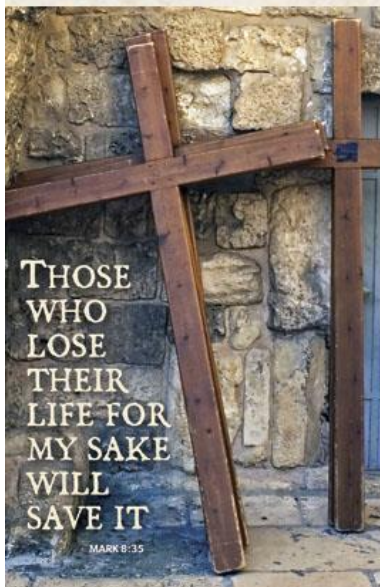


**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
127 YORK STREET, HANOVER, PA**



**2ND SUNDAY
OF LENT
February 25, 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
+ 2nd Sunday of Lent +**

February 25, 2024

INTRODUCTION

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

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

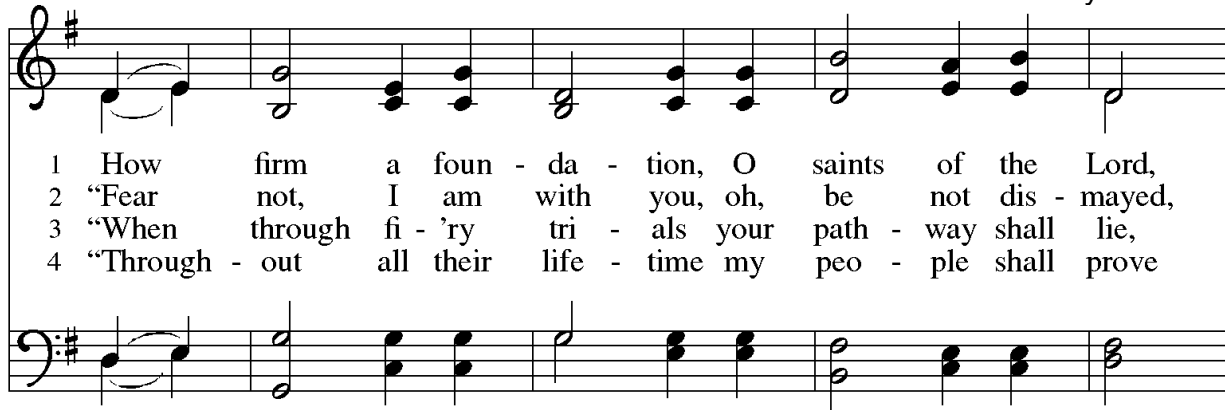
P Friends, receive these joyful words: You are entirely and completely forgiven for all of your sins. You are entirely and completely welcomed as God's beloved child. You are released to live out God's love in a world that needs such joy.

C **Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

How Firm a Foundation

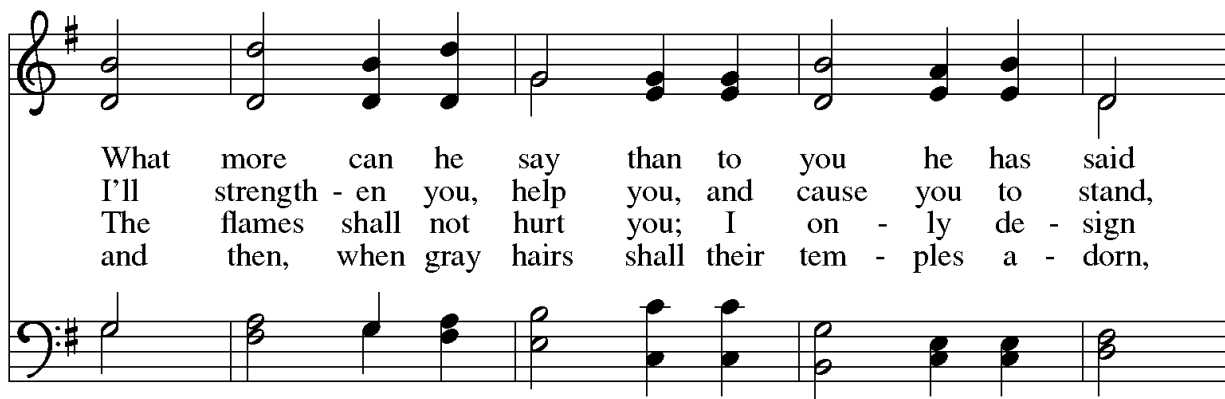
Hymn 796



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

***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**

ELW pg. 156-157

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.



