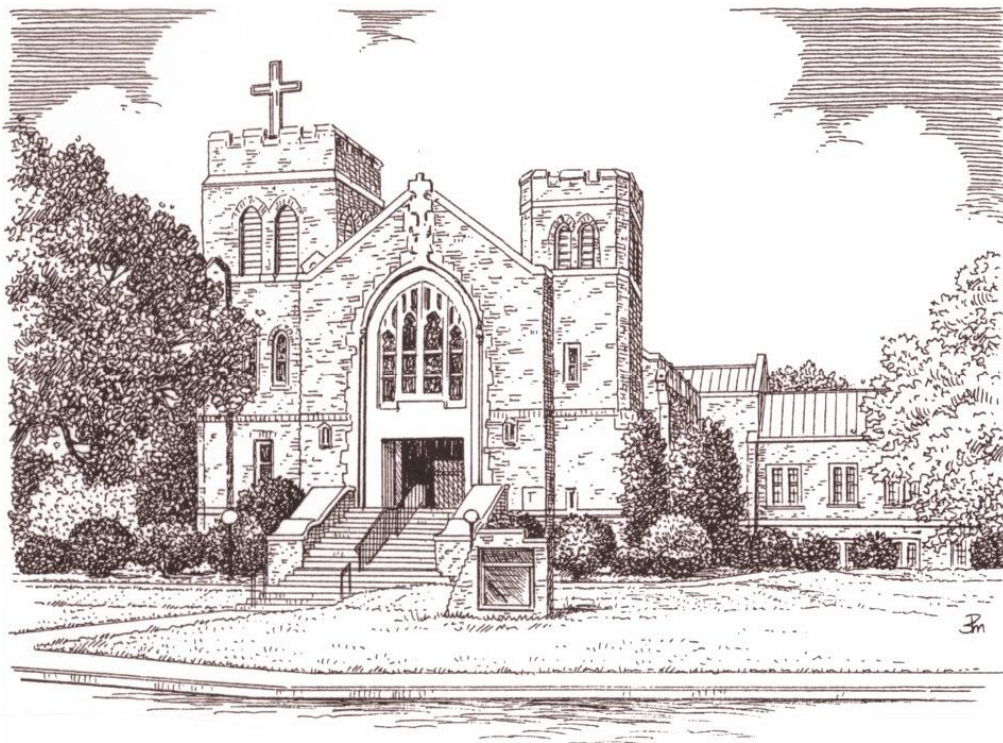


St. Paul Lutheran Church

Yorktown, TX



*Saturday and Sunday
Holy Communion Services
5th Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2024*

Silent Prayer

In extra-ordinary, as well as common, every-day ways, you make your presence known to us. This is your time of worship, God. The words don't belong to the Pastor or myself. The music isn't the property of the organist. The praying and singing we all do comes not only from us but, most importantly, from you. When we lose sight of this, today as well as every day, O Lord, forgive us, and live in and through us. Amen.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please take a moment to fill out an Attendance Card. You may leave them in the pew by the center aisle or drop them in the basket at the church entrance. (*) Indicates times in worship when you are invited to stand as you are able. (+) Indicates when it may be appropriate to make the sign of the cross.*

***OPENING HYMN**

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" LBW #104

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam-ing, light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
 o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that
 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diance stream-ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bid.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872
 Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

***DIALOG and CONFESSION**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me.

C: Amen. Lord have mercy.

P: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

C: Amen. Lord have mercy.

P: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

C: Amen. Lord have mercy.

P: Honor your father and your mother.

C: Amen. Lord have mercy.

P: You shall not kill.

C: Amen. Lord have mercy.

P: You shall not commit adultery.

C: Amen. Lord have mercy.

P: You shall not steal.

C: Amen. Lord have mercy.

P: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

C: Amen. Lord have mercy.

P: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

C: Amen. Lord have mercy.

P: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his
maidservant, or his cattle, or anything that is your neighbor's.

C: Amen. Lord have mercy.

P: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the
Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may
receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

**C: Almighty God, Merciful Father; I a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you
all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly
deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and
pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your
Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive
my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring
me to life everlasting. Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who has made the heaven and earth.

