

**ST PAUL EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE  
February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

\*please stand

Opening Music

Order of Worship

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: The Lord is near to those who call.

**Congregation: Oh, come let us worship the Lord.**

Pastor: God is an intimate companion, whose love is an expression of joy, connection, and forgiveness

**Congregation: We love in this world; the people and things close to us and we seek to serve them.**

Pastor: This is but a reflection of the true love God has for us. Lord God help us to know your forgiveness and take up the cross and follow

Invocation (Unison)

Dear God, we know that you are and always will be forgiving and gracious. Lord God you call us again and again to new life. We ask that the forgiveness from the cross of Christ would guide our vision of service in the world.

HYMN “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (Vs 1&2) 597

**LESSON – 2 Peter 2:1-3**

But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.

Lenten Message “Let Go of Denial & Let God” Pastor John

HYMN “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (Vs 3&4) 597

***PRAYER LITANY***

Pastor: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation

**Congregation: Help us to forgive as we have received forgiveness.**

Pastor: Inspire us by the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

**Congregation: Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

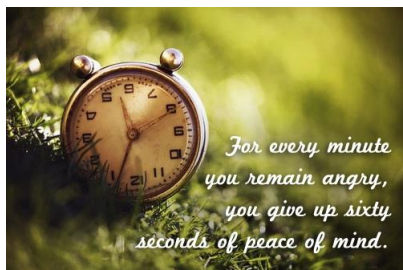
Pastor: Forgive us Lord, for at times we don't know what we are doing. The cross event is lifted up this day calling us to newer and richer relationship with vision, for life eternal. Continue to draw us nearer, O Lord, and help us to see more clearly the need for self-control when tempted by the world. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

*A moment in silence for reflection*

Closing Music



**BEWARE**

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just as there will also be false teachers among you  
who will secretly introduce destructive heresies,  
even denying the Lord Who bought them, bringing  
swift destruction upon themselves

2 Peter 2:1

A graphic featuring the word "BEWARE" in large, bold, white capital letters at the top. Below it, a block of text in a white, serif font quotes 2 Peter 2:1. At the bottom, there are silhouettes of a group of people standing together, with a central figure slightly taller. The background is dark with faint, circular patterns.

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