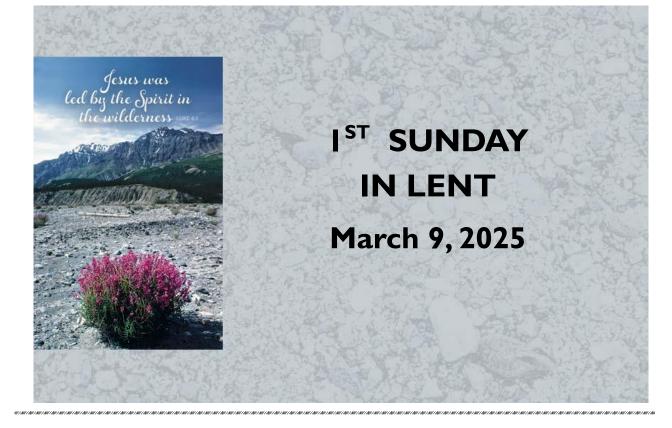
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# WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

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.

# + 1st Sunday in Lent + March 9, 2025

#### INTRODUCTION

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

# 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,

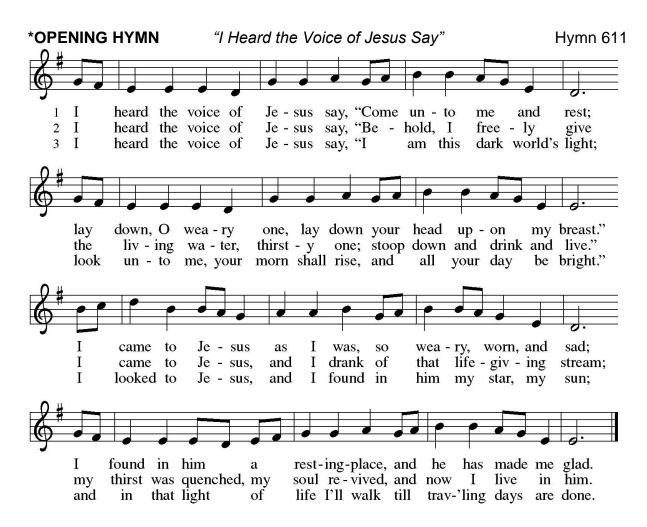
you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you 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.



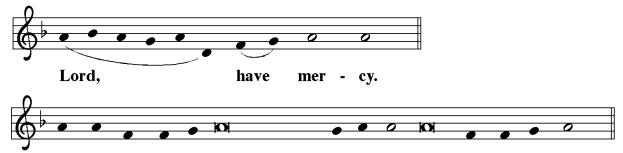
#### \*GREETING

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

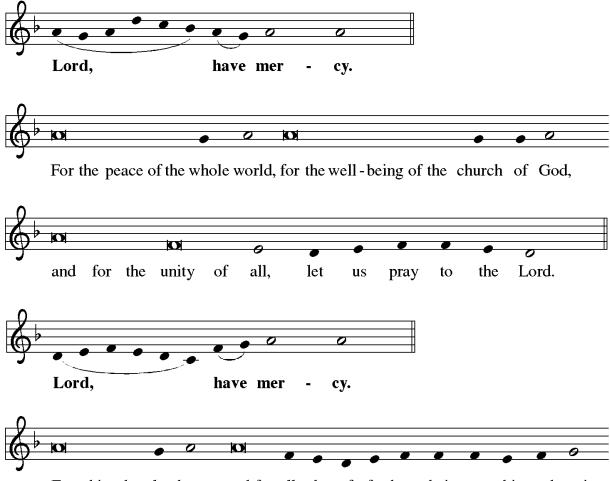
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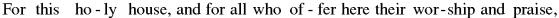
C And also with you.

