

# Welcome!

to  
*St. Paul Lutheran Church*  
*Clay Center, KS*

*Thank you*  
*for joining us for worship!*

*Lent - Midweek 2*

*March 12, 2025*

*Worship Folder*



## **St. Paul Lutheran Communion Statement:**

**COMMUNION WELCOME**-God calls upon His people to exercise care in the use of His Supper because harm results when Communion is received without repentance or a right understanding (1 Corinthians 11:23-30) and when fellowship is practiced without agreement in God's Word (Galatians 5:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:15, 3:14). In Communion Jesus gives us His true Body and Blood, in with and under the bread and wine, to forgive our sins (Matthew 26:26-28 and 1 Corinthians 10:16-21). We also profess agreement in the teachings of the church at whose altar we commune. Thus, we cannot offer this Supper to those who have not received instruction per the mysteries of this meal. We do invite fellow members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to join our members as we receive the Sacrament today. Others are asked to speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. Those who desire to come forward for a blessing are invited to do so, indicating their intent to receive a blessing by crossing their arms in front.

Distribution of the bread is to the hand of the communicant. "Gluten Free" wafers are available. Please let the ushers know PRIOR to service if you are needing this substitution.

Distribution of the wine is by choice of individual cup or common chalice. If you receive with the individual cup, please keep the small cup visible to the minister with the common cup. Individual cups of unfermented grape juice will be provided at the center of each of the trays for those who prefer grape juice over wine. Both are "fruit of the vine" and in the sacrament become means by which Christ grants us his blood to assure us of forgiveness, life and salvation. The unfermented grape juice is light in color.

## **ANNOUCEMENTS**

## **RINGING OF THE BELL**

## **PRELUDE**

## Good News from the Beginning: The Gospel in Genesis

The Good News of a Savior Who Conquers Evil

### AS WE GATHER

Who is the greatest conqueror ever to have walked on earth? Using the criterion of how much territory a conqueror ruled over, the Mongol warrior Genghis Khan could be considered the greatest conqueror in history. At the peak of his power in the thirteenth century AD, his rule extended over 4,860,000 square miles. Coming in at the second spot was the Macedonian ruler Alexander the Great. The borders of his empire in the fourth century BC included much of Europe and North Africa and parts of the Middle East and Asia, which totaled some 2,180,000 square miles. History reveals that those massive empires did not survive long past the deaths of these warrior leaders. In our worship, we acknowledge Jesus Christ as the “Conqueror renowned” (LSB 554:1) who “triumphed over cross and grave” (LSB 551:4). His coming to earth to bring about a matchless victory for us over evil and all that oppresses us is eternal and limitless!

### Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

LSB 437

### INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

### PSALM

**P** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens.

**C** **Out of the mouth of babes and infants, You have established strength because of Your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.**

**P** When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,

**C** **what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him?**

**P** Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

**C** **You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,**

**P** all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

**C** **the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

**O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

**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.**

### SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

### COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious Father, for the joy set before Him, Your Son, Jesus, endured the suffering of the cross. In our suffering, O Lord, strengthen our faith that we may know Your companionship in our darkest hours; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

Genesis 3:14–15

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat

all the days of your life.  
<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### PRAYER RESPONSE

**P** Let us pray.  
Lord Jesus Christ, when we, by our sin, had fallen away from You,  
You graciously came down to us. You became man to save  
humanity. You lived among us in lowliness that we may live with  
You in glory. You endured Satan’s attacks for us that You could  
crush the serpent’s head for us. By Your humble incarnation, Your  
life of purity and selfless service, and Your sacrificial death, You  
have redeemed us. Therefore, God our Father has highly exalted  
You and put everything under Your feet, and we humbly bow  
before You, for You are our Lord, and You live and reign with the  
Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:11–15

<sup>11</sup>For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one  
origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup>saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

<sup>13</sup>And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

<sup>14</sup>Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself  
likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might  
destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and  
deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong  
slavery.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### VERSE

**C** **Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.**

### HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 11:14–23

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

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

<sup>14</sup>Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon  
had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. <sup>15</sup>But  
some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of  
demons,” <sup>16</sup>while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from  
heaven. <sup>17</sup>But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom  
divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. <sup>18</sup>And  
if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For  
you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. <sup>19</sup>And if I cast out demons  
by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will  
be your judges. <sup>20</sup>But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons,  
then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>21</sup>When a strong man,  
fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; <sup>22</sup>but when one  
stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his  
armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. <sup>23</sup>Whoever is not with  
me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

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On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

OFFERING

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

OFFERTORY



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - 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.

## RESPONSIVE LITANY

**P** Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C** **Let our cry come to You.**

**P** Almighty God, in the fullness of time, You sent the promised offspring,  
Your Son, Jesus Christ, to save us.

**C** **By His redeeming death, He has crushed the serpent's head for us.**

**P** Saved from sin, death, and the devil by His holy, precious blood and His  
innocent suffering and death,

**C** **help us to find healing in His wounds**

**P** and grant us eyes of faith

**C** **to see that His cross is, for us, the tree of life.**

**P** Throughout these forty days, O Lord, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus

**C** **and help us to run with perseverance the race marked out for us,**

**P** until the day when we and all the faithful rest and rejoice with You in  
paradise

**C** **and experience the fullness of Your peace; through Your Son, Jesus  
Christ, our Lord.**

**P** Hear us, O Lord, as we silently bring You our private petitions.

*Silent prayer*

**P** Trusting in Your mercy, we pray as Your Son taught us:

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** **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.**

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you, defend you from all evil, and bring you to  
everlasting life.

**C** **Amen.**

## What Wondrous Love Is This

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**For those who wish, the Sacrament will be served.....**

## Confession and Absolution

**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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## DISTRIBUTION

### Benediction

**P** 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  $\text{†}$  give you peace.

**C Amen.**