

**Welcome in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Irvine  
(LCMS)**

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Sunday, March 17, 2024  
Divine Services  
9:30 AM and 4:00 PM**

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**Vision**

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Acts 2:42

**Mission**

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have command you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

## **Service Offerings**

- Sunday Divine Service at 9:30 am
  - Fellowship in Café at 10:45 am
  - Adult Bible Study at 11 am
  - Individual Confession & Absolution in Sanctuary at 2:30 pm
- Sunday Divine Service at 4:00 pm (Except Easter)
- Wednesday Morning Bible Study at 10 am
- Wednesday Evening Service at 7 pm (except March 27<sup>th</sup>)

## **Welcome to Saint Paul's**

We praise and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ as He comes to serve and bless us through His Word and Sacraments. We follow the ancient liturgy which is drawn from the Word of God to order and guide our worship. Its biblical structure has been used in the Christian Church before any denominations within Christianity existed. Our worship emphasizes order, beauty, and reverence. We also celebrate the Holy Eucharist and receive the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. We are excited about what the Lord is doing at St. Paul's, and it is our great joy to serve you!

## **This is the Saving Gospel/The Good News:**

God forgives you all your sins, gives you eternal life, and abundant life today all on account of Jesus Christ by grace through faith in Him! To know Jesus as your Savior is to be delivered from sin, death, and the power of the devil. God is FOR YOU in and through Jesus Christ! Please read Luke 24:47, John 3:16, John 1:29, John 6:51, 1 John 1:7, 1 John 2:2,

Matthew 11:28, Romans 11:32, 2 Peter 3:9, Romans 10:12, Romans 3:22, and John 6:40.

## **The Lord's Supper**

The Holy Sacrament is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak to one of the pastors.

## **Prayer Before Divine Service**

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth. I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

## + In the Name of Jesus +

**Prelude:**

Prélude -- César Franck

### **Greeting**

**P:** I have stored up your word in my heart,

**C: that I might not sin against you.**

--Psalm 119:11

## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*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.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel/Stand*

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### 529 Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus



1 Since our great High Priest, Christ Je - sus, Bears the name a -  
2 Since we have a priest who suf - fered, Know - ing weak - ness,  
3 Sac - ri - fice and suf - f'ring o - ver, Now He sits at  
4 Love's ex - am - ple, hope's at - trac - tion, Faith's be - gin - ning



bove all names, Reign - ing Son of God, sur - pass - ing  
tears, and pain, Who like us was tried and tempt - ed,  
God's right hand, Crowned with praise, no more an out - cast,  
and its end, Pi - o - neer of our sal - va - tion,



Oth - er ti - tles, pow'rs and claims— Since to heav'n our  
Un - like us, with - out a stain— Since He shared our  
His pre - em - i - nence long - planned; Such a great High  
Might-y ad - vo - cate and friend; Je - sus, high in



Lord has passed, Let us hold our wit - ness fast!  
low - ly place, Let us bold - ly seek His grace.  
Priest we have, Strong to help, su - preme to save.  
glo - ry raised, Our as - cend - ed Lord be praised!

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## Kyrie

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa-tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
Ev - er pa-tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
Ev - er pa-tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor-est for us, Else had de-spair reigned o'er us:  
All sins Thou bor-est for us, Else had de-spair reigned o'er us:  
All sins Thou bor-est for us, Else had de-spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31–34

<sup>31</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Psalm 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 10

**(Pastor will chant Antiphon and ODD verses, please chant EVEN verses)**



ANTIPHON: WITH MY WHOLE HEART I / SEEK YOU\*

LET ME NOT WANDER FROM YOUR COM-/MANDMENTS!

<sup>9</sup>How can a young man keep his | way pure?\*

By guarding it according | to your word.

**<sup>10</sup>With my whole heart I | seek you;\***

**let me not wander from your com- | mandments!**

<sup>11</sup>I have stored up your word | in my heart,\*

that I might not sin a- | gainst you.

**<sup>12</sup>Blessèd are you, | O LORD;\***

**teach me your | statutes!**

<sup>13</sup>With my lips | I declare\*

all the just decrees | of your mouth.

**<sup>14</sup>In the way of your testimonies | I delight\***

**as much as in all | riches.**

<sup>15</sup>I will meditate on your | precepts\*

and fix my eyes | on your ways.

**16** | **will delight in your | statutes;\***

**I will not for- | get your word.**

ANTIPHON: WITH MY WHOLE HEART I / SEEK YOU\*

LET ME NOT WANDER FROM YOUR COM-/MANDMENTS!

