



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

March 22, 2026 – Fifth Sunday in Lent A



Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word, and through the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Restrooms and a drinking fountain are located on the right in the hallway outside the sanctuary. We have **personal hearing devices**. If you need one, please let an usher know before the service. If you are a parent with young children, we want you to know that we love having children worship with us since worship includes them, too. At the same time, we know that children sometimes like to make their presence known in spite of the best efforts to keep them quiet. For your convenience and in consideration of those seated near you, we have a **Family Room** located through the door in the back of the Fellowship Hall. The facility includes a TV, a window, and speakers so that you can still follow along with the worship service. **Busy bags** are also available near the central sanctuary doors.

Prayer before worship: Suffering Servant of the Lord, we approach this season with mixed feelings. We feel crushed, knowing that our sins have caused your pains and suffering. We see your tortured body and know it was because of the sinful actions we did, the wicked words we said, and the evil thoughts that crossed our minds. We are deeply sorry for our sins, and we are deeply grateful to know that it was your undeserved love that led you to save us. If, in that love, you see fit to allow suffering in our lives, grant us the strength to bear it well and to glorify you through it all. Amen.

Personal Preparation for Holy Communion

Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?

A: He says I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.

Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?

A: I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?

Q: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?

A: I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.

Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?

A: His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.

Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?

A: In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.

Q: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?

A: I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: ***“Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.”***

Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?

A: I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

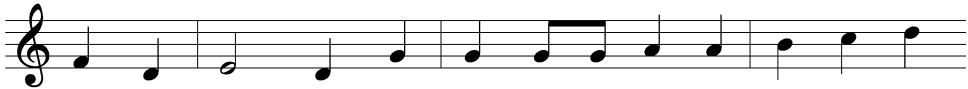
I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name

CW 846

Though death seeks to strike fear, Jesus' life, death, and resurrection has transformed it into a sleep.



1 I know of a sleep in Je - sus' name, a rest from all
2 I know of a morn - ing, bright and fair when ti - dings of
3 God's Son to our graves then makes his way; his voice hear all
4 O Je - sus, draw near my dy - ing bed and take me in -



toil and sor - row; earth folds in her arms my wea - ry frame
joy shall wake us, when songs from on high shall fill the air
tribes and na - tions. The trum - pet of God will sound the day
to your keep - ing and say when my spir - it hence is fled,



and shel - ters it till the mor - row. My soul is at
and God to his glo - ry take us, when Je - sus shall
and shake all the earth's foun - da - tions. He calls out a -
"This child is not dead, but sleep - ing." And leave me not,



home with God in heav'n; my sor - rows are past and o - ver.
bid us rise from sleep; how joy - ous that hour of wak - ing!
loud, "O dead, come forth!" In glo - ry we rise to meet him.
Sav - ior, till I rise to praise you in life e - ter - nal.

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Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Confession

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

The Word

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray: Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation, that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

2 Kings 4:17–37

God enables Elisha to prove to a grieving mother that God can and will raise people from the dead.

¹⁷But the woman conceived, and she gave birth to a son at that same time of year, just as Elisha said to her.

Elisha Raises the Boy From the Dead

¹⁸The boy grew up, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers.

¹⁹Then he said to his father, “My head! My head!”

His father said to his servant, “Carry him to his mother.” ²⁰So he picked him up and carried him to his mother, and the boy sat on her lap until noon. Then he died.

²¹Then she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God. She shut the door behind her and went out. ²²Then she called to her husband and said, “Send one of the servants to me with one of the donkeys, so that I can run to the man of God and come back.”

²³He said, “Why are you going to him today? It's not the new moon, and it's not the Sabbath.”

But she said, “It's all right.”

²⁴Then she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, “Lead the way. Don't slow down for me unless I tell you.”

²⁵So she went to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When the man of God saw her from a distance, he said to his servant Gehazi, “Look! That’s the woman from Shunem! ²⁶Now run to meet her and say, ‘Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your son all right?’”

She answered, “We’re all right.”

²⁷Then she came to the man of God at the mountain, and she grasped his feet. Gehazi stepped forward to push her away, but the man of God said, “Leave her alone, for her soul is in distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me. He has not told me.”

²⁸Then she said, “Did I ask my lord for a son? Didn’t I say, ‘Don’t give me false hope?’”

²⁹Then Elisha said to Gehazi, “Hike up your garments for travel, and take my staff in your hand and go! If you meet someone, do not greet him, and if someone greets you, do not answer. Put my staff on the boy’s face.”

