

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday - February 19, 2023
8:30 am Service is live, 11:00 am is live, live-streamed, and recorded
Holy Communion, Setting One

Hymns will be found in the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book.

GATHERING

Prelude - (8:30) *Dialogue by Nicolas de Gringy*

(11:00) *Songs of Praise by Susan E. Geschke (Handbells)*

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 - Arise, Your Light Has Come!

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APOSTOLIC 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.**

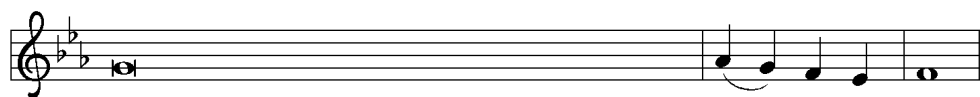
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



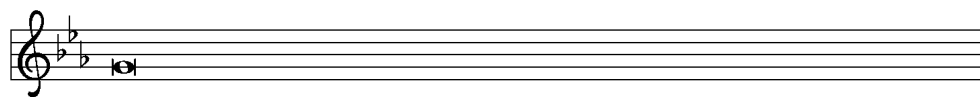
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



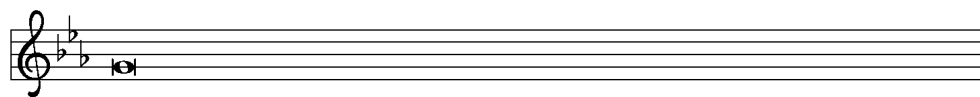
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

All Glory Be to God on High



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -
 2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and
 3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -



friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the
 hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we
 au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and
 la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -



strife at last is end - ed. God shows good-will to
 give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,
 source of all true plea - sure; O Lamb of God, O
 sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and



one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank
 and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your
 Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and
 bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our



God for grace and mer - cy!
 lord - ship is our bless - ing.
 on us all have mer - cy.
 lives are in your keep - ing. A - men.

Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1485–1550; tr. composite

Music: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH, plainsong; adapt. Nikolaus Decius

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the LORD” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalm: Psalm 2

Congregation sings *Refrain* and bold verses.

Refrain



You are my son; this day have I be - got - ten you.

¹Why are the nations¹ in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter¹ empty threats?

²**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes¹ plot together, against the LORD and against the¹ LORD’s anointed?**

³“Let us break their¹ yoke,” they say; “let us cast off their¹ bonds from us.”

⁴**God whose throne is in heav-¹ en is laughing; the LORD holds them¹ in derision. *Refrain***

⁵Then in wrath God¹ speaks to them, and in rage fills¹ them with terror.

⁶**“As for me, I have anoint-¹ ed my king upon Zion, my¹ holy mountain.”**

⁷Let me announce the decree¹ of the LORD, who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I be-¹ gotten you.

⁸**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for¹ your inheritance and the ends of the earth for¹ your possession. *Refrain***

⁹You shall crush them with an¹ iron rod and shatter them like a¹ piece of pottery.”

¹⁰**And now, you | kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers | of the earth.**
¹¹**Submit to the | LORD with fear, and with trembling | bow in worship;**
¹²**lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden | blaze of wrath.**
Happy are all who take ref- | uge in God! Refrain

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

After the Gospel is announced, the people say: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son,

the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!”⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.”⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

After the Gospel is read, the people say: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day - Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair

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We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Embolden your church as it witnesses to the majesty and mercy of your Son. Equip lay preachers, deacons, and pastors. Move us to share our stories of your faithfulness and forgiveness; may our lives proclaim your greatness. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Dwell with your whole creation, from the tallest mountain peak to the deepest valley. Bless the work of conservation organizations and protect vital habitats (*locally threatened waters or lands may be named*). Support the work of disaster relief agencies around the world. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Guide and give wisdom to all in authority: our mayor (name) and local leaders, our governor (name) and state legislators, our president (name) and national legislators. Bring freedom and justice to all nations. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Give shelter to those lacking safe homes. Spur communities to work for fair housing for all.

