# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



March 9, 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 <a href="www.stpaularlington.org">www.stpaularlington.org</a> and clicking on SUBSCRIBE.

#### **SERVING THE COMMUNITY TODAY ARE:**

Taryn Walsh and Lydia Zuehsow, Altar Guild

Simon and Felix D.S., Acolytes

Taryn Walsh, Lector

Elizabeth Heichler, Deacon

Anne-Louise Klaus, Cantor

Andy Airasian and Dan Ries, Ushers

Hollie Schmidt, Livestream Broadcast

Peter and Hollie Schmidt and Lisa Chiulli Lay, Coffee Guild

#### From Bishop Nathan Pipho:

Vicar Sam Menapace is authorized to preside at the Eucharist at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Arlington, MA, at the regularly scheduled service(s) on Sunday, March 9, 2025.

# MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES | 6:30 Soup Supper and 7:15 Worship

There will be Midweek Services with a simple dinner at 6:30, worship 7:15, Wednesdays in Lent, starting 3/12. We will continue to gather in the fellowship hall for a simple soup supper provided by the Turner/ White family. Email Jennifer White at <a href="mailto:parishadmin@stpaularlingotn.org">parishadmin@stpaularlingotn.org</a> is you'd like to bring bread. Afterwards, we'll worship singing music from Holden Evening Prayer starting at 7:15 pm.

When the instruction for standing \* appears, please stand as you are able and as seems comfortable. At the  $\boxtimes$ , 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. S. Bach (1685-1750)

#### **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

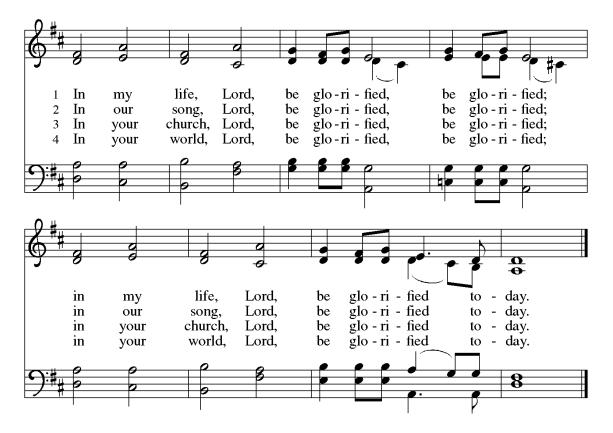
and guide us again in the way of the cross.

#### 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.

"Lord Be Glorified" ELW 744



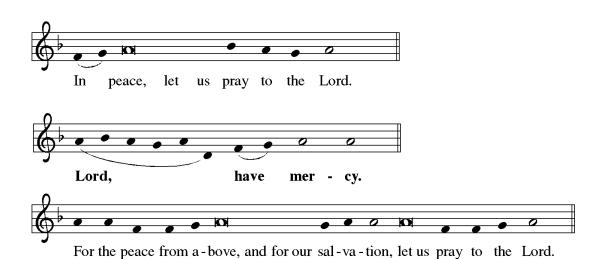
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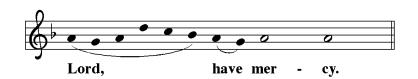
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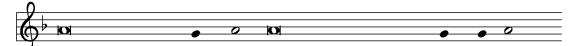
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

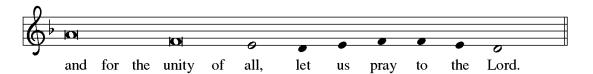
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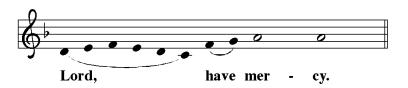






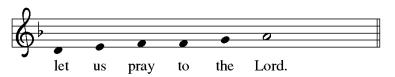
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

