

First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 1, 2020

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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GATHERING

*As we gather together, let us now refrain from conversation, quiet ourselves,
and welcome the Lord Jesus Christ into our midst.*

PRELUDE

“Lenten Prelude”

E. Broughton

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 Almighty 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.**

GATHERING HYMN

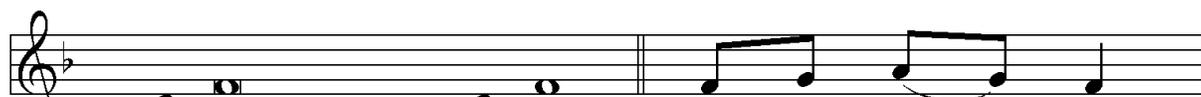
“A Mighty Fortress”

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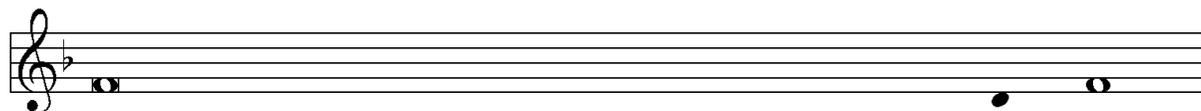
GREETING

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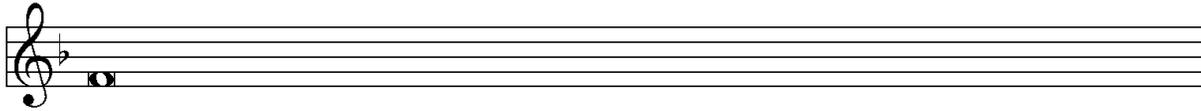
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



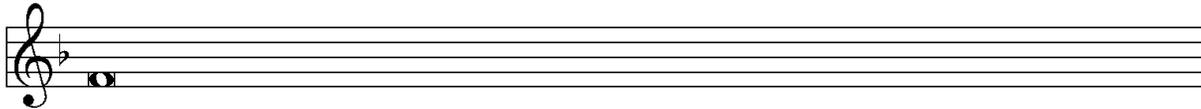
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



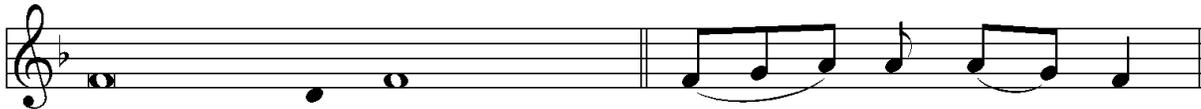
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us 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 Genesis

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for, in the day that you eat of it, you shall die.”

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. (Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32 (Responsively)

¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

**²Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

**⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.

**⁶I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.”
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

⁷Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

**⁸You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

⁹“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.

**¹⁰Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”**

¹¹Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

**¹²Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

A Reading from Romans

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man’s trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those, who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness, exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

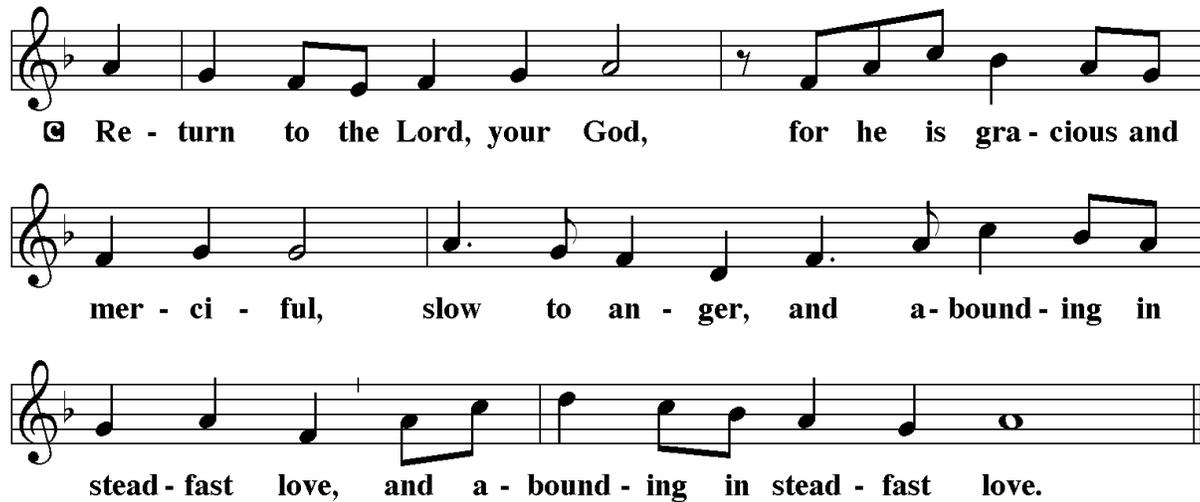
¹⁸Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

