

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Worship
Sunday, March 27, 2022 – Fourth Sunday in Lent
Setting One of the ELW

Prelude - Improvisation on "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

C **Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Gathering Song - There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

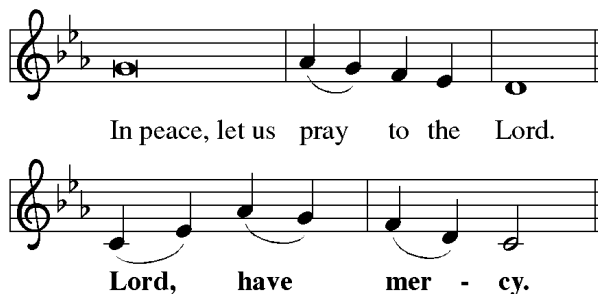
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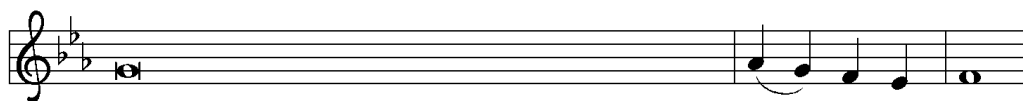
Greeting

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.**

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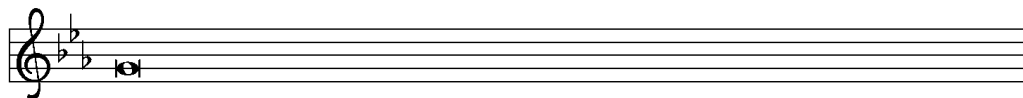




For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



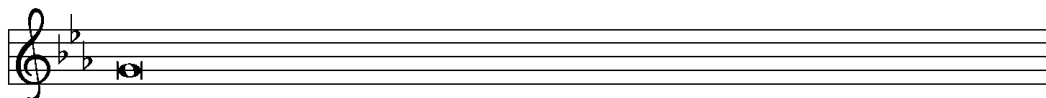
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Canticle of Praise – This is the Feast –

Not being sung during Lent – go directly to the Prayer of the Day.

P The Lord be with you
C **And also with you**
P Let us pray

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Psalm: Psalm 32

Congregation sings bold verses and Refrain



Be glad, you righ-teous, and re-joice in the LORD.

¹Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven, and whose sin is | put away!

²**Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt, and in whose spirit there | is no guile! Refrain**

³While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered 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.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal 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. Refrain**

⁷You 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.**

⁹Do 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.**

¹¹Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

Refrain

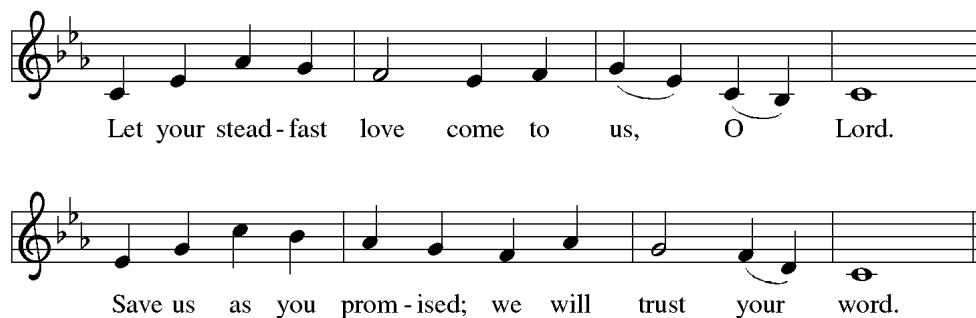
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ’s resurrection. This is Paul’s strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father’s love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father’s home.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ^{11b}“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to

feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

Sermon

Hymn of the Day - Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

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APOSTLES' CREED

**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 INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Jesus formed the disciples in the ways of extravagant mercy and profound welcome. Lead your church to be a community marked by forgiveness, hospitality, and celebration. Send us to transform a world plagued by fear and condemnation. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You make the land to produce a harvest that sustains your entire creation. Equip farmers and farm workers who till the soil. Nourish the earth with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Heal grounds tainted by pollution or misuse. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Countries are divided and leaders often harbor grudges. Reconcile nations that experience conflict (*especially*). Act quickly to bring an end to war. Anoint peacemakers trained in the art of diplomacy and foster a spirit of collaboration among political rivals. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your people cry for help in times of distress. Resolve disagreements among family members. Save those experiencing financial hardship. Hear our prayers for those who are sick or grieving (*especially*), Barbara, Jan, JoAnn, Janet, Joyce, Ida, Phyllis, Bob, Ellie, Barbara, Naomi, Deb, and others we may name aloud or quietly in our hearts. Console us with the promise that everything can become new. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your love comes to us when a table is set and a feast is prepared. Bless the feeding ministries of this congregation (*especially*). Bring an end to hunger in our community and around the world. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