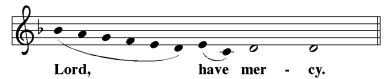






For this ho-ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,





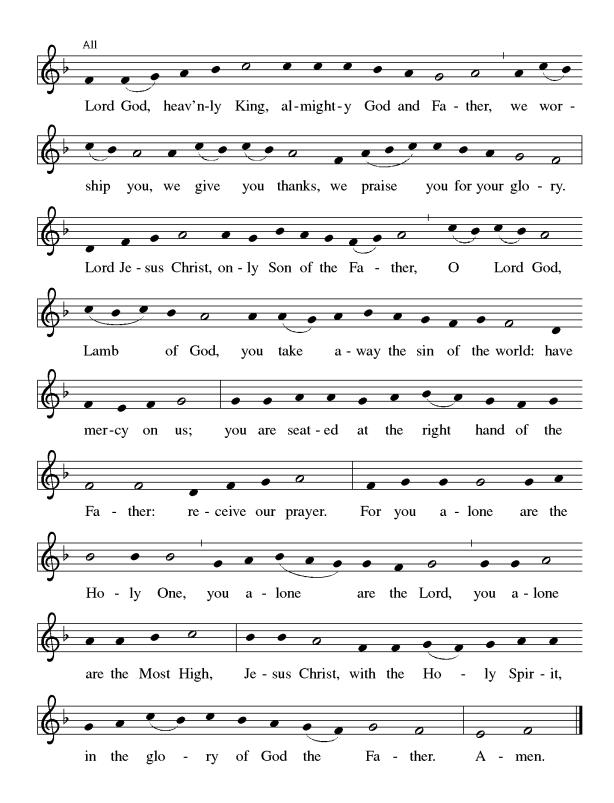




# HYMN OF PRAISE



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



#### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

 $\uparrow$  Then you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (at 8:15 the Psalm is read responsively)

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16



You who dwell in the shelter of <sup>1</sup> the Most High, who abide in the shadow of <sup>1</sup> the Almighty—

you will say to the Lord, "My refuge  $^{\scriptscriptstyle \parallel}$  and my stronghold, my God in whom I  $^{\scriptscriptstyle \parallel}$  put my trust."

Because you have made the <sup>1</sup> Lord your refuge, and the Most High your <sup>1</sup> habitation,

no evil | will befall you,

nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.

For God will give the angels charge ' over you, to guard you in ' all your ways.

continued

Upon their hands they will | bear you up,

lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

You will tread upon the lion ' cub and viper; you will trample down the lion ' and the serpent.

I will deliver those who | cling to me;

I will uphold them, because they know my name.

They will call me, and I will | answer them;

I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.

With long life will I | satisfy them, and show them | my salvation.

SECOND READING Romans 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

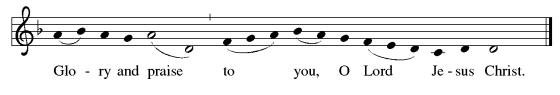
The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"

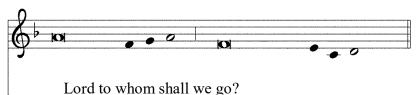
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

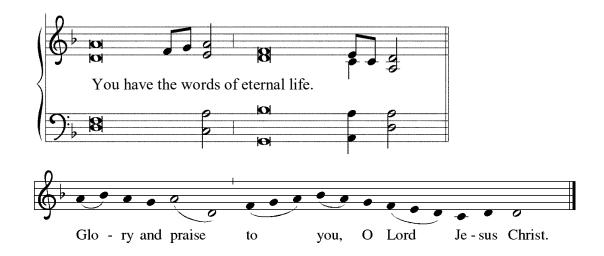
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# \* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (10:30 only)







\* GOSPEL Luke 4:1—13

The holy gospel according to Luke.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him."

Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,

to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." "

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

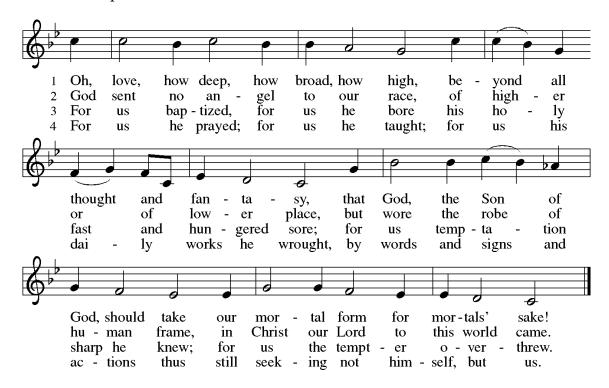
Vicar Sam Menapace

**SERMON** 

Vicar Sam Menapace

"Oh Love, How Deep"

**ELW 322** 



- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed, he bore the shameful cross and death; for us he gave his dying breath.
- 6 For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign; for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 7 All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad: the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

Text: Thomas á Kempis, 1380–1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819–1885, alt. Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

#### 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.

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

## A brief silence

Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. We pray especially for Haitian immigrants in our nation whose temporary protective status is threatened. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill, especially Dan, Lynn, Meredith, Paul, and Susan. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life, especially Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth. Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. 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**

"How Deep The Father's Love for Us"

Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –

His wounds have paid my ransom. How high, how wide. How pure, how strong. How deep the Father's love for us.