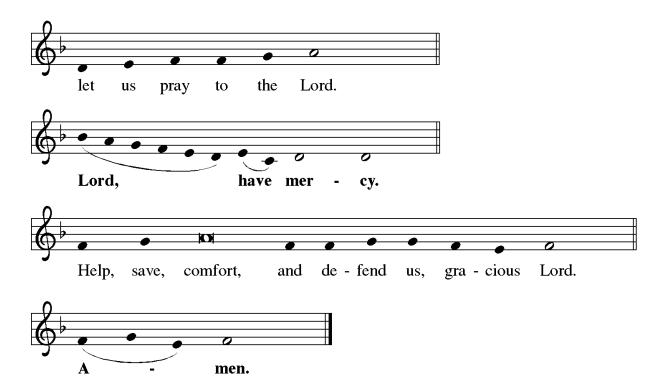




For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.







#### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

Let us pray,

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

## THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

L The First Reading according to Deuteronomy 26:1-11

<sup>1</sup> When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup> When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.<sup>8</sup> The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup> Then vou, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to vour house.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## THE PSALM

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

read responsively

- A <sup>1</sup>You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—
- C <sup>2</sup> you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

# <sup>10</sup> no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

<sup>11</sup> For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup> I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.

<sup>15</sup> They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

<sup>16</sup> With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

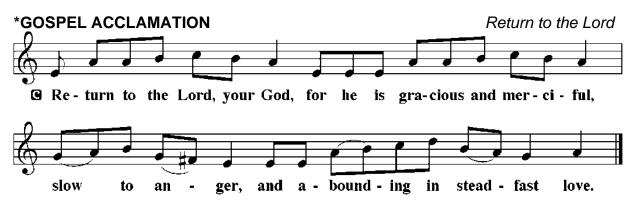
- A Holy wisdom, Holy word.
- C Thanks be to God.

# SECOND READING

Romans 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

- L <sup>8b</sup> "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



# \*GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke 4:1-13

# C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" <sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' <sup>11</sup> and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

#### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Pastor Daniel Yeiser

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#### SERMON

Pastor Daniel Yeiser

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

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#### \*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.

Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

## C receive our prayer.

Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy,

#### receive our prayer.

Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy,

#### receive our prayer.

Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy,

#### receive our prayer.

Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill. God, in your mercy,

#### receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life. Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. 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.

# 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 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" arr. Wagner Handbell Choir

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#### (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 <u>https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give.</u> 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**

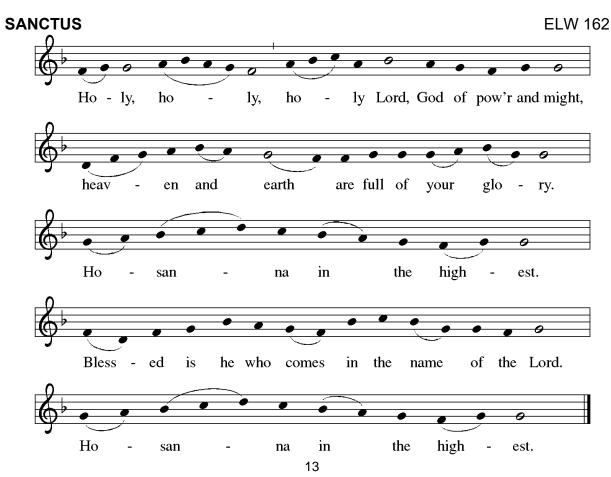
- P Let us pray, Merciful Father,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

# \*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:



# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Ρ

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.

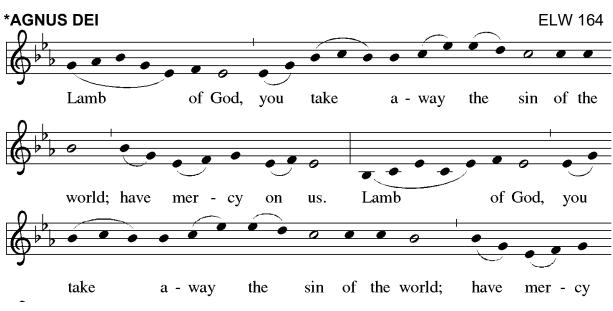
With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

