

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



**March 30, 2025**

**SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# WELCOME TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## SUNDAY SERVICES

8:15am | Service with Holy Communion in Nave  
9:00am | Choir Practice  
9:30am | Education Hour with Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Forum  
10:30am | Service with Holy Communion in Nave and Online  
11:30am | Coffee Hour

## LIVESTREAMING

Worship is streamed on the St. Paul Lutheran Facebook page. A Facebook account is not necessary to stream, however, without a Facebook account the stream works on a computer browser only and not on a phone.

## WEEKLY UPDATE NEWSLETTER

Sign up for Weekly Update newsletter by going to our website at [www.stpaularlinton.org](http://www.stpaularlinton.org) and clicking on SUBSCRIBE.

### SERVING THE COMMUNITY TODAY ARE:

Marie Breitenbach and Geneva Carter, *Altar Guild*  
Gus A. and Lucas S., *Acolytes*  
Kevin Kreutter, *Lector*  
Elizabeth Heichler, *Deacon*  
Peter Schmidt, *Cantor*  
Andy Airasian and Dan Ries, *Ushers*  
Hollie Schmidt, *Livestream Broadcast*  
Peter and Hollie Schmidt and Lisa Chiulli Lay, *Coffee Guild*

Cover Art: "The Prodigal Son" by Jean Louis Fourain (1852-1931)

*When the instruction for standing \* appears, please stand as you are able and as seems comfortable. At the ☩, you may make the sign of the cross, which reminds us of our baptism. The congregational responses are printed in **bold**.*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on 'Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott'

J. L. Krebs (1713-1780)

### WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,  
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you  
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion  
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality  
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,  
even though you have set us free again and again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.**

**Transform our lives  
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide  
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In † Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

**Amen.**

\* GATHERING HYMN

“O Living Breath of God”

ELW 407



1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;  
2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;  
3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:  
O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:  
O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

*Refrain*



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir - it, breathe in us as we pray.

Text: Osvaldo Catena, 1920-1986; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923  
Music: VÄRVINDAR FRISKA. Swedish folk tune

\*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

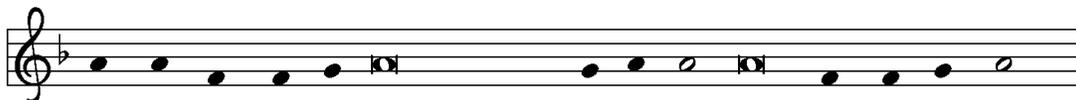
\*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



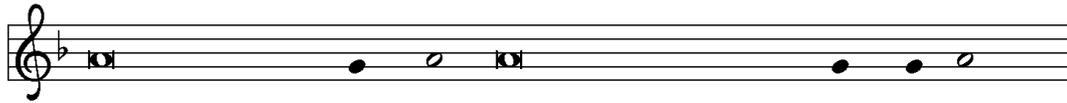
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



Lord, have mer - cy.



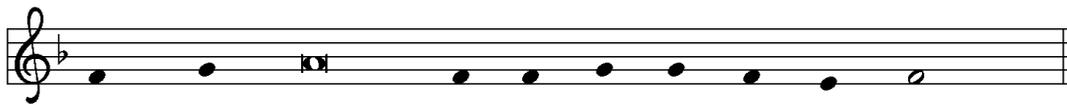
For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor -  
 ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, O Lord God,  
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have  
 mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
 Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the  
 Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone  
 are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# WORD

FIRST READING

Joshua 5:9-12

*By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.*

**T**he Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal, they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and roasted grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



Happy are they whose transgressions <sup>1</sup> are forgiven,  
and whose sin is <sup>1</sup> put away!

**Happy are they to whom the Lord im- <sup>1</sup> putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there <sup>1</sup> is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones with- <sup>1</sup> ered away,  
because of my groaning <sup>1</sup> all day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me <sup>1</sup> day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the <sup>1</sup> heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- <sup>1</sup> ceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt <sup>1</sup> of  
my sin.

