



Our Lenten Journey will be a series entitled **"Words That Last Forever"** which we will follow each Wednesday during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday.

Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025 7:00PM, at St. Paul's (No Soup and Sandwich)

Lenten Midweek Worship—7PM at St. Paul's (Soup & Sandwich @6PM)

Sunday, March 16th Worship will be at Bethel @ 11:15, with Pastor Terri Driver-Bishop presiding.

Holy Week

Wednesday - A blended Choir Service entitled **"Not My Will, But Yours"** @ Bethel 7:00PM

Maundy Thursday - 7:00PM at St. Paul's

Good Friday - Noon at Bethel and 7:00PM at St. Paul's

Easter Vigil—Saturday, 7:00pm

Easter Sunday - 9AM Worship at St. Paul's, 11:15AM Worship at Bethel

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March 23, 2025
Third Sunday in Lent

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship Service—9:00 a.m.

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Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the time we QUIET our HEARTS for WORSHIP.

CANDLES LIT

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: Amen.
- P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
- Amen.
- P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN.....Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters.....ELW 445 V. 1-3

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*GREETING

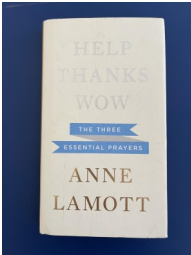
- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- 1 C: And also with you.

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The Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project!
In March we need floss sticks,
dental floss, bath puffs,
3 in 1 body wash for kids!
Feel free to give monetary donations to
Kay Wachter as well!

Victoria Park Spring Event
Sunday, March 23rd, Noon—2pm
Please join us for an afternoon of games with the residents at Victoria Park! We will be serving pizza and desserts. Please see the link below to sign up. Desserts can be brought to church on the day of the event or call if other arrangements need to be made. www.PerfectPotluck.com/XOIB2781
We are blessed to continue this relationship with the residents and live our mission of “Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind and spirit of all.”



As an option for a Lenten discipline, a short book study of Help, Thanks, Wow by Anne Lamott is being offered. If you have no prayer routine, don’t know how to do “it”, or want to expand what you currently do, then this is for you. The author uses humor and insight to explain how her view of prayer gets us through the day and shows us the way forward. Books will be provided. See Susan Hayes if you are Interested or call the Parish Office. We will meet right after the service. All are welcome, we just need to be sure that we have enough books on hand.

LAGER FOR LENT ON MARCH 28th.
Join us Friday’s during Lent @5:00pm for
fellowship and conversation.
Details on future locations to follow.



Mark your Calendars!
Please join us Saturday, April 19th, 2025 from 3:00pm-5:00pm for
an Easter Egg Hunt, Games, Kona Ice and amazing fellowship!
See the weekly emails and bulletin boards for more information.
Hope to see you there!

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*****IMPORTANT*****

For those without Facebook please tune into our YouTube channel for live streams of last week's service. Video link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kAVjYz5fEH8>, March 9, 2025

Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at

St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEpgsBUXlow1I7_-Q



Donations for **Glade Valley Food Bank** are always accepted!

UPDATED ITEMS OF NEED ARE:

Cereal, Hamburger Helper, Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Fruit and Peanut butter

Please bring them to the donation bin on the side of Town Hall, or you can put them in the basket by the side door and we will get them to the food bank for you!

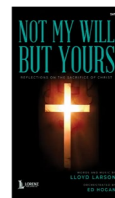
Help us decorate for Easter by purchasing an Easter Lily.



They are available for \$13.00 each.
Sign up using the sign up sheet on the side bulletin board or call the Parish Office to purchase with a check or cash.

***Please don't forget to designate Your dedication.**

April 13th is the final date to order!



