

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

I have come looking for fruit

LUKE 13:7



**3RD SUNDAY
IN LENT
March 23, 2025**

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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

Important Worship Notes

All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.

Children's activity bags and children's bulletins are located on the podium in the hallway on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. Children's activity bags are also located on the coat rack behind the door of the choir loft side of the sanctuary.

P: Pastor

C: Congregation

L: Lay Reader

A: Assisting Minister

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.

+ 3rd Sunday in Lent +

March 23, 2025

INTRODUCTION

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ☩ Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.

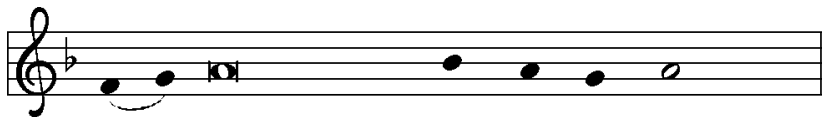


Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

***GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

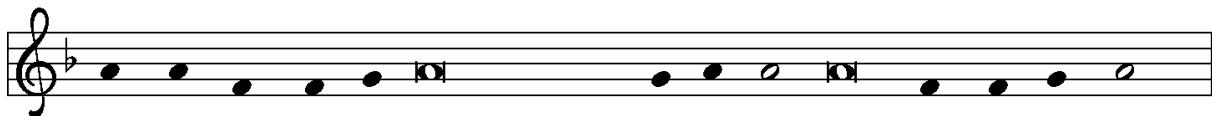
C **And also with you.**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



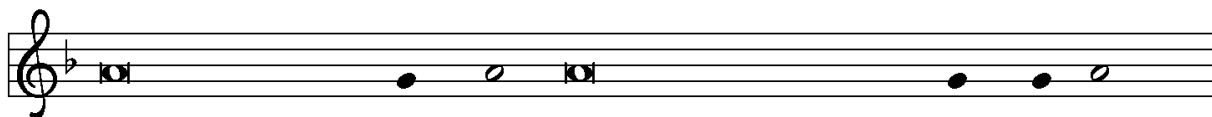
Lord, have mer - cy.



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,



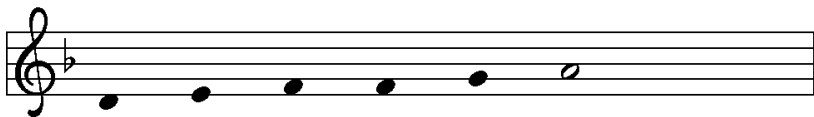
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



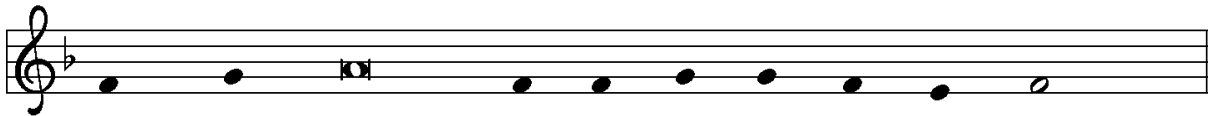
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,



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 Let us pray,
Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those

who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

L The First Reading according to Isaiah 55:1-9

¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 63:1-8

read responsively

A ¹ O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

C ² **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.**

³ For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

⁴ **So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.**

⁵ My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

⁶ **when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.**

⁷ For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

⁸ **My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.**

A Holy wisdom, Holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.

L The Second Reading according to 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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**

Luke 13:1-9

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke 13:1-9

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

¹ At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.² [Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?”³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” ⁶ Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Daniel Yeiser

Following the Children’s Sermon, Children and Children’s Choir leaders are dismissed to Children’s Choir rehearsal and will return for the Sharing of the Peace.

