



St. Paul Lutheran Church
1st Sunday in Lent
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Read Before the Service: Psalm 34 Hymnal page 131

Opening Prayer

Lord God, our heavenly Father, as we gather together this morning in your presence, grant that we might humbly confess our sins and rejoice in Your grace. Open our hearts to hear the message from Your word and move us to apply that message to our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn: 153 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

1. Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected; Yes, my soul, 'tis He! 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.

2. Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning, Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him, None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that Justice gave.

3. Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the Sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the WORD, the LORD'S ANOINTED, Son of Man and Son of God.

4. Here we have a firm foundation; Here the refuge of the lost;
Christ's the Rock of our salvation, His the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded Who on Him their hope have built.

Invocation:

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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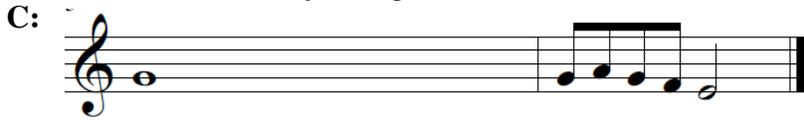
P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, asking him to forgive us for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Our help is in the name of the Lord.

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Who made heav - en and earth

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.



And You forgave the iniquity of— my sin.

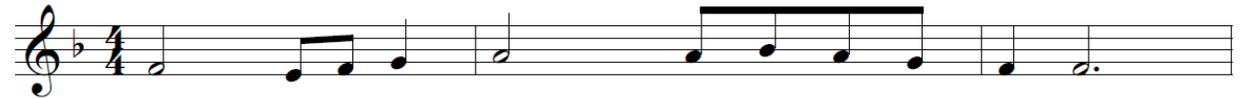
C & P: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am truly sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them, and I pray, of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

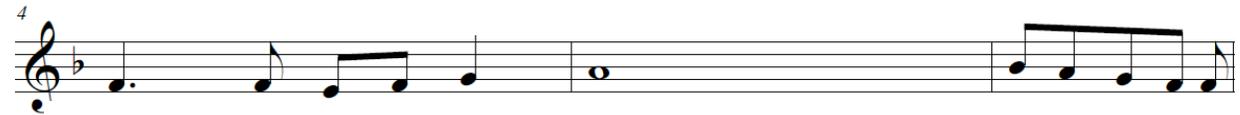


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The Gloria in Excelsis:



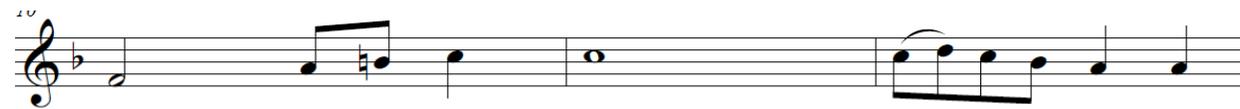
Glory be to God on high. and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you,



we bless You, we wor-ship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to you for your great Glory



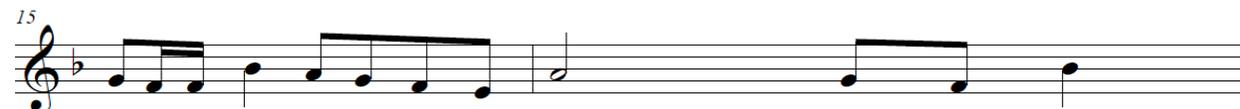
O Lord God, heav'-nly King. God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the



only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father You take



away the sin of the world, have mercy on___ us. You take away the



sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father:

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have mercy on - us. For You on-ly are ho - ly, You on - ly are. the Lord. You only,

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O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glo - ry of God the

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Fa - ther. A - men.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 3:22-23 (on back)

22 “Return, you backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings.” “Indeed we do come to You, for You are the Lord our God. 23 Truly, in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains; Truly, in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel.”

The Gradual:

P: He shall call upon Me, and I will answer Him:

C: I will deliver him and honor him.

P: With long life will I satisfy him:

C: And show him My salvation.

P: He that dwells in the secret place of the Most High:

C: Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty

P: For He shall give His angels charge over you:

C: To keep you in all your ways.

