely welcomed as God's beloved child. You are released to live out God's love in a world that needs such joy.

C **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

Jesus, Still Lead On

Hymn 624

1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long-felt grief, when temp-ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n-ly lead - er,

way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,

guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

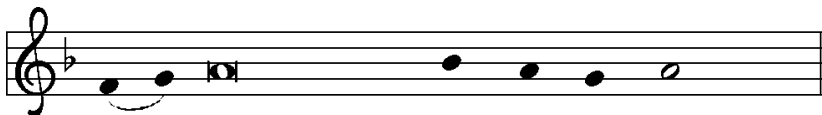
***GREETING**

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.**

***KYRIE**

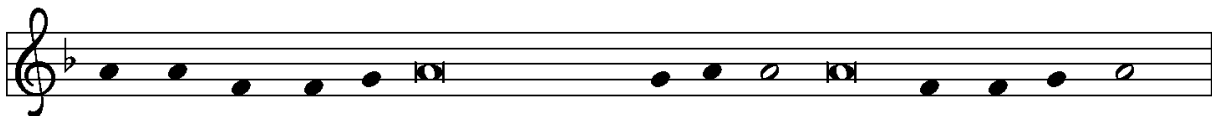
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



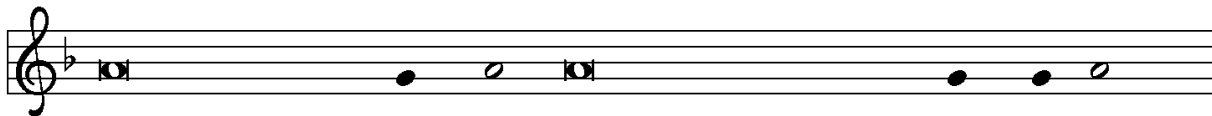
Lord, have mer - cy.



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**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Mighty One, your love for all creation endures every flood. Accompany us with vivid, persistent hope. Refract your love into a thousand wavelengths, bright and varied, more tenacious than the storm.

Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

L ⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 25-1-10

read responsively

A ¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C ²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

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

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

L ¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Return to the Lord



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

*GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

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

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

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Mike Youse, Lutheran Camping Corporation



***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

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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.

***APOSTLES' CREED**

A Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C **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**

A God of mercy and grace, you are present. You are within each person here and you are among us as your gathered people. Trusting in your presence, your promises, and your joy, even when we cannot perceive them, we bring to you our gratitude for all you have done, and the burdens that weigh on our hearts. We pray for creation.

Thank you for its beauty and bounty and for the ways it reminds us of your presence. Guide the work of those who advocate for the wellness of your wondrous creation, and help us to better tend and keep it. We pray for all habitats, creatures, and peoples harmed by natural disasters.

God of unending joy,

C **answer us.**

We pray for the nations and their leaders.

Thank you for cooperation among world leaders and for the ways people work together for the wellbeing of everyone.

We pray for places that know violence, famine, and economic hardship. Pour out your spirit of wisdom on all who govern, that they will care for the most vulnerable and work for the good of those they vowed to serve.

God of unending joy,

answer us.

We pray for peace throughout the earth.

Thank you for the gift of peace. We pray that you send peace with power into our world, our neighborhoods, our hearts, and our homes. Bring an end to gun violence. Stop cycles of domestic abuse. Give peace to every nation.

God of unending joy,

answer us.

We pray for those who are vulnerable.

Thank you for giving us gifts to share with others. Bring justice to anyone who has been used or abused. Feed those who are hungry for food or for companionship. House those who need shelter. Protect those who live in fear. Work through our hands and hearts to provide for them.

God of unending joy,

answer us.

We pray for the church.

Thank you for the goodness we know when we gather as your people, for the gifts of community, shared ministry, and the chance to pray for and with one another. We thank you for the work of the church around the world and for the ways in which the church is at work close to home. Renew us in the promises of baptism and draw us into closer relationships with other people of faith.

God of unending joy,

answer us.

We pray for healing and wholeness.

