



5th
Sunday
in
Lent

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

May this hour be a journey of the heart, a renewal of spirit, a pause in our lives as we worship the Lord our God together. If you are a guest this morning, we extend a special welcome to you and invite you to sign our guest book located in the gathering space outside of the sanctuary, also known as the narthex. Following our worship service, we invite you to share in a time of fellowship over coffee, juice, and snacks in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in learning more about our congregation and becoming a member, please visit with any member of the congregation or Pastor Janis Sloka, III. Thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us at St. Paul Lutheran Church!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME HERE!

We feel strongly that the faith formation of youth—just as any adult’s—develops through experience; because of this, we welcome youth of all ages to participate fully in worship and invite them to serve in a number of roles, such as: ushers, greeters, readers, and musicians. While we expect that children will behave as children—giggles, wiggles, and all—we also understand that sometimes they (and their parents or guardians) need a break; on those occasions, you are welcome to utilize the nursery (unstaffed) located on the north end of the narthex. Additionally, there is a playroom for children and a couch room for older youth on the west end of the Fellowship Hall. You can also find children’s bulletins and crayons on the table as you enter the main church building doors.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

As Lutherans, worship is connected with and central to everything we do—uniting us in celebration, engaging us in thoughtful dialogue, and helping us grow in faith. At the heart of our worship life is the presence of God through the word proclaimed and the sacraments—Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; this is because worship is—first and foremost—fundamentally about what God is doing in the world and in our lives, and then our response to God’s action. In the context of worship we find our response in the liturgy, which is a way of living God’s story. The liturgical texts that form the prayers we pray, the texts we say, and the songs we sing find their roots in both the Old and New Testaments; furthermore, these liturgical texts invite each and every one of us—not just the pastor or choir or any other worship leader—to use our voices to praise God. Through worship we are shaped to be participants in God’s life in this world.

PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR...

- Assistance with wheelchair seating
- Assisted listening devices
- Large print bulletins
- Directions to restrooms

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fifth Sunday in Lent- March 26, 2023
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting #4
Camp of the Cross Ministries Sunday

+Indicates to rise as you are able. Congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

WELCOME

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave His only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, † Father, Son and Holy Spirit forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen!**

+GATHERING SONG

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" ELW #325

+GREETING

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

+CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



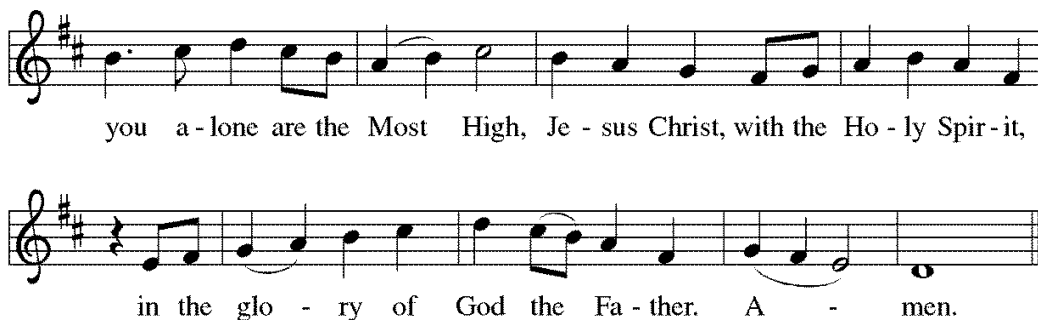
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Adult Choir*

PSALM 130 *Let us please read the Psalm responsively by verses.*

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

2 LORD, hear my voice!

**Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!**

3 If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
LORD, who could stand?

**4 But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.**

5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

**6 my soul waits for the LORD
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

7 O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

**8 It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.**

READING Ezekiel 37:1-14

1The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” 4Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. 5Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.” 7So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. 9Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” 10I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. 11Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ 12Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 14I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

1Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. 3So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." 4But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." 5Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, 6after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

7Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." 8The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" 9Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. 10But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." 11After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." 12The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." 13Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. 14Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. 15For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." 16Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

17When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, 19and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. 20When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. 21Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." 23Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, 26and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

28When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." 29And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. 30Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32When Mary came where Jesus

was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” 33When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” 35Jesus began to weep. 36So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” 37But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

38Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” 40Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” 41So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” 43When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” 44The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

45Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON *Sam, Wolf, Program Manager, Camp of the Cross Ministries*