**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in <sup>1</sup> time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they <sup>1</sup> shall not reach them.**

You are my hiding-place; you preserve <sup>1</sup> me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts <sup>1</sup> of deliverance.

**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that <sup>1</sup> you should go;  
I will guide you <sup>1</sup> with my eye.**

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no <sup>1</sup> understanding;

who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will <sup>1</sup> not stay near you."

**Great are the tribulations <sup>1</sup> of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust <sup>1</sup> in the Lord.**

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice <sup>1</sup> in the Lord;  
shout for joy, all who are <sup>1</sup> true of heart.

*One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.*

**F**rom now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

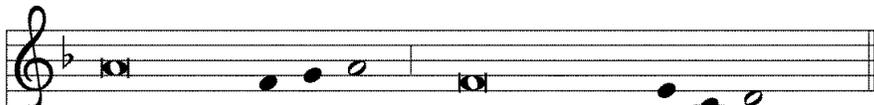
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (10:30 only)



Glo - ry and praise to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.



Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.



Glo - ry and praise to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**N**ow all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.” ’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor Ross Goodman

SERMON “The Comeback Kid?”

Pastor Ross Goodman

“What is the World Like”



1 What is the world like when God's will is  
 2 What is the world like when God's will is  
 3 What is the world like when God's will is  
 4 What is the world like when God's will is  
 5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im -



done? Mus - tard seeds grow more than  
 done? Wit - ness the wan - der - ing  
 done? No more is neigh - bor - just  
 done? Read - y for feast - ing, we  
 parts, filled with the Spir - it who



we can con - ceive: roots thread the  
 child com - ing home; watch as the  
 al - ly or friend; peace thrives in  
 watch through the night, tend - ing our  
 joins us as one. Born through our



soil; branch - es reach for the sun.  
 par - ent breaks in - to a run.  
 plac - es where once there was none.  
 lamps till the new day's be - gun.  
 voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.  
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.  
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.  
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.  
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979  
 Music: NEW WORLD, Sally Ann Morris, b. 1952

## APOSTLE'S CREED

In response to the gospel, let us confess the faith of the church:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

## \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The leader will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read aloud the other prayers as they feel called.*

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence*

God of faithful promise, make your church a new creation in Christ. As you reconcile us to yourself, guide us also in your way of reconciliation, that through confession and forgiveness, repentance and reparations, your church may bear witness to your love. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of new beginnings, restore balance to the earth. Send rain to places of drought and sunshine to places of flooding, that the produce of the land may again support life. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of prodigal grace, unite the nations as fellow members of the human family. Give leaders the courage to put aside pride and ego, to cease squandering lives and time, and to work for the well-being of all. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of boundless love, receive with open arms any in need of compassion, especially Dan, Lynn, Meredith, Norma, Paul, and Susan. Embrace all who are far from home or estranged from loved ones, and all who live with regret. Embolden your people to offer and to seek forgiveness. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God of radical inclusion, widen human circles to welcome all who are excluded. Bless the work of disability ministries, ministries by and with neurodivergent people, and multicultural and ethnic-specific ministries; that the welcome of Jesus be extended to all. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of resurrection life, welcome home all who have died. We thank you for their lives and entrust them into your keeping, where true reconciliation and eternal peace are found. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**Amen.**

\* PEACE *Keep your hands close together or make the peace sign if you'd rather not pass the peace with touch.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## ANTHEM

St. Matthew Passion BWV 244:

J.S. Bach

O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden (O Sacred Head, Now Wounded)

O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden,  
Voll Schmerz und voller Hohn,  
O Haupt, zum Spott gebunden  
Mit einer Dornenkron;  
O Haupt, sonst schön gezieret  
Mit höchster Ehr' und Zier,  
Jetzt aber höchst schimpfieret:  
Gegrüßet sei'st du mir!