Thank you for gifts of healing and recovery. We pray for all those known to us in need of healing and wholeness...

God of unending joy,

answer us.

God of abundant life, you bring a quiet, constant joy to our most trying times.

Remind us of your goodness in grief and your presence in pain.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.
The assembly is seated.*

THE MEAL

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Be Still and Know
Adult and Youth Choirs

Johnson

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

There are a number of ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates in front of the pews or to give online at <https://stpaulsvorkst.org/give>. If you prefer not to give online, you may of course mail a check to St. Paul's. If you are not able to give monetarily during this time, know that your prayers and praise are a pleasing offering to God. If you are able to give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to.

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P God is with you.

C **And also with you.**

Rejoice with full hearts.

We offer them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God, there is no time, no place where you are not present, and there is no time, no place where we should not practice the joy of praising you: even here, even now, in our ordinary lives. As we give thanks, we join the choir of our ancestors and our heirs and all God's angels as they time their breath to the rhythm of joy and sing of heaven despite the world.

SANCTUS ELW 162



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.

P God, our ancestors knew the long road toward joy. Noah saw your rainbow after a devastating flood. Sarah and Abraham found hope for their future in a covenant promise. Moses cradled your law in his arms and the Israelites found wilderness life where they should have died. The prophets read your

faithfulness traced indelibly on their hearts. Your love sent us Jesus and his persistent, irrational joy: dripping with the Jordan's baptismal flood, teaching in the crowd's beating heart, tossing the tables of empire and profit, falling like a seed into warm dark soil as he offered his life for us all.

On the last night of his life, as evening fell, Jesus sat down to dinner with his friends. He took the bread, gave thanks, broke it, and passed it around the table for everyone to eat, saying, This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

When the meal had ended, the shadows closing in, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and invited everyone 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.

In the heart of fear and pain, God plants the seed of our joy:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Send your Spirit upon this bread and cup, Christ's body and blood, the food that gives us the strength to persist until joy appears. Send your Spirit upon us and fortify us to be your body, too, a wellspring of hope for a world in need.

All glory, power, and honor are yours, God of brilliant resurrection and quiet joy, today and every day.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

