St. Paul Lutheran Church

Wood River, IL **March 26, 2023**

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Welcome to St. Paul!

We are so happy that you are here and pray God's richest blessings upon you. At St. Paul, you will find a community that is committed to walking together, warm hospitality, and relevant messages rooted in Scripture. We follow Jesus, grow as His disciples, serve, and tell others so that all may know Him as Savior and Lord. If there is any way we can be of service to you, feel free to talk with the Pastor.

As We Gather

Each Sunday in Lent brings us closer to Holy Week and closer to the foot of the cross. In a sense, we are annual pilgrims traveling on the way of and to the cross. Each year is slightly different from the one that has come before on that cross way. According to the liturgical year in the Church, we are closer today to the death of Christ and His glorious resurrection than we were a week ago. And, according to our earthly lives, we are drawing closer to our own individual death and resurrection. Along this way, we intersect with the cross, which serves as a sign for our lives at all times. May we each be blessed in our pilgrimage!

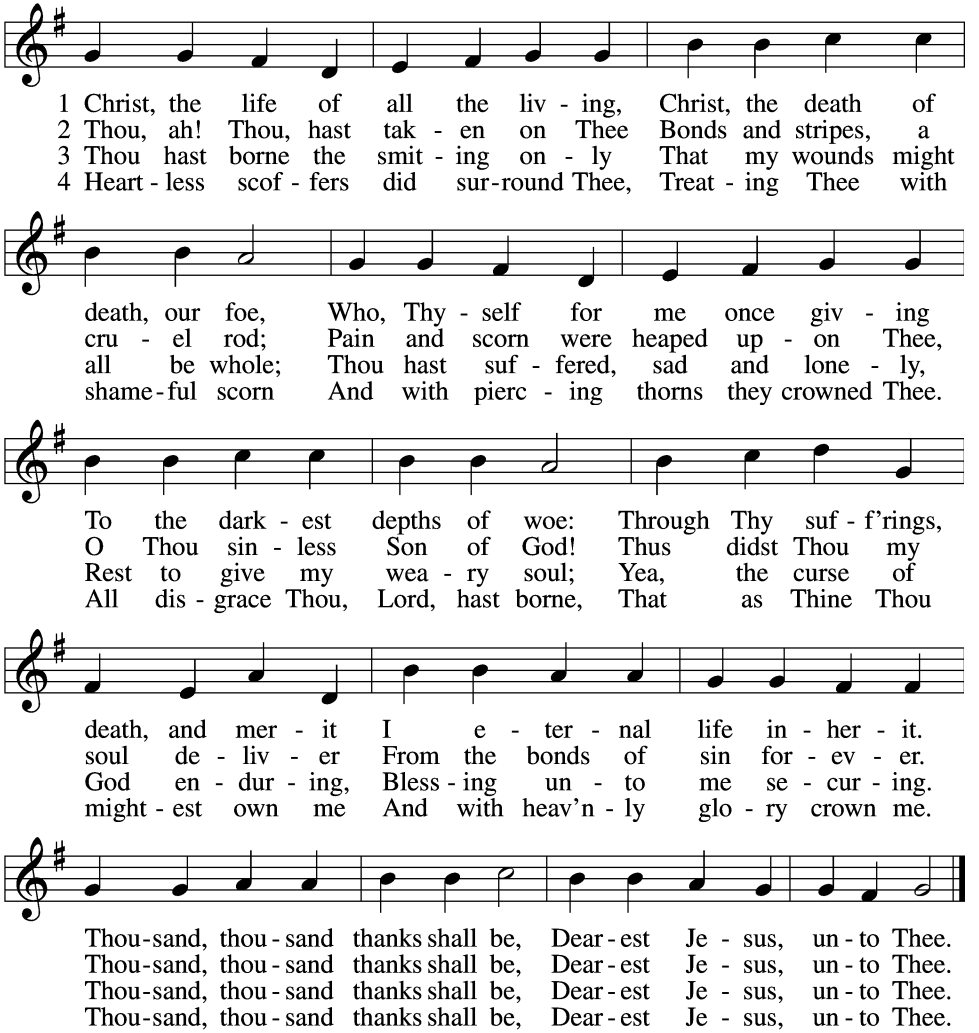
We Celebrate Holy Communion Today

In this Supper of our Lord, we receive the true body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, in with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. Since this is also a sign of our common confession of faith, we welcome to the Lord's Supper all those who are confirmed members of congregations of the Lutheran-Church Missouri Synod, all others are asked to please talk to Pastor. Non-alcohol wine is included in the center of each tray for those with special needs.

