

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Holy God,

C we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen.

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ✝ forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN *LBW 385* *"What Wondrous Love Is This"*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on 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.” ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he

commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’

¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 130

(Refrain: I wait for you, O LORD; in your word is my hope.)

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

C ²O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

C ⁴Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared. *(Refrain)*

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

C ⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

C ⁸For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins. *(Refrain)*

(Refrain: I wait for you, O LORD; in your word is my hope.)

SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*2 measures*)





GOSPEL: John 11:1-45



¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let

us go to Judea again.” ⁸The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” ¹¹After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” ¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would

not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” ²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said,

“Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY *LBW 333 "Lord, Take My Hand
And Lead Me"*

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

You have breathed into us the breath of life. Enliven your church. Deepen our partnerships with our companion churches around the globe, and bless the work of missionaries who accompany them. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Your spirit brings life to creation. Enliven the natural world and restore ecosystems in need of healing. Uplift prophetic voices that turn us to the needs of the soil beneath our feet and the air all around. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

You redeem the world and its peoples. Free us from systems of oppression. Unbind nations and societies from the sins of racism, sexism, and homophobia. Raise up leaders at all levels of government who work to promote the dignity of every human life. Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

You weep when we weep. Be present with those who grieve or who are troubled by illness. *(We pray especially for Greg Begle, Keith Freyberger, Dennis Hautsch, Eugene Keller, Stacey Himself-Matelic, Dennis Neukam, Sue Neukam, Kayden Parker, Steve Rothgerber, Annette Schepers, Joe Shelton, Calvin Seitz, Jr., Gerald Vonderheide and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* You hear us when we call to you. Deliver us from the depths of our despair, and free us from the worries that bind us. Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. *(We pray especially for Austin Breitwieser, Luke Himself, Joshua Hoffman, Nathan Humbert and Cooper Uebelhor).* Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

Your Spirit of life dwells in our assembly. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who lead us in hymns of praise and thanksgiving and in songs of lament and prayer. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *"God So Loved the World"* Handbell Choir

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



C Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the

seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the

prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to

receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, the first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the nearby tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

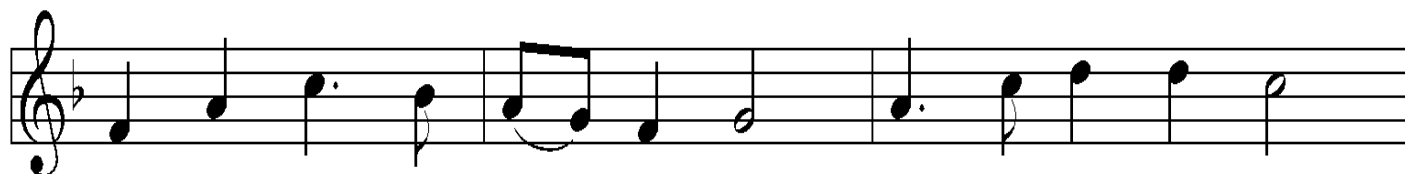
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

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.

COMMUNION

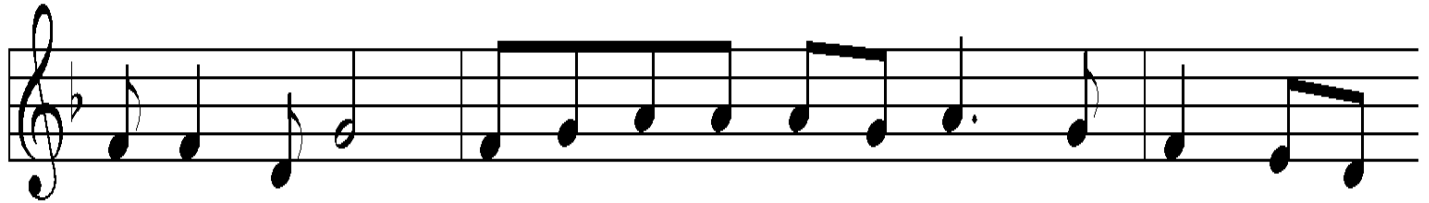
The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

WOV 712 *"Listen, God Is Calling"*

WOV 699 *"Blessed Assurance"*

WOV 706 *"Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup"*

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

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *(vs. 1 only)*



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the Gen - tiles un - to your ho - ly hill,
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
where Christ, the bless-ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen

BLESSING

God, the giver of love, ✝ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN *LBW 559* *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Mission Statement: *Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship,
Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*

