Second Sunday in Lent Sunday, March 13, 2022

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXHORTATION

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

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to contend against all evil and resist everything that leads us away from the love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to take up the discipline of Lent: self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, charity and works of love, as together we are strengthened and renewed by God's Word and Sacraments.

(Silence for self-reflection)

CONFESSION

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. 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.

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 lives 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

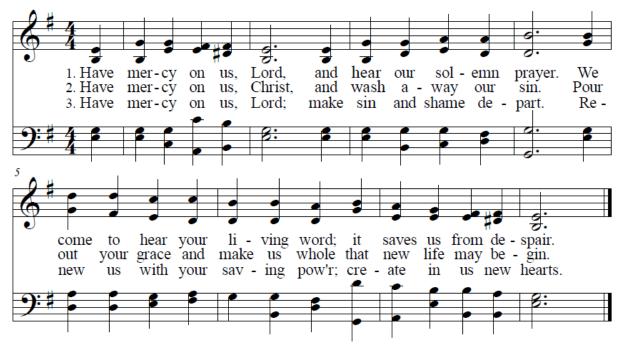
"How Firm a Foundation"



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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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

WORD

A Reading from Genesis

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young

pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates." (Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27 (Read responsively)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh my adversaries and foes — they shall stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up. Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

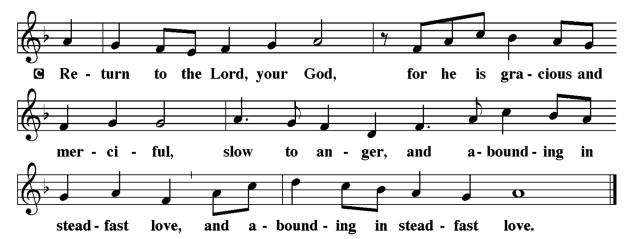
Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

A Reading from Philippians

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. (Philippians 3:17--4:1)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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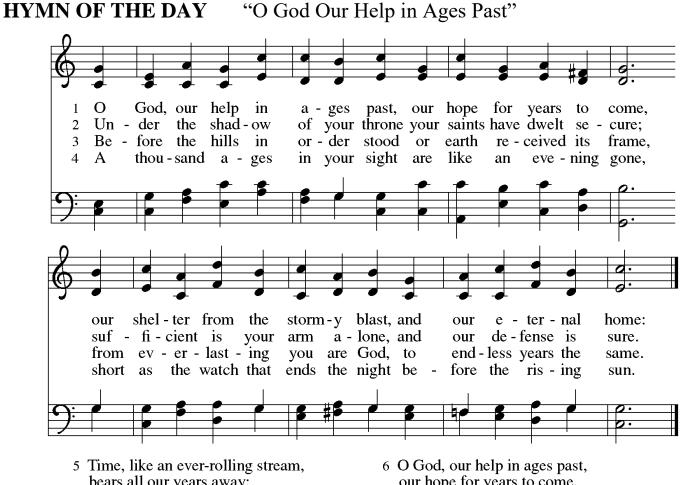
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'" (Luke 13:31-35)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON



- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE NICENE CREED (Read 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

As we journey toward the Easter Feast, let us turn to our God who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Redeeming God, bring healing where your church is wounded and wholeness where it is divided. Give your faithful people the spirit of forgiveness and mercy. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

Righteous God, send peace to this violent and broken world and strengthen us to be peacemakers in our homes and communities. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

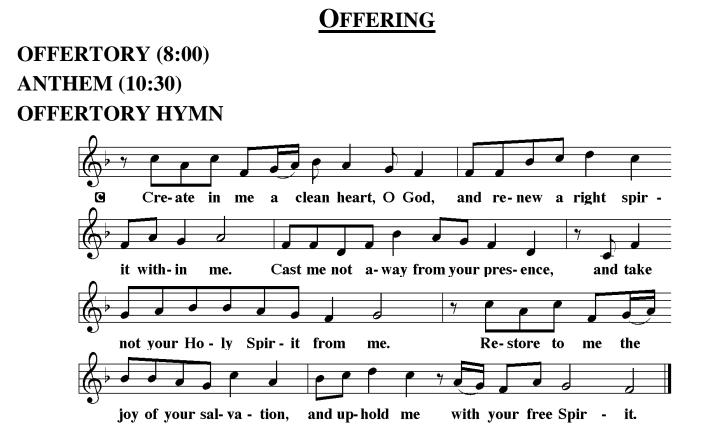
Healing God, calm those who struggle with doubts and despair and bring hope to all those who suffer, especially to everyone on our prayer list. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

Creating God, bless your good creation and the living things that inhabit it. Give us new eyes to see your wisdom and love in all that you have made good. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

Loving God, renew us and refresh us. Show us how to feed the hungry, live simpler lives, and generously share all that you have given us. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

Eternal God, gather your people together and protect them from every evil. Give us patience as we look forward to that day when mourning, crying, and pain will be no more. Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

(*The pastor concludes*): Gracious God, hear the prayers of your people whose hunger and thirst you satisfy in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**



OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God our Redeemer, receive these gifts and the sacrifice of our lives. Refresh us with this food and drink and bring us newness of life for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

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 him 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:

SANCTUS b ly, Ho - ly, ho ly, ho _ my heart, my heart a - dores you. 8 My heart is glad the words: You are ho -God. to say ly, 8

EUCHARISTIC 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 (read 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

Come to the Lord's table. Here is food and drink that will sustain us for our Lenten journey.

INSTRUCTIONS

All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, are welcomed to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please move into the center aisle when instructed to do so. When you stand before the Pastor, please open your hand to receive a wafer of bread, and then move toward the Communion Assistant to dip the tip of the wafer into the chalice of wine. After you have consumed the Sacrament, you may return to your seat by the side aisle. Those who are unable to come forward may receive the Sacrament as they sit in their pews. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please come forward and say, "A blessing."

