

**ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH LENTEN  
WORSHIP SERVICE  
March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

\*please stand

Opening Music

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: The Lord swore to David, a sure oath from which he will not turn back: One of the sons of your Body I will set on your throne.

**Congregation: If your children keep my covenant and my decrees that I shall teach them, their children also, forevermore shall sit on your throne.**

Pastor: For the Lord has chosen Zion; He has desired it for his habitation: “This is my resting place forever; here I will reside, for I desired it. I will abundantly bless its provisions; I will satisfy its poor with bread. Its priests I will clothe with salvation, and its faithful will shout for joy.

**Congregation: There I will cause a horn to sprout up; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed one. His enemies I will clothe with disgrace, but on him, his crown will gleam.”**

Invocation (Unison)

God of promise, from generation to generation your call goes out to all people. Your call is to relationship proclaimed in your sacrifice. Help our ears and hearts to readily heed your call, accept your love and serve in humility where you lead us. Amen

HYMN

“Amazing Grace”(Vs 1&2)

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**GOSPEL READING – St. Luke 7:36-39; 44-27**

When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee’s house and reclined at the table. A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee’s house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.” Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.” Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Lenten Message

“Feast on Acceptance”

Pastor John

HYMN

“Amazing Grace”(Vs 3&4)

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## PRAYER LITANY

Pastor: The mighty one, God the Lord speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Congregation: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

Pastor: Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest is all around him.

**Congregation: He calls to the heaven above and to the earth, that he might judge his people; "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"**

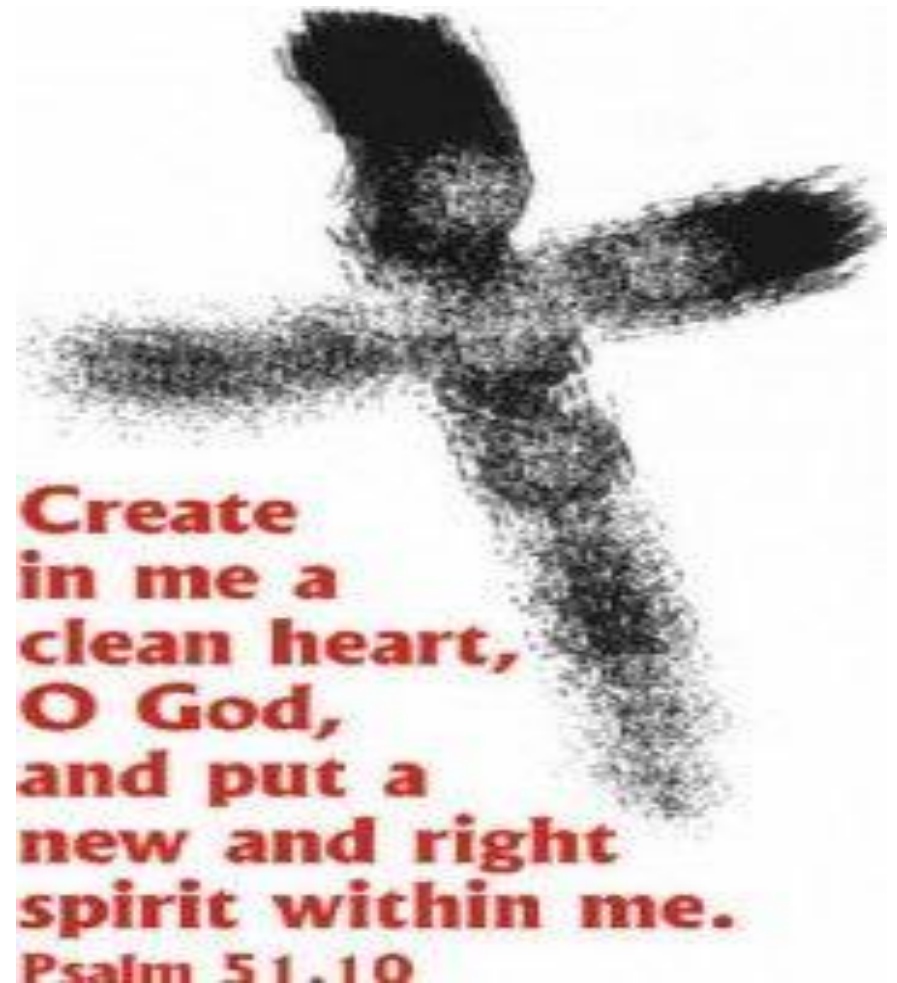
Pastor: Gather us together great God and renew your covenant with us; a promise of relationship sustained in the dying and rising of Jesus the Christ. Help us to humble ourselves as we draw even closer to you throughout the remaining days of this Lenten Season, in the hope of your sacrifice and accepting your grace. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

*A moment in silence for reflection*

Closing Music



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