³⁰But the boy’s mother said, “As surely as the LORD lives and your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So he got up and followed her. ³¹Gehazi went ahead of them and put the staff on the boy’s face. But there was no sound, and there was no response. So he went back to Elisha and told him, “The boy did not wake up.”

³²When Elisha came to the house, there the boy was—dead, lying on his bed. ³³So he went in and he shut the door behind the two of them. Then he prayed to the LORD. ³⁴He got up and lay down on top of the boy. He put his mouth to the boy’s mouth, his eyes to the boy’s eyes, his palms to the boy’s palms. Then he bent down over him, and the boy’s flesh became warm. ³⁵He went back into the house and paced back and forth. Then he went up and bent down over him, and the boy sneezed seven times. Then the boy opened his eyes.

³⁶Then Elisha called Gehazi and said, “Call the woman of Shunem!” So he called her, and she came in. He said, “Pick up your son.” ³⁷So she came in and fell at Elisha’s feet and bowed down to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

130C By Grace Alone

Psalm 130C



1 Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord, hear my
 2 Your par - don is a gift of love, your grace a -
 3 Though great our sins and sore our woes his grace much



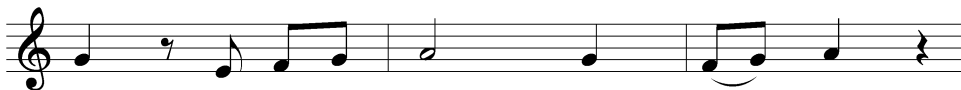
voice of plead - ing; bend down your gra - cious ear, I
 lone must save us; our works will not re - move our
 more a - bound - eth; his help - ing love no lim - it



pray, your hum - ble ser - vant heed - ing. If you re -
 guilt, the strict - est life would fail us. Let none in
 knows, our ut - most need it sound - eth. Our kind and



mem - ber each mis - deed, and of each thought and word take
 deeds or mer - its boast, but let us own the Ho - ly
 faith - ful Shep - herd he, who will set all his peo - ple



heed, who can re - main be - fore you?
 Ghost for he a - lone can change us:
 free from all their sin and sor - row:



On - ly by grace, by grace a - lone.
 On - ly by grace, by grace a - lone.
 On - ly by grace, by grace a - lone.

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Second Reading

Romans 8:11–19

By the Son's work, the Father promises to raise me from the dead and give me life through the Spirit.

¹¹And if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will also make your mortal bodies alive through his Spirit, who is dwelling in you.

¹²So then, brothers, we do not owe it to the sinful flesh to live in harmony with it. ¹³For if you live in harmony with the sinful flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live.

The Spirit Assures Us We Are Children of God

¹⁴Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, "Abba, Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God's children.

¹⁷Now if we are children, we are also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him.

Suffering Leads Us to Look Ahead to Heaven

¹⁸For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. ¹⁹In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 11:25

P: It is written: I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die.

Gospel

John 11:17–27,38–45

A corpse responds to the empowering command of Christ, proving that Jesus is the Lord of life.

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. ¹⁹Many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them concerning their brother.

²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary was sitting in the house.

²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”

²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

²⁴Martha replied, “I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the Last Day.”

²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies. ²⁶And whoever lives and believes in me will never perish. Do you believe this?”

²⁷“Yes, Lord,” she told him. “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”

³⁸Jesus was deeply moved again as he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹“Take away the stone,” he said.

Martha, the dead man’s sister, told him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, because it has been four days.”

⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone.

Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

⁴⁴The man who had died came out with his feet and his hands bound with strips of linen and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus told them, “Loose him and let him go.”

⁴⁵Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

CW 679

Baptism brings life by joining us to Christ's death and resurrection, defeating all our greatest foes in life.



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized
4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing to this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it, gave my
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus'
in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion, I am
in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness to in -
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing: e - ven



full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures man - y?
cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y con - science seize me
not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the font I've trav - eled,
her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and ash - es
there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a - waits its rais - ing,



I have one worth more than an - y that brought me sal -
since my bap - tism did re - lease me in a dear for -
all your might has come un - rav - eled, and, a - gainst your
faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free, last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
giv - ing flood, sprink - ling me with Je - sus' blood?
tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
strength di - vine to make life im - mor - tal mine.
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

Waiting Is Hard. So Don't.

After-sermon thoughts:

What can I do to help myself remember the blessings I have right now?
How will the Resurrection shape my attitude in my day-to-day life this week?

Nicene Creed

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

To our honored guests: We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you today! Our offering is not a debt we owe God but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation but love for God. Our offerings are how St. Paul's funds our Gospel mission work. As our honored guests, please do not feel obligated to contribute.

