

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

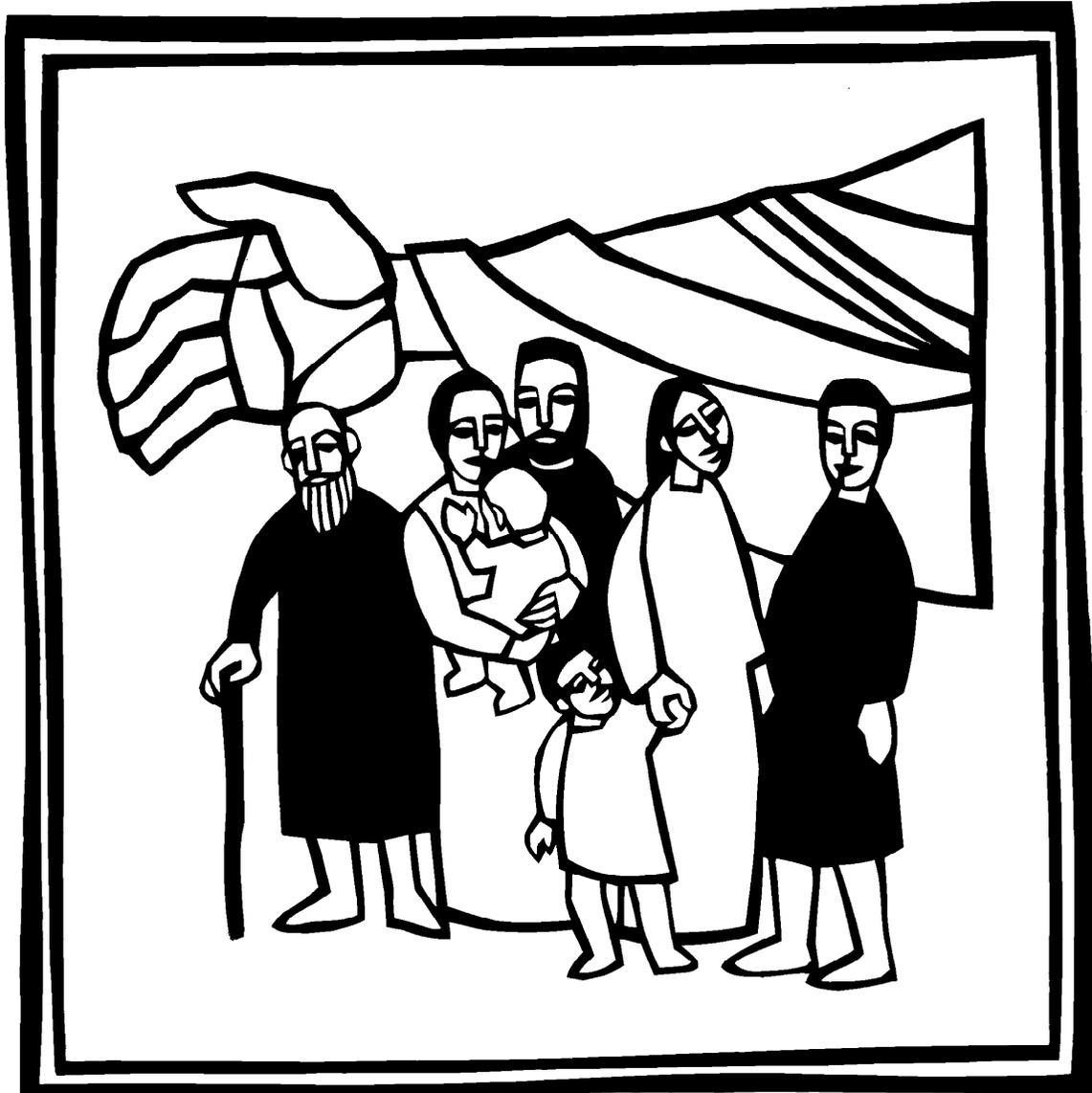
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In Jesus' name, Do justice, Love kindness, Walk humbly with God.

St. Paul is an open, affirming, and inclusive church, welcoming all who seek God.

Second Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2019



Gathered Together



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

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WELCOME TO ST. PAUL

Visiting today? We are glad you are here!
Stop by the Welcome Center and receive a sweet gift.