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

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of
sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore,
we implore him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit that those things
may please him which we do on this day, that the rest of our life may be pure and
holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

C: Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

C: **Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” **LBW #98**

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov - 'reign die?
2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,
5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un - known, and love be - yond de - gree!
when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: it's all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Lector: A reading from _____.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says 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. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me,

from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-13

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your lovingkindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.**

⁵And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgment.

⁶**Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

⁷For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

⁸**Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

⁹Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

¹⁰**Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.**

¹¹Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

¹²**Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

¹³Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 5:5-10

Lector: A reading from _____.

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,

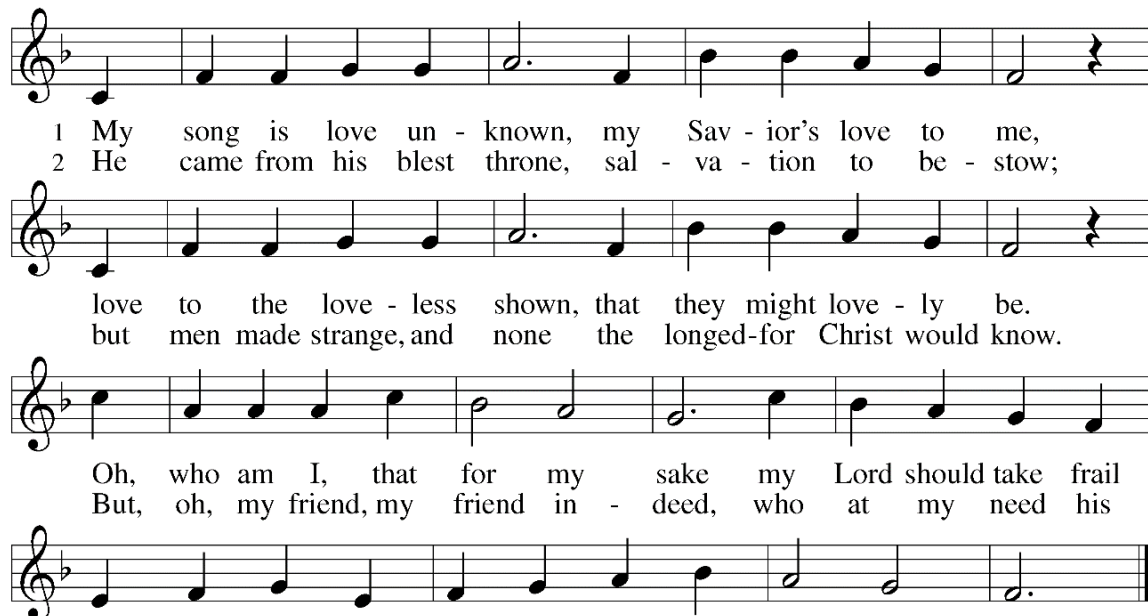
today I have begotten you”;
⁶as he says also in another place,
 “You are a priest forever,
 according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL VERSE**



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
 2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
 love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
 but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
 Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
 But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
 flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!

***GOSPEL John 12:20-33**

P: The Holy Gospel according to _____, the ____ chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who

love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN of the DAY

“Just As I Am”

LBW #296

Just As I Am, without One Plea



- 1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
- 2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt,
- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,



and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
fight-ings and fears with - in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
yea, all I need in thee to find,

- 5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 6 Just as I am; thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.**