Worship Note

Because this is the Season of Lent, our service takes on two changes to reflect the more somber atmosphere of repentance. The Kyrie and Hymn of Praise are replaced with the hymn, "Lamb of God Pure and Holy," number 434. Also, following the reading of the Epistle, we respond with the appropriate verse for Lent "Return to the Lord, our God..."

Opening Hymn Christ, the Life of All the Living 420



5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

Stand

Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: v. 15

P Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

C **I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

P Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

C **The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered**

distress and anguish.

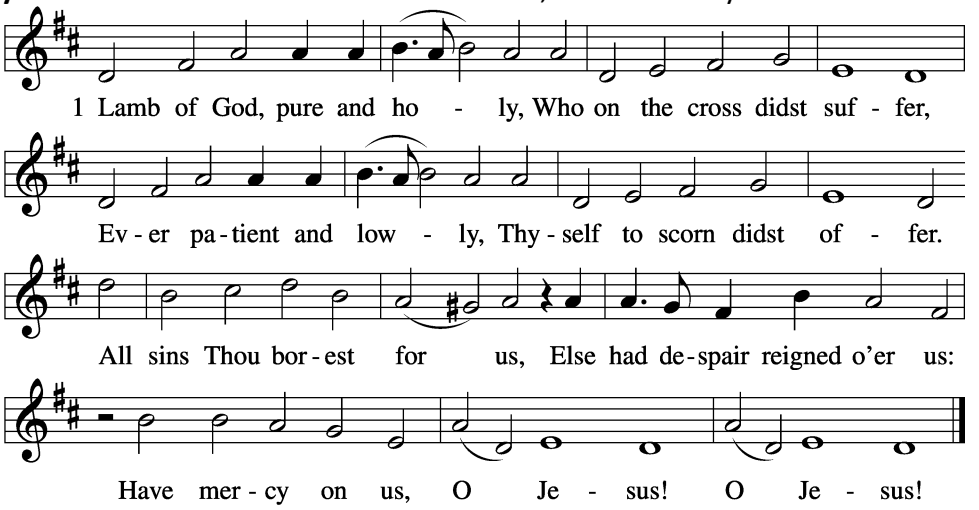
℗ Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

℃ **For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

℃ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

℃ **Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.**

Hymn Lamb of God, Pure and Holy 434 *st. 1*



Salutation and Collect of the Day

℗ The Lord be with you.

℃ **And also with you.**

℗ Let us pray.
Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

℃ **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Ezekiel 37:1–14*

[1]The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. [2]And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. [3]And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD,

you know." [4]Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. [5]Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. [6]And I will lay sinews upon 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."

[7]So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. [8]And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. [9]Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." [10]So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

[11]Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' [12]Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. [13]And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. [14]And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 8:1–11

[1]There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. [2]For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. [3]For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, [4]in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. [5]For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. [6]To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. [7]For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. [8]Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

[9]You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. [10]But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. [11]If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

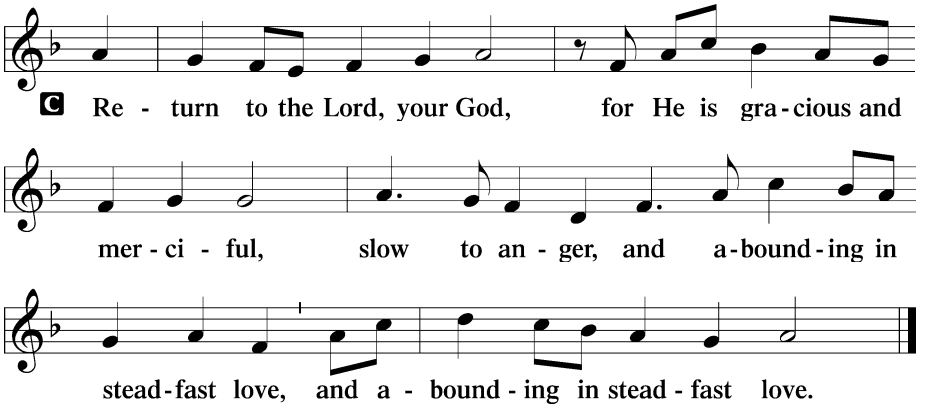
P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Verse

