

Worship Notes for Visitors & Members

Welcome to worship - Welcome to all, and especially to our visitors, we are glad you are here today, and hope that you will worship with us again soon and often. Please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate. These will aid our record-keeping. Thank you. Large print bulletins are available from an usher in the narthex. *"It is good to worship the Lord together, and to come into his presence with thanksgiving."* Psalm 95

Welcome children - Jesus said "Let the children come to me." Children are welcome and encouraged to worship here at St. Paul. We rejoice that they are among us; however, if you need it, our nursery is available at all services and you can hear the service on audio. An usher will guide you.

St. Paul welcomes all to the Communion Table. Christ is the Host and the Meal. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it rather than wine. Children and those choosing not to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

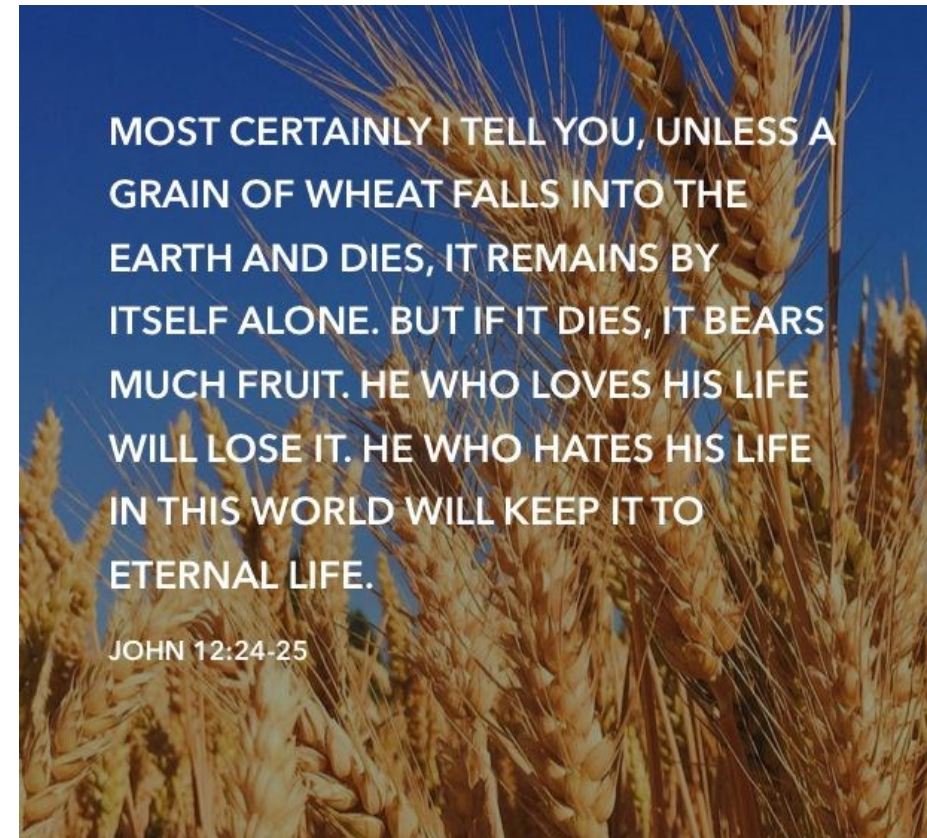
There are **restrooms** located in the basement of this building and on the ground floor of the hallway leading to our fellowship hall and on each floor of the educational building.

PARTICIPANTS

<u>MINISTERS</u>		The People of God
<u>PASTOR</u>		Rev. John Shipman
<u>VICAR</u>		Troy Spencer
<u>ORGANIST</u>		Marvis McNeil
<u>CHOIR DIRECTOR</u>		Marty Cantleberry
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Shirley Jones
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Sue Keyes
	9:00 a.m.	Kathy Burton
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Dennis & Sherry McDonald
	9:00 am.	Steve & Andrea Dutcher
		Nancy Smithem, Ryan Panknin
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	9:00 a.m.	Alayna Krey
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Marty Cantleberry and Laurie Stafford

We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Worship Service
celebrates and shares God's love and compassion
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March 20, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.
March 21, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.

Join us for the Holy Week Services. They are as follows: Palm Sunday we will have our regular three services; Maundy Thursday, April 1st, at 6:00 p.m.; Good Friday Service, April 2nd, at 6:00 p.m., followed by the movie “The Passion” at 7:00 p.m.; Easter Sunday, April 4th, we will have three services: A Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m., Liturgical Service at 9:00 a.m. and Contemporary Service at 10:30.

