

SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE WITH JOY!

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

9:00 A.M.

Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023 † 9:00 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Prayer Concerns

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

All: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Holy One,

All: we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

All: Amen.

Gathering Song

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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¹ When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

² Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

³ See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

⁴ Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Greeting

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

All: And also with you.

Kyrie

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Prayer of the day

P: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death.

Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music

“The Lamb”

Vocal Choir

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.” ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am

the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 8:6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

John 13:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. John. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." ¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your

feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"I Only Want to Love You"

I only want to love You, I only want to love You
I only want to love You, I only want to love You.

Chorus

Jesus You are my everything
You are my life, You are my God

I only want to praise You, I only want to praise You
I only want to praise You, I only want to praise You. *Chorus*

I only want to serve You, I only want to serve You
I only want to serve You, I only want to serve You. *Chorus*

Apostles' Creed

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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.**

Offering—*Thank you for your continued support and generosity towards the mission and ministry of St. Paul Lutheran. You're reminded that you can contribute in three ways. You can give electronically on our church website, drop your envelope off at church, or mail in your offering envelope to: St. Paul Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 583, Wyoming, MN 55092*

Offering Prayer

Leader: Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

All: Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: Lord, in your mercy ... **All: Hear our prayer.**

Great Thanksgiving

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Words of Institution

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 Distribution

A member of our prayer team will be available during communion distribution for individual and private prayer. Please meet them at the prayer station in the back of the sanctuary.

Communion Music

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Leader: 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.

All: Amen.

Benediction

Sending Song

“Let's Go Out!”

Let's go out into the world
And make it a loving place to live

Let's go out into the world
And tell ev'ryone the Savior lives

Let's go out (let's go out)
Let's go out (let's go out)
And make it a loving place to live

Let's go out (let's go out)
Let's go out (let's go out)
And tell ev'ryone the Savior lives
Let's go out

Dismissal

L: Go in peace! Share the risen Christ's love, with Joy!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude



Welcome to
St. Paul Lutheran!

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Thank You to All Involved in Today's Worship

Pastor:	Dale Stiles
Worship Assistant:	Tyler Kroschel
Usher:	Steve England
Greeter:	Steve & Carole England
Organist:	Jeanne Richards
Tech Team:	Chris Timmons
Prayer Corner:	Wendy Hazzard
Altar Guild:	Pat Miska
Counters:	Karen Rozeske, Will & Katie Fetterly

Please keep in your prayers this week:

Our partners in Tanzania, the Mgoli and Mtera parishes, Patty Gamnis (Friend of Cindy G.), Doug G. (Friend of Darlene), Reese (friend of Cindy Gruett), Brian Fashner, Jim (Dave Schuder's Dad), Dave (Brother in law of Nancy Brant), Dawn Mills (Sister in law of Kathy Mills), June Jurek, Our food truck participants, especially Kevin and Darlene, Betsy (Friend of Cindy Gruett), Family of Dale Brainard.

Please contact Melissa in the church office if you'd like a prayer concern added, updated, or removed from the list.

Flowers today are given by Tyler & Joanna Kroschel in honor of Lauren's 15th Birthday. The flower sign up form is on the wall in the narthex. Thank you for signing up!

Refreshments today are given by Steve & Carole England. Sign up form is on the table in the Narthex. Thank you for signing up!

The Table during Lent—Join us for Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights, followed by worship with Holden Evening Vespers in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.

New Member Reception! We will be welcoming and receiving new members to St. Paul Lutheran on Sunday, April 16 during worship. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in joining, please contact Pastor Dale. A one hour new member orientation will be offered.

First Communion Instruction. If you feel your child or grandchild is ready to receive their first communion, please contact Pastor Dale to set up a time for the instruction. First Communion will be celebrated at our Maundy Thursday worship on April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Flowers order forms are due TODAY! Order forms are available on the table in Narthex. Please help us decorate the altar for Easter!

NO Table, Wednesday, April 19— Instead we will be at Hosanna Lutheran for an on-site Feed My Starving Children food packing event. We invite people to gather at Hosanna at 5:45 and pack from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Sign up sheet is available on bulletin board in narthex, or you can call Melissa at 651-462-5212.

Library Items— Please check and see if you have any library items you may have forgotten to return. Thank you!

Church Cleaning sign up sheet and description of cleaning needed is available on the table in the narthex.