(Romans 5:12-19)

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: Matthew 17:1-9

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

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

(Matthew 4:1-11)

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED (In Unison)

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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of the wilderness, lead us in showing grace and hospitality to all who struggle with doubt or shame. Make your church holy ground where all people are loved, for you created everyone in your image and likeness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, show your glory in deserts and on mountaintops. Forgive us for our desire to dominate what you have made good, instead of serving as faithful stewards and caretakers. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Eternal God, free civil leaders and governments from the temptation to exercise unjust dominion over those whom they are called to lead and serve. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Healing God, sustain those who are hungry and alone; comfort those who are anxious, grant discernment to those facing difficult decisions, and bring abundant life to those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*especially...*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of All Majesty, we thank you for putting songs on our lips and faith in our hearts. Listen to our voices and bless our hearts as we join in songs of lament and praise. Hear us O, God.

Your mercy is great.

We praise you for bringing us through the desert into the promised land of your kingdom. We give thanks for saints who have guided us in times of trial and joy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING

For 10:30 service ushers: Take the offering plates from the table in the back of the church. 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) “On Eagle’s Wings” J. Linker

Anthem (10:30) **“Let Us Gather in the Shadow of the Cross”* J. Martin
Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY HYMN



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord’s in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of wonder, you set a table and invite us to feast with you. You give us gifts to share with others, so that everyone may be blessed. Open our eyes to daily see your goodness and mercy. Help us to welcome everyone to come to your table. Open our hearts and minds and come to us through Jesus Christ now and forever.

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



G 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 (In Unison)

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

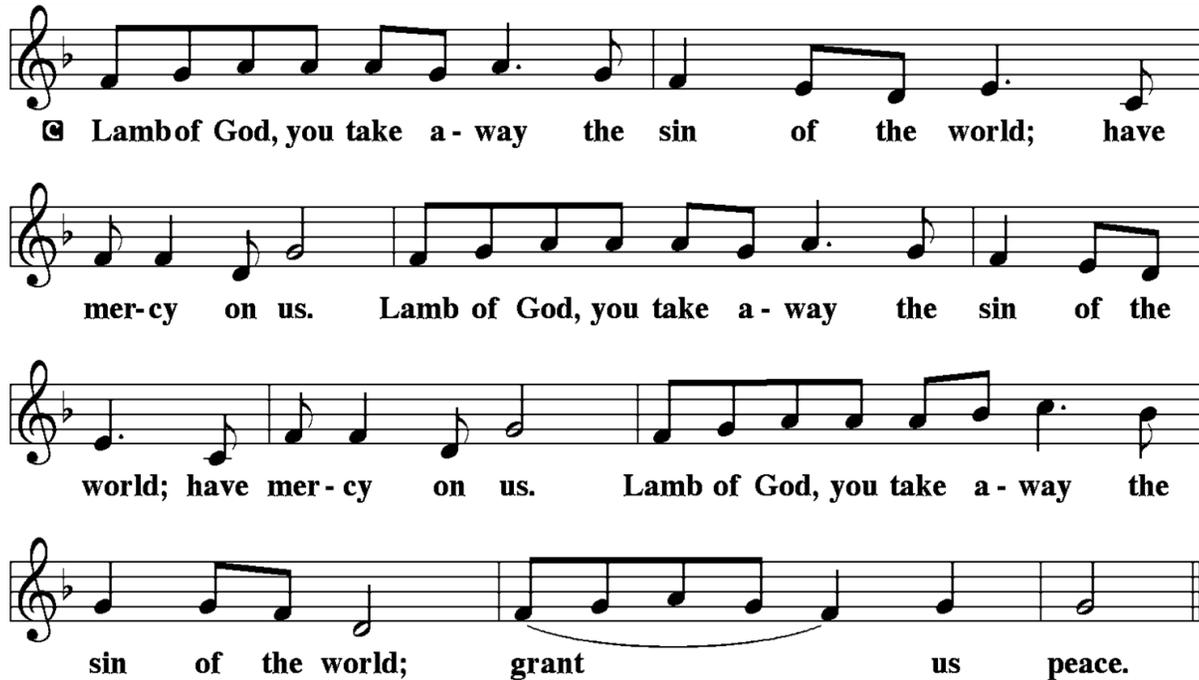
Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**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 may receive the Sacrament in their pews. Those who do not desire to receive the Sacrament may come forward to receive a blessing.