P: They shall bear you up in their hands:

C: Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

P: I will say of the Lord, He is my Refuge and my Fortress, my God:

C: In Him will I trust.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:20-24

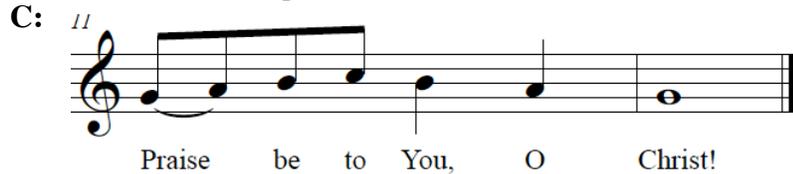
C: ⁹

Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

20 Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent: 21 “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for

Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. 23 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. 24 But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.”

P: Here ends our Gospel lesson:



Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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 everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: 145 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

1. Jesus, Refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above,
Oh, how oft Thine eyes, offended, Gaze upon the sinner's fall!
Yet, upon the cross extended, Thou didst bear the pain of all.
2. Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see Thee wounded, bleeding, See Thy thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Thy sinless death hath brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Thy grace hath taught us Calms the sinner's stormy breast.
3. Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for Thee!
May our eyes be ever turning To Thy cross of agony
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever Dwell the cross, the Crucified!

Sermon Text: Hebrews 12:12-17

(On Back)

“12 Therefore strengthen your weak hands and feeble knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated but rather healed.

14 Pursue peace with everyone and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.

15 Take care so that no one falls short of God’s grace and that no bitter root grows up to

cause trouble and so defile many. 16 Take care that no one becomes sexually immoral or worldly, like Esau, who gave away his right as firstborn for a single meal. 17 Certainly you know that afterward he was rejected when he wanted to inherit the blessing, for he found no chance to change his father's mind, even though he sought it with tears."

Today's Theme:

Five Ways to Respond to Troubles that will Strengthen your Faith.

- 1. Strengthen the Weak Hands and Feeble Knees*
- 2. Make Straight Paths for your Feet*
- 3. Pursue Peace and holiness*
- 4. Make sure you don't fall short of God's Grace or let a bitter root grow.*
- 5. Take care that you do not become sexually immoral or worldly.*

Hymn: 437 Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode

- Who trusts in God a strong abode In heaven and earth possesses;
Who looks in love to Christ above, No fear his heart oppresses.
In Thee alone, dear Lord, we own Sweet hope and consolation,
Our Shield from foes, our Balm for woes, Our great and sure Salvation.
- Though Satan's wrath beset our path And worldly scorn assail us,
While Thou art near, we will not fear; Thy strength shall never fail us.
Thy rod and staff shall keep us safe And guide our steps forever;
Nor shades of death nor hell beneath Our souls from Thee shall sever.
- In all the strife of mortal life Our feet shall stand securely;
Temptation's hour shall lose its power, For Thou shalt guard us surely.
O God, renew with heavenly dew Our body, soul, and spirit
Until we stand at Thy right hand Through Jesus' saving merit.

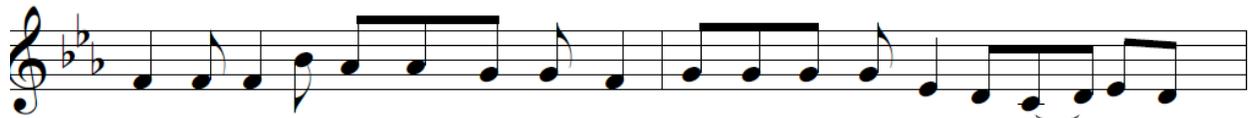
Prayers of the Church:

The Lord's Prayer: 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.