SERMON

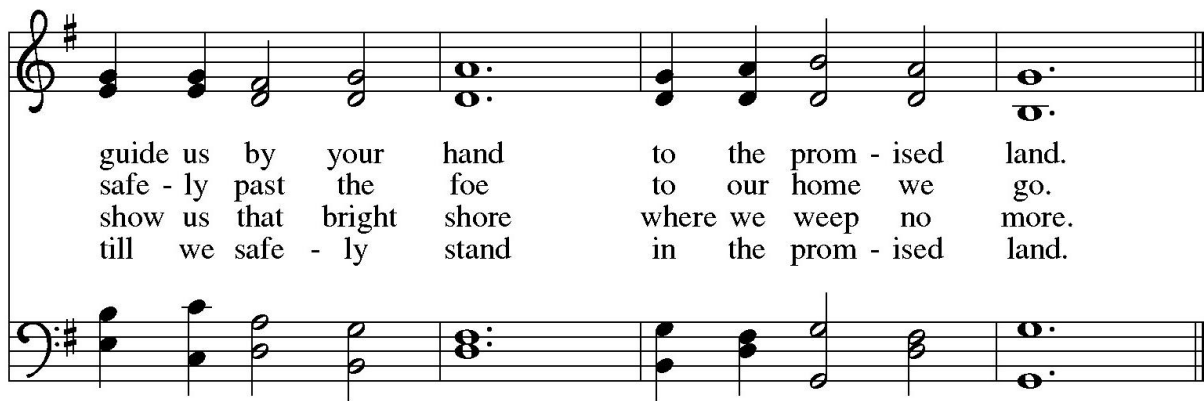
Pastor Daniel Yeiser



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.

***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 Let us pray,
Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all
those in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church, called to be a witness to all peoples. Grant humility and
wisdom to bishops, pastors, deacons, elders, councils, and congregations, that
they may call upon you in making decisions. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

We pray for the earth, called to provide abundantly. Teach your people the
goodness of your generosity, that in sharing what we have been given, all life
may flourish on the planet that is our shared home. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

We pray for the nations, called to protect their inhabitants and collaborate in the
work of justice and peace. Forge bonds of compassion and mutual care across
human borders and boundaries, that all the world may have enough to live.

God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

We pray for those in need, called to receive your compassion. Comfort those
whose lives have been disrupted through natural disasters and human conflict.

Aid communities in coming together to mourn, heal, and rebuild. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for this assembly, called to welcome its neighbors to the table of your grace. Bless food pantries, community gardens and kitchens, clean water projects, and all ministries that address human hunger and thirst. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the faithful lives of those who proclaimed your gospel in times of challenge and strife, and for all those whose lives of love and service have ended. May their witness inspire our own. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
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.
Children will return and the assembly is seated.*

THE MEAL

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"Do You Hear the Shepherd?"*
Children's Choir

Kimberly Ingram

(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 Let us pray,
Gracious Provider,

C **you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen**

*DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

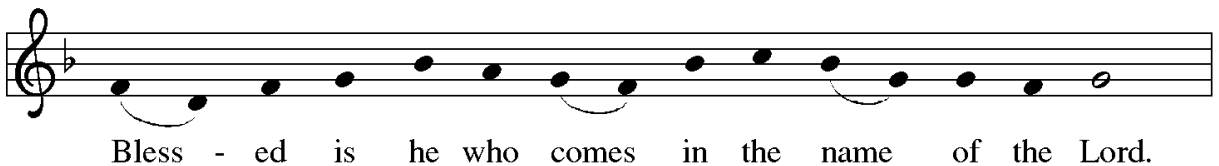
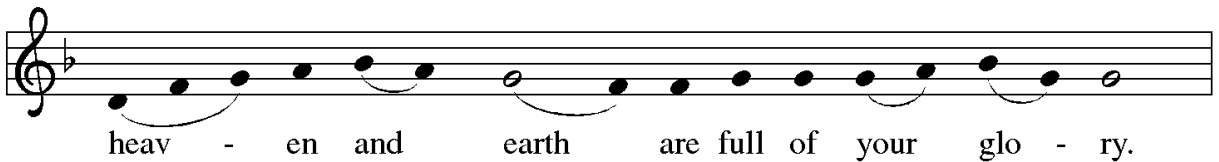
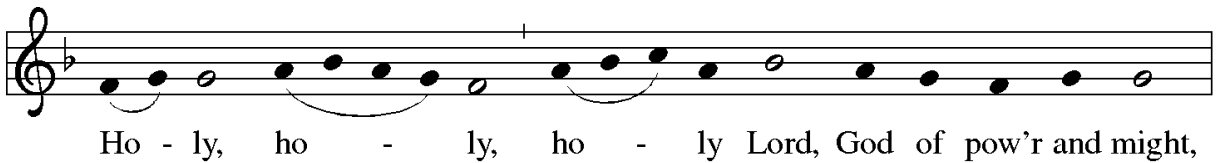
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

