

**ST PAUL EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE
March 15TH, 2023**

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*please stand

Opening Music

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: As the deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

Congregation: My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, “Where is your God?”

Pastor: These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

Congregation: Why are you cast down O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God: for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Invocation (Unison)

Dear God, we know that our hope lies in you. Through tears and tribulation, joy and celebration you proclaim

the promise of life eternal. Help us Lord to stand firm in the hope of your Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen

HYMN “What a Friend We Have In Jesus” (Vs 1&2) # 742

FIRST LESSON – Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

GOSPEL READING – St. John 16:28-33

I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.” Then Jesus’ disciples said, “Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God.” “Do you now believe?” Jesus replied. “A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me. “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

Lenten Message “Fast From Depression” Pastor John

HYMN “What a Friend We Have In Jesus” (Vs 3) # 742

PRAYER LITANY

Pastor: Send out your light and your truth: let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Congregation: Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy: and I will praise you with the harp, O God my God.

Congregation: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Pastor: We deserve condemnation, and you offer us the hope of salvation from the cross that we might be whole. O Lord help us to see more clearly the need to be pure in your love and proclaim, through our depression and doubt, that you are our savior. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

A moment in silence for reflection

Closing Music



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