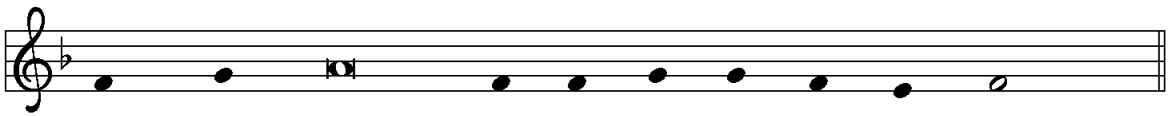
For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise,



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.**

Timeless God, you promise a joy-filled future against all reason. Reach us with that expectant joy, even here and now. As we follow Jesus to the cross through an unsettled present, help us rejoice that we *will* rejoice.

Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.

L ¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 22:23-31

read responsively

A ²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

C ²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.

L ¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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 8:31-38

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark 8:31-38

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

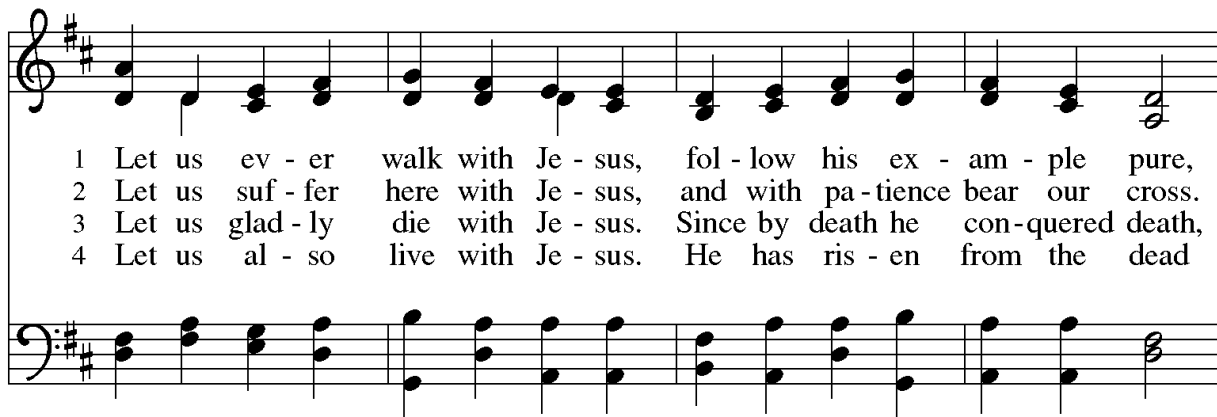
³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

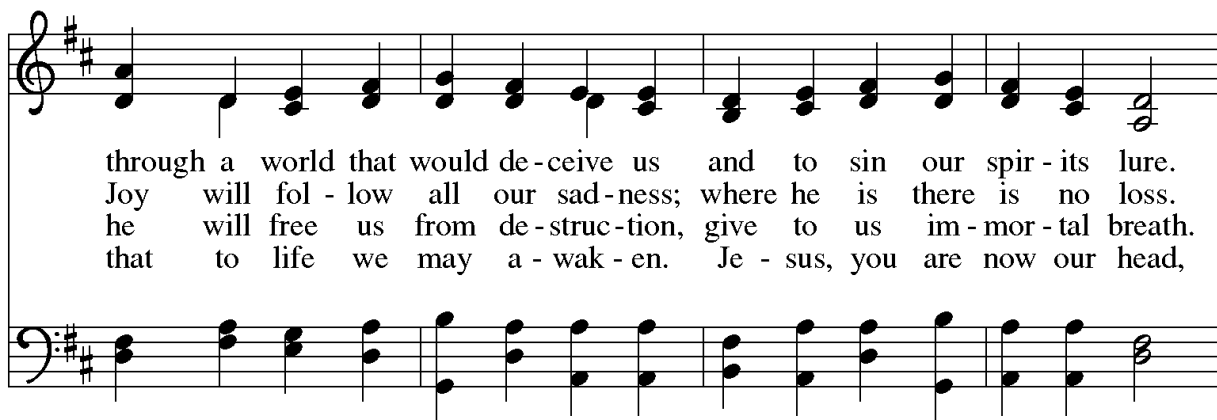
CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Katrina Holland



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be

full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.

Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

***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

Bind Us Together

Lori Rebling, pianist

Gretchen Walter, soprano, Diana Leppo, alto

(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://stpaulsyorkst.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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P God of mercy and grace,

you give us so much: our days, our loved ones, our passions and talents, the food we eat, the homes we know, a place to worship.

God, you pour out an abundance of goodness. Receive the gifts we offer back to you today. Bless them and bless us, that we will give generously, love boldly, and share widely, our offering reflecting your joyful gift.