The one who was dead is alive again. We give thanks for those who have died, confident that steadfast love surrounds them. Shelter them in your love until we are gathered at your heavenly banquet. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Offertory - *Offertorie* by Jacques-Nicholas Lemmens

Offertory - Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff continues the melody. The third staff has a repeat sign at the beginning. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

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Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together

C **God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

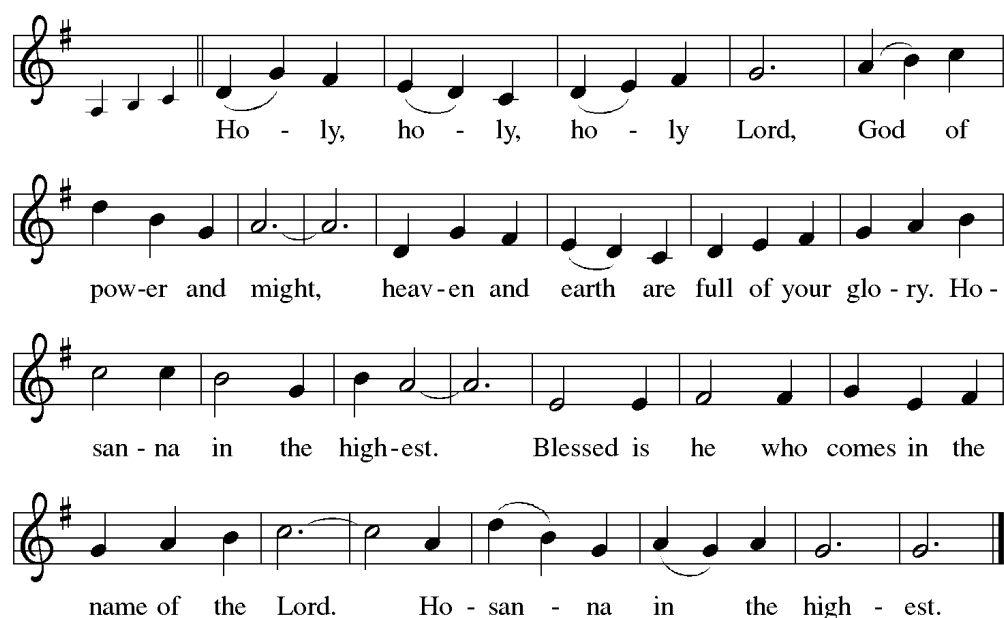
The musical score is written on four staves in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The second staff continues the melody. The third staff has a repeat sign at the beginning. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

Preface

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:

Holy Holy Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
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.
 Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
 we await his coming in glory.
 Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
 and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

P Come to the banquet for all is ready.

COMMUNION SONG – LAMB OF GOD

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

And each person may respond Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN – One Bread, One Body

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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.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God...

A We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

OR

O God, we give you thanks...

A O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

OR

God of abundance...

A God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

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**

SENDING HYMN – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **We will. Thanks be to God.**

Postlude - Canzonetta in e by Dieterich Buxtehude

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Altar Flowers – If you would like to make a recognition through a request for Altar Flowers, please stop by the credenza under the TV monitor in the atrium. Sign up for the day(s) you would like to request, pick up an envelope and form in the lower box and turn in your request form(s) which should indicate your announcement for the bulletin, and payment (\$40) at least one week in advance. If you have any questions, speak with a staff person.

Prayer of the Church (Members): Barbara Hadden, Jan Franzen, JoAnn Bowman, Janet Ravert, Joyce Veazey, Ida Elliott, Phyllis Jenkins, Bob and Ellie DeVries, Barbara Shade, Naomi Watson, Deb Tabert

Our sympathy to the family and friends Tony Perrotte, who died on Monday, March 21, 2022. His Funeral service will be held at St. Paul's on Saturday, April 9 at 2:00 pm. There will be a reception after the service. Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Our sympathy also to the family of Frances Coulter, sister-in-law of Marlene Coulter who died last week.

Prayer List Changes – If you have names to **add, or delete at any time**, email staff, or call the office.