Protect our neighbors whose dwellings do not keep out dangerous cold or heat; accompany with your touch those who are homebound, sick, or isolated (*especially*), Barbara, Jan, Janet, Joyce, Ida, Phyllis and Larry, Bob and Ellie, Naomi, Pat, Judy, Mary, John, Tom, Pat, Riley, Morris, David and others we may name aloud or quietly in our hearts. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Make us eager to receive your Word in scripture. Help us recognize Jesus' voice in the needs of our neighbors; make us confident to follow the way of the cross. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Receive our thanksgiving for the holy ones who have guided us in faithfulness and gathered even the unlikely as your people. With our forebears in faith and all who have hoped in you, teach us to wait with courage until the promised day dawns. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Offertory - *Lift Every Voice and Sing* by J. Rosamond Johnson (11:00 Choir)

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 measure rest at the beginning. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

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 (D major). The second staff continues the melody. The third staff has a measure rest 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;
who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love,
that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light.
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.**

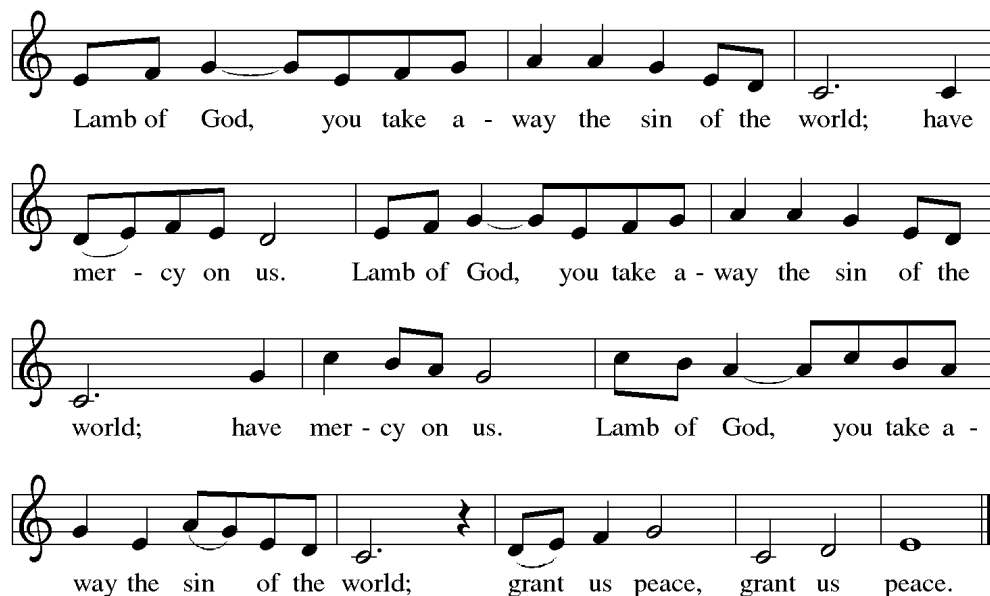
LORD'S PRAYER

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 – Beautiful Savior

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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.

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 – Alleluia, Song of Gladness

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C We will. Thanks be to God.

Postlude - (8:30) *Trio by Julius Reubke*

(11:00) *Dialogue by Nicolas de Gringy*

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The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Kathy and Scott Anderson.

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, Janet Ravert, Joyce Veazey, Ida Elliott, Phyllis and Larry Jenkins, Bob and Ellie DeVries, Naomi Watson, Pat Casper, Judy Schlegel, Mary Bader, John Friedrich, Tom Kraska, Pat Cashwell, Riley Waugh, Morris Casper, David Franzen

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 and Robert Meissner [Tony Perrotte's mother and uncle], Vickie Ettinger, Lois Horn, Diane Johnson (Penni Perrotte's friends), Gary Hill (cousin of Penni Perrotte), Laura Williams (friend of Amanda Anderson), Bill Lopatta (uncle of Amanda Anderson), Tim and Sue Williams (friends of the Foremans), 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), Virginia Hinshaw (great-grandmother of Kayden and Hunter Hinshaw), Gad Kainer, Eric Tabert (nephew of Deb Tabert), Dean Greg Jones of Duke Divinity, 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), Elaine Williamson (sister-in-law of Greg and Jeanna Hudgins), Paul (son-in-law of Jan Huntley), Richard Dominick (brother of Ted Dominick), Burr Hasselbeck, Josephine Economy and John Bigsby (friends of Bess Line), Wayne Coulter (brother-in-law of Marlene Coulter), Debra Fletcher (sister of Bill Wilson), Marie Watts (cousin of Pat Casper), Ruth Parker (aunt of Pat Casper), Ashley Collins (niece of Deb Tabert), Holly (friend of Pat Cashwell), Patrick Howell (son of a friend of the Waughs), George and Pat Rose (friends of Debbie Fullbright), Margaret C. by Catherine Crenoisent, John and Connie Heinz, Gregory and Colleen Davidson, Richard and Claudia Steele (friends of Dean and Marcia Redman), Nan Scheible (grandmother of Max and James Albright)