## Epistle

*Hebrews 5:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

<sup>2</sup>He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup>Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
after the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 10:32–45*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

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



<sup>32</sup>And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, <sup>33</sup>saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. <sup>34</sup>And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

<sup>35</sup>And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup>Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" <sup>39</sup>And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." <sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(The pastor will ask the congregation, "What is" each commandment, please confess the Commandment. Then, the pastor will ask the congregation, "What does this mean?" each time, please confess the Meaning.)

The First Commandment

**You shall have no other gods.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.**

The Second Commandment

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.**

The Third Commandment

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.**

The Fourth Commandment

**Honor your father and your mother.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.**

The Fifth Commandment

**You shall not murder.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.**

The Sixth Commandment

**You shall not commit adultery.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.**

The Seventh Commandment

**You shall not steal.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.**

The Eighth Commandment

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his**

**reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.**

The Ninth Commandment

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.**

The Tenth Commandment

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.**

*Sit*

**Children's Message**

## 430 My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es  
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would  
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their  
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,  
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,  
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
 Who at my need His life did spend!  
 And for His death They thirst and cry.  
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

- 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!

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## Sermon: “Your Priest” (Hebrews 5:1-10)

(Pastor Espinosa)

*Stand*

### Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the gift of the Holy Spirit, that our heavenly Father would write His Word on our hearts and lead us to know Him as the God who forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For Matthew, our Synod president; \_\_\_\_\_, our district president; \_\_\_\_\_, our circuit visitor; and our pastor(s), who like all flesh are beset with weakness, that they may deal gently with us and be preserved faithful to proclaim God’s Word, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For humility, that after the example of Christ, we would not lord authority over one another but serve each other in our homes, communities and congregation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all earthly authorities, that they may be guarded from the temptation to wield such power improperly, and be committed instead to good and faithful service, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For \_\_\_\_\_ and all who walk the way of the cross among us, that as Christ learned obedience through His suffering, they also may be instructed in His ways, sustained by His blessings and, in His time, receive relief from His Fatherly hand, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who come to the holy altar, that God would prepare our hearts by His Spirit worthily to receive the body and blood of Christ, who was sacrificed for us on the cross; and that we would believe in His promise of the forgiveness of sins, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Announcements

### +Dismissal of Online Participants and Blessing+

[1 Corinthians 11:23-29 instructs pastors since they are stewards of the mysteries (1 Corinthians 4:1) to serve only those who share in a common confession. If you are still learning about our confession and not yet confirmed, you may come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest. Pastor would love to meet with you to prepare you to receive the Holy Sacrament.]

## Service of the Sacrament

*Stand*

### Preface

*LSB 208*

**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.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus**

*LSB 208*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has 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.**

## 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."

## Pax Domini

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


**G** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210



**G** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*Sit*

## Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.


**Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*


**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.

**C** **Amen.**

### 392 God Loves Me Dearly



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -  
2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and  
3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -  
4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did  
5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.  
dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.  
deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.  
of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.  
ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.

*Refrain*



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

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## 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized  
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized  
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized  
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized  
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



treas - ures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your -  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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## 756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me



1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me? Christ is near  
 2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me, Though their weight  
 3 God gives me my days of glad - ness, And I will  
 4 From God's joy can noth - ing sev - er, For I am  
 5 Now in Christ, death can - not slay me, Though it might,



With His cheer; Nev - er will He leave me.  
 May be great, They will not de - feat me.  
 Trust Him still When He sends me sad - ness.  
 His dear lamb, He, my Shep - herd ev - er.  
 Day and night, Trou - ble and dis - may me.



Who can rob me of the heav - en That God's Son  
 God, my lov - ing Sav - ior, sends them; He who knows  
 God is good; His love at - tends me Day by day,  
 I am His be - cause He gave me His own blood  
 Christ has made my death a por - tal From the strife



For me won When His life was giv - en?  
 All my woes Knows how best to end them.  
 Come what may, Guides me and de - fends me.  
 For my good, By His death to save me.  
 Of this life To His joy im - mor - tal!

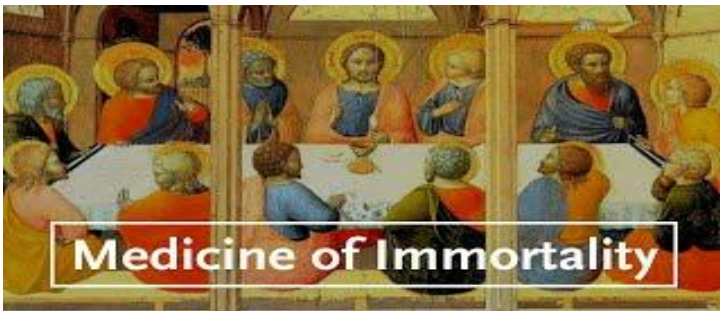
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*Stand*



# Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

LSB 212

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## 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.**

## Postlude:

Psalm XX -- Marcello

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## Announcements

**Worship Attendance for MEMBERS and GUESTS:** you may fill out an attendance card at the entrance table. GUESTS, please sign our guestbook at the entrance table. Here is a simple way to register your worship today.