O sacred head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded with thorns,  
thine only crown;  
O sacred head what glory,  
what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet though despised and gory,  
I joy to call thee mine

## MEAL

### \* OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider,  
you set your immense treasures among us,  
opening your heart to the world.  
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,  
deepen our commitment to sharing those  
treasures with others,  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

### OFFERING

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\* GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score concludes with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav - en 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.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

All creation sings your praise.  
Sun, moon, and stars reflect your glory.  
Mountains, lakes, and forests declare your wonders.

With Sarah and Abraham we go out in faith, trusting your promise.  
With Miriam and Moses we celebrate our deliverance from bondage.  
With Naomi and Ruth we bind ourselves together in covenant love.  
With Jonathan and David we delight in the gift of deep and abiding friendship.  
With Mary and Elizabeth we welcome your presence in the birth of Jesus,  
the Holy One.  
With Lazarus, Martha, and Mary we give thanks for the blessings of family.  
With disciples and followers we marvel at the reign of God come near.  
With saints through the ages we ponder the mystery of Christ's dying and rising.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With hearts full of memories and hopes,  
we break this bread and share this cup,  
remembering the death and resurrection of Christ,  
and his promise to be with us always  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,  
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,  
whose breath revives us for life,  
whose fire rouses us to love.  
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.  
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,  
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.  
**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Holy and benevolent God,  
receive our praise and petitions,  
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,  
and fill us with your blessing,  
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,  
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:  
through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

\* LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers are available on request. Both wine (red) and grape juice (white) are available in each tray.*

*Come forward in the center aisle starting at the front of the church. The pastors will motion the first people forward.*

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. A - men.

COMMUNION HYMN (10:30 only)

"Here Would I Feast"

ACS 964



1 A - quí del pan par - ti - do to - ma - ré,  
 2 La cul - pa del pe - ca - do mi - a fue;  
 1 Here would I feast up - on the bread of God,  
 2 Mine is the sin, but thine the righ - teous - ness;



y de la co - pa de tu co - mu - nión;  
 mas tu - ya fue la san - gre de tu cruz.  
 here drink with thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;  
 mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing blood;



tu nom - bre, mi buen Dios, in vo - ca - ré  
 Por e - lla\_y tu jus - ti - cia ten - go, sé,  
 here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
 here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:



y go - za - ré la paz de sal - va - ción.  
 per - dón, con - sue - lo\_y paz, Se - ñor Je - sús.  
 here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.  
 thy blood, thy righ - teous - ness, O Lord my God.



3 Nos le - van - ta - mos de la ce - na\_a - quí;  
 3 Too soon we rise, the ves - sels dis - ap - pear;



la fes - ta pa - sa, mas no\_a - sí\_el a - mor.  
 the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.

*To - do se va, mas tú te que - das, sí,  
The bread and wine re - move, but thou art here,*

*cer - ca, muy cer - ca, a - ma - do Sal - va - dor.  
near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.*

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889; tr. T. W. Speaks  
 Music: AQUI DEL PAN PARTIDO TOMARÉ, José Ruiz, b. 1956

**\* TABLE BLESSING**

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

**\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Generous Host,  
 you have shared your feast with us and made us new.  
 Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,  
 that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,  
 in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING

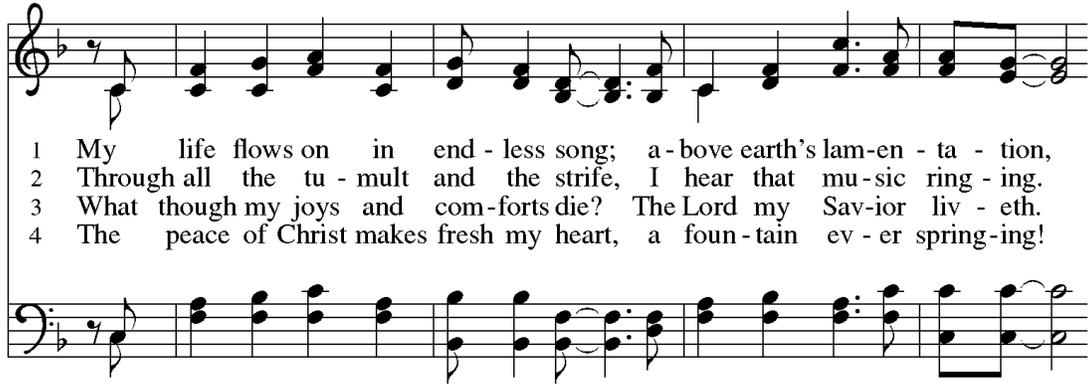
**\* BLESSING**

The peace of God,  
 which surpasses all understanding,  
 keep your hearts and your minds  
 in † Christ Jesus.  
**Amen.**

