

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 7, 2019

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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GATHERING

PRELUDE (8:00)	“The Old Rugged Cross”	R. C. Wilson
(10:30)	“Reverie”	C. Debussy
	<i>Julianne Schenck, Bassoon</i>	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE EXHORTATION, CONFESSION, AND PLEA

Trusting in God's mercy, we gather in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Brothers and sisters: God created us to experience joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all his creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. Also, by our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment, but to turn to him and live.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from the love of God and neighbor. Repentance, fasting, and works of love, the discipline of Lent, help us to wage our spiritual warfare.

I invite you, therefore, to commit yourself to this struggle and confess your sins, asking our Father for strength to persevere in your Lenten discipline.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Let us now make confession:

Almighty God, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

Know that God does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore, we implore him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things we do on this day may please him, that the rest of our life may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

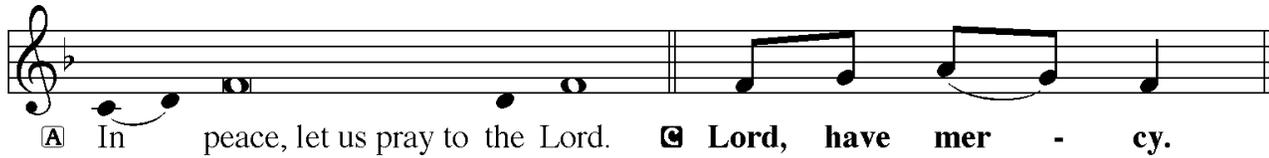
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GREETING

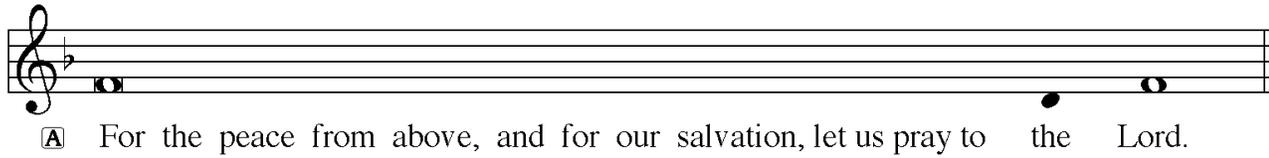
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

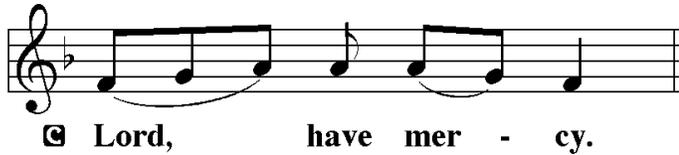
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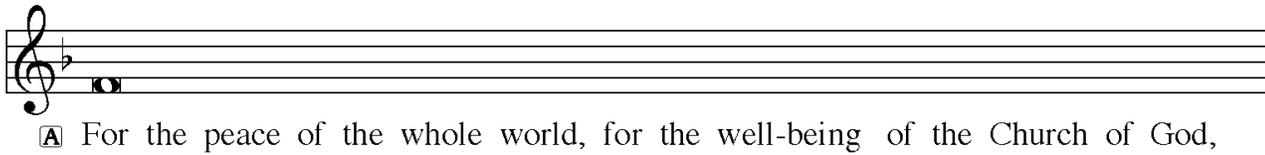
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



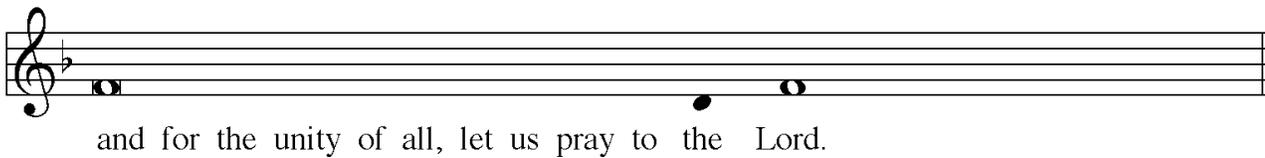
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