LSB 157



Holy Gospel

John 11:1–45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[1]Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. [2]It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. [3]So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” [4]But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

[5]Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. [6]So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. [7]Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” [8]The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” [9]Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. [10]But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” [11]After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” [12]The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” [13]Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. [14]Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, [15]and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” [16]So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

[17]Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. [18]Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, [19]and many of the Jews had come to

Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. [20]So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. [21]Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. [22]But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." [23]Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." [24]Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." [25]Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, [26]and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" [27]She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

[28]When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." [29]And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. [30]Now Jesus had not yet come into the village but was still in the place where Martha had met him. [31]When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. [32]Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." [33]When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. [34]And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." [35]Jesus wept. [36]So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" [37]But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?" [38]Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. [39]Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." [40]Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" [41]So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. [42]I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." [43]When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." [44]The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

[45]Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

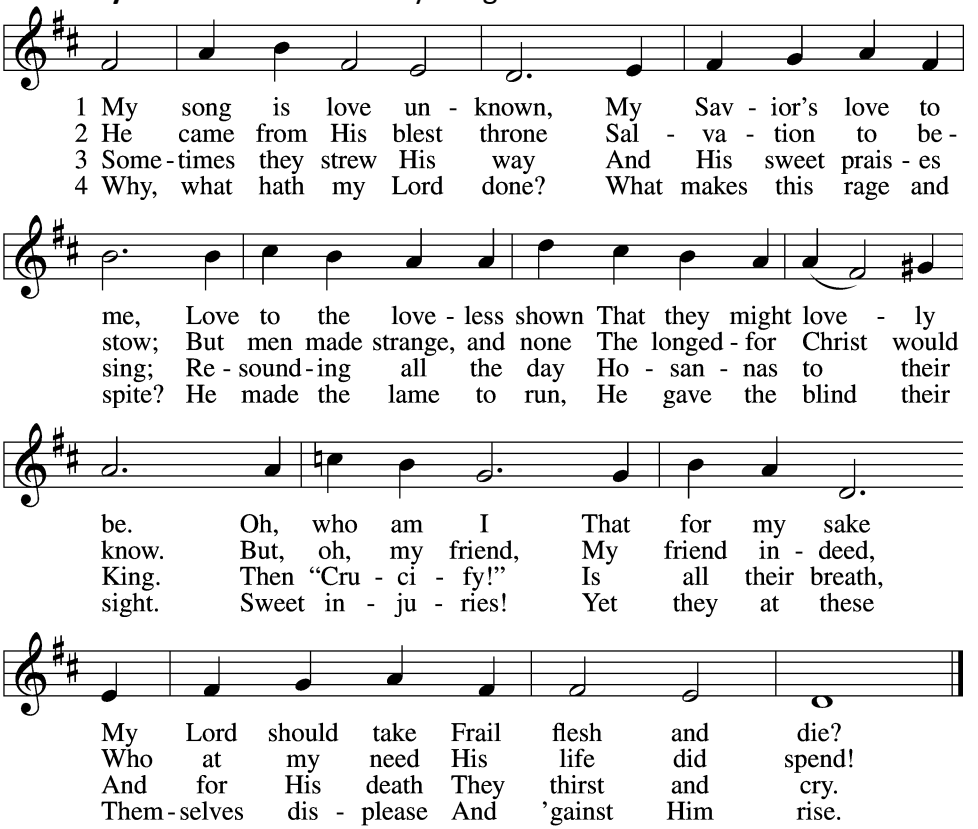
Learn by Heart – The Sacrament of the Altar

P *Who receives this sacrament worthily?*

C **Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.**

Sit

Sermon Hymn My Song Is Love Unknown 430



5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

Sermon Rev. David Schultz

Stand

Nicene Creed *Inside back cover of the hymnal*

Prayer of the Church

P The resurrection to eternal life has come to the world in Christ Jesus. Let us pray for the deliverance of all who belong to Christ by faith and for all for whom He died and rose again.

