

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
The First Lutheran Church in Milwaukee
March 26, 2023 – Lent 5



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

“As the Winter Days Grow Longer” ACS 924 verse 3

3 As we journey through this season,
pilgrims through a thirsty land,
quench us with your living presence;
guide us with your loving hand.
Wand'ring people, here we gather,
called to rest along our way.
God who blesses earth with springtime,
grant us sabbath joy this day!

CALL TO WORSHIP

A As we travel this Lenten pathway, we journey together, a community of faith,

C As we travel this Way of Jesus, we journey together, but also alone.

A Practicing our faith:

C living Christ's call to love God with all that we are, to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

A Practicing our faith:

C as stewards on the Way.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P 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.

P 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. **Amen**

OPENING HYMN

“My Song is Love Unknown” ELW 343 verses 1, 3, 6

- 1 My song is love unknown,
my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
- 3 Sometimes we strew his way
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to our king.
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath,
and for his death we thirst and cry.
- 6 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!

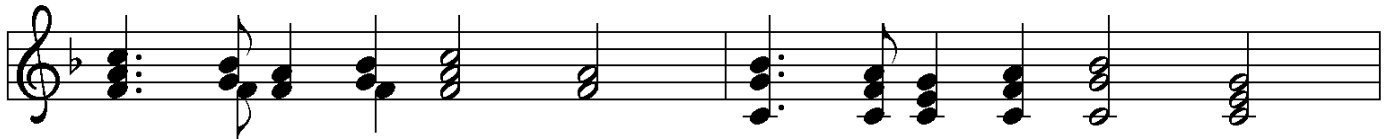
GREETING

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

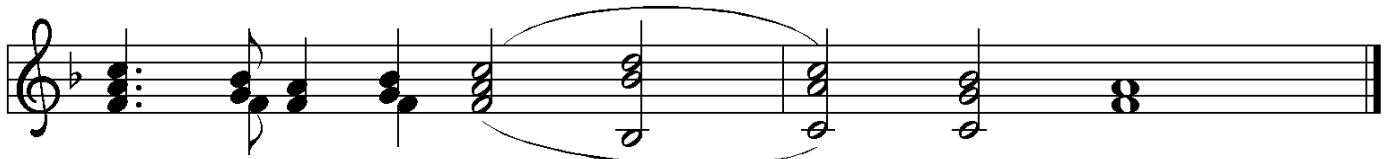
C **And also with you.**

KYRIE

(Russian Othodox) ELW 155



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
1, 3 Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . have mer - cy.
2 Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Lord, . . . have mer - cy.
Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A 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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

R 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, “Prophesy 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, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, 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.”

R Word of God, Word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *"Medley of the Cross" arranged by Howard Helvey,*

SECOND READING

Romans 8: 6-11

R 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.

R Word of God, Word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

WOMEN'S HERSTORY MOMENT

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL

P The Gospel according to John 11:1-45

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P 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.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

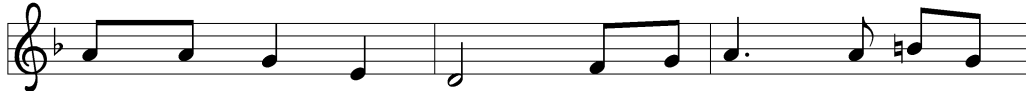
SERMON

HYMN OF DAY

“Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery” ELW 334 verses 1-3, Lent 5



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
bod - y of our Lord.
riv - er, you the sea.

Lent 5 God of all our fear and sorrow,
God who lives beyond our death,
hold us close through each tomorrow,
love as near as ev'ry breath.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(response)*

A Lord, in your mercy, C Receive our prayer.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always. C And also with you.

OFFERING

Offertory

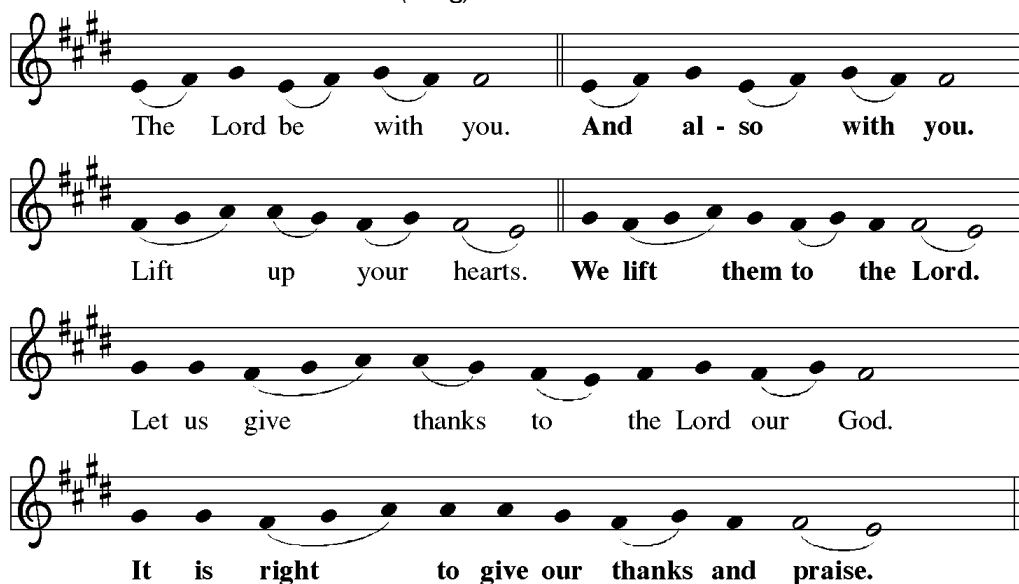
“Come and Fill Our Hearts” ELW 528

Come and fill our hearts with your peace
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Amen, amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