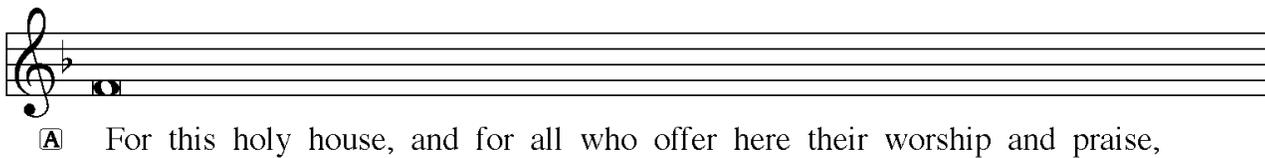
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



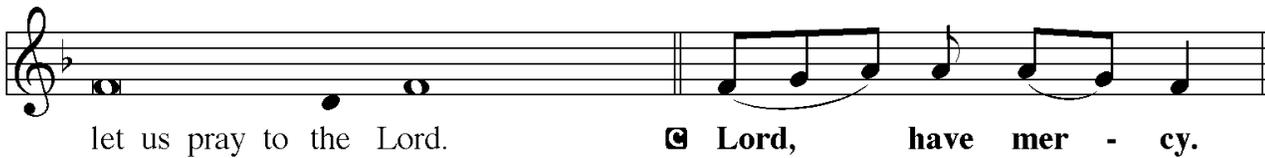
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



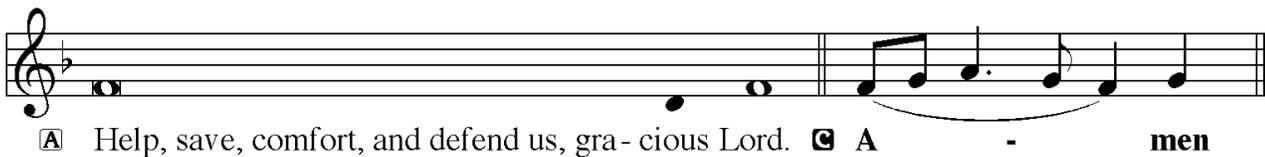
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

A Reading from Isaiah

¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 ²¹the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise. (Isaiah 43:16–21)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126 (read responsively)

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”**

³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

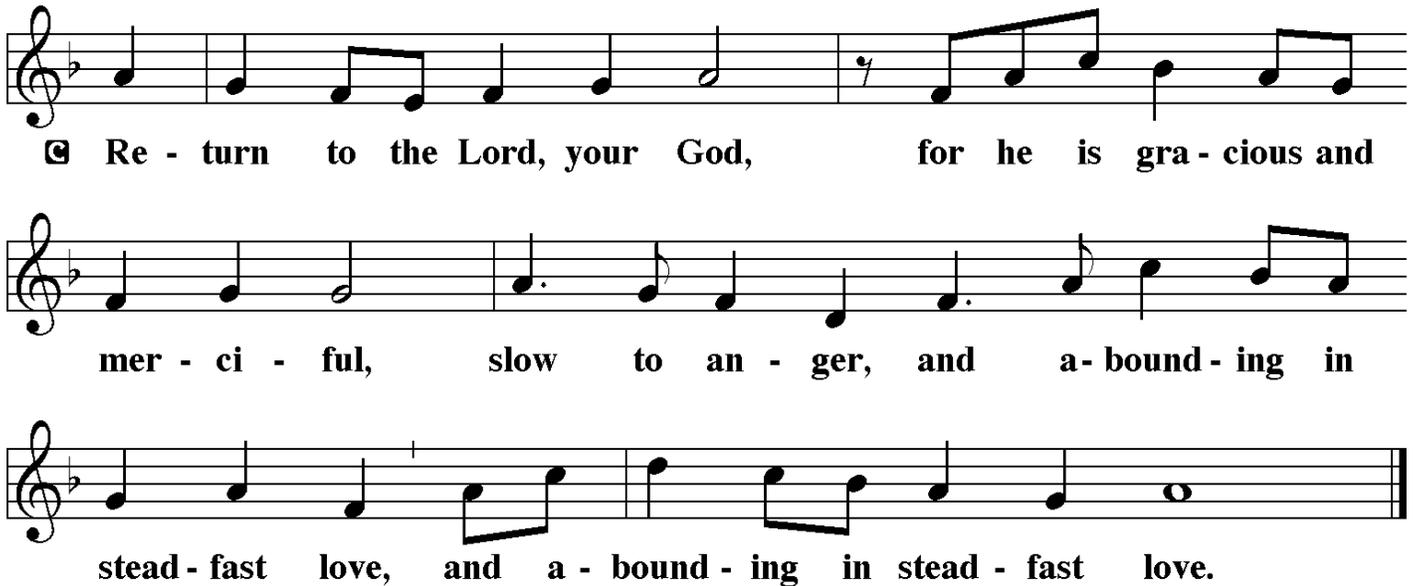
¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting

what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:4b-14)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.” (John 12:1-8)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

A brief silence.

Source of resurrection and new life, call your church to be faithful in all things. Teach us not to think too well of ourselves or too badly of our neighbors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Restore creation where it is devastated by flood, famine, or fire. Give hope and create new vision among those who have suffered loss. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Reveal your path for your people to follow. Lead us in ways of reconciliation, and day by day welcome us into your future. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Wipe away the tears of those who weep and comfort all who suffer (*especially*). Restore them and bring them into the joy of your presence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Fill your people with such joy and gratitude that it overflows into words and deeds that daily bless the poor and those in need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abide with those for whom death draws near. Lift their hearts and gladden their spirits. Bring us with all your saints to share in the promise of everlasting life, through the covenant sealed by the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

Ushers: Pick up the offering plates from the table in the back of the church. Once the music begins, receive the collection along the center aisle, from front to back, then walk behind the last pews and up the side aisles to receive the collection on the outside aisles, again from front to back. Return to the back and wait for the Communion Assistant to come forward with the alms basin.

OFFERTORY (8:00) “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” L. Smith

ANTHEM (10:30) *“Behold the Wounds in Jesus’ Hands” arr. Steve Couch
Julianne Schenck, *bassoon* & Steve Couch, *horn*

OFFERTORY HYMN



☐ What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-e-fits to me? I will



of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.



I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.



I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all his peo-ple,



in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

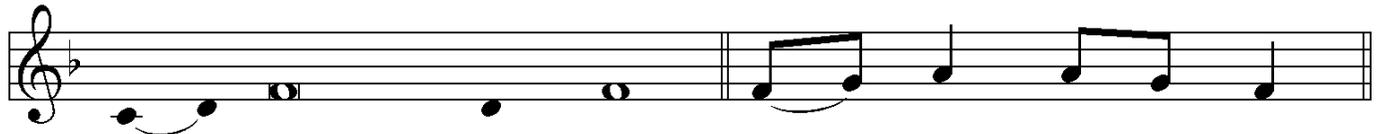
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, you do not feed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and all that you have given into our care that this feast we share might be transformed into a bountiful feast that welcomes all, in the name of Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.

Amen.

MEAL

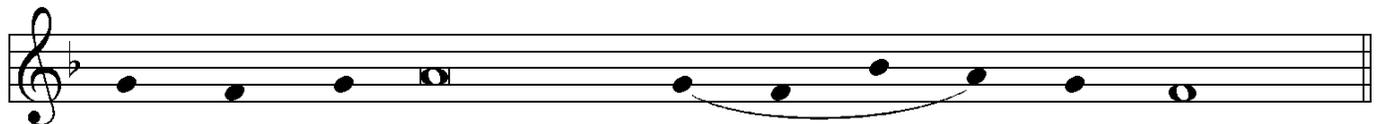
GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.