Adult Sunday School in February – Vicar Amanda Spangler will lead a four-week survey of the history of Black Lutheranism in North America, largely based on Jeff Johnson's book, *Black Christians: The Untold Lutheran Story*, on archival findings, and a few firsthand accounts. We'll also study the ways that White Lutherans engaged and disengaged with Black Lutherans, and think critically about how history informs the ELCA's present day existence as one of the least ethnically and racially diverse denominations in the U.S. (Pew 2015). It is my hope that these sessions will celebrate the history of Black Lutheranism while giving us thought about the future of the Lutheran church – especially as we celebrate St. Paul's centennial this year!

Articles and information for the March Cross Connections newsletter are due to Susan Esposito by Monday, February 20. "Holy Folders" will meet at 11:00 am on Friday, February 24 to assemble the issue for the Post Office.

The Annual Meeting to accept the yearbook will be held on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 9:45-10:45 am.

Please check the overflowing lost and found basket next to the credenza and announcements monitor. We will donate what is left by the end of February.

The 2022 annual giving statements have been mailed. If you have a question regarding your statement, please contact one of the co-financial secretaries, Phil Hart (psbhart@gmail.com) or Rod Runestad (rodrunestad@gmail.com).

2023 NC HIP Festival at St. Paul's – St. Paul's will be one of several venues for the 2023 NC HIP (Historically Informed Performance) Festival. Mallarme Music presents the music of Heinrich Ignaz Franz Biber. Biber was a master of stringed instruments and wrote the 15 Mystery Sonatas that chronicle the life of Christ through music for violin and continuo. The entire schedule, along with ticket prices, can be found here: <https://www.mallarmemusic.org/hipmusicfestival-org/> There will be a total of six concerts at St. Paul's during this festival. The dates are posted on the bulletin board or visit the link above for details on each event.

Love is Patient and Kind, *by the Nurturing Committee Ministry*

February is a month of LOVE: hearts, flowers and "thinking of you" time. The "Caring Tree" in the atrium has turned into a "love tree" with all the St. Paul's member's names included. Valentine cards and "thinking of you" cards are available to you. Please choose a name (or 2) from the "love tree" and send a card! It is a St. Paul's connection to St. Paul's brothers and sisters in Christ. You may want to use this as a BE-FRIEND time too and follow up your card with a friendly phone call? The goal is to connect, nurture, and care for the family of St. Paul's.

Organ Recital – Dana Robinson, from the University of Illinois, will be presenting an organ recital at St. Paul's on Sunday, March 5 at 3:30 pm. Works by Bach, Scheidemann, and Cherubini's Sonata for two organs. Presented by the Durham/Chapel Hill Chapter of the American Guild of Organists in conjunction with St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Invite your friends to join you for this wonderful afternoon of music.

Tuesday, February 21 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6:00 pm in Trinity Hall

It's Shrove Tuesday, so what exactly does "Shrove" mean? And why are so many people eating pancakes today? Pancakes were traditionally eaten on the day before Ash Wednesday because they were a way to use up eggs, milk, and sugar before the fasting season of the 40 days of Lent. Come join us for pancakes (plain, chocolate chip, pecan and gluten free), sausage, applesauce, and, best of all – fellowship.

Ash Wednesday Services – February 22

12:00 noon - Brief communion service, imposition of ashes, and healing liturgy at the end of the service
7:00 pm - traditional Holy Communion service with the Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday Nights during Lent

March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

- **6:00 pm Suppers in Trinity Hall**
- **7:00 pm Lenten Worship**

(Live stream link: <https://vimeo.com/event/2806391>)

If you wish to help with the Lenten Meals, please contact Martha Dahl (847-612-6687 or mjdahlhouse@gmail.com), she could still need assistance in cleaning up. Our midweek worship will cover biblical texts that use female imagery or feature female characters, helping us to see Christ through the eyes of the women in the stories.