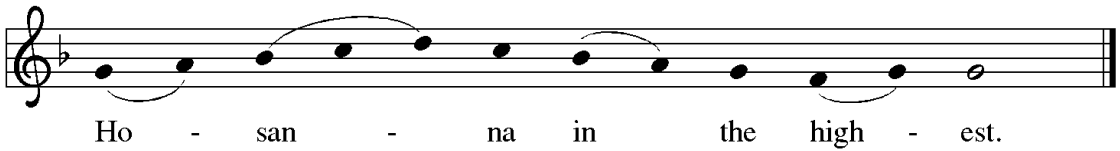
*PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

ELW 162





THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all 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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

Amen.

***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 All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

*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

COMMUNION HYMN "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

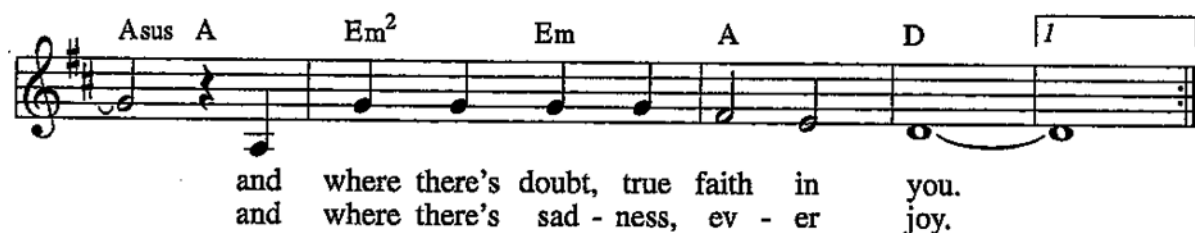
Temple

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,

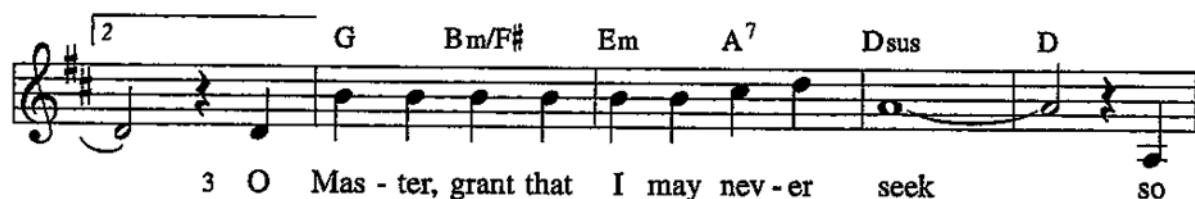
where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;
where there is dark - ness, on - ly light;
in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -

Asus A Em² Em A D 1



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

2 G Bm/F# Em A⁷ Dsus D



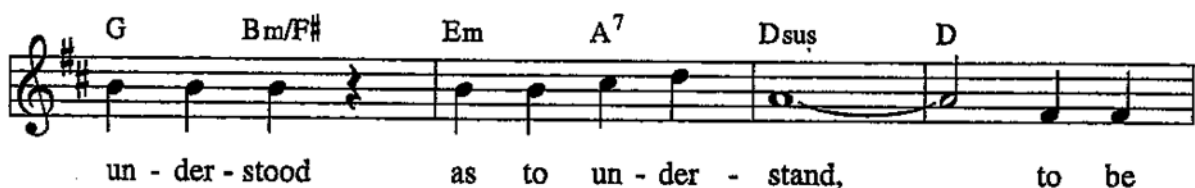
3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so