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

“On Eagle’s Wings”

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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

We thank you, Ever-living God, for you have fed us with heavenly food and drink. Give us abundant life now and strengthen our hope for a greater life yet to come. Help us to know your love for us in Christ Jesus and teach us to share that Godly love with our neighbors everywhere. **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, Still Lead On”

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THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Forgive others, as you have been forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“O Sing unto God”

D. Paxton

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Altar Flowers are presented in memory of Bob Wolfe on his birthday, March 2, by Joy Wolfe and family.

Chancel Flowers are presented in memory of Rachel Zehner by Lester and Constance Teter and family.

Bulletins are presented in memory of Rachel Zehner and Russell Zehner by Lester and Constance Teter.

*Today’s memorial anthem was presented in memory of Gloria Stein by Tom and Gwen Wehr (2017).

A REMINDER ...

When we gather to worship, everyone is encouraged to complete the Friendship Pad located in your pew. Please pass the Pad to your neighbor and return it to the center aisle. Visitors are encouraged to also sign our Welcome Book in the narthex. If you have a special need or concern, please share it with the Greeter at the door—or with the Pastor.

SERVING TODAY (3/1/20)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Kay Weidensaul; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Amy Dewald

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Robin Zimmerman; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Chris Long

USHERS: Wayne Lutsey and Karen Travor; **GREETER:** Scott Butler

ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Miller and Connie Teter;

COUNTERS: Gwen and Tom Wehr, and Glenda Bright

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (3/8/20)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Gail Rarick; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Kay Weidensaul;

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Jim Spotts; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Robin Zimmerman;

USHERS: The Swick Family; **GREETER:** Doug Travor;

ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Miller and Connie Teter;

COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Marlene Eidam, and Diane Brobst

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| THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S | | |
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| Sunday, March 1 | 8:00 AM | Worship |
| | 9:15 AM | Adult Forum |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship |
| Tuesday, March 3 | 6:00 PM | Service Ministry |
| | 6:30 PM | Evangelism |
| Wednesday, March 4 | 7:00 PM | Midweek Lenten Service |
| Thursday, March 5 | 6:00 PM | Stewardship in Creation |
| | 6:30 PM | Financial Peace |
| Saturday, March 7 | 5:30 PM | Worship with Communion Daylight Saving Time Begins |
| Sunday, March 8 | 8:00 AM | Worship |
| | 9:15 AM | Adult Forum |
| | 9:15 AM | Property |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship |

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NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA
Spring Justice Retreat - March 28, 2020

This retreat will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Breinigsville, PA. The theme will be: Diversity - Reaching Across Barriers to Live as God's People. Information is available at our WELCA bulletin board. Deadline to register is March 14, 2020. Also please help us provide personal hygiene items and/or school supplies for the In-kind collection that day. A box has been placed in the narthex.

“B.Y.O.B.” LENTEN SOUP & BREAD MEAL

[B.Y.O.B., means that you can “Bring your own bowl.”]

Please join us for a “simple” Lenten meal of soup and bread on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 6 PM in our gathering room. Everyone is welcome! Every crock pot of soup and/or a loaf of bread (with soft butter) is appreciated, but no one is required to bring anything. A sign-up sheet is in the gathering place for those who would like to share. Beverages, napkins, butter knives, spoons, and bowls, if you need/forget one will be provided. Our Lenten service begins at 7 PM. Choir practice will follow the service.

FREE SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL MEAL

As an outreach to our neighbors in need, the men of St. Paul’s will host a Free Spaghetti and Meatball Meal on Saturday, March 21st from 12 Noon to 2:00 PM in Reidler Hall. Beverages, bread, and salad will be provided along with desserts (courtesy of our Women of the ELCA). Please invite your neighbors and friends to come for this free fellowship meal.

Easter Flower Orders

Please detach lower portion and place in the offering plate in the Gathering Room
or return by U.S. Mail.

Deadline: Sunday, March 22, 2020

No orders will be taken after this date due to Blue Mountain Farms' deadline.

Your name: _____

| Type of flower | How Many | Price | Total | Sponsorship |
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| Asiatic Lilies | _____X | \$8 | _____ | H/M_____ |
| Regular-sized Daffodils | _____X | \$7 | _____ | H/M_____ |
| 6-bulb Tulips (Red) | _____X | \$7 | _____ | H/M_____ |
| 3-bulb Hyacinth (Purple) | _____X | \$7 | _____ | H/M_____ |
| 3-bulb Hyacinth (Pink) | _____X | \$7 | _____ | H/M_____ |
| 3-bulb Hyacinth (White) | _____X | \$7 | _____ | H/M_____ |
| Hydrangeas (Pink) | _____X | \$15 | _____ | H/M_____ |

TOTAL \$ _____