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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: Chris, Tara, Emma, Alli Betz
Comm. Asst: Deidra Church
Video: Jeff Luker
Organist: Arlene Vonderheide
Lay Reader: Emmersen Kalb
Audio: Doug Wiseman
Acolytes: Caronline Kellar & Allie Betz
Altar Guild: Linda & Christine Popp

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 139 SS:

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Mar. 26th – Apr. 2nd, 2023

Sun. Mar. 26 th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	8:15 AM	First Communion Instruction
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Sunday School following communion until 10:30 AM)</i>
Wed. Mar. 29 th	5:30 PM	Lenten Meal by Christian Ed.
	6:00 PM	Handbells
	6:30 PM	Lenten Service
Sun. Apr. 2 nd	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	8:15 AM	First Communion Instruction
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Sunday School following communion until 10:30 AM)</i>
	10:00 AM	8 th Grade Confirmand Meeting

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline for scholarship applications is today, March 26th. Any high school senior who is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church may apply for the \$500 Scholarship which is sponsored by Glenn & Marie Neukam. Applications are available on the welcome center desk and should be turned into the church office.

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Confirmands

Pastor Tim will meet with the 8th grade confirmation kids following the Palm Sunday Service, April 2nd, to go over Confirmation on Sunday, April 16th.

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Christian Education

Pastor will hold First Communion instruction on Sunday, March 26th and April 2nd at 8:15 AM with First Communion taking place on Maundy Thursday, April 6th, at the 6:30 PM service. Additionally, 1st grade devotionals and 4th grade bibles will be distributed on May 14th during the Sunday morning worship service. A letter regarding these events will be sent to the parents of the children involved.

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The Evangelism Committee will be setting up a photo station for Easter once again this year! A committee member will be available to take your family's photo starting at 8:15 am and again following service on Easter morning. Please bring your own phone or camera, and the committee will take care of the rest.

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February 22nd — Women of the ELCA
Chicken noodle soup, chicken salad sandwiches, hot dogs and dessert.

March 1st — LY0
Spaghetti & Fettucine Alfredo, garlic bread, salad and deserts

March 8th — Worship & Music
Chili, cornbread, PB&J's, veggie tray and dessert

March 15th — Evangelism
Pulled pork, hot dogs, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, chips and dessert.

March 22nd — Council
Hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, beans and dessert.

March 29th — Christian Ed.
Taco bar and dessert.



EASTER EGG HUNT

**Sponsored by the Haysville Ruritans
at
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
April 8th @ 12:00 PM
(for kids 12 and under)**

**Everyone
Welcome!
Join Us!**



A SEASON OF HOPE

LENT

Help spread God's love this Lent by donating items for Lutheran World Relief personal care kits. The kits will reach some of the poorest parts of the world. Collection will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd through March 29th. There will be a container placed in the welcome center.

HERE'S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

WEEK 1

Bars of Soap

(2-3 bars, 4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)



WEEK 4

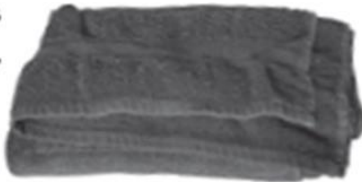
Combs



WEEK 2

Bath Towels

(light-weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)



WEEK 5

Nail Clippers

(metal, attached file optional)



WEEK 3

Toothbrushes

(adult size, in original packaging)



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

LWR.ORG/HOPE | 800 597 5972

APRIL WELCA MEETING

We are excited to have Brenda Wilmes join us at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, April 4th, for a presentation on Total Wellness Energy in our fellowship hall. We invite ALL to join us! Brenda is a trained Eden Energy Medicine practitioner who is passionate about bringing people back to balance and vitality. Energy medicine can be helpful for Stress, Pain, Anxiety, Discomfort, Illness or Dis-Ease, and Imbalances. Hope to see you there!

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Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thank you to all Thrivent members that choose St. Paul's for their Choice Dollars. In 2022 we were granted \$2073 from the Thrivent Choice Dollars grant funding. If you are a Thrivent member that chooses St. Paul's to receive the grant funding and would like to designate these monies to a St. Paul's account other than the general fund, please contact the office or the Treasurer (Todd Popp 812-309-9534 or toddjpoppp1@gmail.com) with the amount you would like to designate. Thrivent does not provide individual contribution amounts for each disbursement, just the name of the contributor.

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In Service to Our Country

Austin Breitwieser

AM-1 Luke Himself

Joshua Hoffman

Maj. Nathan Humbert

Cooper Uebelhor

San Antonio, TX

Virginia Beach, VA

Washington (*State*)

Fort Campbell, KY

Colorado Springs, CO