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



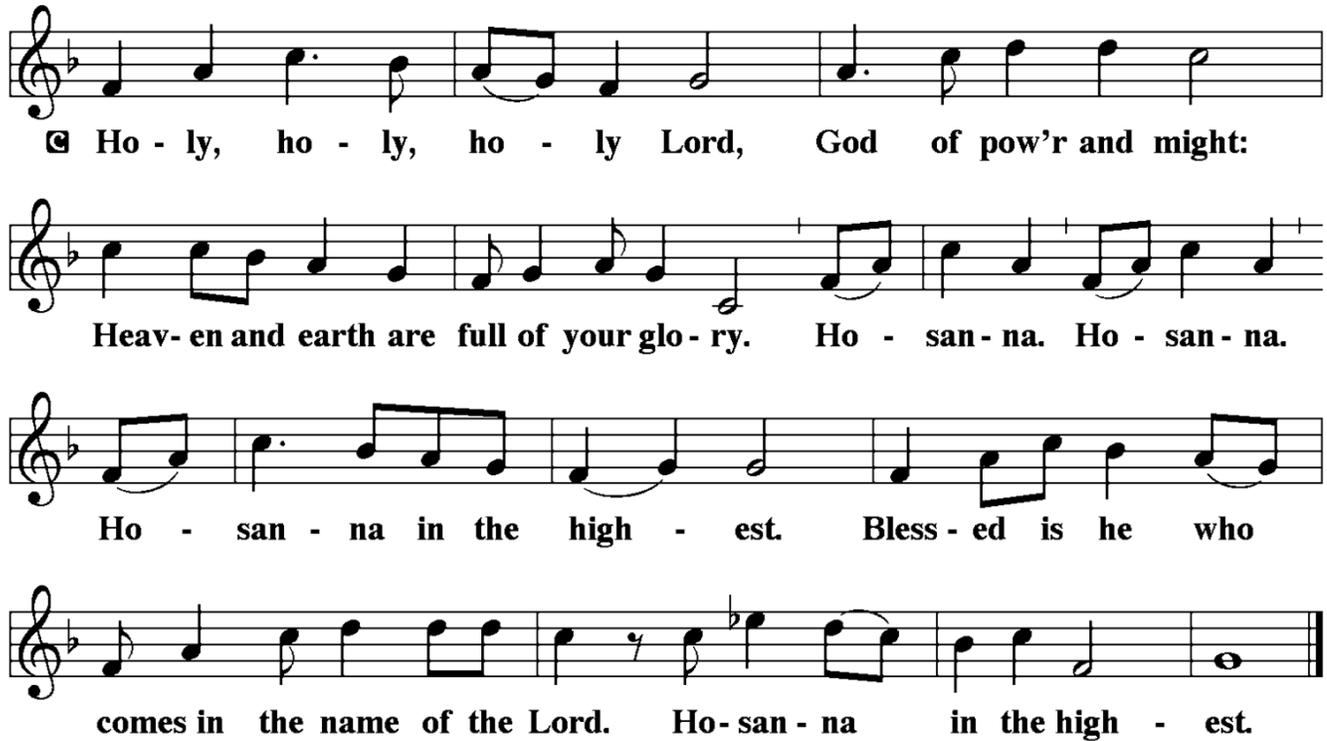
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



G It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should in all times and all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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. Ho - san - na.
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, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