Fridays in Lent, 12 noon: Feb 24, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31

Stations of the Cross with Pastor Lorrel Strom-Jensen

On Fridays, you are invited to join Pastor Lorrel Strom-Jensen, as she follows Jesus on the path from Gethsemane to the tomb with visual depictions of his journey along with scripture and prayers that tell the Holy Week story. Following this path offers pause to contemplate our here and now. This will take place in the sanctuary where our collection of the Stations will be on the side walls for the Lenten season.

Durham Jazz Orchestra - Saturday, February 25 at 7 pm

Time again for our fabulous Big Band Bash and dessert pot-luck. Come and enjoy the sounds of the Durham Jazz Orchestra, an 18 piece big band plus vocalists. Our own Larry Grovenstein and Curtis Chi are part of the Orchestra. The music may make you want to dance – so go ahead! Bring along a dessert to share if you wish and we'll celebrate with wine and beverages.

St. Paul's Readers Meeting - with the Authors

Sunday, February 26 at 12:30 pm

We invite everyone to join us for our discussion of *Going to School in Black and White: A Dual Memoir of Desegregation* by Cindy Waszak Geary and LaHoma Smith Romocki. Marilyn Bell-Hawley is facilitating our meeting and arranged for the authors, Cindy and LaHoma, to join us! This dual memoir book tells of the experiences of two students, one white and one black, at Hillside High School in Durham in 1970. We have moved our normal meeting date and time to a **luncheon on Sunday, February 26 at 12:30 pm** to allow others to participate. We are delighted to have this opportunity to learn about a pivotal time in Durham history from native Durhamites who lived through this time of change. We hope that their stories will help each of us as we move forward in this diverse community. Contact Katherine Trexler (katherine.m.trexler@gmail.com) if you have questions.

What is Critical Race Theory? – Tuesday, February 28 at 7 pm

Join the Continuing Conversations Committee on **Tuesday, February 28 at 7 pm** in Trinity Hall at St. Paul's, for a presentation by Dr. Ronda Taylor Bullock, founder of "we are," a Durham-based non-profit providing anti-racism training for children, families, and educators. If possible, please register in advance: bit.ly/CRT_rsvp

Growing Thru Grief — Growing thru Grief offers continuing education and support to those grieving the loss of a loved one. We meet at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Meetings are held each Tuesday, with registration starting at 4:00. First time attendees must show proof of Covid vaccination and booster(s). Currently, masking is encouraged. We ask people to come at 4; the program begins at 4:30, and all will end by 6. Here is the schedule:

Feb 21 "Complicated Grief" with Darryl Owens

Please contact admin@growingthrugrief.org if you have any questions.

We welcome back the **Tongue and Thimble** group. This group creates small quilts which are distributed to the nurseries at local hospitals for their critical patients. They meet downstairs in the Fiber Arts/Music room off of the Genesis Hall on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am - 12:00 noon. If you have an interest in sewing, please stop on by and see what we are working on.

The **Dropped Stitch Prayer Shawl Ministry** has returned. They meet on the last Friday of the month at 1:00 pm in the sofa area of the atrium. This group creates prayer shawls by knitting or crochet. Come join in.

Thursday Bible Study – Join us on Thursdays at 10:30-11:45 am where we are studying "The Difficult Words of Jesus" by Amy Jill Levine. The class takes place in the Conference Room and by Zoom. Study notes will be emailed.

PASTA for PARKTOWN!! Help Stock the St. Paul's Shelf at Parktown Food Hub!

THANK YOU! Please continue to add a package – or two – of dry pasta to your shopping cart to support this important community ministry and keep the St. Paul's Pasta Shelf well stocked. The Women's Connection Group is leading this initiative to support the Parktown Food Hub, a ministry of South Durham Connections, led by Pastor Sharon Schulze. **St. Paul's Shelf - dry boxed pasta** – spaghetti, macaroni, ziti, penne, etc. (NOT: kits or dinner, nor canned pasta entrees).

49th Annual Durham CROP Walk

by Megan Cunningham

Everyone, the time has come to start thinking about the excitement to come on April 2, 2023. The 49th annual Durham CROP Walk will be taking place at Duke University. Our congregation has been outstanding supporters and team members. We exceeded our \$3,000 goal last year and I am hoping we can do that again this year. If you would like more information about what the CROP Walk is, you can reach out to me directly at mcunni16@gmail.com or at church on Sunday mornings. If you would like to donate via check, please make checks payable to CWS or if to St. Paul's put CROP Walk in the memo line. Parish Emails going out will update links as we get closer to the event. Help St. Paul's make a difference to those in the Durham community which struggle with food insecurity.