C 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**

P Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

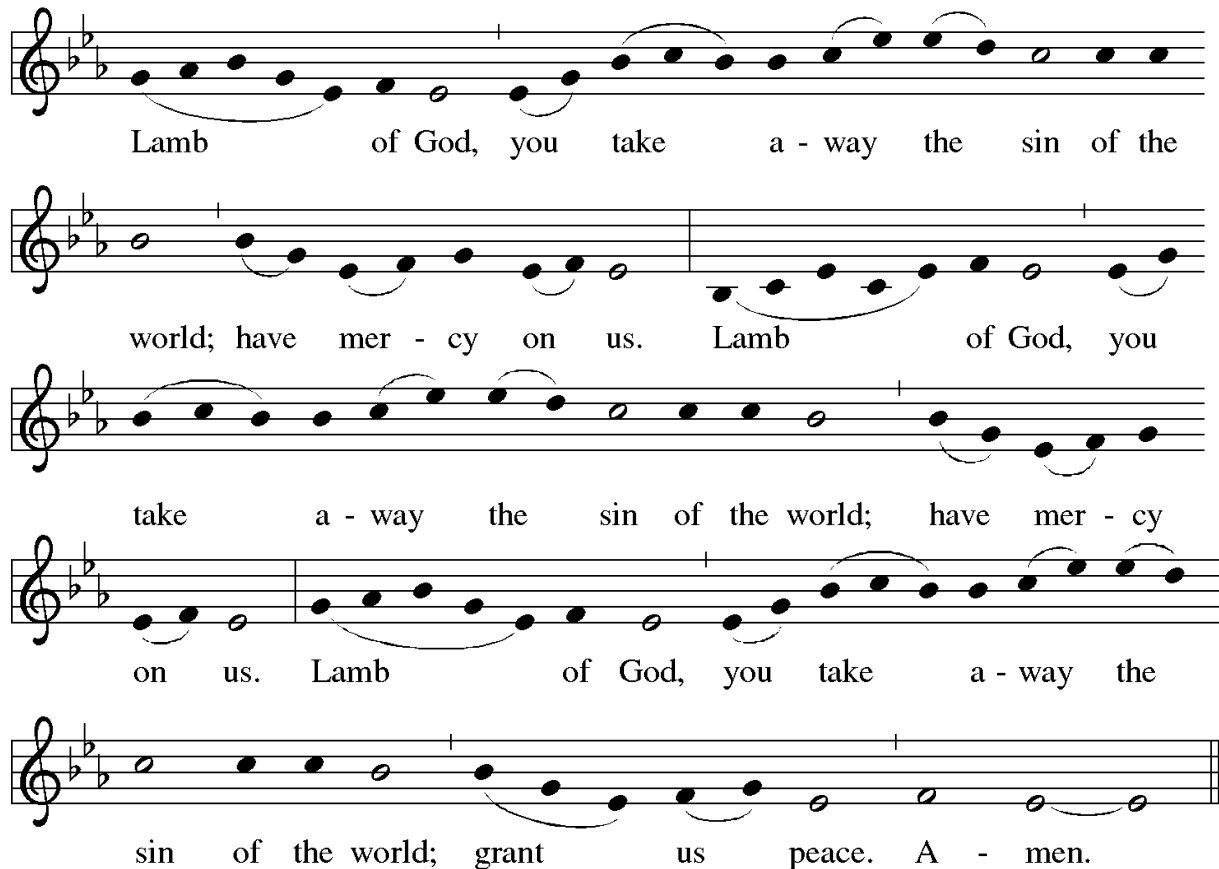
All are welcome to commune

If you wish to receive communion from your seat, please let an usher know.

Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.

***AGNUS DEI**

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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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Old Rugged Cross

Heritage Choir



Amazing Love

Kendrick

♩ = 132

VERSE

A/D D Em A^{SUS}

1. My Lord, _____ what love is this, _____ that pays _____
 (2. And) so _____ they watched Him die, _____ de - spised, _____
 (3. And) now _____ this love of Christ _____ shall flow _____

6 A D^{SUS} D A/D D

— so dear - ly, _____ that I, _____ the
 — re - ject - ed; _____ But oh, _____ the
 — like riv - ers; _____ Come wash _____ your

11 Em G A D

guilt - y one, _____ may go free? _____ A -
 blood He shed _____ flowed for me! _____
 guilt a - way, _____ live a - gain! _____

CHORUS

17 Am⁷ Am/G D F

-maz - ing love, _____ O, what sac - ri - fice, _____ the Son of God _____

22 A Am⁷ Am/G

— giv'n for me. _____ My debt He pays, _____ and my

27 D Am⁷ D

death He dies, _____ that I _____ might live, _____

32 Am⁷ 1, 2. G D G/D D

that I might live.

38 A/D 3. Am⁹ D

2. And might live, that
3. And

42 Am⁷ G D

I might live.

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

***BLESSING**

P Go with blessing.

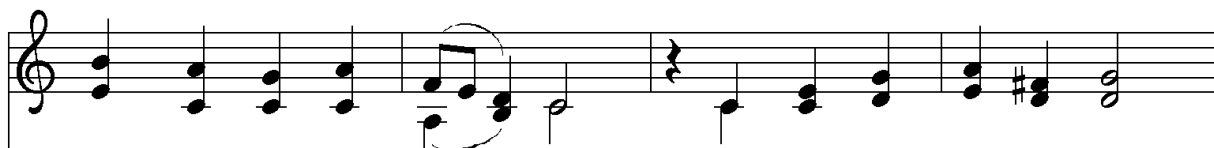
The One who wove joy throughout the whole cosmos weaves joy within your own heart. The One who experienced all our human joys and sorrows travels right beside you. The One who whispers joy to our hearts is present within you. You are blessed in the name of God, Holy Three in One. Amen.