Prayer of the Church (Friends): Kay Matthews [Tony's mother], Robert Meissner [Tony's uncle], and Dian and Gina Piazza [friends] (by Penni Perrotte); Laura Williams (friend of Amanda Anderson), Bill Lopatta (uncle

of Amanda Anderson), Jane L (friend of Robin Winfree), Tim and Sue Williams (friends of the Foremans), Phillip Idom & Warner Ettinger (friends of the Perrotte's), Pamela Kildahl (sister of Wendy Waugh), Sara Russell (sister of Anna Snyder), Susan Freeman, her husband Don and daughter Emma (by Joan Pepper), Sayge Lindsay (grandson of Alta Lindsay), Susan Roberts (friend of Kathy Anderson), Donore Lantz (friend of Judy Schlegel), MJ Chevalier (sister of Marcy Brown), Roketta Hudgins (mother of Greg Hudgins), Gay Reed (friend of Robin Winfree), Sally Midyette (mother of Kathy Anderson), Jacki and Steven and daughters (friends of Joan Pepper), Zach Maier (cousin of Kathy Anderson), Lois Horn (friend of Penni Perrotte), Marti Casalino (friend of Marcia Redman), Virginia Hinshaw (great-grandmother of Kayden and Hunter Hinshaw), Gad Kainer, Eric Tabert (nephew of Deb Tabert), Dean Greg Jones of Duke Divinity, Chuck Noll (friend of the Waugh's), Armenia and Artsakh (friends of Judy Schlegel), William and Barbara Wilson (parents of Bill Wilson), Linda Leslie (mother of Sean Slane), Paul DeVries (brother of Bob DeVries), Twila Dahl (sister-in-law of Bill Dahl and Martha Dahl), Gini Rinkus (friend of the Dominicks), Betty Sue Dickerson and son Barry Dickerson (friends of the church), Elaine Williamson (sister-in-law of Greg and Jeanna Hudgins), Paul (son-in-law of Jan Huntley), Mary Bader, Cynthia Sund (grandmother of Megan Cunningham), Amy Natzle (friend of Megan Cunningham), Jane Busch (sister-in-law of Audrey Busch), Karen Salotti (friend of Diana Dominick), Richard Dominick (brother of Ted Dominick), Burr Hasselbeck, Cindy and Adam White (family of Ann Grovenstein), Sam Albright (brother of Joan Albright), Deborah Steed

We will offer drive through communion at the rear entrance of the church from 11:30 am until noon next Sunday, April 3. Unless conditions change, this will be the last drive through communion as we begin 8:30 and 11:00 am worship the following Sunday, April 10.

Coasdaile Worship – The Coasdaile worship in April will be Thursday, April 28, the Fourth Thursday of the month, at 2:00 pm.

Join the Coffee Hour on Mondays on Zoom from 10-11.

Topic: Coffee Hour, Time: 10:00-11:00 am on Mondays

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91351103753?pwd=WVVCRIgrSUhhLzJWN3pPYnlyL25LZz09>

Meeting ID: 913 5110 3753 – Password: 292680

Preschool "Un-fundraiser"

The preschool board again **invites you** to participate in an **"Un-fundraiser"** – nothing to buy, no event to attend – simply the opportunity to **join us in making a contribution** to the mission and continuing work of St. Paul's Preschool & PMO.

Our teachers and staff continue to offer creative learning experiences and use play to encourage our preschoolers to grow and adapt. And adapt they have. Our young children are thriving as teachers have largely moved the classrooms outdoors. This past school year, the teachers improved our outdoor learning spaces and created innovative curricula to support the children in our outdoor classrooms.

We need to raise funds to offer financial scholarships and improve and maintain all of our outdoor learning spaces which have been used heavily through last year and this year. Funds raised will:

- ▶ Create an outdoor music "room," unfortunately music this year has been severely curtailed
- ▶ Acquire additional outdoor equipment
- ▶ Support a garden space
- ▶ Provide financial scholarships for children and families who need them

If you would like to make a contribution of any size, please drop off/mail your gift to the church at 1200 W Cornwallis Rd, Durham NC 27705-5731 or give via the church website (stpaulsdurham.org) (choose Pre-School Fundraising). **THANK YOU** for you ongoing support and for considering a financial gift to support our preschool children.

Ted Turner, the Minister of Music, is available for piano and/or organ lessons. Ted has experience teaching a diverse array of skill levels and ages, no prior experience is necessary. More information is available at www.tedturnerorganist.com, contact him at 217-898-3467 or taturner16@gmail.com

Stewardship Team – Are you interested in joining the Stewardship team this year? If so, let Claire Cooney know by sending an email to her at ClaireRCooney@gmail.com.