**Offerings:** May be placed in the box on the entrance table on your way out. (Guests, please note that offerings are always voluntary. We are glad you joined us today!)

**Education:** This Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am we gather for our Bible Study on the **Book of Revelation**. You may participate in person here in our office classroom or you may join us online. If you desire to join online, please give Pastor Espinosa your email address.

**Also,** "Journey Through The Word" is back TODAY at 11 am! We will present an overview on the **Book of Hebrews**.

**Young Adults "Lamplight":** We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm Saturdays at Light of Christ Lutheran Church in Irvine (in their fellowship hall). Please contact Shane Perry at 949-400-6426 or [shaneperryca@gmail.com](mailto:shaneperryca@gmail.com) or Instagram: @lamplight\_youngadults for more information.

**Needed:** We need more volunteers for livestream, ushering, altar guild, and welcome table. ***Please speak to Pastor Espinosa if you might be able to help out.***

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## BUILDING FUND

**Total Donations through March 17: \$122,211.35**

**Total Expenditures through March 17: \$80,298.98**

**Balance: \$41,943.43**

In the coming months, many more expenditures will be on the way.

These funds will support the installation of stained glass, lighting, ceiling tiles, a new altar, and more. Donations to our building fund are still very much needed and appreciated.

### **To donate to our building fund:**

**Text** dollar amount to (844) 794-2206 (specify building fund)

**Online at** [www.saintpaulsirvine.com/online-giving](http://www.saintpaulsirvine.com/online-giving) (select "Building Fund") Note: Works best with Chrome or Explorer.

**Check** (please write "building fund" in the memo)

**Cash** (marked envelopes provided on the entrance table)

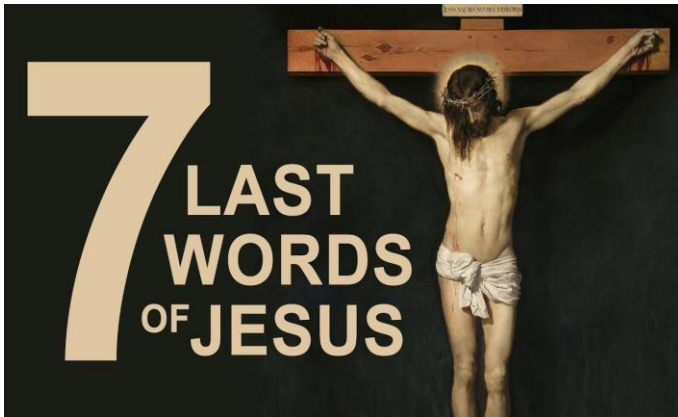


**Our first Family Sunday School will be on Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 am. We hope to see you there!**



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## 2024 Lenten Sermon Series



All Services at 7 pm

Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>: “It is Finished” (John 19:30)

Maundy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>: *Interlude*

Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>: “Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit!” (Luke 23:46) [11:30 am AND 7 pm!!]



Tonight at 5:15 pm. All are welcomed.



## Fellowship Request

The Fellowship Group is in need of someone who is willing to volunteer their time for the 2nd Sundays each month. Duties entail purchasing breakfast items, setting up items in the cafeteria in the morning prior to church, and lastly cleaning up the area.

Please either let Renee Mott or Angela Perry know if you are willing to volunteer.

**Circle of Friends**

*For those we care about to come to saving faith and have a church home...*

Have a friend who needs prayer or would like a meeting with pastor? **Use this QR code** to let us know!



More comfortable with pen and paper?

**Paper forms are available on the entrance table.**

*Please pray for our Missionaries...*

**St. Paul's is helping to support these missionaries with financial gifts to the national synod annually:**

Rev. Daniel and Kathy Conrad

Serving the Lord in the Dominican Republic

Rev. Dr. John and Melinda Bombaro

Serving the Lord in the Czech Republic • Theological Educator

Erin Mackenzie

Serving the Lord in the Latin America and the Caribbean Region

Mark Winterstein

Serving the Lord in Germany — Refugee Outreach Missionary



**St. Paul's has formed friendships with these missionaries and are not currenting supporting them financially:**

Tirzah Krey, Regional Human Care Coordinator

Serving the Lord in the Latin America and Caribbean Region

Britt Odemba

Serving the Lord in Kenya

Rev. Dr. Tom Park

Serving the Lord in Taiwan

**St. Paul's also supports our local evangelist Rev. Mark Jasa.**

*Please pray for our Church Leaders...*

**Our Parish Council members and Elders are so appreciated. Please pray that God grant them strength and bless their ministry to our church:**