"Not my will, but Yours." These solemn words have echoed through the ages as Jesus embraced the will of Almighty God on the night before His crucifixion. Beginning shortly

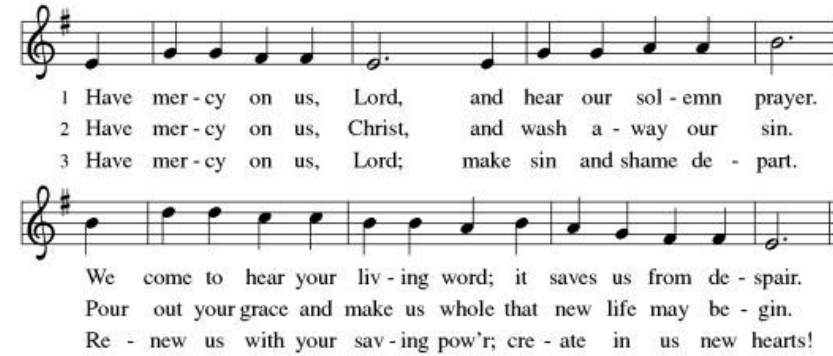
after the "hosannas" of Palm Sunday and concluding just before the "alleluias" of Easter Sunday, this brief Holy Week work, from composer Lloyd Larson, retells the last hours of our Lord's earthly journey to remind us that Christ chose to walk the painful path of a criminal's execution for our redemption.

Please join us Wednesday, April 16th as the combined choirs from St. Paul's and Bethel perform this Cantata @ 7:00pm at Bethel.



Please join us Wednesdays in the overflow area from 6:00pm-7:00pm for soup, sandwiches and fellowship before our midweek service @ 7:00pm, as we journey through our Lenten Season 2025.

*KYRIE (p. 203)



*PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Anthem..... I'll Keep My Eyes on the Cross by Kenn MannChoir
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FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63

¹ O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; ⁵ My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. **and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,**
² Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, ⁶ when I remember you upon my bed, **and meditate on you in the night watches.**
that I might behold your power and your glory. ⁷ For you have been my helper, **and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.**
³ For your steadfast love is better than life itself; **my lips shall give you praise.** ⁸ My whole being clings to you; **your right hand holds me fast.**
⁴ So will I bless you as long as I live **and lift up my hands in your name.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 151) Return to the Lord your God

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon.....Pastor Phil Beck

Silence for Reflection

*HYMN OF THE DAY..... Jesus, Still Lead On.....ELW 624
V.1-4 Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.

P: We affirm our faith in the words of the Apostle’s Creed.

C: 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 to the dead.* 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 THE CHURCH

P: ... God of grace, C: Hear our prayer.

*The Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

OFFERING Please place your gift in the offering plate, mail to the church office or consider online giving.

*OFFERTORY HYMN LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL (ELW 184)

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923, Music © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress

OFFERINGS

We are so blessed and grateful for your continued offerings during these unprecedented times. It is only with your support we can maintain the everyday activities of the church and our work in the community. Please consider mailing your offering to the church or if you have access to the website, there is an online giving option as well.

<https://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org/give/>

This Week at St Paul’s

Sunday, March 23rd	
Worship (Livestream)	9:00am
<i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>	
Monday, March 24th	
FEC	8am-5pm
Girl Scouts	6:00pm
Tuesday, March 25th	
FHS	10am-3pm
Wednesday, March 26th	
FEC	8am-5pm
6pm Soup & Sandwich	6:00pm
Mid Week Lenten Service	7:00pm
Thursday, March 27th	
Frederick Children’s Choir	9:30am
FHS	10am-3pm
Cub Scouts Parish Hall	5:30pm
Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm
(w/Bethel@7:30)	
Sunday, March 30th	
Worship (Livestream)	9:00am
<i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>	
Faith Formation	10:00am
Cub Scouts	7:00pm

ATTENDANCE:

March 16, 2025

In person: 25 @ Bethel
Virtual: 0

LAST WEEK’S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,110.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need:
\$350.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income
February 23, 2025

Weekly Contributions: \$ 300.20
Property Loan Fund: \$ 20.00
Total: \$ 350.20

In Worship Offerings
Weekly Contributions: \$3,361.00
Property Loan Fund: \$ 400.00
Total: \$3,761.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income
March 2, 2025

Weekly Contributions: \$1,059.95
Property Loan Fund: \$ 355.00
Total: \$1,414.95

In Worship Offerings
Weekly Contributions: \$1,996.00
Property Loan Fund: \$ 50.00
Total: \$2,046.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income
March 9, 2025

Weekly Contributions: \$ 361.70
Property Loan Fund: \$ 20.00
Total: \$ 381.70

In Worship Offerings
Weekly Contributions: \$2,588.00
Property Loan Fund: \$ 250.00
Total: \$2,838.00