THE 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

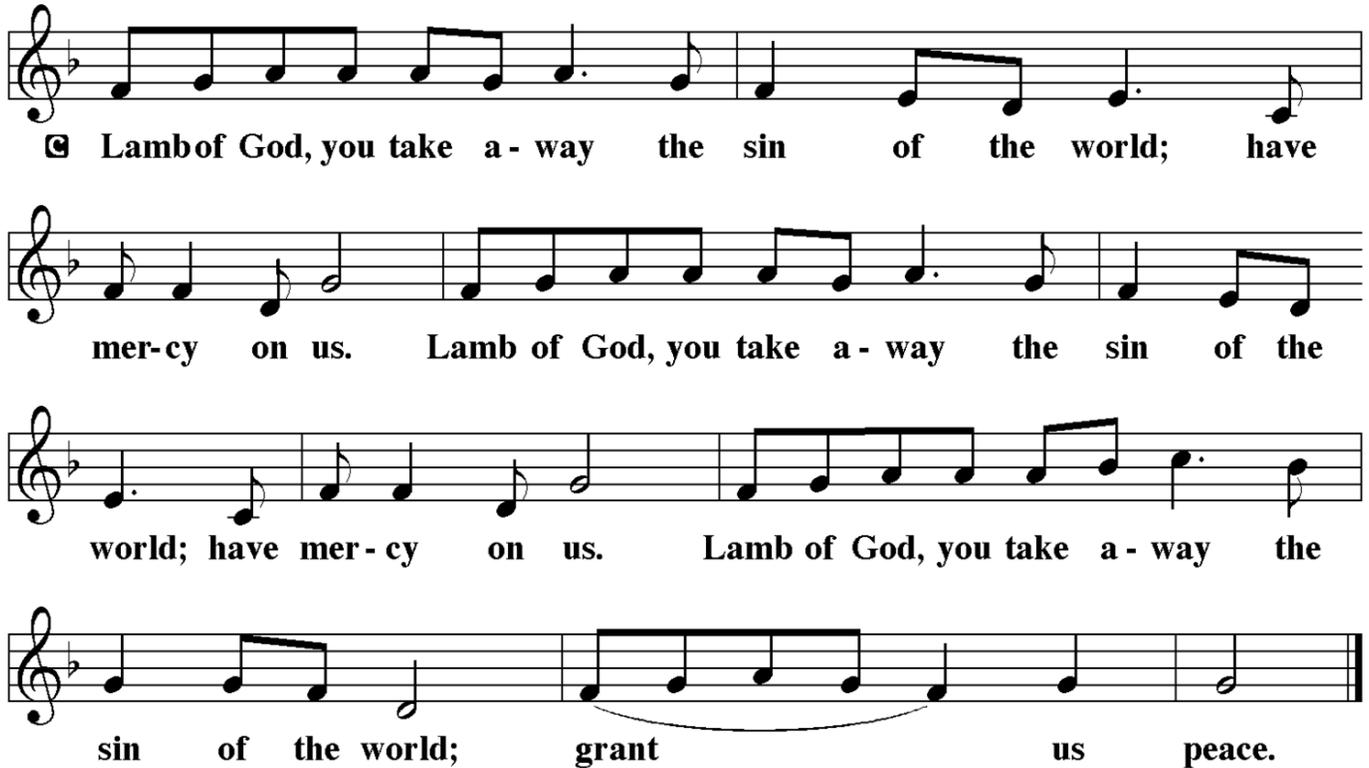
Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

DISTRIBUTION

The Sacrament will be distributed by Intinction, pulpit side first. Please move into the center aisle, proceed to the Pastor, and receive the bread in your open hand. Then turn to the assistant, where you may dip the host into the wine and partake, returning to your seat by the side aisle. The lectern side will follow, then the choir. Those unable to come forward will receive the Sacrament in their pews.

AGNUS DEI



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.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

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TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful Father, you gather us together as one family so that no one is pushed away or kept hungry. Now that the meal is ended, send us back into the world. Teach us to trust in you and help us to walk with patience. Allow us to do your good and gracious will among those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

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THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Give thanks to God in word and deed!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

M. Burkhardt

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Altar flowers are presented in honor of Cindy Sklar on her birthday by the Sklar family.

Chancel flowers are presented in honor of Heather Lynn Jenkins’s birthday, April 14, by her parents, Barry and Dana.

Today’s bulletins are presented in memory of Dr. and Mrs. F. S. Olmes by the Lafko family.

*“Behold the Wounds in Jesus’ Hands” was arranged for the musicians of St. Paul’s, especially the choir; its director, Justin McClure; and bassoonist extraordinaire Julianne Schenck by Steve Couch. (2019)

ATTENTION USHERS:

The offering plates will now be found on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. After the passing of the peace, please proceed to the table, pick up the plates, and wait in the rear of the church until the offertory music begins. Once the music has started, you may move to the front of the center aisle and receive the offering.