*If you would like to support our Gospel ministry with an offering, you have options! Place your offering in **the offering plate** in our gathering space as you leave worship today, **mail an offering** to our church anytime, or go to **stpauls.edu** or **scan this QR** code to give an offering online.*



Prayer of the Church

P: Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

C: Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

P: Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

C: Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

P: Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

C: Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

P: Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

C: Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

P: Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

C: Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

P: Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

C: Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

P: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

C: Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

P: Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

C: Amen.

The Sacrament

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O Christ, Lamb of God'. It consists of ten staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of music is a short instrumental introduction. The lyrics are: 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' This phrase is repeated on the second and third lines of music. The fourth line of music has the lyrics: 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.' The fifth line of music is a short instrumental introduction. The final line of music has the lyrics: 'A - men. A - men.'

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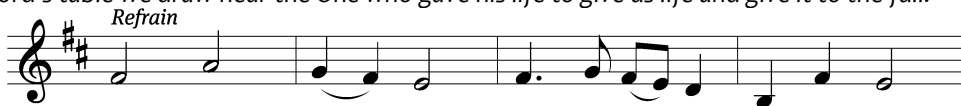
Distribution

To our guests: Scripture teaches us that those who commune together are expressing a unity in faith and in all of Scripture's teachings. This is called close communion. If you are not a member of St. Paul's, the Wisconsin Synod, or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, you will want to learn what we teach and have the opportunity to express that unity at your confirmation before you commune with us. If you are interested in taking a class to learn more about our teachings, or if you have any questions, please speak with our pastors.

Draw Near

CW 662

At the Lord's table we draw near the One who gave his life to give us life and give it to the full.



Draw near, draw near! Take the bod - y of your Lord.



Draw near, draw near! Drink the blood for you out-poured!



- 1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,
- 2 Christ our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,
- 3 Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere
- 4 With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole,



and drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.
has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.
and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.
gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.



Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood,
He gave his life for great - est and for least,
Christ, who in this life all the saints de - fends,
Lord of the na - tions, to whom all must bow,



with souls re - fresh - ed we give our thanks to God.
him - self the of - f'ring and him - self the priest.
gives all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.
in this great feast of love be with us now.

Christ, the Life of All the Living

CW 396 sts. 1-4

Christ took our place, facing the death that should have been ours to be the Life of all the living.



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
2 Thou, ah! Thou hast tak - en on thee bonds and stripes, a
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly that my wounds might
4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur - round thee, treat - ing thee with



death, our foe, who, thy - self for me once giv - ing
cru - el rod; pain and scorn were heaped up - on thee,
all be whole; thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
cru - el scorn, and with pierc - ing thorns they crowned thee.



to the dark - est depths of woe: through thy suf - f'rings,
O thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst thou my
rest to give my wea - ry soul; yea, the curse of
All dis - grace thou, Lord, hast borne that as thine thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
soul de - liv - er from the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
God en - dur - ing, bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
might - est own me and with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
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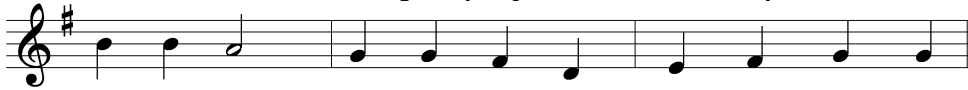
Christ, the Life of All the Living

CW 396 sts. 5-7

We offer our lives as living thank offerings to the God who suffered even to the point of death to save us.



5 Thou hast suf - ered men to bruise thee that from pain I
6 Thou hast suf - ered great af - flic - tion and hast borne it
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, for thy sor - rows



might be free; false - ly did thy foes ac - cuse thee:
pa - tient - ly, e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,
deep and sore, for thine an - guish in the gar - den,



thence I gain se - cur - i - ty. Com - fort - less thy
ful - ly to a - tone for me. Thou didst choose to
I will thank thee ev - er - more, thank thee for thy



soul did lan - guish me to com - fort in my an - guish.
be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
groan - ing, sigh - ing, for thy bleed - ing and thy dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
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for that last tri - um - phant cry and shall praise thee, Lord, on high.