Our Free Little Library is full of books, magazines, and jigsaw puzzles for your use. You are welcome to take or leave one to use and share. Check out the bookshelf near the water fountain in the atrium.

Music Time for Children – Join us at the 8:30 am service on Sundays for music time with Ted Turner, our minister of music. Following the children's message, all children (and parents) are invited to come sing some songs and have some fun in Whitesell hall during the sermon at the early service. They will return to the service after the singing to continue worship. We hope to see you there.

Child Care on Sunday mornings! We have an attendant, Courtney Rosenstein, on Sunday mornings who will care for your small children so parents and older children may attend Sunday School and worship. She will be available during the 8:30 service through the 11:00 service. Care will take place in the Parlor which is the room between the atrium and Whitesell Fellowship Hall.

Worship – We have two services: 8:30 am and 11:00 am, both using Setting One of the ELW. The 8:30 am service will be in-person. The 11:00 am service will be in-person, live-streamed and recorded. The link to watch the 11:00 service live is: <https://vimeo.com/event/1478223>. The link to watch any services which have been recorded is: <https://vimeo.com/stpaulsdurham> then choose the service date or event you wish to watch.

Sign-Up Genius Links

We need worship assistants weekly. Please visit the Sign-Up Genius links which we use to enable volunteers to fill in where needed, for both services. Click on the link and fill in your name on the date(s).

♦ **Sunday Morning Worship Tasks**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-sunday1>

Tasks include setting up, lector, worship assistant, sound, altar guild, video, etc. Staff will be glad to provide assistance for any of these tasks.

♦ **Sunday morning Communion Assistants and Lock-Up**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a72fa5f58-communion>

♦ **Devotions** – <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eabad28a3fd0-daily1>

Please send your devotions to Vicar Amanda Spangler at vicar@stpaulsdurham.org

Arise, Your Light Has Come!



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair



1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and

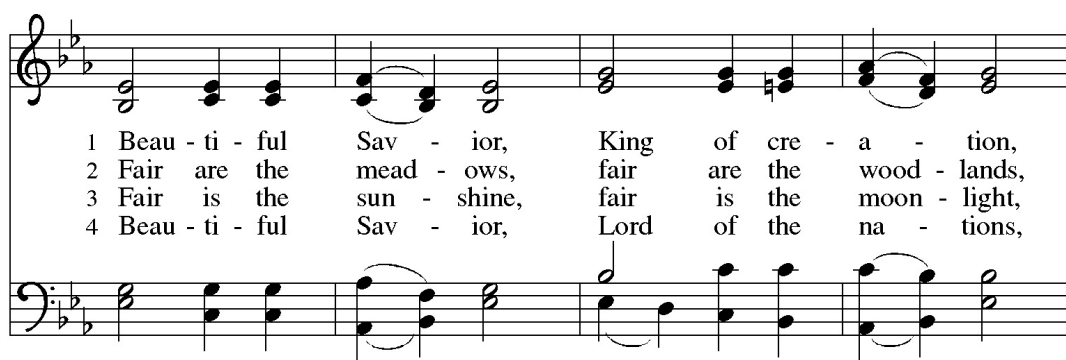


glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the
 car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the
 deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us

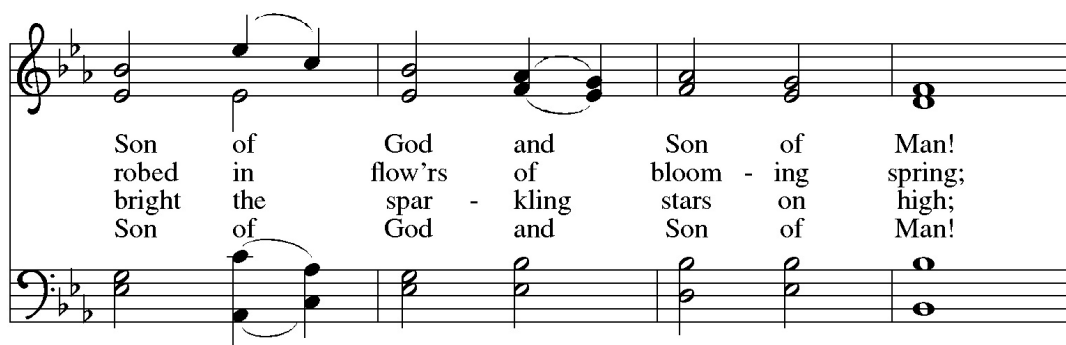


moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 Ho - ly One says, "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