Outdoor Workday

by George Seiz

Mark your calendars – There will be an Outdoor workday at church on Saturday, April 2, 2022,

9:00 am - 11:30 am. Lunch provided. You are invited to be a good steward of the earth by working in "God's Garden" for a few hours on Saturday, April 2, 2022. Come for the entire period or whenever you can make it. This is a great chance to build community, do something with a friend or family, get some exercise, improve the church campus, and have some fun. Work projects will include such fun activities as leaf removal, spreading of mulch, removal of weeds and scrub trees. Bring work gloves, leaf and garden rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, and a good work ethic. Open to all members, family, and friends. Look for the sign-up sheet at church on the bulletin board or sign-up by emailing George Seiz at geoseiz@aol.com. Call or text George with any questions - 919-824-0130.

Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 AM – will be in Trinity Hall and over Zoom. We have now begun studying the book of Genesis. The beginning of the Bible and the beginning of the relationship between God and God's creation is a complex and fascinating book. As with all of Pastor's bible studies, we will study the book in depth. **Here is the zoom information.** Topic: Pastor's Bible Study
Time: Thursday mornings at 10:30 AM Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89526693517?pwd=UVI2SldvRTVtYTdQOHFEa2N1THREdz09>
Meeting ID: 895 2669 3517 -- Passcode: 727541

Lent Midweek Worship will be on Wednesdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6 at 7:00 pm. The theme this year will be "Christ in the Psalms," with focus on how the selected psalm points us towards Christ this Lenten season. The services will be live-streamed and recorded to be viewed at your convenience.

- The Live stream link for Midweek Lent Wednesday worship services is: <https://vimeo.com/event/1859599>
- To view recorded events, go to: <https://vimeo.com/stpaulsdurham> and select the service you wish to view.

Stations of the Cross

by Lorrel Strom-Jensen

Stations of the Cross will again be offered on Fridays at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary. For those who are new, the Stations follow Jesus from Gethsemane to the tomb with visual depictions of his journey. On Fridays, you can join me to follow Jesus on this path with scripture and prayers that tell the Holy Week story. Following Jesus on this path offers pause to contemplate our here and now. Please join me on any of these Fridays at noon during Lent: March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8.

48th Durham CROP Hunger Walk - April 10, 2022

I am part of the St. Paul's Lutheran Durham team and team leader for the CROP Hunger Walk and we're raising money and awareness to help other people near and far. I'm doing my part to help get us one step closer to ending hunger for good. Will you consider joining my team? You'll find a link to join at the bottom of this message! If you would like to donate only and prefer to write a check please place those in my mailbox in the church office. I will be collecting them each week to add to our donation tracker.

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/stpauls-lutheran-durham>

Please let me know if you have any questions. You can email me at mcunni16@gmail.com – Megan Cunningham

Music ensemble opportunities at St. Paul's – Handbells and choir are starting up soon with the first rehearsal for both ensembles on Wed, Mar 30 at 6:30 and 7:30 pm respectively. There will be some flexibility in rehearsal times for the two Wednesdays during the midweek Lent worship days. No prior experience is necessary, all skill levels are welcome. The only prerequisite is an eagerness to learn music! Contact the music director, Ted Turner, with any questions – music@stpaulsdurham.org

Lutheran Services of the Carolinas (LSC) is the local agent of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS). LSC needs affordable housing in the Durham city/county and Orange county areas. At present, LSC has no housing for refugees in either area. If you know of such housing, please contact Chris McLaren at LSC (984-209-2339) or one of the members of St. Paul's refugee support group (Morris Casper, Bill Gresham, Jayce Getz, Phil and Sally Hart, Carolyn Ulrich). – Morris Casper

St. Paul's Readers: We invite all readers to join us as we discuss Salmon Fishing in the Yemen by Paul Torday. This satire tells the story of a British civil servant being recruited to establish Scottish salmon fishing in the desert wadis of Yemen. This prize-winning novel has garnered recognition for comic fiction and drama. Our meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21, at 3 pm in Trinity Hall, widely spaced apart. Tim Hoke will lead the discussion.

Salmon Fishing in the Yemen is the tale of an unassuming scientist who takes an unbelievable

adventure in the Middle East. This debut novel combines fishing and all that it means, with a satire on politics, bureaucrats, the Middle East, the war in Iraq, and a sheikh, who is really a mystic. The book proves to be a thought-provoking and memorable read – an original plot that basically queries “What does it take to make us believe in the impossible?” It has been adapted into a successful film of the same name.