The Crafters will be hosting a Bake Sale on Easter Sunday, between the Easter Services. Come check out the cinnamon rolls, coffee cakes, cupcakes, sweet breads, and other choices for your Easter Sunday festivities. All proceeds from the sale will go towards the purchase of fruit, vegetables, and canning supplies for the Christmas Bazaar. If you have any questions call Lori Ludwig at 356-4753.

There are now recipe collection boxes for our 150th Anniversary cookbook in the narthex, the window across from the elevator and in Nena’s office. Please print legibly, sign your name, make directions clear and concise and include any interesting notes about the recipes. Deadline for recipes is April 15th. Any questions, call Lori 356-4753.

St. Paul Scholarship Committee will be awarding a \$500 scholarship for the 2021-22 academic year to a 2021 graduating senior (preference) or current college student. Applications are available at the office and must be completed and returned by April 30th. Members interested in supporting this year’s scholarship or a planned \$25,000 endowed scholarship may forward their contribution to the church office.

Do you have bottles and cans that are piling up? The Scholarship Committee is collecting bottle returns for the Scholarship fund, if you have returns you can drop them off at the church. There is a janitorial closet next to the elevator on the Mirre street side you can place them in there. We ask that you don't include water bottles or anything else that is not returnable. Thank you. *The Scholarship Committee.*

The 150th Anniversary Committee would like to honor those who have served in the military during this celebration year. If you know someone in the congregation that has served in the military since World War 2, please send an email to nena@stpaul.org or call the office, with their name and approximate dates of service, so we can have a comprehensive list. Thank you!

Our March Service Activity is ACES Academy. Items needed: 2 ‘n 1 shampoo, sports body wash, tooth-paste, toothbrushes, deodorant, feminine products, toilet paper, Kleenex, and bar soap (Dove or Irish Spring). Please leave items on the altar.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: MARCH 21–28, 2021	
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Jr/Sr High Sunday School—10:30 a.m.; Contemporary Service & Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Isaiah Bible Study – 4:00 p.m.; Girl Scouts—6:00 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Lent Worship Service – 12:15 p.m.; “The Wounded Healer” Book Study– 1:00 p.m.; Confirmation—6:00 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Fellowship at JJ’s—7:00 a.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Palm Sunday Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Jr/Sr High Sunday School—10:30 a.m.; Contemporary Service & Children’s Church –10:30 a.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church celebrates and shares God's love and compassion.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Billi Jo Foster, Arnie Moggie, Amanda Tolan, Amy Nolan, Ron Wirgau, Jesse Gordy, Lori Ludwig, Dorothy Jury, Mabel Townsend, Doris Peterson, Lyla Wyman, Marian Dove, Dolores Sumerix, Amy Waite, Charlie Busuttil, Eleanor Schellie, Geri Hanson, Jeff & Kendra Truman, Barb Crittenden, Megan Schleben, Audrey Reck, Barb Skaluba, Randy Donakowski, Tim Grossman, Deb Lange, Bernice Menck, Annette Jones, and Karen Wallace.

We remember our prayer partners in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod:
*Immanuel Lutheran Church, Big Rapids, Rev. John Ferra

This week we join in prayer with the other LARCC parishes (Grace Lutheran, Trinity Episcopal, First Congregational UCC, All Saints Parish) for the Children's Program at First Congregational UCC.

CONDOLENCES TO: the family and friends of Shirley (Krey) Kelly who joined our Lord in eternity March 12, 2021. Her funeral service was held on March 17, 2021 at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are given to the glory of God.

Worship has begun again in our building. Please wear a mask and remember that social distancing is in place. If you don't have a mask, we will provide one at the door. Be open to directions for your safety and the safety of others. Please no hand shaking or hugs and when communicating with others please remain at a safe distance. When sitting please listen to the usher's directions. Services will be different due to social distancing so please have an open mind/heart and rejoice that we are worshipping again.

Please join us for our weekly Wednesday Lenten Worship Services. They started on Ash Wednesday and we will continue to meet each Wednesday through March 24th. The services are at 12:15 p.m.

Please call the church office, 356-1658, and update your phone number and address, when there are changes. The Council members are having problems getting ahold of you. Also, you may want to delete some of your saved calls, so we can leave messages. If you need any assistance, we would be happy to help you.

For our 150th Anniversary we are putting together a photo album of St. Paul Confirmation Classes.

Seeking copies of any of the following years: Any year earlier than 1921, 1921-26, 28-31, 33-34, 36, 39-41, 43, 46, 62, 65-68, 70-72, 74-76, 78, 89, 2001, 2003-2009, 2011-to date. If you have one of the year's mentioned, please provide a copy for the album. We are looking for a confirmation group photo, not individual photos. Please drop-off at the office. Also, we are still looking for wedding pictures of anyone married at St. Paul in last 150 years. The deadline for wedding pictures is April. *Thank You.*

There is a Prayer Box in the Narthex, on the table. Please fill out the blue card, next to it, and place it in the box and we will get it to the Prayer Ministry Group.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 20, 2021 - 5:30 p.m.
March 21, 2021 - 9:00 a.m.**

*(Congregational responses are printed in **bold**; Additional items for the 9:00 a.m. service only are printed in **blue**.)*

Welcome! Please remain seated throughout the service and the offering will be received at the back and front of the church building.