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"





TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, your Son welcomed sinners and ate with them. We give you thanks for the forgiveness and grace we have received in this meal. Make us signs of your love, that all the world may know your mercy and lovingkindness, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

BLESSING

You were created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen to be holy and beloved, and freed to serve your neighbor. May God bless you that you may be a blessing to others, in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Guide me Ever, Great Redeemer" [See back of bulletin]

DISMISSAL

Forgiven and strengthened at God's table of grace and mercy, go now in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Introduction to the Day: Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

Altar Flowers are presented in memory of my brother, Eric C. Shaud, by Crystal Brensinger and family.

Chancel Flowers are presented in memory of my son, Eric Christopher Shaud, by Nancy Kaiser.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!

We will continue to host a Sunday School for children every second Sunday of the month. Children ages 1-10 are invited to join us during the 10:30 a.m. service **<u>TODAY</u>** for Bible stories, crafts, a snack, fun, and fellowship. Teenagers are also invited to participate as helpers. Please contact Sarah Eger at 570-394-3522 or swoodring86@hotmail.com.

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

The Sunday School team will be hosting an afternoon of egg-citing activities for the children of our church and our community, on Saturday, April 9th from 1-3 PM. (More details to come.) If you would like to donate items or your time, please see the sign-up sheets in the gathering room at church, or call/text Sarah Eger at 570-394-3522. Thank you for your continued support of the Sunday School program!!

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Pastor Mike will continue to preach on the "I AM" sayings of Jesus found in the Gospel of St. John during a series of midweek Lenten services to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays as follows:

<u>March 16</u> – "I AM the Light of the World" - John 8:12 <u>March 23</u> – "I AM the Good Shepherd" - John 10:11, 14 <u>March 30</u> - "I AM the Resurrection and the Life" - John 11:25 <u>April 6</u> - "I AM the Way, and the Truth, and the Life" - John 14:6

Learn more about Jesus' heavenly identity and consider how the great "I AM" continues to transform and save lives. Everyone is invited to attend.

OLD HYMNALS, BIBLES, AND OTHER BOOKS

Recently our Library Ladies have cleaned and reorganized several areas of our church building. In this process they have found many dedicated "green" LBW hymnals, several Bibles (mostly older RSV translation), and other books which are no longer of use in the church.

Beginning at 8 a.m. on Sunday, March 20, old hymnals, Bibles, and books will be available for members to examine and take home, if they choose to do so. Please note that many of these books are only in fair condition.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY (3/13/22) 8:00 AM GREETER: Pastor Mike; LECTOR: Amy Dewald

COMMUNION ASST.: Amy Dewald

10:30 AM

GREETER: Greg Sklar; USHER: Diane Brobst; LECTOR: Jim Spotts COMMUNION ASST.: Wayne Lutsey ALTAR GUILD: Hope Clarke and Madelyn Knecht COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Diane Brobst, and Marlene Eidam

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8:00 AM

GREETER: Pastor Mike; LECTOR: Connie Teter COMMUNION ASST.: Connie Teter

10:30 AM

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, March 13	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion Adult Forum Worship with Holy Communion Sunday School
Monday, March 14	7:00 PM	Council
Tuesday, March 15	6:00 PM	Service Ministry
Wednesday, March 16	7:00 PM	Mid-week Lenten Service
Friday, March 18	1:00 PM	STiC SRT Walk in Tumbling Run
Saturday, March 19	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, March 20	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion Adult Forum Worship with Holy Communion SPRING BEGINS!
	EASTER I	FLOWER ORDER DEADLINE

EASTERN EUROPEAN CRISIS RESPONSE

On Feb. 24, 2022, Russian armed forces invaded the nation of Ukraine, launching land, sea, and air attacks. Russia has launched air strikes across the country. Millions of civilians continue to flee the violence, and most are heading toward Ukraine's western districts and their neighboring countries.

Several thousand civilians have been killed in the conflict so far, and damage to civilian infrastructure has left millions without water or electricity. Most Ukrainian men of military age have remained in the country, so that those fleeing the violence are mainly women and children.

Lutheran Disaster Response is ministering to the people of Ukraine in their war-torn nation as well as in neighboring Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia. It also is providing humanitarian aid through ecumenical partners such as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service. These partners reach out to refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

You can help the people of Ukraine through many international relief organizations including Lutheran Disaster Relief. If you would like to donate, please make your check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and write "LDR - Eastern Europe Crisis Response" on memo line. If you give cash, please write "LDR - Eastern Europe Europe Crisis Response" on the envelope and place it in the offering plate.

Easter Flower Orders

Please detach lower portion of this form and place it along with your payment in the offering basket located in the Gathering Room or return it to the church by U.S. Mail.

Deadline: Sunday, March 20, 2022

No orders will be taken after this date!

Please "PRINT" all necessary information!

Your name: _____

Type of flower	How Many	Price	Total	Sponsorship
Easter Lilies	X	\$9.00		H/M
Regular-sized Daffod	lils X	\$7.50		H/M
6-bulb Tulips (Red)	X	\$7.50		H/M
3-bulb Hyacinths (Pu	rple) X	\$7.50		H/M
3-bulb Hyacinths (Pin	nk) X	\$7.50		H/M
3-bulb Hyacinths (W	hite) X	\$7.50		H/M
Hydrangeas (Pink)	X	\$15.50		H/M

TOTAL \$ _____

If more space is needed for dedications, please attach another sheet.

"Guide me Ever, Great Redeemer"