SERMON *Deacon Janie Hague, Executive Director, Camp of the Cross Ministries*

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*” *ELW #335*

+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

+LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

+PEACE

The sharing of the peace is one of the oldest traditions in the Christian church. Far more than a sociable handshake, it is a ministry we do for each other that proclaims the promise of God's peace given to us and reconciles us to God and one another. Share the peace today with your neighbors.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also, with you.**

OFFERING

Every good and perfect gift is from God. In grateful response to all of God's gifts, we offer our time, talents, and treasures. These offerings support the ministry of the church-bearing witness to the love of Christ in our community, country, and world. Your financial offerings may be placed in the plates by the sanctuary doors. You are also invited to visit www.stpaulgarrisonnd.com/giving to set up a one-time gift or regular, electronic giving. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing at St. Paul Lutheran!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+PRAYER

God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **Amen.**

+OUR MISSION

Our mission is to GATHER as God's people; to GROW in faith, love, and service; and to GO into the community and world as disciples of Jesus.

+BLESSING

God, the giver of love, ✝ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

+SENDING SONG *“Lord I Lift Your Name on High” led by Camp Staff*

VERSE

Lord, I lift Your name on high
Lord, I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

CHORUS

You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift Your name on high

VERSE- CHORUS- CHORUS

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace to Love and Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Today we welcome the staff from Camp of the Cross Ministries!** Deacon Janie Hague is the new Executive Director and Sam Wolf is their Program Manager. Janie will be preaching, and Sam will have the children's message. CCM is also hosting Fellowship today so come and visit with them.
- **Office Hours:** are from 9a.m.-12 noon Mondays-Tuesdays-Wednesdays
- **Palm Sunday:** April 2 the Sunday School will be sharing the message and the LYO youth will be assisting during worship.
- **Palm Sunday Caramel Rolls:** served at fellowship. Free will donation for an LYO fundraiser.
- **Crafting:** at St. Paul is this Friday evening, March 31, after 4 p.m. and Saturday, April 1, starting at 9:00 a.m. Join us to catch up on your projects.

- **Lent: Join us this Wednesday for Devotions and Worship. This is our last Wednesday!**
 - We will gather each day at 12Noon for lunch and devotions. Please bring your own lunch.
 - Each evening we will have free-will supper at 6:30PM. It will be provided by Lenore's Catering. We need volunteers to set up, serve and clean up. A signup sheet is on the volunteer tables. Worship will follow at 7:15PM in the Sanctuary.
- **Fellowship Hosts:** We still need hosts for March.
- **Readers:** are needed for March and April. A sign-up sheet and a copy of the readings is on a table in the gathering space outside of the sanctuary.
- **Update our Living Wall:** People are encouraged to send updated pictures to the church to put up on the Living Wall. Bring in a picture to the office or email your picture to the church, stpaul@restel.com. Faye Seidler will then put them on the wall.
- **Directory:** We are going to update the church directory. Loree would like everyone's phone numbers and addresses updated before she runs the new directory. Please email, text or write a note and leave on Loree's desk. She will be using the information that is listed in Breeze, our church management system.
- **St. Paul will be hosting a community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th.** Please consider donating for the purchase of chocolate mini eggs, and prizes. Or you can also donate the chocolate.
- **Live Facebook:** each week at St. Paul's. The 4 Ministers are also on FB and Instagram each week.
- **Equal Exchange:** a variety of coffee and chocolate are for sale, at cost, on a cart in the fellowship hall. This supports the small coffee farmers.
- **Get your St. Paul Gear!** Spread our mission with custom shirts! Check them out in the Fellowship Hall.

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Thank you for being a part of what God is doing at St. Paul!



In Our Prayers: Clarence Behles, Glen Blanchard, Darrin Huston, Stuart Bennet, Edmund Seidler, Berniece Schlichting, Mike Gackle, Mona Reinisch, Claryce Johnson, Steve Seidler, Wayne Klemisch, Travis Kolden, Heidi Smith, Betty Iglehart, Lorinda Johnson, Doug Steinmetz, Jeff Wretling, Randy Mautz, Alton Krebsbach, Terry Metz, Keith Bjornson. The family of Ruby Boger at her death.

In Thanksgiving: for First Responders and Health Care Workers

Please submit prayer requests to Loree, Holly, or Pastor Janis. Those for whom prayers have been requested will remain on our prayer lists and named in worship for four weeks, unless requested otherwise.