PRAYER LIST

Joe Collins, *Cousin of Joann Valainis*
 Mark Holloway, *Husband of Kate Stottlemeyer*
 Roger Stottlemeyer, *Uncle of Kate Stottlemeyer*
 Sue Snyder, *Member*
 Bert Fiske, *Friend of Sue Snyder and Lin Snider*
Joseph Matthew Moschella, *Friend of the Plowmans*
 Keith Harris, *friend of the Plowman Family*
 Jack Lotwick, *Friend of Robb and Dianne Port*
 Bob Schmidt, *Brother of Dottie Titmas*
Cindi, John and Deirdre MacKenzie, *friends of St. Paul's*
 Parker Bazarewski, *Extended family of Ed Chaney*
 Joanne and Dudley Cate, *Family friends of Ed Chaney*
 Patty Plitt, *Cousin of Ed Chaney*
 Russ Mildenstein, *Member*
 Larry Beard, *Friend of St. Paul's*
Tom Waters, *Member*
 Regina Baker, *Member*
 Heather Anderson, *Member*
Leanne Colwell, *friend of Sue Snider*
Geraldine Hills, *friend of St. Paul's*
The family of Elise Caffee, *friends of Katie Walker*
Charlie Snow, *Friend of Sue Snider*

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

†Admiral Lisa Franchetti, U.S. Navy,
 niece to Linwood Snider
 †Zachary Williams, U.S. Airforce,
 grandson of Jim & Dottie Titmas
 †U.S. Navy Corpsman Matthew Kasik,
 grandson of Sam Purswell
 †Dan Beck, Captain., U.S. Army, son of
 Pastor Phil & Susan Beck
 †Carlin Rabie, U.S. Navy, Son-in-law of
 Marcia & Raj Gupta
 †Eric Fong Sam, U.S. Army, friend of
 Mary Ann Ferguson
 †Leo Tanja, U.S. Airforce, nephew of
 Mary Ann Ferguson's sister in
 law

*Do you or someone you know
 have need for prayer?
 If so, please know that we have a prayer
 team at St. Paul's that is ready to help.
 Simply contact Merle Anderson at
 301-845-2317.
 All requests are confidential.*

****Please remember all the names on our
 prayer list, and especially those that are bold.
 They have specific current need for Christian
 love and support.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.
 God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.
 Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our
 Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING, MEAL (sung, p. 152)

P: The Lord be with you.
 C: **And also with you.**
 P: Lift up your hearts.
 C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
 P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*THE PREFACE:

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (p. 153)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 153)

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

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from
 the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise
 to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to
 you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and
 resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE CONT'D

P: With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord’s passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

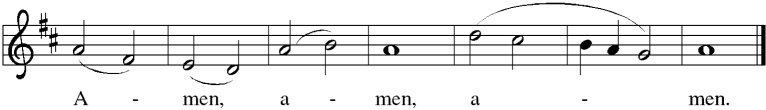
C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



*THE LORD’S PRAYER:

P: Gathered into One with the Holy Spirit, we now pray as Jesus taught...

C: **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.**

HOLY COMMUNION: (ELW p. 154)

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION HYMN (P.155)

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P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray,
Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION (ELW p. 155)

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of all grace † bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN.....O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts.....ELW 658*
V. 1-4 Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808-1887, alt.

*DISMISSAL

GO IN PEACE, CHRIST IS WITH YOU.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Announcement regarding livestreaming of the worship services:

St. Paul’s intends to continue offering online worship services to share the Gospel through Facebook and Youtube. With the inclusion of in-person attendance during the service, we need to inform you that your presence may be captured in the recording and broadcast through St. Paul’s social media platforms. Your comfort and privacy are of utmost importance, if you prefer not to have your image broadcast please contact the office by phone or email or inform the usher as you arrive. The office will keep a list of those wishing NOT to appear in the recording and convey that information to the Media and Technology Ministry. From sundaysandseasons.com | Copyright © 2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved | License # SAS103410, Used with permission under ONE LICENSE #736745-A. All rights reserved CCLI Copyright © 2024 License 21412874, Streaming 21412867 All rights reserved