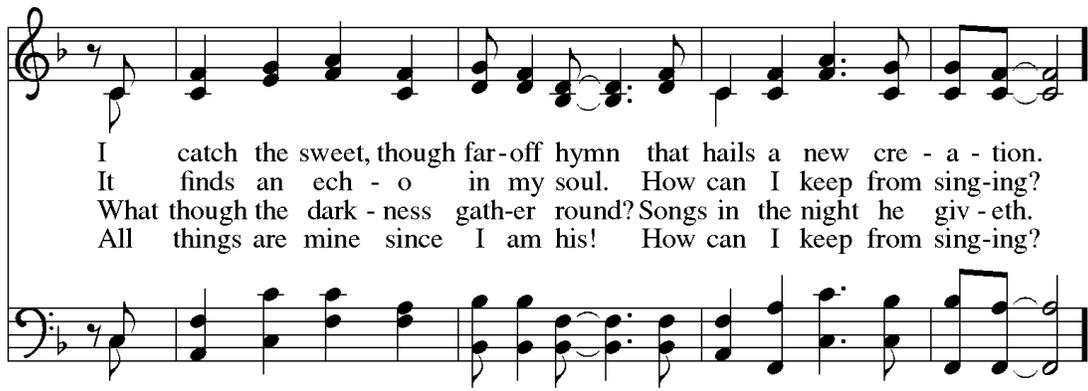
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

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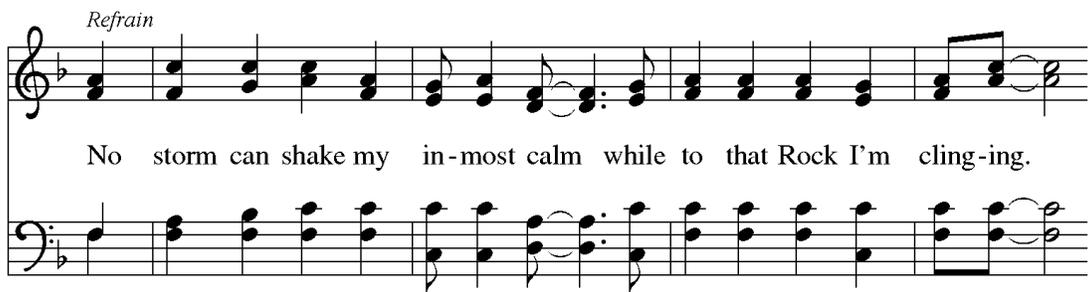


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899  
Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

\* DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Recordare from Requiem

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791), arr. Robert Gower

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and*  
UPCOMING HAPPENINGS *at* **SAINT PAUL**



**ST. PAUL APRIL SUPPER CLUB POTLUCK | Saturday, April 5th at 6:30pm**

Join us for our monthly Supper Club in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share and enjoy a casual gathering with parishioners. Some people will be attending the Spring Concert in the sanctuary prior to the (starts at 5:30). Feel free to come to both!

**SPRING CONCERT WITH PIANO AND HORNS | Saturday, April 5, 5:30**

St. Paul Music Director, Ana Zecic Jeffers (piano) will be joined by parishioner Mark Olson (trumpet) and Wal Bostian (trombone) in a concert with works by Stojowski, Mihalovici and Bernofsky. Held in the sanctuary. Donations are welcome. Feel free to attend St. Paul's Supper Club Potluck afterwards in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP | Sunday, March 30, 4:00 pm**

Join Vicar Sam for a time of connection and community at a local brewery, Mighty Squirrel, at 411 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham. We'll be talking about Women of the Reformation. Come grab a beer, coffee, or seltzer (non-alcoholic options available) and spend time together outside of church on a Sunday!