C **Amen.**

*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

ELW 164

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

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
- 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
- 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
- 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

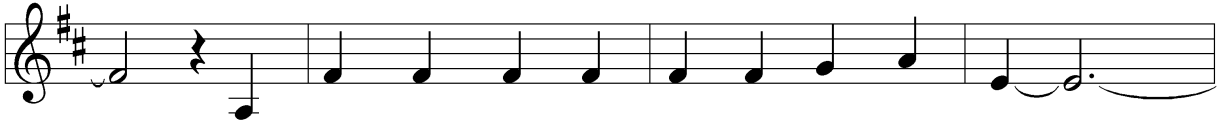


grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.

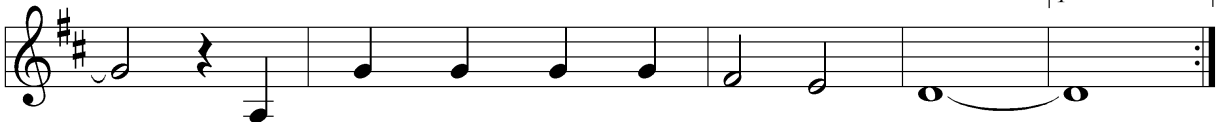


Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;
Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;
It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,

Last time to coda ⊕



where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;
where there is dark - ness, on - ly light;
in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -



and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.



3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so



much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be



un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be



loved as to love with all my soul.

⊕ *Coda*



ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

***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.



***SENDING HYMN**

Faith of Our Fathers

Hymn 812

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

Refrain

when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.

ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.

***DISMISSAL**

A Practice joy.

As you leave this place, go with the joy that looks forward with hope.

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

 * Stand if you are able

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THE ETERNAL FLAME is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Dave Shue on the anniversary of his passing on February 28 by Sue Shue and the family.

FEBRUARY SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING – St. Paul’s Camperships

MARCH SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING – St. Paul’s Family Crisis Fund

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

CONTINUING 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 worshipping 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.

GATHERING MEETING (participants only) will be held today 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 today following worship! We’ll start together in the Youth Room before splitting into fellowship groups. We’ll be finished before noon.

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.**

RUTH'S HARVEST - The Faith In Action Committee is supporting Ruth's Harvest as a Lenten project. The drive will run from **Sunday, February 18 through Sunday March 31, 2024**. We will collect donations of **single-serve** fruit cups, single-serve vegetables, single-serve entrees, single-serve cereals, single-serve snacks, and single-serve drinks. This program is run by the Hanover Area Council of Churches and supplies weekend meals for qualified students from the elementary schools of Hanover. Every week the volunteers of Ruth's Harvest pack bags of nutritious food for students to take home on Fridays. Studies have proven that adequate meals improve overall school performance. This is away to help the children of Hanover. All donations will be taken to the drop off place at HACC. Please be generous in this important program. As always thank you for being so caring and loving towards your neighbors.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS. Order forms are located beside the Worship Bulletin baskets in the sanctuary.

“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.

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB will be meeting on Wednesday February 28, 2024 at 12:30 in the Lounge. Bring a brown bag lunch for the meeting. We will be discussing **The Lemon Tree** by Sandy Nolan All readers are welcomed to attend for good discussion and fellowship. All meetings will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the lounge at 12:30pm. Bring a brown bag lunch. Any changes will be put into the bulletin or future Evangels. Hope to see you at any of our meetings.

LENTEN MIDWEEK DINNER CHURCH: We will be having “dinner church” in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday nights through March 20. Door open 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>

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!

COMIN SOON! - The Westminster Ringers will present a Handbell Concert here at St. Paul's on March 10th at 4:00 pm. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

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.

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

SUN., FEB. 25	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service –2 nd Sunday in Lent
	Immediately following	Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall
	10:30 am	Youth and Family – Youth Room (lower level)
	10:30 am	Gathering Meeting (participants only) Youth Room
	10:45 am	Lutheran 101 class in Fellowship Hall
MON., FEB. 26	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Groups – 2 nd Floor
	7:00 pm	Something’s Brewing Bible Study – Lounge
WED., FEB. 28		CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED
	5:45 pm	doors open for Mid-Week Lenten Dinner
	6:30 pm	Mid-Week Lenten Worship-all in Fellowship Hall
THUR., FEB. 29		CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED
	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., MARCH 1		CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED
	3:30 pm	Grocery Ministry prep
SAT., MARCH 2	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry (volunteers needed)
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Service
SUN., MARCH 3	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 3 rd Sunday in Lent
	Immediately following	Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall
	10:30 am	Faith Formation – 2 nd floor
	10:45 am	Lutheran 101 class in Fellowship Hall