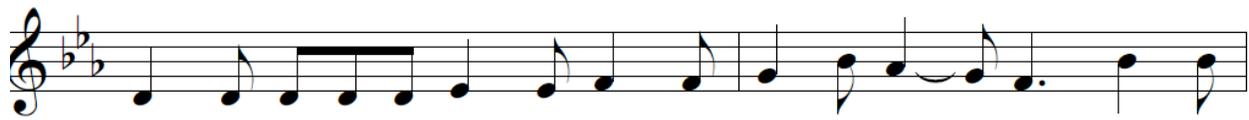
P: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen



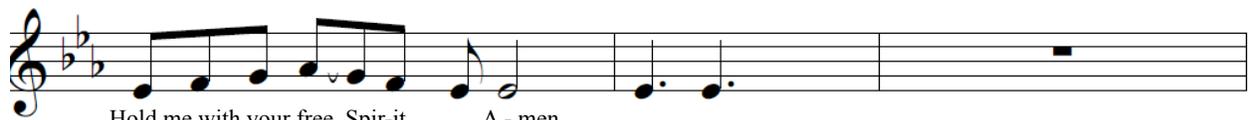
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me.



Cast me not a-way from your pre-sence and take not your Ho-ly Spir - it from



me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal-va - tion; And up -

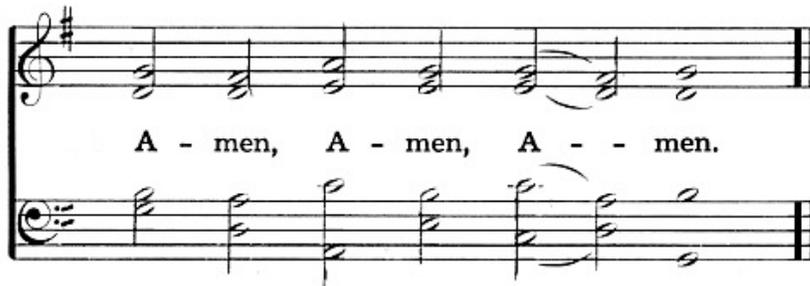


Hold me with your free Spir-it A - men

The Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

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Closing Hymn: 457 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a Friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness-- Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our Refuge-- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.



Scripture Treasure to Remember

Psalm 34:7

“The Angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Bible Study on Zoom. Stay connected after the worship service today for our Bible Study. We will continue our Study of the allowed activities of Satan.

Tuesday - PCPC Study Club at 1:30 noon.

Catechism with Justine and Mattea at 4:00.

Wednesday - Skype Bible Study at 9:30

Thursday- Lenten Service - **Pondering Christ's Passion**. This week we will see **Jesus, the Suffering Servant** Praying in Gethsemane. You can watch this service on YouTube, Facebook or our Website.

Friday - **Catechism Class** at 4:30

A Prayer for Lent

Lord God Almighty, the Creator and Ruler of all things, I come to your throne of grace seeking your great mercy to guide me in this journey of Lent. O Lord, I need your grace and forgiveness for I am guilty of countless sins against your holy will. Cleanse me in the blood of your Son which He shed in payment for my sins. Grant your Holy Spirit as I meditate on your word that I may focus my heart and soul on you and your word so that your will may become my will. May you teach me to understand the need of my soul and may you fill that need as I meditate on the passion of Jesus my Savior. Keep my mind steadfast in your word and living in genuine faith. Strengthen me against the temptations of the devil, and remove all lust and unrighteousness from my heart. Shield me against my foes, seen and unseen, especially from the devil. Teach me to do your will, that I may love you above all things. For you are our maker and our redeemer, our help, our comfort, our trust, our hope; praise and glory be to you now and forever. Amen

Mission Opportunities Prayer List

Bangladesh – Several months ago Pastor Monotosh and his family were evicted from the home they had been renting because of their Christian faith. They were able to rent a different house in a new village, but the owner has forbidden any type of Christian activities. No worship services have been held in the home, but individuals have come to Pastor Monotosh for prayer and pastoral advice. Because of this, they have been asked to vacate. Bangladesh is nearly 95% Muslim. Pray for God's guidance, strength, and courage to continue to boldly and faithfully proclaim His Law and Gospel for the salvation of souls in Bangladesh.

CLC Call News

Valerie Hammett of Messiah in Eau Claire, WI has returned the call to be the second full-time teacher at Immanuel in Winter Haven, FL.

Andrew Roehl has returned the call to serve as principal and teacher at Grace in Sleepy Eye, MN. They have now called Nathan Wales of West Columbia, SC.