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**1ST SUNDAY
IN LENT**

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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.

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INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

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.**

P Let us confess our sin before God,
who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:
Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For failing to recognize your coming reign,
and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,
C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,
C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.
Through faith, the free gift of God,
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you,
pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.
C **Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Hymn 325

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

The musical score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, and Bb4. The accompaniment starts with a quarter note G3, followed by a half note chord of G3 and Bb3. The melody continues with quarter notes C5, D5, and E5, then a half note chord of D5 and F5. The accompaniment continues with a half note chord of G3 and Bb3, followed by quarter notes G3, A3, and Bb3. The melody concludes with a half note chord of G4 and Bb4, and a quarter note G4. The accompaniment concludes with a half note chord of G3 and Bb3, followed by quarter notes G3, A3, and Bb3.

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

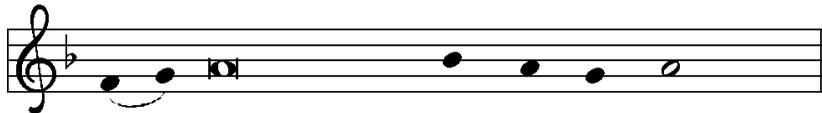
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

***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.**

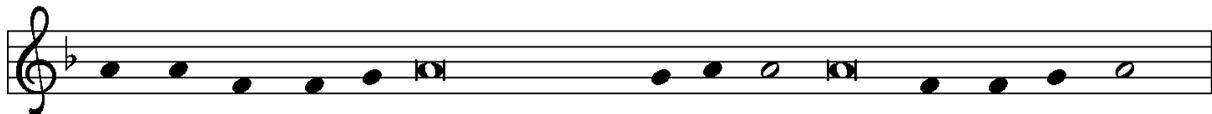
***KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



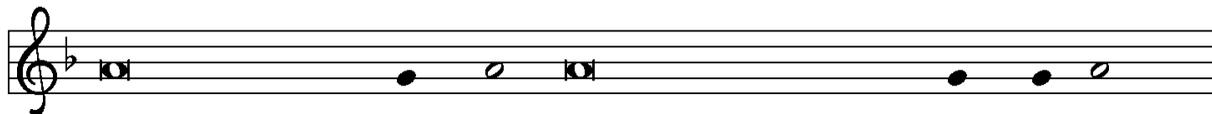
Lord, have mer - cy.



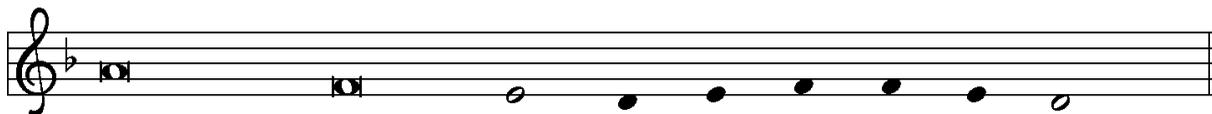
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



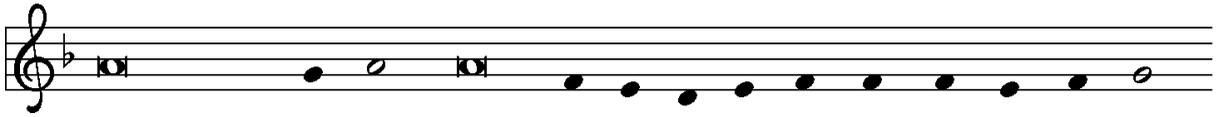
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



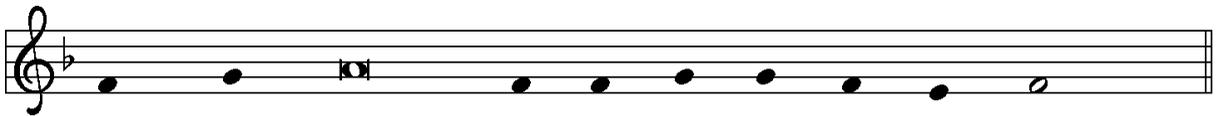
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



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.**

Let us pray,

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

L The First Reading according to Genesis, the 2nd chapter.

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

^{3:1} Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 32

read responsively

- A ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!
- C ² **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- ³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
- ⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- ⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you
in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**
- ⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- ⁸ **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**
- ⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- ¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**
- ¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.
- A Holy wisdom, Holy word.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

L The Second Reading according to Romans, the 5th chapter.

¹² Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned ¹³ for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L 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**

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

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

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”

¹ ¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Jason Northridge

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 Jason Northridge



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!

***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**

P Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

P We pray for the church....
(The congregation is invited to pray for the church.)
The petition concludes: Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P We pray for the world....
(The congregation is invited to pray for the world.)
The petition concludes: Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P We pray for people in need....
(The congregation is invited to pray for the people in need.)
The petition concludes: Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord.