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

***DISMISSAL**

A Practice joy. As you leave this place, go with the joy that persists in every storm.

C **We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks be to God.**

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	<u>February 18</u>	<u>February 25</u>
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Acolyte:	Jocelyn Fissel	Matthew Kaltreider
Cantor:	Gretchen Walter	Gretchen Walter
Lay Reader:	Ginny Murray	Jon Shaw
Communion Distributors	Glenn Alwine	Josh Baringer
	Dan Fuhrman	Stephanie Baringer
Ushers:	Wayne & Suzanne Butler	Wayne & Suzanne Butler
Altar:	Amy Feeser	Amy Feeser
	Suzanne Butler	Suzanne Butler

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Radio–Feb. 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

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Worship Bulletins- Feb. 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame- March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 (\$10 each date)

THE ETERNAL FLAME is sponsored to the glory of God.

TODAY’S OFFERTORY ANTHEM, *Be Still and Know*, is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Norman Saur by his wife, Fran.

TODAY IS CAMP SUNDAY. We welcome Mike Youse from the Lutheran Camping Corporation as our guest speaker.

FEBRUARY SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING – St. Paul’s Camperships

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

BEGINNING TODAY - WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHRISTIAN IN THE LUTHERAN TRADITION? Who *do* we say that we are? All are invited to come explore the unique vision of the Lutheran faith as a way of worshiping and living. Taught by Pastor Katrina on the five Sundays of Lent at 10:45 a.m., **in Fellowship Hall**. Each session will be one hour.

SOMETHING’S BREWING BIBLE STUDY will continue to follow Max Lucado as he delves into the Gospel of John. **Join us in the Lounge, Mon. evenings at 7:00pm.**

“THE SEEDS OF JOY” LENTEN DEVOTIONAL-If you haven't picked one up yet, be sure to get your copy. They are located right beside the baskets that hold the bulletins and they can also be found on our website at <https://stpaulsyorkst.org/lenten-devotional> There are devotion activities available for FAMILIES as well outside the sanctuary door. They are 40 days of Lenten discussions/activities designed for families, but CAN be used by all.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY-- WE DID IT!! The Faith in Action Committee would like to thank all who helped us surpass last years numbers in our Souper Bowl Collection. We collected 390 cans of soup for the Saturday Grocery Ministry to give out as needed. Your care and concern for others in the community was tremendous. God bless you all for your concern for others.

LENTEN MIDWEEK DINNER CHURCH: We will be having “dinner church” in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday nights, Feb. 21 through March 20. Join us at 5:45 with a dinner prayer at 6:00 pm as we share a meal. Casual worship will begin at 6:30 pm led by Pastor Katrina Holland with music by Steven Ruppright. ***“The Seed of Joy” is our theme for this Lenten season.*** Please sign up on the bulletin board by Pastor's office, on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or click the link below to sign up for individual dates. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040544AFA823A2FB6-47210418-lenten>

NEXT SATURDAY-PLEASE JOIN US! – Pastor Katrina will lead a Retreat for **everyone** here at St. Paul's next **Saturday, February 24th from 11 am – 2:30 pm** (Lunch will be provided) in Fellowship Hall. This will be for all Council and Committee members and **anyone else** that would like to attend. Please join us as we continue our journey preparing for St. Paul's future!

GATHERING MEETING (participants only) will be held next Sunday in the Youth Room. Join us for worship at 9:30. Meeting will be afterward. Bring your notebook and \$5 for lunch. We'll be finished by 12:30.

YOUTH AND FAMILY will meet next Sunday following worship! We'll start together in the Youth Room before splitting into fellowship groups. We'll be finished before noon.

GET READY, GET SET, REGISTER FOR CAMP! Council has approved camperships for any St. Paul's members and any person(s) sponsored by a member for this summer at any Lutheran Camping Corporation Camp! Registration for summer camp is now open for Nawakwa, Kirkenwald, Wittel Farm and Mar-Lu-Ridge. Check out the summer schedules here: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/> and <https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/> For more information see Laura Silver our CampPerson.