A 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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(sung)*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by God's spirit, let us pray the prayer that the Lord Jesus taught us. God you are our parent, our mother,

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

"What Wondrous Love Is This" ELW 666

Instrumental music during distribution

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Lord, grant us depth of faith and a generosity of service that gives without counting cost. A life overflowing with Grace poured out from the One who gave everything, that we might show the power of love to a broken world, and share the truth from a living Word. Lord, grant us depth of faith, and a yearning to share it. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

C Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise **+** Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING OF LENTEN CANDLES

A God of shadows, we perceive your beauty in the flickering light of candles.
C **Be with us now, on our Lenten journey.**
A As we extinguish this candle today, may we be reminded of your love for all the world,
C **love that you revealed on the cross.**
A Help us to perceive you anew in our lives, renewing our faith
C **and granting us oases of hope in the wilderness.**

SENDING HYMN

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” ELW 773

1	Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand, I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm worn. Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.	3	When the darkness appears and the night draws near, And the day is past and gone, at the river I stand, Guild my feet, hold my hand. Take my hand precious lord, lead me home
2	When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, When my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.		

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve in love.
C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



Contributors to this morning's Worship...Thank YOU!

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WELCOME
St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Announcements for March 26, 2023

We welcome all of you to our Worship Service this morning!

Emergency Food Shelf - Periodically, our neighbors come to us with a need for food. We have set up an Emergency Food Shelf in the Resource Room, which is located right off of Pastor Delaney's office. Consider donating a non-perishable food item from the following list: Peanut butter, crackers, canned soup, canned ravioli, tuna pouches, Easy Mac (Mac/cheese) Cups, canned peaches, canned mandarin oranges. Please be sure all cans have a PULL TAB top so that our neighbors can take it home to eat, or take it with them and eat.

Holy Week Schedule –

Maundy Thursday Worship: April 6 at 6:30pm St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Good Friday Worship: April 7 at 6:30pm at St. Paul's

Easter Sunday Worship: April 9 at 9am at St. Paul's with Breakfast to follow!

Easter Breakfast - St. Paul's will once again have breakfast after the 9 am Easter service. Hot ham and rolls, and hard-boiled eggs will be provided. Can you bring a food item and/or help with preparations or clean-up? See the sign-up sheets at the Welcome Table or call the office at 933-7825.

Easter Plants – Thank you to all who purchased plants to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. Please make arrangements to take the plants home with you following the worship service.

Outreach News - During the month of April, the Outreach board is collecting toilet paper and antibacterial hand wipes or antibacterial hand gel for distribution at Neighborhood House food pantry. These items are always on their wish list and so grateful for getting a fresh supply! Then on the 5th Sunday of the month, April 30th, you are invited to remain after worship to help prepare hygiene packs for Kim's Table which resumes in May. Hope you'll make plans to stay for this service project!

Coming Up...

March 26, 2023 8:30am Bible Study
 10am Worship
 11:30am to 12:15pm choir rehearsal after church
 1pm Karen Baptist Cong. Worship

Holy Week:

April 2, 2023	Palm Sunday	10am worship St Paul's
April 6, 2023	GMS Maun Thurs	6:30pm Worship – St. Paul's
April 7, 2023	Good Friday	6:30pm Worship
April 8, 2023	Holy Saturday	9 – Noon Easter flowers Delivered 3-5pm Karen Baptist Cong. Choir rehearsal
April 9, 2023	Easter Sunday	8:15am Choir warm up 9am Worship Breakfast to follow

April 16, 2023 8:30am Bible Study
9:15am choir rehearsal
10am Worship
1pm Karen Baptist Cong. Worship

April 23, 2023 8:30am Bible Study
10am Worship
11:30am to 12:15pm choir rehearsal after church
1pm Karen Baptist Cong. Worship

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

** denotes newly added item

Members with Special Concerns

Larry Schulz

Others with Special Concerns

Donna Kitzman, mother of Tim Kitzman
Katie Ruen, Pastor Ed's wife/friend of St. Paul's
Kathy Hilmo, friend of MaryEllen & Howie Voelz
Bill Mueller, friend & former member of St. Paul's
LaVerne Mueller, friend & former member of St. Paul's
Dennis Benjamin, former member of St. Paul's
Chuck & Caryl Nye, brother-in-law & sister-in-law of Mary Klug

Charles Schulz, father of Larry Schulz
Avis Jeffers, cousin of Mary Ellen Voelz
Jerry Zimmerman, former member
Suzi Zimmerman, wife of Jerry

Other Prayers:

- ~ We pray for the people of Ukraine and others seeking refuge from war.
- ~ We pray for Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Peterson who is currently serving in Indonesia.
- ~ We pray for responses to gun violence in our city and nation, and pray for the courage to advocate for change so that all people might live in peace.
- ~ We pray for our partners at Neighborhood House and Our Safe Place.
- ~ For our partnership congregations: Shepherd of the Bay (Ellison Bay) and Galilee (Pewaukee)
- ~ For our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton & Greater Milwaukee Synod Bishop Paul Erickson.

We welcome people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and merit, every ability and challenge.

We welcome believers and questioners, and questioning believers."