C **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

"Fill My Cup"
Tom Miller, Guitar

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

There are several ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates as they are passed. You can give electronically at <https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give> or scan this QR Code and when the plate passes by, you may simply meditate on the gifts that you are currently making online or monthly. We do have cards that you can put in the plate indicating that you give electronically. A supply of those cards is available at each entrance to the sanctuary.



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 can give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to give.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Musical score for the Offertory Response, consisting of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a guitar accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee." The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray,
O God, maker of heaven and earth,

C your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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:

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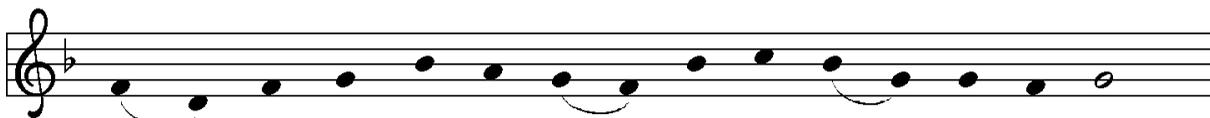
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



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.

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 handed over,
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 Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

All are welcome to commune.

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

If you are in need of gluten free wafers, please ask at the bread station.

Grape juice is available in the prefilled cups next to the empty ones.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Amazing Love"

A/D D Em7

1. My Lord, _____ what love is this _____
 2. And so _____ they watched Him die, _____
 3. And now _____ this love of Christ _____

4 A7sus A7 G/D D

_____ that pays _____ so dear - ly; _____
 _____ de - spised, _____ re - ject - ed; _____
 _____ shall flow _____ like riv - ers; _____

8 D2/A D Em7

_____ That I, _____ the guilt - y one _____
 _____ But O _____ the blood He shed _____
 _____ Come wash _____ your guilt a - way, _____

12 G A D

_____ may go free. _____ A -
 _____ flowed for me. _____
 _____ live a - gain. _____

17 Am7 CHORUS Am7/G D Fmaj7

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

22 A2 A Am7 Am7/G

_____ giv'n for me; _____ My debt He pays _____ and my

17 **Am⁷ CHORUS** **Am⁷/G D** **Fmaj⁷**

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

22 **A²** **A** **Am⁷** **Am⁷/G**

giv'n for me; My debt He pays and my

27 **D** **Am⁷** **D**

death He dies, That I might live,

32 **Am⁷** **D**

that I might live.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Out in the Wilderness"

Em A⁹/E Em⁷ A⁹/E Am Baug⁷ Em A⁹/E

1 Driv - en by the Spir - it out in the wil - der - ness;
 2 Tempt - ed by the dev - il out in the wil - der - ness;
 3 An - gels all a - round you out in the wil - der - ness;
 4 "You are my be - lov - ed" out in the wil - der - ness.

Em A⁹/E Em⁷ A⁹/E C B⁷

driv - en by the Spir - it out in the wil - der - ness;
 tempt - ed by the dev - il out in the wil - der - ness;
 an - gels all a - round you out in the wil - der - ness;
 "You are my be - lov - ed" out in the wil - der - ness.

Em A⁹/E Em⁷ A⁹/E

when the Spir - it says, "Go," you can't say, "No."
 though you try to be strong, it's been so long.
 you are far . . . from home where wild things roam.
 When you were . . . bap - tized, you re - a - lized

F B⁷ B⁷(b⁵)/F

You lis - ten for the voice when you're bend - ed low;
 He whis - pers in your ear and you know he's wrong;
 There's dan - ger ev - 'ry - where but you're not a - lone;
 you'd heard the voice of God from the o - p'ning skies:

Em A⁹/E Em⁷ A⁹/E Am Baug⁷ Em

driv - en by the Spir - it out in the wil - der - ness.
 tempt - ed by the dev - il out in the wil - der - ness.
 an - gels all a - round you out in the wil - der - ness.
 "You are my be - lov - ed" out in the wil - der - ness.

***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,

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

P Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✚ bless you now and always.

C **Amen.**

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Believe the good news.

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

 * Stand as you are comfortable

	<u>February 22</u>	<u>March 1</u>
Saturday night Worship	Linda Zellers (2/21)	Bill & Deb Sowers (2/28)
Cantor	Gretchen Walter	Deb Sowers
Assisting Minister	Bill Sowers	Deb Sowers
Acolyte	Dilynn Long	Jocelyn Fissel
Lay Reader	Russ Kaltreider	Lucille Farrington
Communion Distributors	Russ Kaltreider	Frank Hueske
	Frank Hueske	Suzanne Butler
Ushers	Suzanne Butler	Sally Lovelace
	Cindy Schmidt	Karen Mummert
Altar Committee	Amy Feeser	Linda Knapp
	Suzanne Butler	Sally Lovelace

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

February 22, 2026 – Immediately Following the Worship Service

Additional Information:

The meeting centers around one agenda item: approving the hiring of a Visitation Pastor which is brought forth as a unanimous motion from Church Council. We had many requests from the congregation to implement and fill the position. Pastor Jason is also on board with this.