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE DEADLINE TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS. Order forms are located beside the Worship Bulletin baskets in the sanctuary.

SAVE THE DATE! - The Westminster Ringers will present a Handbell Concert at St. Paul's on March 10th at 4:00 pm.

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS FOR ALL THE LADIES AT ST. PAUL'S. Hanover First Church of God is holding their Women's Conference on March 15 & 16, 2024. Registration cost is \$55.00 for the two-day conference. Friday night is from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm with snacks and beverage provided. Saturday is from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm with a small breakfast, lunch and beverages provided. We need to be registered and pre-paid by **today, February 18, 2024**. You may register yourself at <https://www.hanoverbeacon.org/events>. Make check payable to Hanover First Church of God and put Women's Conference in the memo line.

Sally Lovelace will register anyone who does not want to register themselves. Please provide Sally with your name, address, email (if you have one) and phone number. You can reach Sally at salgeorge@centurylink.net or 717-479-0084.

A NEW MESSAGING SYSTEM IS READY! – PHONEVITE - If you did NOT get your phone message on Tuesday, Feb. 6th, at 2 pm, please call Carmen to update or add your correct phone number/s **BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH**.

We will send a **second test message** out to make sure we've captured any changes/edits/adds on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH @ 2 PM**.

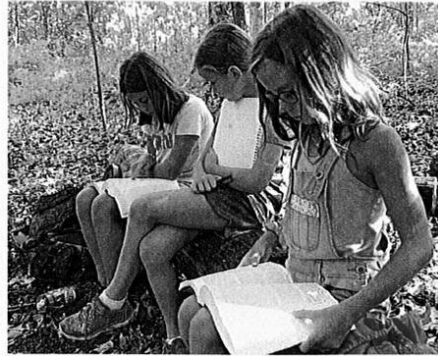
LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD 2024 ASSEMBLY - The business sessions of the thirty-seventh Annual Assembly of the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, gathering under the theme "For the Healing of the Nations: Christ's Healing in a Broken World," will be held the evening of Friday, May 31, 2024, by Zoom, and Saturday, June 1, 2024, in person at St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church, 839 W Market St, York, PA 17401 Our Day of Edification (or learning) will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024, by Zoom. Please read the official Call to Assembly notification for more details and located here: <https://www.lss-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/Official-Notification-Call-to-2024-Assembly-11-30-2023.pdf>. All congregations in our synod send representation to conduct the synod business, learn, network, have fellowship and worship together. Are YOU being called to represent St. Paul's this year? Please prayerfully consider this opportunity and notify a member of the Executive Committee if you are interested or have questions!

SISTERS IN FAITH...mark your calendars! Our annual retreat will be at Mar-Lu-Ridge on October 11-13.

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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SUN., FEB. 18	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 1 st Sunday in Lent
	Immediately following	Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall
	10:30 am	Faith Formation – Gathering room (2 nd floor)
	10:45 am	Lutheran 101 class in Fellowship Hall
MON., FEB. 19	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Groups – 2 nd Floor
	7:00 pm	Something’s Brewing Bible Study – Lounge
WED., FEB. 21	5:45 pm	doors open for Mid-Week Lenten Dinner
	6:30 pm	Mid-Week Lenten Worship-all in Fellowship Hall
THUR., FEB. 22	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir rehearsal–sanctuary balcony
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Pack 102–2 nd Floor
	6:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 102–Youth Room & gym
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir rehearsal–sanctuary
FRI., FEB. 23	3:30 pm	Grocery Ministry prep
SAT., FEB. 24	9:00 am	Men in Mission breakfast at Perkins
	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry (St. Paul’s Council)
	11:00 am	Retreat lead by Pastor Katrina in Fellowship Hall Everyone is welcome and lunch is provided
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Service
SUN., FEB. 25	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 1 st Sunday in Lent
	Immediately following	Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall
	10:30 am	Youth and Family – Youth Room (lower level)
	10:45 am	Lutheran 101 class in Fellowship Hall