St. Paul’s Preschool and PMO (Parents’ Morning Out) needs congregational members to serve on the Preschool Board. Any adult in the congregation is eligible.

The preschool board sets policy for the operation of the preschool, selects the director, approves and monitors the budget, and serves as a link between the congregation and the preschool.

The board includes four to seven members of the congregation and meets monthly. Specific expertise the board needs include, but are not limited to: finance, pediatrics, law, nonprofits, fundraising and grant writing.

Most importantly, the board seeks members who are committed to the support and development of young children in the community.

Three board members’ terms expire this year: Sharon Wilson, Heather Slane, and Kim Hoke.

Anyone who is interested should contact Kim Hoke, Board Chair, at zoelenny5@gmail.com or by calling 919-489-3547. Inquiries by April 30 are appreciated.

Duke Lutherans Worship in Duke Gardens – The final worship service for the Duke Lutherans in Spring semester will be April 24 in the Duke Gardens at 5:30 PM with a potluck dinner afterwards at 6:30 pm. The Duke Lutherans invite anyone in the St. Paul’s congregation wishing to contribute and participate to join them. Please contact Emily Pauline at epauline1451@gmail.com if you are planning to bring food so she can coordinate dinner.

From Tim Hoke, President of our Congregation Council:

At council meeting Monday night, March 21, 2022, our mask policy was discussed. Durham County has recently removed the requirement for masks inside establishments. The positivity rate for Durham County is at 1.9%. Both of these items weighed heavily in the discussion. The Council voted to remove our requirement for masks inside our church with the following understanding: there are some members who still need or will want to keep their masks in place. Those who are immuno-compromised or too young to get vaccinated are still at risk. All members should be comfortable with their personal decision regarding masks. Some grandparents will probably still wear masks to protect their young grandchildren, for example. And one special requirement for masks still exists. During the day time, when the preschool is in session, masks will still be required indoors to protect those children. This decision to remove the indoor mask requirement may not be permanent. If our state and local health officials advocate for stronger protections and Durham County strengthens its requirements we will follow their guidance.

From Pastor Scott Anderson:

The congregation council made some decisions related to the upcoming Easter Season:

- We will hold two services at 8:30am and 11:00am beginning Palm Sunday April 10.
- We will continue two services at these times until Sunday, June 5.
- Beginning June 12th we will go back to one service at 10am for the summer months (the remainder of June, July and August)
- We will then go back to two services on Rally day in September.
- On April 16, the Easter Vigil, after the 7pm service we will hold a champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception.
- Easter Sunday we will hold our annual Easter breakfast and hold an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. In order to get an idea on how many may attend the breakfast, we ask that you fill out the reservation form that will be available in the bulletin in coming Sundays, or contact Susan at the church office. We will prepare for a few extra, but it would be a great help if you would reserve a space. We will set up some tables in the Creation Garden for those wishing to dine outside. (assuming the weather will permit)
- We plan to continue live streaming and recording one worship service each Sunday. When we go to two services, we will stream and record the 11:00 am worship. During the summer we will stream and record the 10am worship.

- We will hold a training session for assisting ministers, altar guild and ushers in the near future. Watch for an announcement. Please consider joining these groups.
- We will continue the social distancing seating arrangement for the near future.
- Should the Covid situation change we will change plans as the situation dictates. We will follow the City and County guidelines.

We have a live link used to view our Sunday morning Worship Services at 10:00 AM Here is the link: <https://vimeo.com/event/1478223> The live service will be recorded and put on the vimeo site after the service is concluded and can be watched at any time. That link is: <https://vimeo.com/stpaulsdurham> (then choose the service date or event you wish to watch).

Here is a listing of the Sign-Up Genius links we are presently using to accomplish our many needed tasks. Please fill in as you are able. You can bookmark these sites to make it easier to return to them.

- ♦ **Devotions** – <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eabad28a3fd0-daily1> Please send your devotions to Vicar Mac Mullins at vicar@stpaulsdurham.org
- ♦ **Sunday Morning 10:00 AM Worship Tasks**
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-sunday1>
Tasks include setting up, lector, worship assistant, sound, altar guild, video, etc.
- ♦ **Sunday morning 10:00 AM Communion Assistants and Lock-Up**
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-communion>

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
 Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain
 watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909
 Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

One Bread, One Body

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



Refrain

wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.
 Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813