Text: Ernst C. Homburg, 1605-1681, abr.; (sts. 5, 7): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.; (st. 6): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1912, alt. Tune: Das grosse Cantional, Darmstadt, 1687, alt. Text and tune: Public domain

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

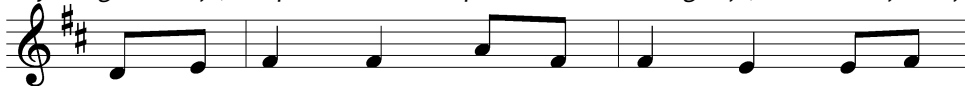
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Children of the Heavenly Father

CW 502

God not only brings us to life, but preserves us and protects us all through life, even in the face of death.



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly
2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish; in his
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his



in his bos - om gath - er; nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things he
Lord his chil - dren sev - er; un - to them his grace he
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; his the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; in his might - y arms he bears them.
show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, abr.; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

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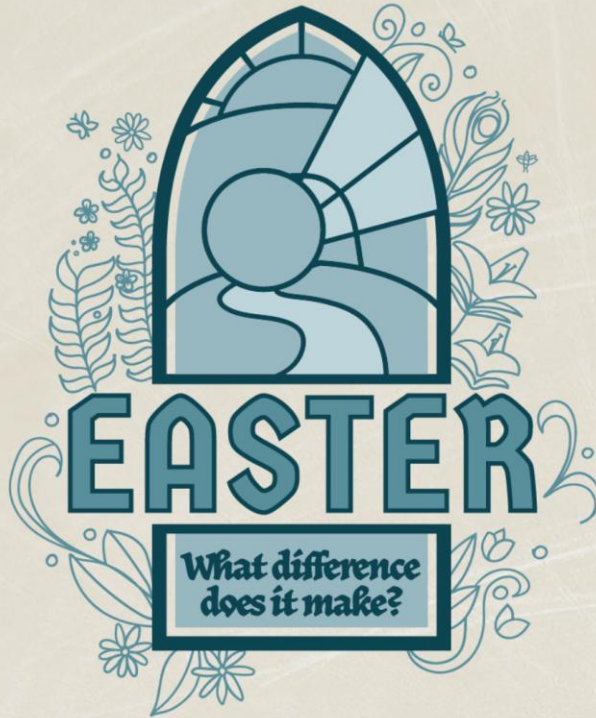
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- April 5 | He Lives to Take Me from Death to Life
- April 12 | He Lives to Give Me Proof and Peace
- April 19 | He Lives to Restore My Hope
- April 26 | He Lives to Be My Good Shepherd
- May 3 | He Lives to Be the Only Way to Heaven
- May 10 | He Lives to Call Me to Live for Him
- May 17 | He Lives to Give Me Eager Expectation of Glory
- May 24 | He Lives to Pour Out His Spirit

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has arrived.
The Word is
revived.**

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Sundays at 9:30 AM



+ Ministry Notes +

Our good day in God's house continues after worship, too.

Our after-worship adult Bible Class time is a great time for good Christian encouragement as we **grow** in the Word together and take time to pray for one another. Today Pastor Tim will begin a new Bible study on Exodus (see below), while Pastor James leads the BIC in the choir area of the sanctuary. Sunday school for the children will be at the same time.

***New* Bible Study – Examples in Exodus**

Today, Pastor Tim will begin a new Bible study on the book of Exodus. We will see the grace of God in many familiar stories (and some slightly less familiar). All are welcome and encouraged to attend and learn together from these **Examples in Exodus**.

Midweek Meal & Meditations

Our final midweek meal and meditation of the season will take place this Wednesday.

Midweek Meal & Meditations – It Is Finished

3-25 Look at the One Who Was Pierced

Holy Week Schedule

3-29 | Palm Sunday Service 9:30 AM

4-2 | Holy Thursday Service 6:00 PM

4-3 | Good Friday Tenebrae Service 6:00 PM

4-5 | Easter Festival Service 9:30 AM; Egg Hunt & Breakfast 11:00 AM

Easter Candy Donations

We will once again be collecting packaged candy for the Easter Egg hunt. Please place those donations in the basket in the Gathering Area. The basket will be available until Holy Thursday.

2026 WELS International Youth Rally

This summer will be the next WELS International Youth Rally held July 14-17 in Bowling Green, OH. This is a great opportunity for high school-aged youth to spend some time growing together in their faith and fellowship. The cost is \$450 until April 30, after which the cost is \$475. Any youth who want to attend or any adults 21+ who are interested in being potential chaperones should speak to Mr. U. Please check out welsyouthrally.net for more information.

Call Updates

Due to the returned call, we will have another call meeting on **April 2** after the Holy Thursday service.