O God, as You created everything out of nothing by Your mighty Word, so You have brought resurrection and eternal life to light by the mighty command of Your Son, Jesus, who went through death and emerged victorious over death. Help us to learn from Ezekiel's vision the death that comes when we lose faith and the life we gain through Your Spirit. Receive our praise and thanks for Your gift of eternal life. Help us to live as Your resurrection people, bringing the might of Your Word to all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As our Lenten season soon transitions to Holy Week, help us continue to recognize our sin, our need for repentance, and our dependence on our Savior. Help us learn from Paul's Letter to the Romans to continually put to death those things of the flesh that lead us astray, that we be fed and led by Your life-giving Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We lift up those who mourn and carry grief and sorrow in the loss of loved ones. Help us learn from our Savior at Lazarus's tomb, that death is not the last word of this life, that we rejoice in Your promises made, fulfilled, and yet to come of the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Enable and equip us to be heralds of the hope that is ours and witness to Christ and the power of His resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Inspire and bless all called to preach Your Word and administer Your Holy Sacraments with resurrection power, that they do not grow weary but grow in compassion and perseverance. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For the sake of Your Word, by which You cause repentance and faith to issue from human hearts, guide the leaders of nations and communities in our world to pursue ways of peace and tranquility among people, that Your Word be preached for the salvation of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Comfort and heal all those who are sick or infirm, disabled, or troubled. Breathe Your life-giving Spirit into all in need, that hope, comfort, and peace in You may be theirs. Remind us that our ultimate healing is in the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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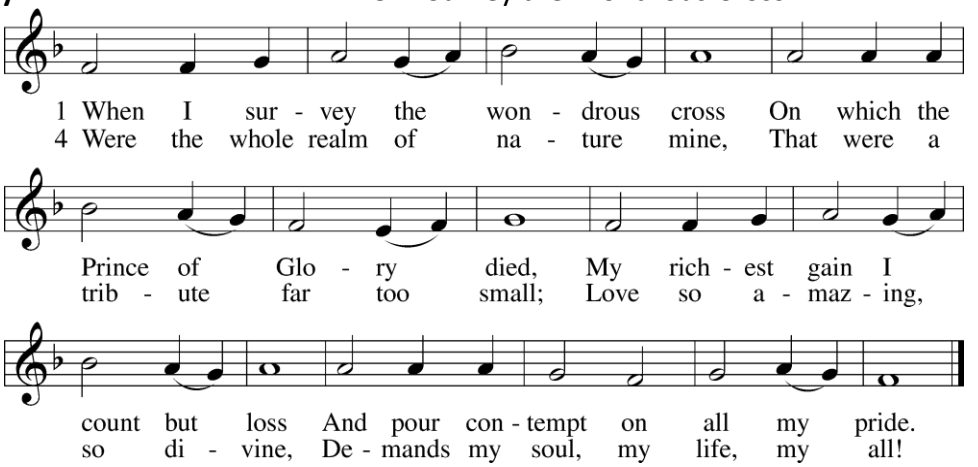
Offering

Hymn When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 425 *sts. 1, 4*



Service of the Sacrament

Preface *LSB 160*

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 Him thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 161*

The Words of Our Lord

Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini *LSB 163*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

We greet one another with the "Peace of the Lord."