St. Paul's Parish Council Members

Debbie Dannemeyer – President

Matt Bures – Secretary

Ken Mott – Treasurer

Laura Miller – Financial Secretary

Steve Fischer – Trustee

VACANT - Stewardship

Mark Kuntz – Presiding Elder

Renee Mott – Fellowship Director

Bradley Hustad – Evangelism Director

Kate Panichi – Education Director

Danielle Vergara – Youth Director

St. Paul's Elders: Mark Kuntz (Presiding Elder), Brad Perry, Bruce Dannemeyer, Bryan Kilduff, John Church, Jon Steele, Karl Blanke, Michael Padilla, Steve Fischer

# SERVICE TEAM SCHEDULE

Date	Altar Team	Ushers/ Greeters	Elders on Duty	Welcome table	Livestream
<i>Service Team Chairs</i>	<i>Mei Kuntz</i>	<i>Mark Kuntz</i>	<i>Mark Kuntz</i>	<i>Laura Hendricks</i>	<i>Jon Steele</i>
Sunday 3/17/24	Ali Frank/ Laura Miller	Bill Frank/ Ed Miller	Mark Kuntz/Bryan Kilduff	Cindy Kilduff	Shane Perry
Sunday 3/24/24	Jeanette Dahlin/Anne Wright	Elizabeth and Don Brothwell	Jon Church/ Jon Steele	Anne Wright	Jon Steele
3/31/24	Mei Kuntz	Alex Padilla	Mike Padilla/Mark Kuntz	Laura Hendricks	
4/7/2024	Nina Mueller/Myra Taylor	Alex Padilla/	Bruce Dannemeyer/ Karl Blanke	Kiu Geisler	

## Fellowship Rotation

Sunday 3/17/24	Jeanette Dahlin	
Sunday 3/24/24	Gary and Daisy Minter	
3/31/24	Angela Perry	
4/7/2024	Liana Padilla	



Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024

The High Feast of The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunday

8 am: Divine Service

9:30 am: Easter Potluck Breakfast

10:30 am: Divine Service

11:45 am: Easter Egg Hunt

Gender Conference April 19-20 is FREE, please register.

# Hope 4 Healing:

## Y4LIFE GENDER CONFERENCE

April 19-20, 2024

Light of Christ Lutheran Church  
Irvine, CA



### ADULT TRACK

#### FRIDAY

**5:00 PM**

Registration, music, and meal together

**6:00 PM**

Testimonies: Rev. Brian Barlow and  
Anne Edward

**6:30 PM**

Making the Case: Rev. Michael Salemink  
and Michelle Bauman

**7:30 PM**

Panel Discussion

**8:00 PM**

Closing Devotion - Pastor Jim

#### SATURDAY

**8:00 AM**

Registration, music, and breakfast

**8:30 AM**

Meet in prayer groups

**9:00 AM**

Presentation 1: Brokenness of Culture  
and Church - Rev. Dr. Al Espinosa

#### SATURDAY

**10:00 AM**

Break

**10:30 AM**

Testimony: April Lockhart

**11:00 AM**

Presentation 2: Brokenness of Family -  
Rev. Dr. Rick Marrs

**12:00 PM**

Lunch and testimony: Jonathan Hunter

**1:00 PM**

Presentation 3: Brokenness of Self - Rev.  
Michael Salemink and Heather Ruesch

**2:00 PM**

Break

**2:15 PM**

Panel Discussion: How to Move Forward

**3:15 PM**

Break

**3:30 PM**

Presentation 4: Carrying Hope into the  
Future - Rev. Brian Barlow

**4:30 PM**

Closing Devotion - Pastor Jim

### REGISTRATION

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Panel Discussion

**8:00 PM**

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Registration, music, and breakfast

**8:30 AM**

Meet in prayer groups

**9:00 AM**

Presentation 1: What Makes Your Body a Good Gift? - Rev. Scott Stiegemeier

**10:00 AM**

Break

#### SATURDAY

**10:30 AM**

Testimony: April Lockhart

**11:00 AM**

Presentation 2: What Happens When Gender is Disordered? - Denise Shick

**12:00 PM**

Lunch and testimony: Jonathan Hunter

**1:00 PM**

Presentation 3: Speaking Privately and Publicly with a Gospel-motivated Voice - Rev. Harrison Goodman and Michelle Bauman

**2:00 PM**

Break

**2:15 PM**

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