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## **ST. PAUL SUMMER RETREAT WEEKEND AT CAMP CALUMET**

Calumet Retreat! St. Paul Calumet Retreat. Weekend of August 22-24. This is an annual tradition to relax, reflect, and reconnect with each other in the beautiful environment of Camp Calumet on Lake Ossipee in New Hampshire. All are welcome to join us for this weekend! Register using this form: <https://rb.gy/mi7doh>

## **FAMILY FRIENDLY GOOD FRIDAY | April 18, 12:30-1:30pm**

Join us for a Family Friendly Good Friday Lesson and Activity, April 18 12:30-1:30. This is an activity that is open to our whole community, with a focus on our youngest members to learn about this part of the Easter Story.

## **EASTER FLOWERS | Orders needed by April 7, 12pm**

Time to order your flower orders in over the next few weeks. Forms are in the Upper Narthex. Pick from lilies, hyacinth, daffodils, tulips and hydrangea, ranging from \$9 - \$21.75.

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

Maundy Thursday – 7:30 service

Good Friday – 7:30 service

Easter Vigil – 7:00 service. Chocolate fountain and champagne after service.

Easter Sunday – 8:15 and 10:30 services. Fellowship Hall Breakfast potluck from 9:00-10:30. Pick up Hallelujah Chorus Choir for the 10:30 service will practice approx. from 9:30–10:00.

## **MIDWEEK LENT SUPPERS | Wednesdays in Lent March 12- April 9**

Join us Wednesdays in Lent at 6:30 for a simple meal and fellowship, followed by worship with music of Holden Evening Prayer at 7:15 pm. Soup supper provided by the Turner/White family. Email Jennifer at [parishadmin@stpaularlingotn.org](mailto:parishadmin@stpaularlingotn.org) if you'd like to bring bread.

## **ADULT FORUMS | Sundays at 9:30 am**

The special five part Lenten Adult Forum series (9:30 am) continues next Sunday, April 6th, featuring "Baptized, We Live--Lutheranism as a Way of Life" by Daniel Erlander and led by Josh Davis. Rather than defining Lutheranism as a system of doctrines, this series will focus on Lutheranism as a way of seeing, hearing, teaching and following. Free copies of the book are available in the Upper Narthex of the church and [here](#) also is a link for anyone who wants to access it online. We will be focusing on the "Way of Seeing" section this Sunday. All are welcome.

## **ST. PAUL'S TRANSITION COMMITTEE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP**

As our congregation prepares for Pastor Goodman's retirement and the transition and preparation for the future, St. Paul's Transition Committee is launching several short-term projects to gather information and prepare a Ministry Site Profile – a critical tool for the eventual Call Process for a new pastor.

Please review the project activities below and if you have experience and/or interest in helping, we'd appreciate you volunteering. Each project has a team leader who can answer your questions and get you connected to the work. Whether you have a few hours of more time, your involvement is welcome and appreciated. Please reach out to the leader of your area of interest to get started.

### **Pastor Celebration May 17th -**

Maile and Peter Hedlund

This will be a celebration gathering to honor Pastor Goodman and enjoy time and reminiscing together.

### **Church/Congregation Assessment –**

Nicole Rura

This project will be administering an electronic survey and then reviewing and sharing the summary results.

### **History of our Church –**

Dan Ries and Norma Ofsthun

We will be gathering and sharing memories and highlights from our congregation's history. There will be a specific gathering day that culminates this process.

### **Community Needs Assessment –**

TBD

We will also be reviewing existing community needs and assessments from our service area towns and incorporate several interview/focus methods to inform our planning for the future.

Once we have our teams populated with members of our congregation, we will publish our calendar for events and planning sessions. Thanks for considering helping with this important work of our church as we look to the future.

*Sandy Walker and Peter Hedlund*

Co-Chairs



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