Agnus Dei *LSB 163*

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution Hymns

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now	440
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less	575
Let Me Be Thine Forever	689

Stand

Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.
C **Amen.**

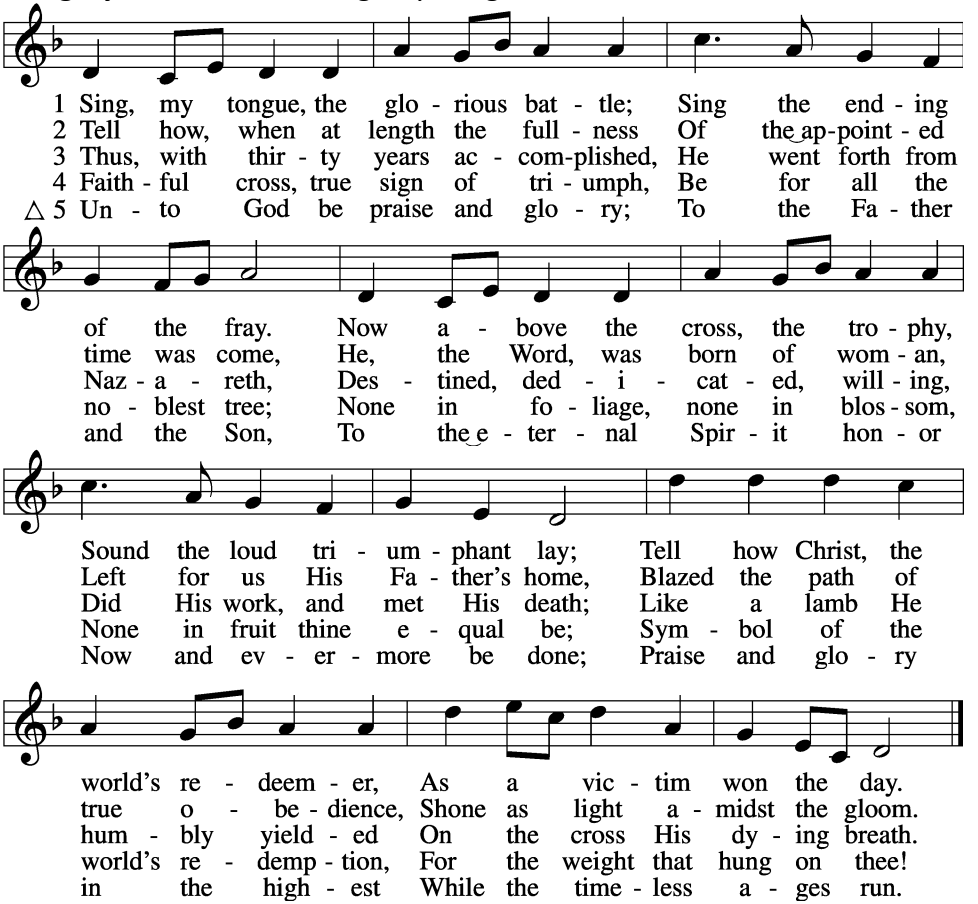
Post-Communion Collect

Benediction *LSB 166*

℗ 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 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle 454



Soli Deo Gloria

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Those Serving This Week:
Pastor: Rev. Dr. David Schultz
Organist: Joe Meador
Elders: 8a – Don Halbe; 10:30a – Christian Green
Ushers: 8a – David Dixon, Bill Norman, Tom Hansen, Eric Bollinger, David Neunaber
10:30a – Jerry Plummer, Mike Arbuthnot, Ronnie Barnes, Matt Howard
Acolytes: 8a – James Wojcikiewicz, Aidan Briggs; 10:30a – Taylor Vetter, Emma Blaine
Communion Assistants: Fill/8a – Don Halbe; Wash & Fill/8a – Bob & Kelly Thompson; Wash/10:30a – Jerry & Tammy Plummer.
Offering Collectors: 8a – Tom Hansen; 10:30a – Leslie Fincher
Offering Counters: John & Rhonda Gagliardo, Kelly Thompson
Video Recorder: Trenton Krocker
Weekend Duty: Brad Gwaltney

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Weekly News and Notes

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday – 7pm
Good Friday – 12pm & 7pm
Easter Vigil – 7pm
Easter – 6:30a & 10:30a

Easter Eggs

Our Sunday School will have our annual Easter egg hunt for the children during the Sunday School hour on Easter Sunday. Bags of empty Easter eggs for filling are available in the basket located in the narthex. We prefer prewrapped candy. Be sure and have your filled eggs returned to church by Good Friday, April 7th. Thank you in advance.

New Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8:00am – 2:00pm
Friday: 8:00am – 12:00pm
New office hours begin Monday, March 20.