# \*LORD'S PRAYER

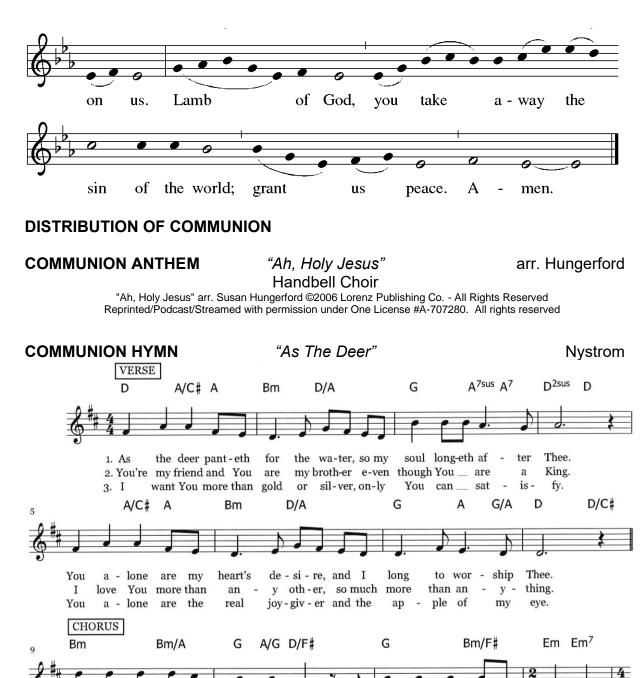
- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

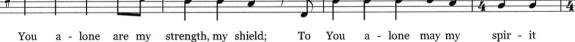
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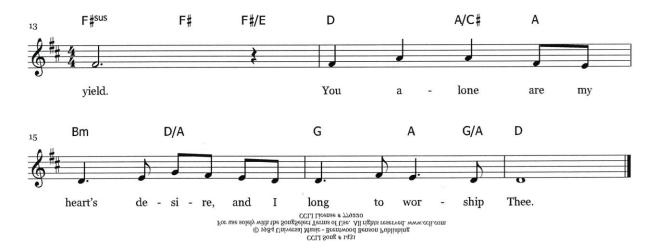
P All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.



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.







# **\*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 God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, + bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.



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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	Suzanne Butler	Suzanne Butler	

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

**BEGINNING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12,** Pastor Dan is offering Mid-week Devotions on Wednesdays from 12:15 – 12:35 p. 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.

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

Radio-March 30, April 6, 13, 20 & 27 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date) Communion Bread and Wine- March 30, April 6, 13, 20 & 27 (\$12 each date) Worship Bulletins- April 6, 13, 17, 18, 20 & 27 (\$20 each date) Eternal flame-March 30, April 6, 13, 20 & 27 (\$10 each date)

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

**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.

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

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

	SUN., MARCH 9	8:30 am 9:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM Worship Service – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent
Following the Children's Sermon Immediately following Worship			Children's Choir rehearsal – Children's Music Room Faith Formation – 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
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			Daily Discipleship class – Nursery room (1 <sup>st</sup> floor) Adult Choir II rehearsal - Choir Loft in the Sanctuary
	MON., MARCH 10	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Groups – 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
		7:00 pm	Something's Brewing Bible Study – Lounge
	TUES., MARCH 11	10:30 am	LIU #12 – Fellowship Hall
		7:00 pm	Lenten Book Study – Conference Room-2 <sup>nd</sup> floor
	WED., MARCH 12	12:15 pm	Mid-week Devotions – church lounge
		6:00 pm	Christian Education Committee meeting
	THUR., MARCH 13	6:00 pm	Bellchoir rehearsal – Balcony of the Sanctuary
		6:30 pm	Cub Scouts – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
		7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 102 – Youth Room & Gym Adult Choir I rehearsal – Choir Loft in the Sanctuary
		7.00 pm	
	FRI., MARCH 14	3:00 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – Gym
	SAT., MARCH 15	9:00 am	Heritage Choir rehearsal – Choir Loft in the Sanctuary
		9:00 am	Grocery Ministry – Book Club
		9:00 am 5:00 pm	Cub Scout's Pinewood Derby – Fellowship Hall Saturday Evening Worship Service - lounge
		6:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
	SUN., MARCH 16	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
		9:30 am	Worship Service – $2^{nd}$ Sunday in Lent
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