- Please write your name and other information on the yellow welcome card.
- There are multiple areas and resources designed for children to participate in worship according to their needs, including but not limited to: a Children's Message at the start of worship, Rainbow Bags with quiet toys, and an attended Nursery on the lower level of the building for 0 to 3-year-olds. Additional info about resources for parents and kids is on the "Children at St. Paul Wheaton" laminated page posted at the outside aisle-end of your pew.
- Assisted listening headphones are available for those having difficulty hearing.
- Members, please wear your name tag. Extras are located in the pew racks.

ABOUT WORSHIP

We follow an ancient pattern through the *liturgy* (which literally means "the work of the people").

Some parts of the service may change each week, but there is a consistent flow: praising God, hearing God's word, offering our prayers and gifts, celebrating communion, and being sent into the world for service. What is most important is that we all worship together—it's one of the ways we minister to and with each other and build community.

Thank you for being part of our worship and community today!

*At the asterisk, please stand as you are able.

P: Presiding Minister A: Assisting Minister L: Lector C: Congregation

ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship) page numbers are printed in the lower corners in the front portion of the hymnal. Hymn numbers are large numbers printed beside hymn titles in the rest of the book.

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDING MINISTER

Rev. Jared Olson

ASSISTING MINISTER

Demetrios Pappageorge

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Dr. Tony Payne

COMMUNION DEACON

8:30 Meg Cook

11:00 Lori Bateman

LECTOR

8:30 Grant Eckhoff

11:00 Karen Edwards

PSALM READER

8:30 Paul Johnson

11:00 Olivia King

CRUCIFER/ACOLYTES

8:30 Hans Therron, Rita Hansen, Susan Mullinger

11:00 Cyreno Pastore, Aidan and Mia McCoyd

BREAD HOST

8:30 Rich & Nancy Wilen

11:00 Gayle Meskimen & Connie Gerardi

GREETERS

8:30 Jim & Barb DeBoer, Mike & Jean Nass

11:00 Jan Stewart, Bryon & Pat Noeske

USHERS

8:30 Brian Hollahan, John Thorse, Bob Polzin

11:00 Bill Bergman, Bruce & Pat Beck, Marilyn Sodergren

COUNTERS

Bruce & Pat Beck, Susan Mullinger

FELLOWSHIP

Nancy Wilen, Nancy Carlson

ALTAR CARE

Charlie & Cathi Boone, Ann Hill, Birgit Lindgren

PREPARING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Owing to the solemn nature of the season of Lent, Pastor Jared will not be inviting the Congregation to make verbal announcements. If you have an announcement you would like made out loud, please see him before the service.

Children's Message

Pastor Jared

GATHERING TOGETHER IN WORSHIP

*Entrance Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise

ELW 831

Words by Thomas Olivers, based on Jewish Doxology
Music - Traditional Hebrew Melody



1. The God of A - braham praise, Who reigns en - throned a -
2. Your prom - ise you have sworn; I on that oath de -
3. The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on



bove; An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and
pend, I shall, on ea - gle's wings up - born to
high. "Hail, Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they



God of Love. "I am the One I Am,"
heaven a - scend. I shall be - hold your face; I
ev - er cry. Hail, Abr' - ham's God and mine! I



by earth and heaven con - fessed; I bow and bless
shall your power a - dore, and sing the won - ders
join the heav'n - ly lays: to you be glor - y,



the sa - cred name, For - ev - er
of your grace for - ev - er - more.
might di - vine, And end - less praise!

*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. 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.**

***Prayer of the Day**

P: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

LISTENING AS GOD SPEAKS TO US

Psalm

Psalm 27

- ¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- ²When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.
- ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.
- ⁴One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze
upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.
- ⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a
rock.
- ⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will
sing and make music to the Lord.
- ⁷Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.
- ⁸My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face."
Your face, O Lord, I will seek.
- ⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God
of my salvation.
- ¹⁰Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me in.

- ¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord;
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.
- ¹²Subject me not to the will of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.
- ¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!
- ¹⁴Wait for the Lord and be strong.
Take heart and wait for the Lord!