**General Fund Financial Offerings Received
(as of March 22, 2023)**

Year-to-Date Actuals	Year-to-Date Budget	Over (Under) Budgeted Giving
\$39,044.95	\$52,309.58	\$(13,264.63)

Monthly Totals (as of 3/22/23):

General Fund Offering: \$59,744
Total Revenue: \$71,213
Total Expenses (before mortgage): \$49,685
Total Expenses (after mortgage): \$65,669
Net Revenue (after mortgage payment):
\$5,544
Mortgage Balance: \$244,408

This Week

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Sunday, March 26

9:00 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

Monday, March 27

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 28

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Wednesday, March 29

1:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

5:30 p.m. The Table Soup Supper

6:30 p.m. Lent Midweek Service

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

LOOKING AHEAD

Maundy Thursday, April 6—Worship w/First Communion, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 7—Tenebrae Service, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 9—Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 16—New Member Reception

Wednesday, April 19—Feed My Starving Children Event at Hosanna Lutheran

Sunday, May 21—Rite of Confirmation



A Weekly Food Donation Reminder

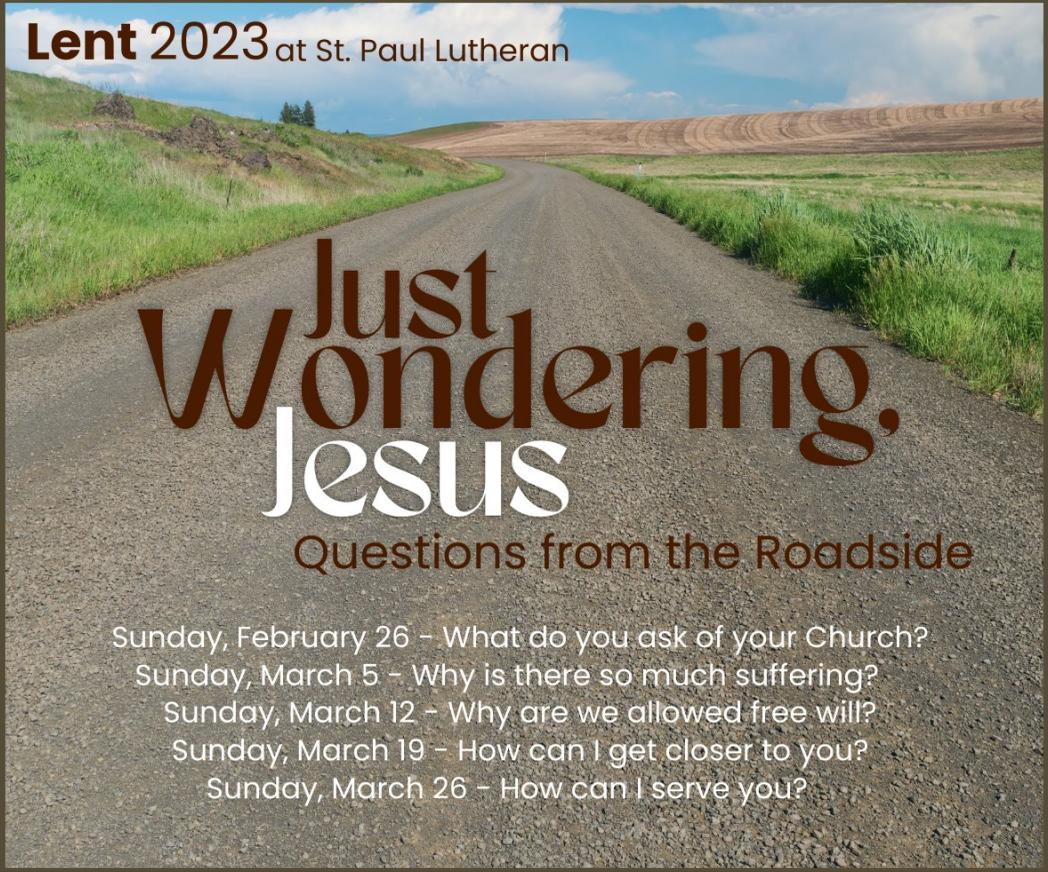
The Food Donation Grocery Cart is in the narthex each Sunday ready to receive your non-perishable food truck donations which are distributed the third Saturday of each month.

Cans For Christ!

Your donated aluminum cans become additional funds to help us meet our general operating expenses at the church. Tell your friends and neighbors to donate their cans for Christ, too!

Lent 2023 “Just Wondering, Jesus: Questions From the Roadside”

The story of Jesus healing blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52) is a powerful one. What's unique about it is that Bartimaeus was simply sitting “by the roadside” as Jesus walked on by. Bartimaeus recognized the voice of Jesus and called out, “Lord, have mercy on me! I want to see again!” This is a unique scene to imagine. This Lenten season you are asked to imagine that you could encounter God at this level – street-level – along the roadside. If you could hear Jesus passing by, what would you cry out, what would you ask of him?



Lent 2023 at St. Paul Lutheran

Just Wondering, Jesus

Questions from the Roadside

Sunday, February 26 - What do you ask of your Church?
Sunday, March 5 - Why is there so much suffering?
Sunday, March 12 - Why are we allowed free will?
Sunday, March 19 - How can I get closer to you?
Sunday, March 26 - How can I serve you?



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