SERVING TODAY (4/7/19)

8:00 AM

**LECTOR: Ruth Ann Withers; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Ruth Ann Withers;
USHERS: Ruth Ann Withers & Barbara Lafko; GREETER: Robin
Zimmerman**

10:30 AM

**LECTOR: Doug Travor; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Greg Sklar; USHERS: Deb
& Danika Bolinsky; ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: Trisha & Hunter Teter;
GREETERS: Barb Sterner & Bob Schuld II; COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle,
Marlene Eidam & Diane Brobst; ALTAR GUILD: *Joanne Emerich & Gwen
Wehr**

SERVING ON PALM SUNDAY (4/14/19)

8:00 AM

**LECTOR: Ruth Ann Withers; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Gail Rarick;
USHERS: Ruth Ann Withers & Wayne Withers; GREETER: Robin Zimmerman**

10:30 AM

**LECTOR: Jason Swick; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Doug Travor; USHERS:
Madelyn Knecht & Wayne Lutsey; ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: Emily Heydt &
Maddie Swick; GREETERS: Gwen Wehr & Bob Schuld II; COUNTERS: Joyce
O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter & Dana Jenkins; ALTAR GUILD: Barbara Lafko
& Fern Moyer**

CALENDAR

Saturday, April 6	5:30 PM	Worship with Communion
Sunday, April 7	8:00 AM	Worship with Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum & Sunday School Youth Assemble Easter Baskets
	10:30 AM	Worship with Communion
	5:00 PM	Confirmation Class
Monday, April 8	7:00 PM	Church Council
Tuesday, April 9	1:00 PM	WELCA
Wednesday, April 10	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Lenten Midweek Service
	After service	Chancel Choir
Thursday, April 11	6:00 PM	Mutual Ministry
Saturday, April 13	5:30 PM	Worship
Palm Sunday, April 14	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum & Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship

♪ SPECIAL MUSIC NEXT SUNDAY ♪

The Junior Bell Choir will play a musical offering at the 10:30 AM service on Palm Sunday, April 14. Come and see!

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES



WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM

Pastor Mike will continue to preach on the 23rd Psalm during a series of six midweek Lenten services at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays.

Learn more about “the Good Shepherd” psalm and consider how daily trusting in a Loving God can radically change your life!

BOOKS FOR KIDS DRIVE

Our Service Committee is holding a book drive for the Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry, which offers books to families with children. A reading teacher from the Blue Mountain School District has volunteered to help families choose donated books appropriate for their children.

Your new or gently used books are needed to help children up to the age of 10. Books for toddlers and preschool children are especially helpful now. A container is located in the narthex, where children’s books can be placed at any time through Easter Sunday, April 21.

SCHUYLKILL BALLET THEATRE

The Schuylkill Ballet Theatre will present “Charlie’s Chocolate Adventure” at Blue Mountain High School on Friday, April 12, at 7:00 PM; Saturday, April 13, at 7:00 PM; and Sunday, April 14, at 3:00 PM. Tickets can be ordered at www.schuylkillballet.com or by calling 570-617-5616. They can also be purchased at the door.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Our Tuesday, April 9 meeting will begin at 1:00 PM with a program titled “Walborn Street Playground—Children’s Sensory Garden” and will be presented by Jane Kruse of the Southern Schuylkill Garden Club. Jane will share information concerning the creation of a children’s sensory garden at the Walborn Street playground. While garden club members initiated the idea, Orwigsburg Borough and community volunteers will plan to make the idea a reality. Come hear about the children’s gardens and how you can help to create a beautiful space for our town’s children.

All women of St. Paul’s are always welcome to attend the meetings.

Please bring an “In-Gathering” offering. This offering has been designated to go to the Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry.

We will also receive our regular offering, two-thirds of which is given to NEPA Women of the ELCA to support the mission, programs, and outreach of the WELCA.

Click. Like. Share.

Facebook events have been created for all of our Holy Week Worship Services.

- ❖ Palm Sunday (includes information about all 3 worship services offered)
- ❖ Wednesday Midweek Lenten Service of the Word
- ❖ Maundy Thursday
- ❖ Good Friday Service of Tenebrae
- ❖ Easter Sunday & Easter Egg Hunt for kids of all ages

Please remember to share with your Facebook friends and respond to these events online. Help to spread the news that there is a place for everyone at St. Paul’s during Holy Week, as we journey together from the cross to the glorious resurrection of our Lord.

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Friendship Pads. Please sign the friendship pads in the pews. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book in the narthex.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY...

If you or someone you know needs immediate pastoral care,
please call 717-362-4597.