Lesson

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

p. 188

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

***Gospel**

Luke 13: 31-35

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

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

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Jared

***Hymn of the Day**

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

ELW 769



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

***Apostles' Creed**

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Prayers of the People**

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

***Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share the peace.

Offering

(8:30) *Jesus Loves Me*
Jubilation Ringers

W. Bradbury

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***Offertory Response**

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 185

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. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

***Offertory Prayer**

A: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

***Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

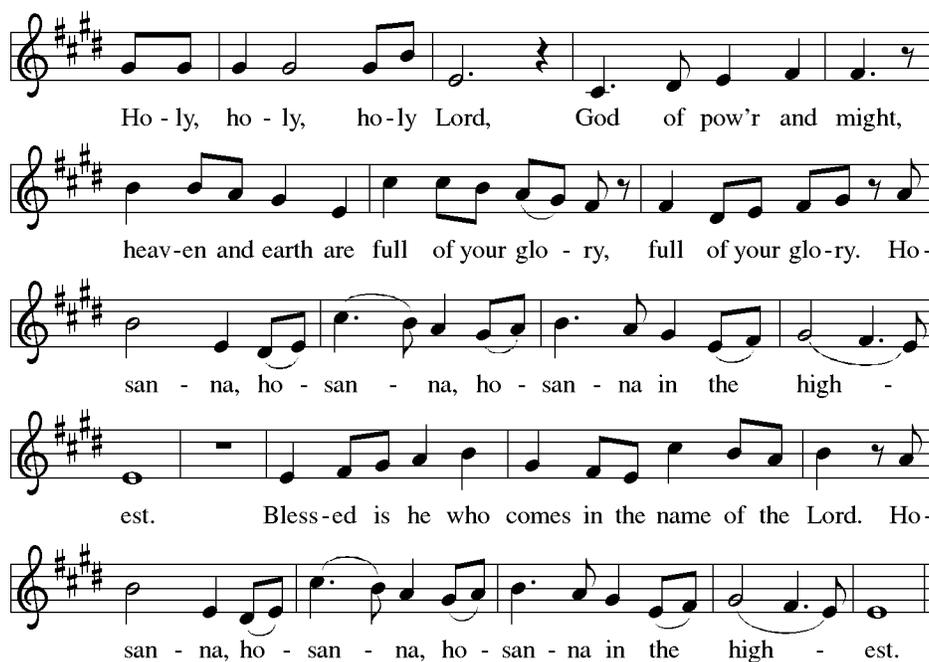
P: Lift up your hearts.

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.**

P: It is indeed right... and join their unending hymn:



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

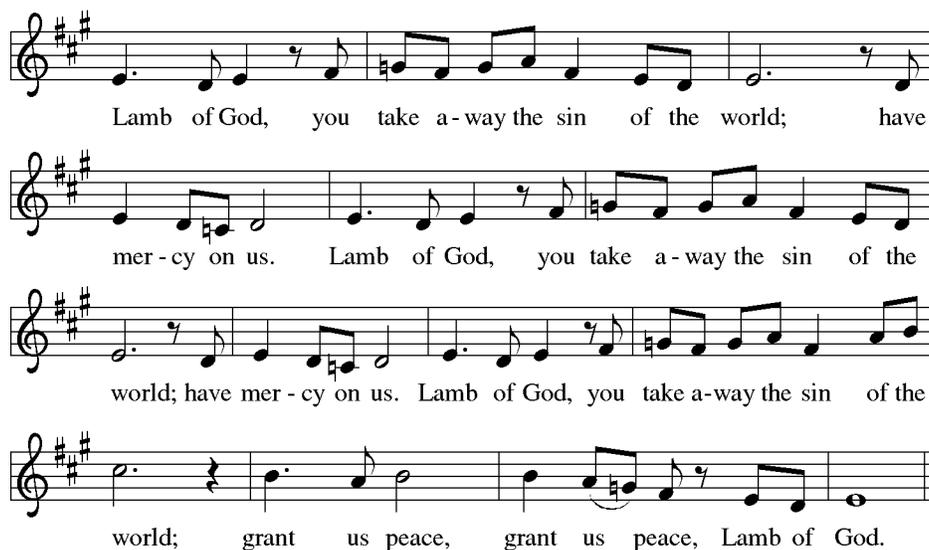
*Eucharistic Prayer

*Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Agnus Dei



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, Lamb of God.

***Post-Communion Prayer**

A: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

***Post-Communion Canticle**

Jesus, Remember Me

ELW 616, sung twice

The image shows a musical score for the Post-Communion Canticle 'Jesus, Remember Me'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.' The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD SENT BY GOD

***Benediction**

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**

How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

***Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

