## ST PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

#### **LESSON – Philippians 2:1-5**

Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being likeminded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.

Lenten Message "Let Go of Self-Centeredness & Let God" 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

## <u>A moment in silence for reflection</u>

**Closing Music** 

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