A G Em A D² Dsus D



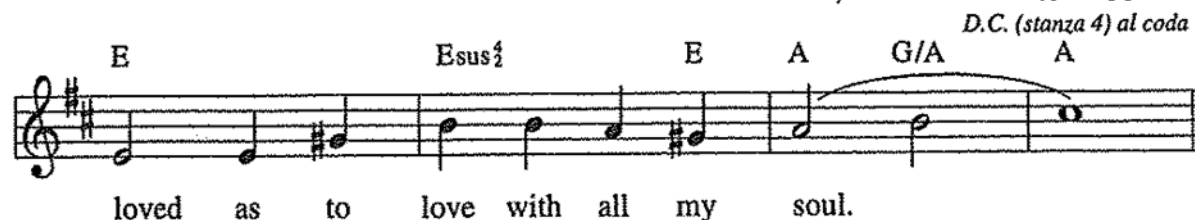
much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be

G Bm/F# Em A⁷ Dsus D



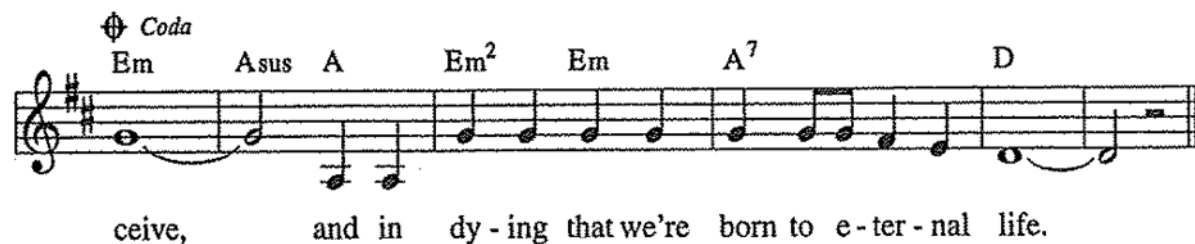
un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be

E Esus⁴ E A G/A A D.C. (stanza 4) al coda



loved as to love with all my soul.

⊕ Coda Em Asus A Em² Em A⁷ D



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

COMMUNION HYMN “You Are My Hiding Place” (sing 2 times)

Ledner

$\text{♩} = 76$ **CHORUS**

Am D^{sus} Dm G C^{sus} C G/B



You are my hid - ing place, You al - ways fill my heart with

5 F/A F Am/E Dm² Dm



songs of _____ de - liv - er - ance; When -

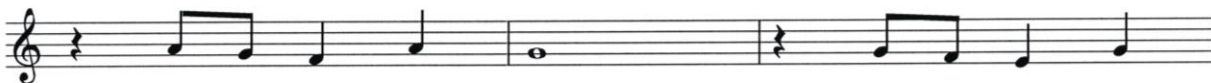
7 E^{sus} Am/E A^{2sus}/E E E^{2sus} E Am Fine



-ev - er I am a - fraid, I will trust in You.

BRIDGE

10 Dm⁷ G C C/E



I will trust in You. Let the weak say,

13 F Am/E Dm E^{sus} E D.C. al Fine



“I am strong in the strength of the Lord!”

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***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**

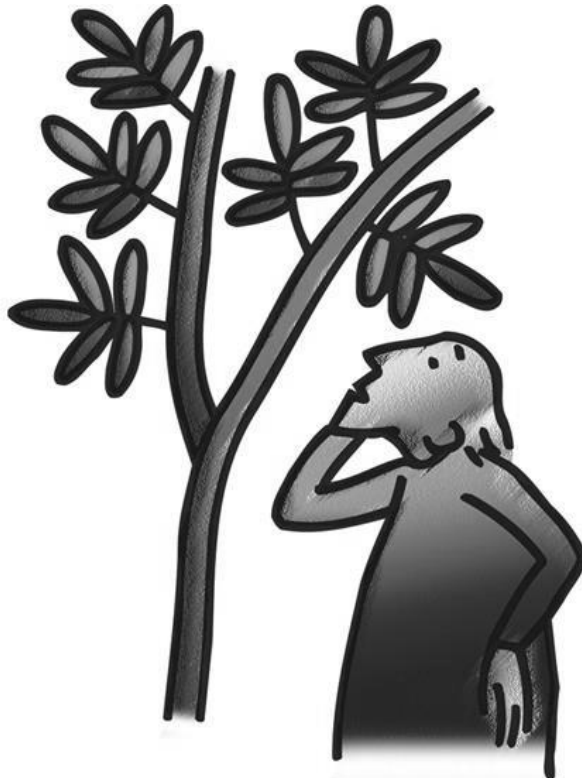
A Let us pray,
Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.