As you may remember, when we had our conversations with Pastor Katrina at the informational meetings she held in Fellowship Hall she explained that there are simply not enough hours in a week to properly visit the shut-ins and those who may be in the hospital and other healthcare facilities at any given time.

The congregation identified a Visitation Pastor as a high priority. More frequent visitations will be coordinated with Pastor Jason and also the existing Visitation Teams, making this a very viable ministry again.

The Pastor who fills the position will be an Independent Contractor and not a church employee.

Basic Costs to be paid by funds from AIM (Endowment Funds), since for the balance of 2026 it is a non-budgeted item:

- 1) Working 10 – 12 hours per week: Maximum of \$480/week or \$24,960
- 2) Mileage – estimate 6000 miles annually - \$4,350

Estimated start would be May 1 – if so, cost for the balance of 2026 is about \$20,268. Would be part of budget for 2027.

FAITH FORMATION teachers are needed for our K-6 class for the spring. See Deb Sowers to volunteer for a week (or 2!).

LENT MIDWEEK SERVICES will focus on Embracing Evangelism. Lent is a time we may take on a new discipline to deepen our relationship with God. As a congregation, we will focus on sharing God's story as we love our neighbors. Services will be offered each Wednesday during Lent beginning on February 25 at noon and 7:00 pm.

INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR PASTOR JASON - You are invited to a Service of Holy Communion with the Installation of Rev. Jason Northridge as pastor on March 1st at 3:00 pm. Together we will celebrate God's call, give thanks for new beginnings, and pray for our shared ministry in Christ. This worship service marks the beginning of a new chapter in the life of our congregation, as we trust the Holy Spirit to guide us in faith, service, and mission. Please sign up on the sheets on the main bulletin board and in the lounge if you plan to attend the Fellowship Meal following the Installation Service by February 22.

BEING WORTHY: CABIN FEVER GATHERING – Saturday, March 7th from 9 am – 2:30 pm at St. Bartholomew United Church in Hanover. More information and registration forms are available on the bulletin board outside of Pastor Jason's office.

DIAPER AND WIPES DRIVE as a Lenten Project. We will be collecting disposable diapers of all sizes and wipes for the Diaper Clinic held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Abbottstown, PA. There is also a need for pull-ups and larger sizes. There are many families in the area that are having a difficult time purchasing the diapers needed for their children. This clinic provides these diapers and wipes to help such families. This collection will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026 and continue through Easter, April 5, 2026. Place all items purchased in the boxes found in the hallway outside of the sanctuary any time during Lent. We appreciate your generosity in helping others in need.

ST. PAUL'S MEN IN MISSION are sponsoring a "Healthy Steps for Older Adults" in conjunction with the York County Office of the Aging. This is a 2-session class to be held in our fellowship hall on Monday, March 23rd and 30th, from 10am-12 noon. More details and a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from Pastor Jason's office. Class is limited to 15 people.

SUN., FEB. 22	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 1st Sunday in Lent
Immediately following Worship		Congregation Meeting
Immediately following meeting		Coffee Hour – lounge
		Faith Formation – Children - 2 nd floor
		Confirmation Class – Youth Room
		Daily Discipleship class – nursery across from lounge
MON., FEB. 23	6:30 pm	Girl Scout groups - 2 nd floor
TUES., FEB. 24	7:00 pm	Lenten Book Study – Conf. Room - 2 nd floor
WED., FEB. 25	12:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Service
	7:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Service
THUR., FEB. 26	5:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 102 Court of Honor- Fellowship Hall
	6:00 pm	Bellchoir rehearsal – Balcony of the Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	Cub Scouts Pack Meeting – Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir rehearsal – Choir Loft in Sanctuary
FRI., FEB. 27	3:00 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – Gym
SAT., FEB. 28	9:00 am	Men in Mission Breakfast – Perkins
	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry – St. Paul’s Book Club
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Service
	6:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., MARCH 1	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 2nd Sunday in Lent
Immediately following Worship		Coffee Hour – lounge
		Faith Formation – Children - 2 nd floor
		Confirmation Class – Youth Room
		Daily Discipleship class – nursery across from lounge

Dessert Auction & Roast Pork Dinner March 15, 1pm

Proceeds benefit the next generation of St. Paul's
Youth attending National Youth Gatherings in 2027

Adults \$15 Kids \$5