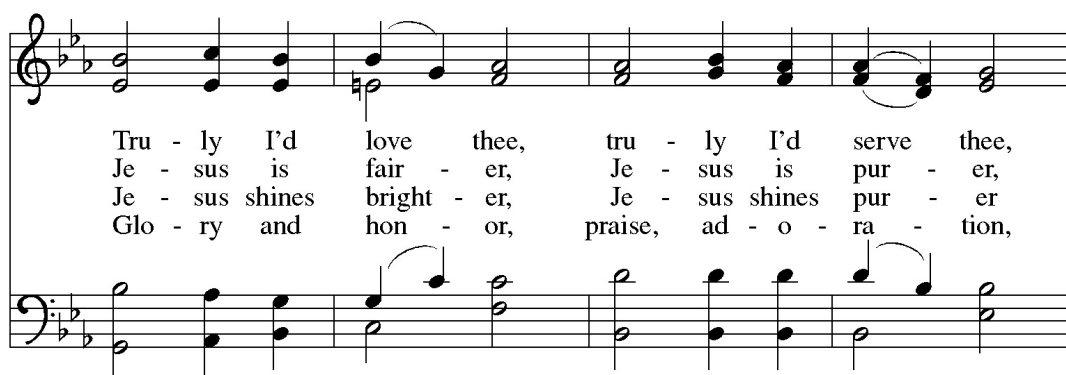
Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.




1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in the flow'rs of spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



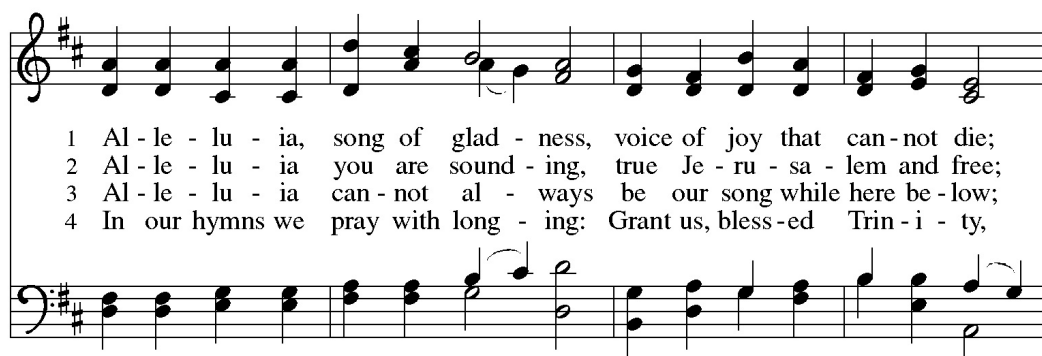
Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



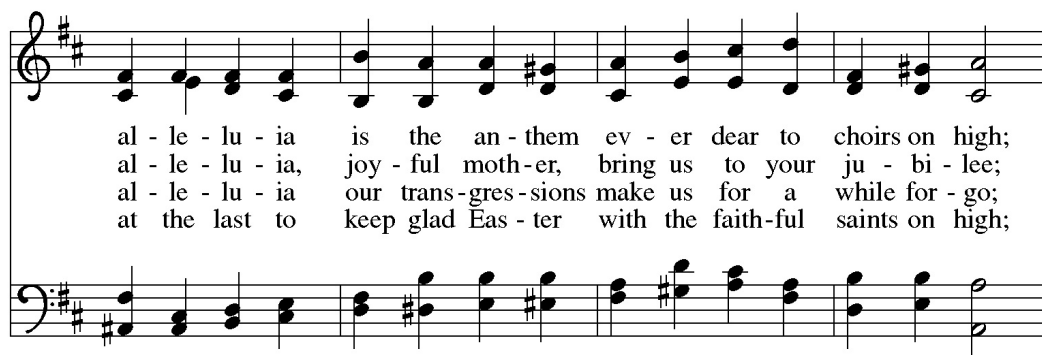
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Alleluia, Song of Gladness



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
 al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
 al - le - lu - ia our trans - ges - sions make us for a while for - go;
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
 for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
 there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880