Communication
Do you get our "Friday Emails"? Email is one of our main communication tools. If you are not receiving our emails please go to www.stpaulwoodriver.com. Scroll down to "Get Weekly News". Click "Sign up for free" to be added to our email list.

St. Paul Preschool Registration
Registration for the 2023 – 24 school year is open for everyone. To enter the 3-year-old or 4-year-old program, the child must be 3 or 4 by Sept. 1, 2023. Tuition will be: $85 for 2-day classes and $100 for 3-day classes. Registration forms are available in the Preschool classroom or the church office. The registration fee is $25 and should be paid at that time. Remember, the classes are on a first come - first serve basis and quickly fill up.

THANK YOU!
Thank you for another year of generous support at the Chili Cook-off/Auction. Thank you to all who made donations of items, chilis, desserts and wine. A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped the event run so smoothly. If you have any feedback (good or bad), please let us know! Christian, Renee and Committee.

Tie Quilts
Would like to do something to help your neighbor? How about tying a quilt together? If you would like to participate in this, you may make it at Pat List's home, take it home and work on it yourself or donate to the cause. You can reach Pat at (636) 675-1182 or email at bobpatlist@att.net. No experience necessary!

Education Building Repair
Work continues on our Education Building! These repairs will help keep water out of our building and allow the Gospel to be proclaimed to our families for years to come. We encourage your family to prayerfully consider making a special gift to help pay for this project! Special envelopes are in the narthex.

Drive-thru Sausage Dinner
Today, at Zion Lutheran Church & School, 1301 N. State Street, Litchfield, IL Serving from 12 noon – 6p. Homemade pork sausage, mashed potatoes, sausage milk gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, applesauce, cranberry sauce, bread, and dessert – all for $14! Benefit Zion Church and school building project.

Sigmund Bohnet Memorial Golf Tournament
Metro-East Lutheran High School's 33rd Annual tournament will be held April 22 at Arlington Greens Golf Course in Granite City. The cost of the outing is $80 per person, which includes a

meal, green fee for 18 holes, skins game, mulligans, and golf cart. The deadline to register is **April 7**. For more information, call the MELHS office at 618-656-0043.

Attendance: Sunday, March 19th: 8:00a – 132; 10:30a – 173; Total – 305; Sunday School: Youth – 19; Adults – 64; 1st Communion Class – 42; Total: 125; MW Lent 5: 132

Those Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays:

3/26 – Will Norman; 3/27 – Marilyn Drew, Braeden Wells; 3/29 – Michelle Stassi; 3/30 – Rylee Langendorf; 3/31 – Harper Steward, Maria Thompson; 4/1 – Barry Ash, Stephanie Hinson, Joshua McDonald.

Those Celebrating Birthdays:

3/26 – Steven Foiles, Jenna Gwaltney; 3/27 – Buffy Chappell, Carrie Schroeder, Mark Tungett; 3/28 – Terry Bollinger, Sarah Drake, Kay Karlas; 3/29 – Mickey McBride, David Yates; 3/30 – Jenna Schultz, Paul Struharik; 3/31 – Evan Burgess, Chris Edwards, Patty McReynolds; 4/1 – Margaret Foiles, Kristi Hinson-Pollard.

Those Celebrating Anniversaries:

3/26 – David & Jane Aper, Bill & Sara Hall; 3/27 – Travis & Sara Mouser; 3/28 – Jeff & Kathy Hunt

Those Serving Wednesday, March 29th:

Elder: David Hopp
Ushers: David Dixon, Bill Norman, Tom Hansen, Eric Bollinger, David Neunaber
Acolytes: Volunteers
Offering Collector: Ralph Hall
Video Recorder: Volunteer

Those Serving Next Week, Palm Sunday, April 2nd:

Elders: 8a – Ralph Hall; 10:30a – Roger Mouser
Ushers: 8a – Mike Schuette, Jerry Metts, Bill Hall, Keith McDonald, Gary Strohmeier
10:30a – Jeff Fletcher, Ty Short, Dan Niemeier, Daryl Piering
Acolytes: 8a – Grace Hopp, Hannah Laper; 10:30a – Bella Brandt, Sylvia Crockett
Communion Assistants: Fill/8a – Ralph Hall; Wash & Fill/8a – Kathy Opel & Kim Gwaltney; Wash/10:30a – Darrin & Rebecca Arnold.
Offering Collectors: 8a – Anita Seehausen; 10:30a – Mel Arnold
Offering Counters: Dee McDonald, Karin Bourisaw, Kelly Arbuthnot
Video Recorder: Brendan Seehausen
Weekend Duty: Mike Schuette

Prayer List

Members of St. Paul

Michael McKeever – shoulder surgery
Jerry Metts – for strength and healing
Kathy Opel – for strength and healing
Tom Winsel – for strength and healing
Sharon Winsel – for strength and healing
Marla Bickell – for strength and healing
Tracy Owens – for strength and healing
Thomas Sexton – for strength and healing
David Aper – for strength and healing
Zak King – for strength and healing

For Friends of our Members

Owen Keele (friend of Darrell & Lisa Tucker) – cancer treatments
Scarlet Hudock – upcoming medical tests
Ronna Blattner (friend of Judy Loemker) – rare autoimmune disease
Clay Brueggeman (brother of Kris Worthy) – starting cancer treatments
Mark Robinson (nephew of Ralph Hall; cousin of Jennifer & Bill) – leukemia
Randy Nelson (friend of Kelli Fletcher) – brain cancer
Carey Keay (friend of Jeff & Kelli Fletcher) – aneurism
Laura Barber (sister of Ralph Hall) – cancer treatments

For our homebound:

All who are homebound & this week we especially pray for ... Esther Eberhart, David Yates, Fran Husmann.

For Our Military, Country & World:

Serving in Our Military: Mallory Simmons, Megan Schuette, John Sarandis, and Michael Beatte (great-nephew of Vi Pinkerton) and all who serve in our military.

Calendar for this week

March 26 – April 2, 2023

Sunday	**8:00a**	**Divine Service**
	9:15a	Sunday School
	10:30a	**Divine Service**
Tuesday	8:15a	Staff Devotions
	6:00p	N/A Meeting
	7:00p	Council
Wednesday	5:30p	Lent Dinner
	7:00p	**Mid-Week Lenten Service**
	8:00p	Adult Choir
Thursday	6:00p	7 & 8th Grade Confirmation
Sunday	**8:00a**	**Divine Service**
	9:15a	Sunday School
	10:30a	**Divine Service**
	11:30a	Auditorium in use/Boots

Midweek Lenten Services

Each year, the Christian church embarks on a forty-day journey leading up to Easter, known as the season of Lent. This year, during the season of Lent, we gather under the theme, Open Doors – Rejoicing Hearts. In our Midweek Services, our meditation will consider the doors where God leads us to find joy in Jesus. We'll listen to the words of Jesus, follow His journey to the cross and empty tomb, and rejoice in the Lord who brings us salvation.

February 22	*Ash Wednesday* *Sin at Your Door, Genesis 4:1-15*	Lent 1
March 1	*Door to My Lips, Psalm 141*	Lent 2
March 8	*Door to My Home, Psalm 84*	Lent 3
March 15	*Door to Life,* *Genesis 6:5-8, 11-14, 17-18, 7:12-16, 8:1-3, 15-22*	Lent 4
March 22	*Door to Healing, Mark 2:1-12*	Lent 5
March 29	***Door to Love, Luke 16:19-31***	**Lent 6**

Youth Group will be serving Lenten Dinners at 5:30pm
Hymn sing begins at 6:45pm

Invite Family and Friends for Worship!

Easter Lilies

It has been tradition here at St. Paul for members to furnish Easter Lilies for our use at the Easter services. Orders are now being taken. Deadline for ordering: Sunday, April 2nd. Cost: $14.00. If you would like to have this in honor of a special event, please mark the bottom of this sheet and place it in the offering plate or call the church office at 259-0257.

Please order for me/ How Many?

_____ My Easter lily is given in thankfulness for (use lines below)

_____ My Easter lily is being given in memory of (use lines below)

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