# St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel
# Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 30, 2025

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*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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

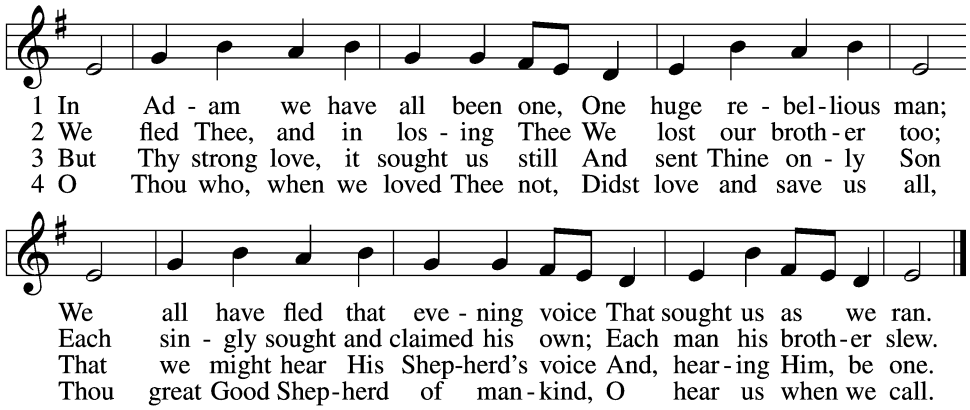
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

*Stand*

Service of the Word

**569 In Adam We Have All Been One**



5 Send us Thy Spirit, teach us truth;
Thou Son, O set us free
From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,
To make us one in Thee.

Δ 6 Then shall our song united rise
To Thine eternal throne,
Where with the Father evermore
And Spirit Thou art one.

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**Kyrie** *LSB 152*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading** *Isaiah 12:1–6*

[1]You will say in that day:
"I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.
[2]"Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation."

[3]With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. [4]And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.
[5]"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.
[6]Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

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

**Psalm** *Psalm 32; antiphon: v. 11*

[1]Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,*
whose sin is | covered.
[2]Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity,*
and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.

[3]For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed away*
through my groaning | all day long.
[4]For day and night your hand was heavy up- | on me;*
my strength was dried up as by the heat of | summer.

[5]I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my in- | iquity;*
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity | of my sin.

[6]Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be found;*
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not | reach him.
[7]You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from | trouble;*
you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.

[8]I will instruct you and teach you in the way | you should go;*
I will counsel you with my eye up- | on you.
[9]Be not like a horse or a mule, without under- | standing,*
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or it will not stay | near you.

[10]Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,*
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.
[11]Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O | righteous,*
and shout for joy, all you up- | right in heart!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**
**as it was in the be- | ginning,***
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen**

**Epistle** *2 Corinthians 5:16–21*

16From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded
Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. 17Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a
new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18All this is from God, who through
Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19that is, in Christ God was
reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the
message of reconciliation. 20Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through
us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21For our sake he made him to be sin who
knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse (Lent)** *LSB 157*

C **Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

**Holy Gospel** *Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

1Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. 2And the Pharisees and the
scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."
3So he told them this parable: . . .
"There was a man who had two sons. 12And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me
the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. 13Not many days
later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered
his property in reckless living. 14And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that
country, and he began to be in need. 15So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that
country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. 16And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the
pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.
17"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than
enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! 18I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him,
"Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. 19I am no longer worthy to be called your son.
Treat me as one of your hired servants."' 20And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a
long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. 21And
the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be
called your son.' 22But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and
put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. 23And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and
celebrate. 24For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to
celebrate.
25"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and
dancing. 26And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27And he said to him,
'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back
safe and sound.' 28But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, 29but
he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your
command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. 30But when this
son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for
him!' 31And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32It was fitting to
celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