Mrs. Michelle Most is still holding her call to serve as 2nd grade teacher. Please keep her in your prayers as she deliberates where she can best serve in God's kingdom. If you would like to reach out to her personally, her contact information is below:

Mrs. Michelle Most

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Did You Know...?

St. Paul's has several funds and ministries available for helping our members. The following give a brief description of the purposes for those special funds.

Capital Fund | for major repairs and replacements around the church/school campus

Helping Hands | helps local people in need (mostly church & school families)

MAP | provides professional counseling services with a referral from Pastor James

Synod Scholarship | provides tuition assistance for members attending Luther Prep, Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Martin Luther College*, Wisconsin Lutheran College, Bethany Lutheran College, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

Keyboard & Organ Fund | for major repairs and replacements of our church organ as well as purchasing, maintaining, and tuning the church and school pianos.

Technology Fund | for purchasing and improving the technology tools of our faculty and staff as well as providing the hardware and software that allow for our services to be livestreamed and projected.

If you would like to give toward one of these, please indicate it along with your gift. If you are interested in learning more about any of these, please speak with our pastors.

*MLC provides a matching grant each year, doubling the financial impact of those gifts.

Our Christian Stewardship of God's Gifts

Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. – 1 Cor. 4:2

ATTENDANCE: 114 (Wed: 49)

PREACHER: James Saatkamp

ACCOMPANIST: Justin Siegler

USHERS: Bruce Salzmann and Rick Freihofer

OFFERING: \$6,205

PRESIDING MINISTER: Tim Rosenow

STREAMING: Bill Hoeltke

FLOWERS: Hartman anniversary

Let's pray this week!

birthdays | **David Hamilton** (3-26); **Emily Shue** (3-26)

anniversaries | **Bill & Karen Hartman** (3-22 – 46 years!); **Jim & Luanne Teller** (3-26 – 43 years!);

Jay & Tina Gayo (3-27 – 16 years!)

holding a call to our school | **Mrs. Michelle Most**

homebound members | **Dave Brandt, John Hambel, Leon and Barbara Johnson, Susan Rammel, Kathy Saracione, Josephine Throo, and Paula Vitolo**

health | **Tom Colwell** (home hospice care); **Sharon Cummons** (health and strength); **Shia Gabourel** (kindergarten student, recovering at home); **Kay-Lynn Johnston** (recovering from surgery); **Rick Robinson** (recovering at Diamond Ridge); **Barbara Sadler, Kathy Babcock** (Barbara's daughter), and **Kathy's daughters** (genetic health issues); **Nancy Scruton** (recovering from recent neck surgery)

Serving in worship next week

Streaming: (Wed) 3/25 Bill Hoeltke; (Sun) 3/29 Mark Meyer

Ushers: 3/29 Bill Hoeltke and Dan Cerney

This Week | March 22nd – 28th

MON-FRI – NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)

WED – Isaiah Bible study 10:00 AM; Midweek Meal & Meditation 6:00 PM; Choir 7:00 PM

SAT – Women's Growth Group 10:00 AM; Bee Grunig funeral 11:00 AM

Upcoming Events

March 29 – Palm Sunday 9:30 AM

April 2 – Holy Thursday 6:00 PM; Call Meeting to follow

April 3 – Good Friday 6:00 PM

April 5 – Easter Service 9:30 AM; Breakfast & Egg Hunt 11:00 AM

April 13 – Kingsway Birthday Celebration 1:00 PM

Who We Are

(Our Mission)

*St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a family. Like any family, we have our strengths and we have our weaknesses. We experience successes and we experience struggles. These are the things which unite us. For we know that we aren't perfect, but our Heavenly Father is; and he has loved us with a perfect love, sending his Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins and to give us eternal life in heaven. With that same love, he comes to us through his Word, the Bible, to equip us and encourage us as we live in a world which can leave us feeling discouraged and hopeless at times. So, as a family, we **gather** together around God's Word in church and in Bible classes. We have a school where children can **grow** in their relationship with our Heavenly Father and where we can **go** to share the love of Jesus with them. We want as many people as possible to know the joy and hope which we have as members of God's family.*

If you would like to learn more about our church family or the ministries we offer through our church, school, and preschool, please speak with our pastor, principal, preschool director, faculty, or one of our members.

Thank you for being a part of our church family today!



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after



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Hannah Foley *1st grade teacher*

Cindy Lendt *2nd grade teacher*

Lindsey Klingenschmitt *3rd and 4th grade teacher*

Noah Uhlenbrauck *5th and 6th grade teacher*

Justin Siegler *7th and 8th grade teacher*

Dorothy Draeger *Administrative assistant*