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,

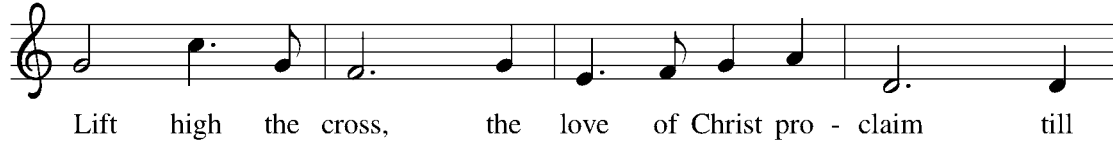
pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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. **Amen.**

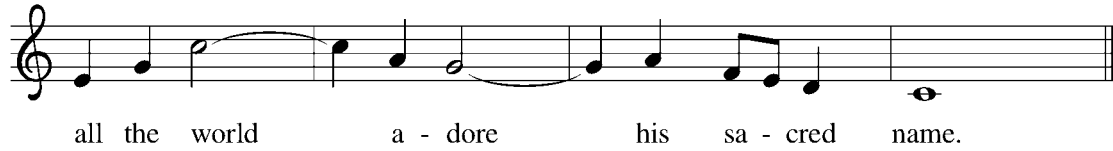
GATHERING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

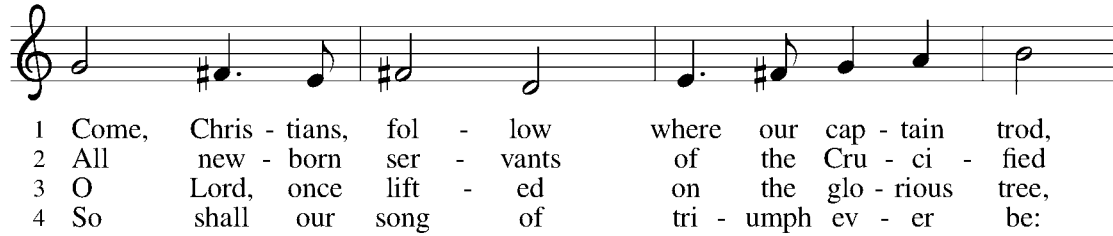
SERMON NOTES



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

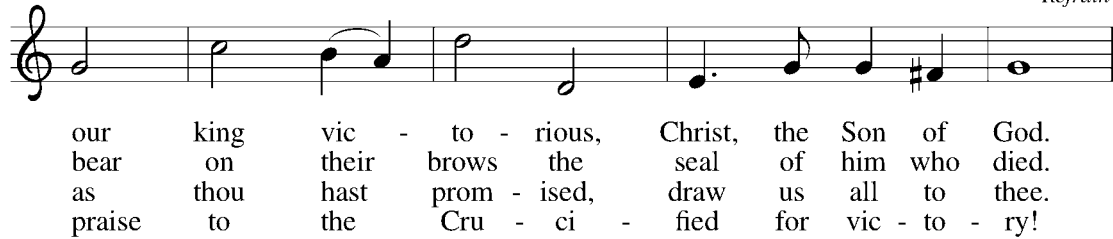


all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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GREETING

Pastor: The free gift of grace in Jesus Christ, the reconciling love of God, and the life and peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;
me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

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FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,^[a] says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-12 (Read Responsively)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.
Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶ as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”
⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The

Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,
and lead us forth in joy with shouts
of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

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.

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

**Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.**

crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON

“What Should I Say?”

Pastor John Shipman

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Change My Heart, O God”

Refrain
Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.
End
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.
Refrain
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa
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Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again 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.
 *Universal

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Hear us, O God.
 Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE
 The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.
 And also with you.

OFFERING IS BEING RECEIVED IN THE BACK & THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH BUILDING

OFFERING PRAYER
 Let us pray. Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Sung at the 9:00 a.m. service.)
THE 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.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise . . . *(concluding)* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

C C/G Asus Am F G F/C C

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My
 San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi

F G C Am F G⁷ C

heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.
 cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to_e - res Se - ñor.

EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:
People: 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Christ is both the host and the meal. Come, taste and see that the Lord is good. Those not receiving Communion are invited forward for a blessing. There is grape juice for those who prefer it.

"Lamb of God"