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

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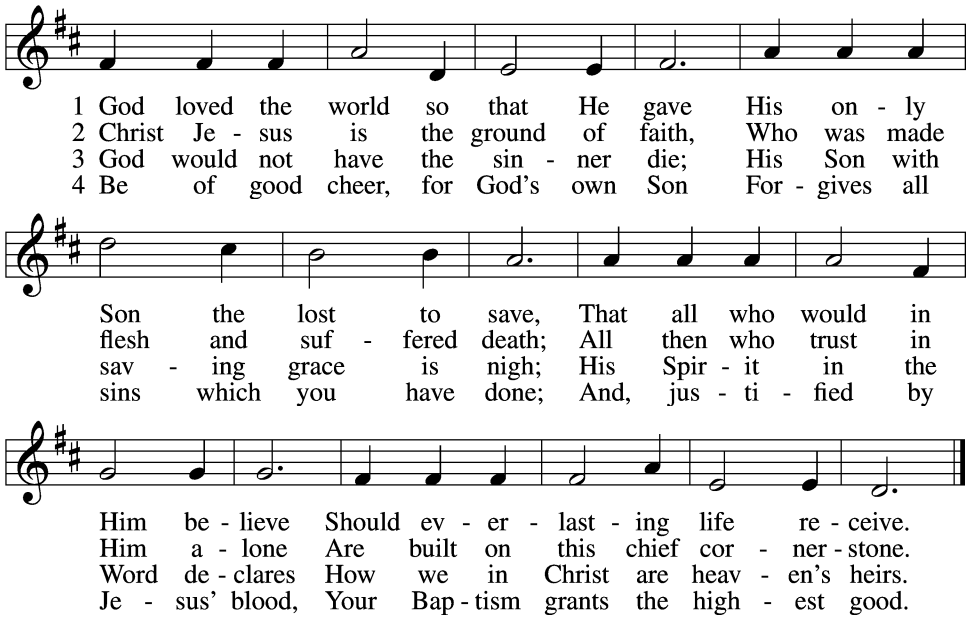
**571 God Loved the World So That He Gave**




5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

Δ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessèd Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

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**Sermon**

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**Nicene Creed**

C **I believe in one God,**
**the Father Almighty,**
**maker of heaven and earth**
**and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,**
**the only-begotten Son of God,**
**begotten of His Father before all worlds,**
**God of God, Light of Light,**
**very God of very God,**

**begotten, not made,**
**being of one substance with the Father,**
**by whom all things were made;**
**who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven**
**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary**
**and was made man;**
**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**
**He suffered and was buried.**
**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures**
**and ascended into heaven**
**and sits at the right hand of the Father.**
**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,**
**whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
**the Lord and giver of life,**
**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**
**who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,**
**who spoke by the prophets.**
**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,**
**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,**
**and I look for the resurrection of the dead**
**and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayer of the Church**

*Stand*

**Offertory** *LSB 159*

C **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**
**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.**
**I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.**
**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,**
**in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Service of the Sacrament

**Preface** *LSB 160*

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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 161*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**
**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**
**Hosanna. Hosanna.**
**Hosanna in the highest.**
**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**
**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** *LSB 161*

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**The Words of Our Lord**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