Birthday Wishes This Week To:

Isaac Perman 29
John Haugen 30
Katelyn Seidler 30
Delvin Kolden April 01



This week at St. Paul's:

Today, March 26th

9:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
9:45 a.m.	Worship- Camp of the Cross Ministries Visit
10:45 a.m.	Fellowship
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	LOL- 9 th -12 th
11:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
	BLC rescheduled St. Patrick's Day Celebration
1:00 p.m.	Baptism
1:30 p.m.	Baptism
6:00 p.m.	Youth Group with Camp of the Cross Staff

<i>Mon.</i>	9:00 a.m. -12 Noon	Office Hours
<i>Tues.</i>	9:00 a.m. -12 Noon	Office Hours
	10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
<i>Wed.</i>	7:30 a.m.	9-12 Youth Breakfast Club
	9:00 a.m. -12 Noon	Office Hours
	12:00 Noon	Lent Lunch and Devotions
	3:00 p.m.	K-2 Sonshine Friends
	6:30 p.m.	Lent Supper
	7:15 p.m.	Lent Worship
	7:45 p.m.	Confirmation
<i>Thurs.</i>	10:00 p.m.	Community Bible Study at The Meadows
<i>Next Sunday, April 2nd Palm Sunday</i>		
	8:30 a.m.	1 st Communion Instruction
	9:45 a.m.	Worship- Sunday School Easter Message and Holy Communion
	10:45 a.m.	Fellowship- Caramel Rolls by LYO
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
		First Communion Instruction



seeking in the sanctuary

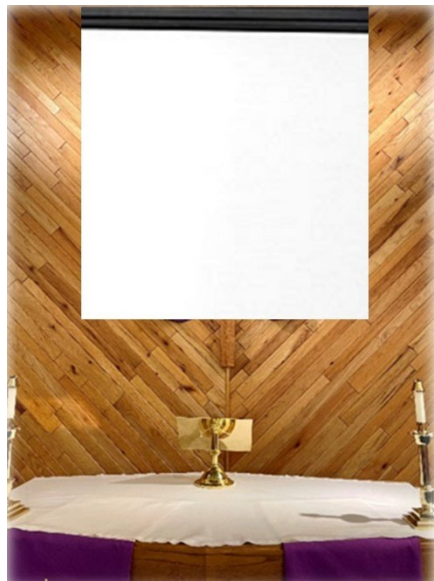
Look at the pulpit. This is where the word of God is spoken each week to remind us of whose we are and how we are to be. **What does the pulpit look like? Is there fabric on it? Draw a picture of what you see!**

PERMANENT PROJECTOR AND RETRACTABLE SCREEN IN THE SANCTUARY

The Church Council after many years of discussion made the decision to put in the sanctuary a permanent projector and *retractable projection screen*. They believe it will enhance our worship experience and be helpful for children and youth ministries. After receiving a bid, they would like to move forward with your support. However, they will not install them until the monies are raised. So, we need your help! The cost is \$20,000 for the equipment, installation, and the work of an electrician. Please prayerfully consider helping make this possible! Please see a council member if you have questions.

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Retractable not permanent





TWO WEDNESDAY LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

“SEEKING: HONEST QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER FAITH”

This year we are offering two options for the Wednesdays in Lent

- ⌘ Wednesday Noon Lenten Devotions and Lunch in the chapel (bring your own lunch)
- ⌘ Wednesday Dinner at 6:30PM (Free will offering) in the Fellowship Center
- ⌘ Wednesday Worship at 7:15PM in the Sanctuary

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Sunday, April 2nd
9:45 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 6th
7:15 p.m.
Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 7th
7:15 p.m.

EASTER

Sunday, April 9th
7:00 a.m. worship,
Holy Communion
breakfast 8:00-9:15 a.m.
and 9:45 a.m. worship
Holy Communion

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SERVING IN THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH

<i>Ministers</i>	The People of St. Paul Lutheran
<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Janis Sloka, III
<i>Faith Formation Director</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Church Council President</i>	Keith Thelen
<i>Choir Director</i>	Lisa Haugen
<i>Treasurer</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Church & Financial Secretary</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Custodian</i>	Pam Kolden
<i>Sunday School Superintendent</i>	Lisa Maki
<i>Sweet Sounds Coordinator</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Missionaries</i>	Anne & Willie Langdji; Katie Narum Miyamoto
<i>Organist</i>	Sundi Lagge
<i>Reader</i>	Lisa Haugen
<i>Acolyte</i>	Nora Klemisch
<i>Greeters</i>	Linda Heer and Denise Mautz
<i>Ushers</i>	Wade Kolden and Dennis Ness
<i>Door Greeter</i>	Dennis Ness
<i>Sound and Video</i>	Mark Torno
<i>Fellowship</i>	Camp of the Cross Ministries

MISSION STATEMENT

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