# **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.** 

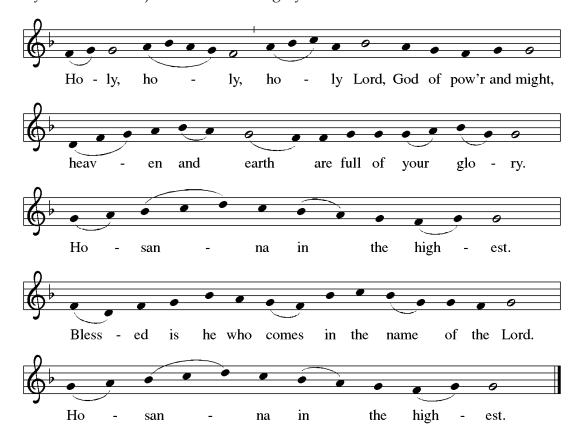
Lift up your hearts **We lift them to the Lord.** 

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:



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

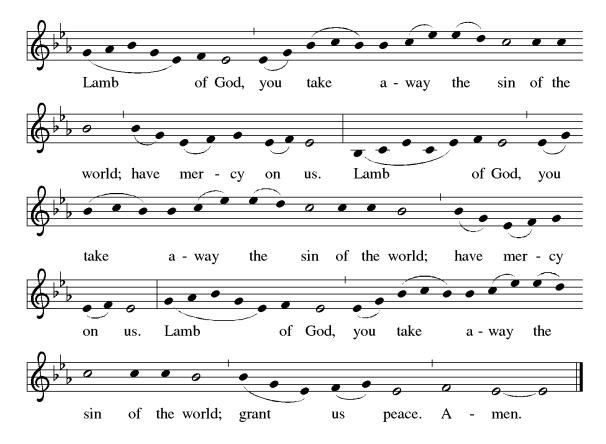
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

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.





Text: African American spiritual

Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version

### \* 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** 

#### \* SENDING HYMN

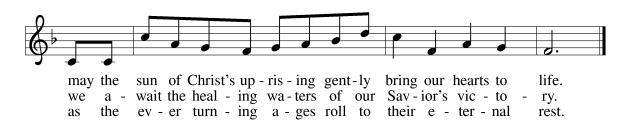
"As the Sun with Longer Journey"

**ELW 329** 



- 1 As the sun with long-er jour-ney melts the win-ter's snow and ice,
- 2 Through the days of wait-ing, watch-ing, in the des-ert of our sin, 3 Praise be giv-en to the mak-er of the sea-sons' year-ly round:





Text: John Patrick Earls, osb, b. 1935 Music: NAGEL, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

#### \* DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**

Voluntary in G minor Op. 5 No. 9: Allegro

John Stanley (1712-1786)

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

# at **SAINT PAUL**



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

Join us to gather Wednesdays in Lent at 6:30 for a simple soup 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 White at <a href="mailto:parishadmin@stpaularlingotn.org">parishadmin@stpaularlingotn.org</a> if you'd like to bring bread.

#### TRANSITION TEAM HAS BEEN FORMED & SAVE THE DATE

The St. Paul Church Council has assembled a Transition Team to help us give thanks for Ross's leadership, say goodbye, and look ahead to the future. The Transition Team will be Peter Hedlund, Sandy Walker, Norma Ofsthun, Nicole Rura, Dan Ries, Monique Airasian and Josh Davis. **Save the date for a celebration of ministry on Saturday, May 17, 4-7 pm.** There will be plenty of opportunities to help and participate as plans develop; we will continue to keep you updated!

### ADULT FORUMS | Starting March 9 at 9:30 am

The special six part Lenten Adult Forum series (9:30 am) begins this Sunday, March 9th, 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 <a href="here">here</a> 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.

# ORDINATION of KATIE (LINTHICUM) JENSEN | Sunday, March 9, 3:30 Central Time Katie's ordination will be streamed on the St. Stephen Facebook

page: https://www.facebook.com/st.stephen.urbandale. Note that they are in a different time zone, so tune in at 4:30 pm our time (Eastern time zone). Pastor Ross will be preaching.

### **ARLINGTON EATS | March Needs**

For the month of March, items that would help the most are:

- Cereal
- Gluten free snacks
- Gluten free soups
- Gluten free mixes
- Gluten free baking/cooking items
- Vacation lunch items on their <u>Amazon wishlist</u>



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