C **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

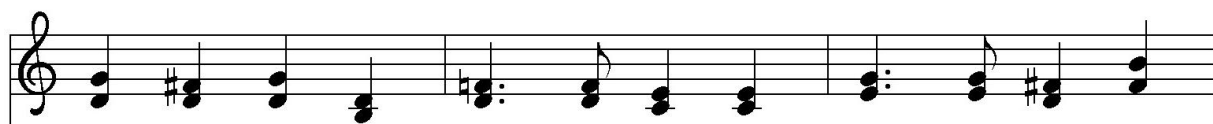
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen.**






1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

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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	<u>March 23</u>	<u>March 30</u>
Cantor	Gretchen Walter	Diana Leppo
Assisting Minister	Frank Hueske	Russ Kaltreider
Acolyte	Matthew Kaltreider	Dilynn Long
Lay Reader	Donna Lehman	Norma Lucabaugh
Communion Distributors	Dan Fuhrman	Donna Lehman
	Gretchen Walter	
Ushers	Sally Lovelace	Sally Lovelace
	Karen Mummert	Karen Mummert
Altar Committee	Amy Feeser	Amy Feeser
	Suzanne Butler	Suzanne Butler

THE RADIO BROADCAST, COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE, WORSHIP BULLETINS and ETERNAL FLAME are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of what would have been Charles and Pat McConville's 55th Wedding Anniversary on March 22nd.

FOLLOWING THE CHILDREN'S SERMON, Children and Children's Choir leaders are dismissed to Children's Choir rehearsal and will return for the Sharing of the Peace.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE, children going to Faith Formation should proceed directly up to the Science and Cooking room for snack. Parents can pick up their children in the Gathering Room at 11:30am. Thanks for noting this change!

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR IN OUR CHURCH LOUNGE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE. Volunteers for Coffee Hour are still needed.

SOMETHING'S BREWING BIBLE STUDY - Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the Lounge. Join us!

LENTEN BOOK STUDY continues on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room on the 2nd floor until April 8. We will study the elements of the Crucifixion with the book ***He Chose the Nails*** by Max Lucado.

PASTOR DAN IS OFFERING MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS ON WEDNESDAYS from 12:15 – 12:35 pm. This brief service consists of prayer, scripture reading and silent meditation. All are welcome to join us at 12:15 pm in the church lounge.

MARCH'S DESIGNATED GIVING will go to Lutheran Disaster Response, California Wildfires.

WE ARE JOURNEYING DURING LENT toward the blessed holiday of Easter, which has brought hope and joy to billions of people throughout history.

Make Lent and Easter offerings online during these liturgical seasons! It is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services. Throughout the year, many of you already support the congregation with your time, talent and financial contributions. But greater seasonal participation is always welcome. We encourage you to consider our electronic giving program. We accept donations made from your bank account and credit card or debit cards. It takes just a few minutes to set up a recurring giving plan.

An easy way to get started is to simply scan this QR code, which takes you directly to our giving page.



SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Maureen Kaltreider in the church office or at finance@stpaulsyorkst.org

Radio—March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18 & 25 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers—May 4, 18 & 25 (2 vases at \$20 each)

Communion Bread and Wine- March 30, April 6, 13, May 4, 11, 18 & 25 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins- April 6, 13, 17, 18, 27, May 4, 18 & 25 (\$20 each date)

Eternal flame—May 4, 18 & 25 (\$10 each date)

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB will meet on **Wednesday, March 26, 2025** at **12:45 pm** in the Conference Room. The book we will be discussing is Return of the Bones by Belinda Vasquez Garcia. This is a thrilling journey of ancestry, love, and forgiveness. Based on the true story of 2,067 skeletons that were stolen from the Ghost Pueblo of Pesos. It was the winner of the Best Historical Fiction New Mexico/Arizona Book Awards. Peg Sennett is the Discussion Leader for this book. Please bring a bag lunch and a drink to the meeting. Hope to see you there.

RUTH'S HARVEST-- The **Faith In Action Committee** has selected **Ruth's Harvest** as their Lenten project again this year. With this program, each Friday participating students receive a bag of food for the weekend which usually includes 2 breakfast entrees, 2 lunch entrees, 3 dinner entrees, several snacks, and disposable drinks. The program requires single-serve fruit cups and vegetables, single-serve entrees, single-serve snacks, single-serve cereals, and single-serve drinks. Please bring your donations to the church and place them in the boxes found on the pulpit side of the hallway. This project will run during Lent from **Sunday, March 5, 2025-Sunday, April 21, 2025**. All donations will be delivered to the Ruth's Harvest drop off spot at St. Matthews Lutheran Church after Easter. Thank you for taking part in this outreach project again this year. Your generosity is always amazing.

MUSICIANS NEEDED! - Do you play an instrument? Would you like to be more active at church? Then we have an opportunity for you! Our Saturday Evening worship service is seeking musicians to play accompaniment on the first and second Saturdays of the month. ANY instrument is welcome: piano, guitar, flute, trumpet, violin, etc! You can volunteer to play just one Saturday, or as many as you like. **NO LONG-TERM COMMITMENT REQUIRED!** The songs are the same ones we sing on Sundays. Carmen will send you the worship bulletin ahead of time so you can practice. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet across from Pastor Dan's office. If you'd like more information, please speak to Pastor Dan, Russ Kaltreider, Steven Ruppright, or Suzanne Butler.



PALM SUNDAY

April 13

Festival Worship at 9:30 a.m.
In person and by Facebook Live

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m.
at 7:00 p.m.

With Holy Communion
In person and by Facebook Live

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 18 at 8:00 p.m.

Tenebrae Service of Shadows

Hear the Passion Story with music by the Senior Choir as we recall the final hours before Christ's crucifixion

In person and by Facebook Live

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20

Festival Worship at 9:30 am
In person and by Facebook Live

SUN., MARCH 23 Following the Children's Sermon Immediately following Worship	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 3 rd Sunday in Lent Children's Choir rehearsal – Children's Music Room Faith Formation – 2 nd floor Coffee Hour - Lounge Daily Discipleship class – Nursery room (1 st floor) Adult Choir II rehearsal - Choir Loft in the Sanctuary
MON., MARCH 24	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Groups – 2 nd floor
	7:00 pm	Something's Brewing Bible Study – Lounge
TUES., MARCH 25	10:30 am	LIU #12 – Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Lenten Book Study – Conference Room-2 nd floor
WED., MARCH 26	12:15 pm	Mid-week Devotions – church lounge
	12:45 pm	St. Paul's Book Club – Conference Room-2 nd floor
THUR., MARCH 27	6:00 pm	Bellchoir rehearsal – Balcony of the Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	Cub Scouts – 2 nd Floor
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 102 – Youth Room
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir I rehearsal – Choir Loft in the Sanctuary
FRI., MARCH 28	3:00 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – Gym
SAT., MARCH 29	9:00 am	Cub Scout's Pinewood Derby – Fellowship Hall
	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry – volunteers needed
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service - lounge
	6:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., MARCH 30 Following the Children's Sermon Immediately following Worship	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 4 th Sunday in Lent Children's Choir rehearsal – Children's Music Room Faith Formation – 2 nd floor Coffee Hour - Lounge Daily Discipleship class – Nursery room (1 st floor) Adult Choir II rehearsal - Choir Loft in the Sanctuary