**Pax Domini** *LSB 163*

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

**Agnus Dei** *LSB 163*

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*Sit*

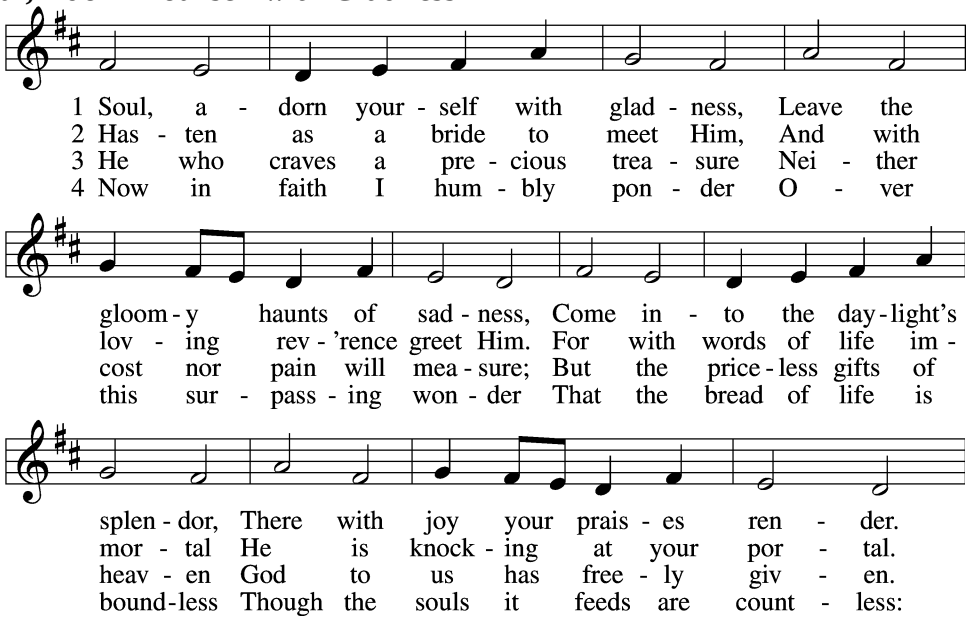
**Distribution**

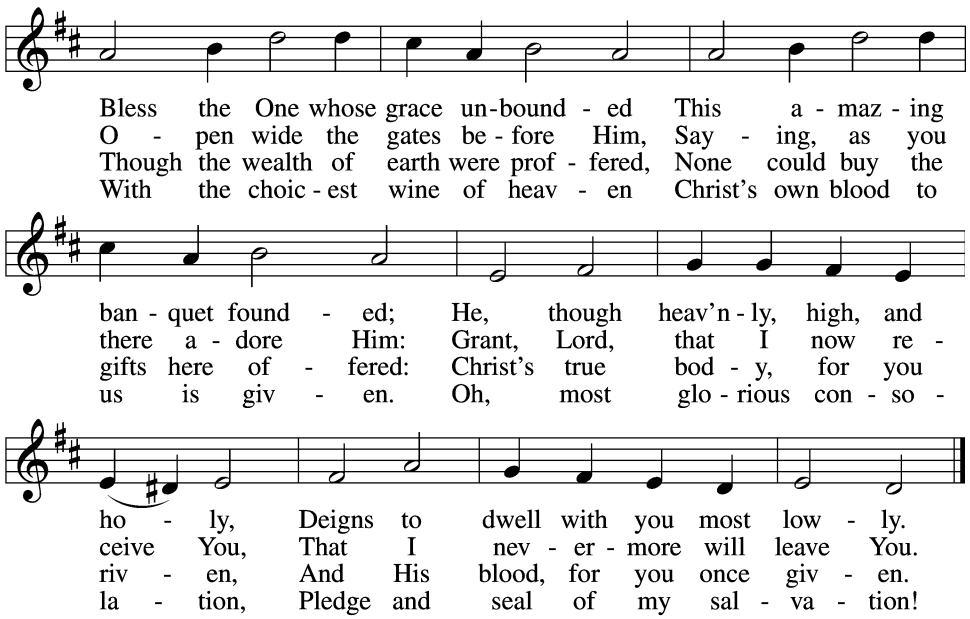
**Concerning the Holy Communion**

We ordinarily offer the Lord's Supper only to those who are communicant members of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or of congregations which are part of a church body which is in altar or pulpit fellowship with the LCMS. The Scriptures teach that Holy Communion is to be a confession of a common faith (1 Cor. 10:17, Acts 2:42) and that those who are unprepared may even do themselves spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:23-32). We do not hereby presume to question another's faith in Christ, but hold this historic position out of love for God's Word and in care for souls. Inviting all Christians to Communion would imply a oneness which does not yet exist but for which we must all pray. Even as we try to respect the practices of other Christian denominations so we ask others to respect our practice. Those who would like to discuss this practice at more length may make an appointment with our pastor to do so.

If you are unable to receive Holy Communion, but wish to receive a blessing, please feel free to come forward. Please stand with your hands behind your back to indicate that you would like a blessing.

**636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness**






5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessèd food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.

Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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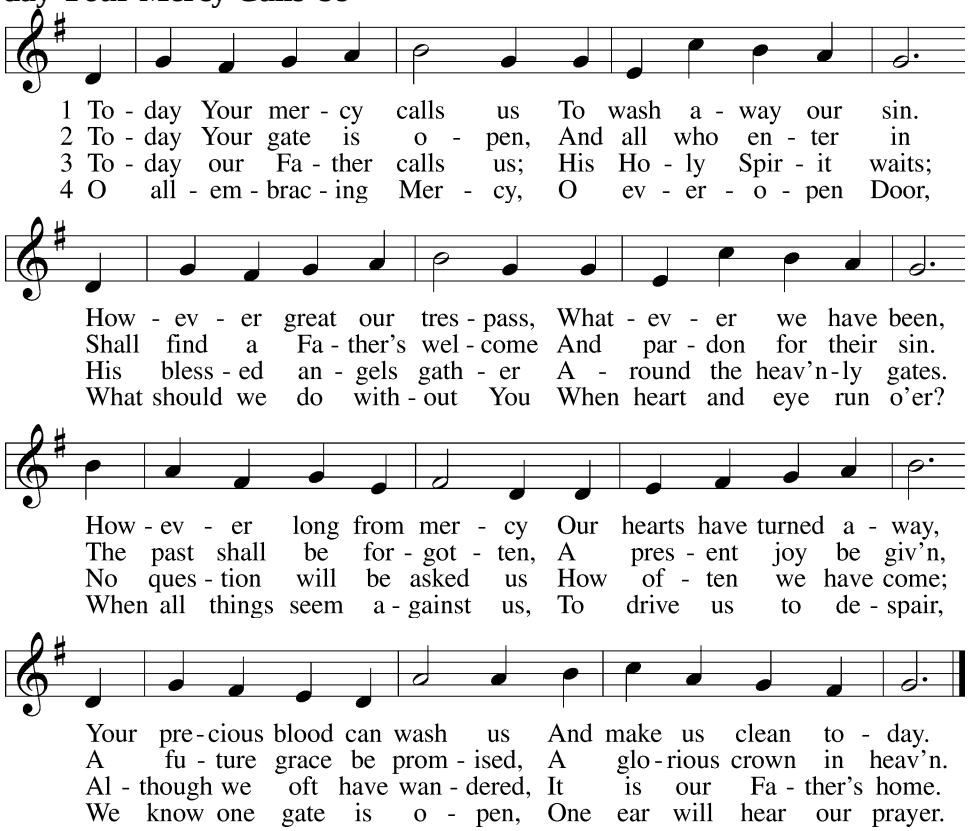
**915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us**

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*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis** *LSB 165*

C **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.**
**My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:**
**A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.**
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**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.**

**Benediction** *LSB 166*

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 ✠ give you peace.
C **Amen.**

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**In our prayers** we pray for Donna Heilman and John Ireland who are undergoing treatments for cancer.

**Part-Time Administrative Assistant Needed -** St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel, Iowa City is hiring a part-time Administrative Assistant to help with tasks such as maintaining attendance records, managing social media, producing weekly bulletins, and handling mailings. This flexible position requires 5–10 hours per week. If you're organized, tech-savvy, and looking for a way to support our chapel, please contact Jon Kohlmeier at **jonkohlmeier@gmail.com** for more information.

**Upcoming Events!**

**Preaching and Teaching Bible Class Today** is Rev. Dr. Stephen Pietsch, Associate Professor of Practical Theology, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Dr. Pietsch has been with us serving as our 2025 Theologian in Residence**.**

**Scavenger Hunt** will be held on Friday, April 4, at 7:00 PM. Meet at the chapel

**Candidates for Office,** to be elected at the April 6 Voters' Assembly are
Vice-chairman
Vice treasurer
Elder
Secretary

**Variety! And Evening of Talented Performs and Delectable Desserts** will be held at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Iowa City, on Saturday, April 12, at 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30 PM). All proceeds go to our teaching weekend and sending our students on servant trips. We will be selling tickets today after the service. The cost is:

- Adults - $10
- Students and Children - $7
- 2 and under – Free

Tickets will also be available at the door.

## General Information

**Cry Room**: If you are in need of a place to go with your children during the service, please feel free to use the bell tower. You will still be able to hear the service from there. Also, there is a changing station in the women's bathroom.

**Bulletin Announcements**: If you are in charge of an announcement for an event, please have it to the administrative assistant by 9:00 AM on the Thursday before the first Sunday you would like it to run. E-mail it to stpaulschapel.iowacity@gmail.com

**Lost and Found!** In the student center is a wicker storage cube which is the Chapel's Lost and Found. Any items left in the Chapel will be placed in this container. At the end of each month, the bin will be emptied and its contents will be donated to Good Will. All Chapelites are strongly encouraged to check the Lost and Found periodically so we don't donate something of yours!

**Auto Debit Offering Option:** If you would like to automate or update your existing auto-offering please visit https://stpaulic.com/giving/ or speak with Chapel Treasurer Trent Dickerson, treasurer.stpaul@gmail.com

## Calendar

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| **30 Today** | Divine Service at 9:00 AM<br>Bible class<br>Happy Hour |
| **2 Wednesday** | Mid-Week Lent at 7:00 PM<br>Bible study at 7:30 PM |
| **4 Friday** | Scavenger Hunt. Meet at the chapel at 7:00 PM |
| **5 Saturday** | Pastor at St. John, Monticello Elder's Workshop – All Day |
| **6 Sunday** | Divine Service at 9:00 AM<br>Bible class<br>Happy hour<br>Voters' Assembly |

Private absolution is available by appointment.

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