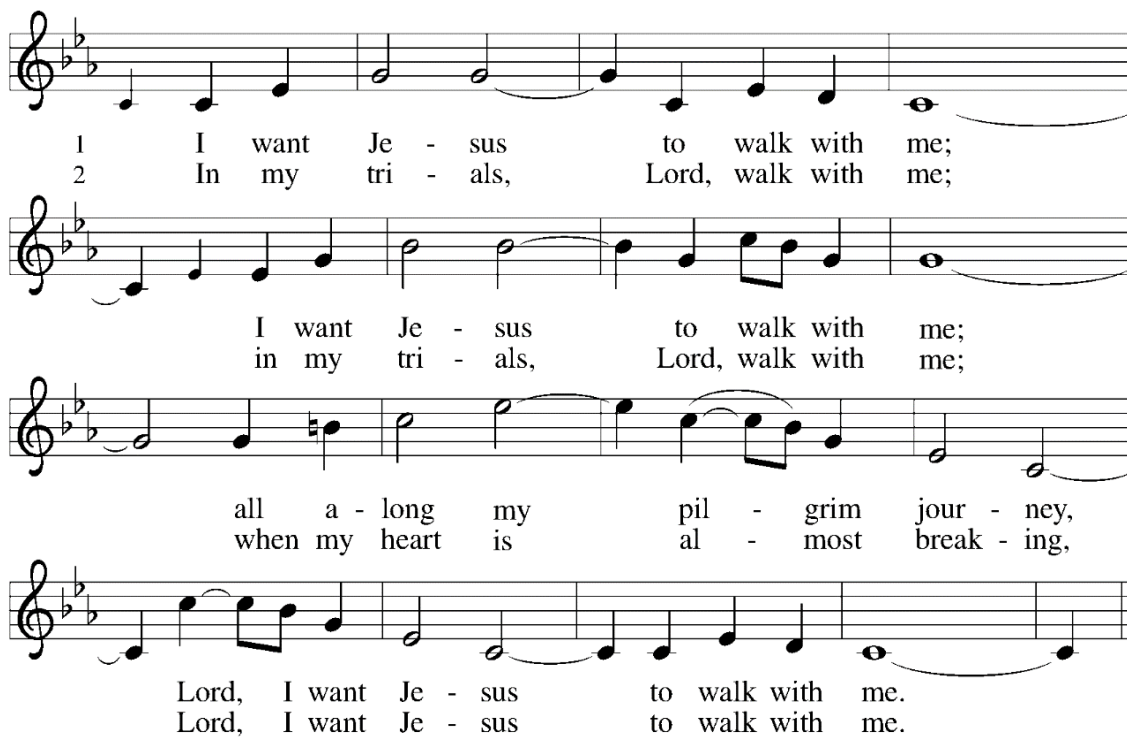
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection + of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***THE PRAYERS**

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

L: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***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.

DISTRIBUTION of the ELEMENTS

All those who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament are welcome at His table. Those who are unable to receive communion, for any reason, may

come forward to receive a blessing, and may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest. Parents, please indicate if children are to receive communion. If they are not yet receiving communion, children are encouraged to come to the table to receive a blessing. Available in the center of each tray is juice for those choosing not to drink wine. If you are unable to come to the altar and wish to receive communion, please inform the ushers so that the sacrament may be brought to you.

COMMUNION HYMN: *“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.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***BLESSING:**

P: May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart.

C: Amen.

P: May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds.

C: Amen.

P: May the Holy Spirit, who leads us
into all truth, speak to you words
of pardon and peace.

C: Amen.

P: And may God, Father, + Son, and
Holy Spirit bless you now and
forever.

C: Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Praise and Thanksgiving" **LBW #409**

409

Praise and Thanksgiving

1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve you, That with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for your chil - dren, By your wise
4 Then will your bless - ing Reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, Free - ly con -

liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -
fess - ing Your gra - cious hand. Where all o - bey you, No one will

or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.
with you, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know your care.
hun - ger; In your love's sway you Nour - ish the land.

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BUNESSAN

***DISMISSAL**

P: As you go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the
fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and

serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. As you leave, you are invited to share the peace of the Lord with those around you. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN

5th Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 17, 2024

HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES:

MARCH 17, 2024 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

5th Sunday in Lent

Presiding Minister: Tim W Muehlbrad

Reader: Jay Heil

Acolytes: Molly Gaus & Bailey Gaus

Children's Sermon: Terry Carmichael

Musicians: Saturday – PT & Friends

Sunday – PT & Friends/Beverly

Saturday Altar Guild: Patsy Ibrom

MARCH 24, 2024 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

Palm Sunday

Presiding Minister: Tim W Muehlbrad

Reader: Cindy Parma

Acolytes: Piper Peyton & Korbin Kerlick

Musicians: Saturday – Beverly Bruns

Sunday – Beverly Bruns

Saturday Altar Guild: Laura Kaiser

Helping with Worship during the month of March:

Head Usher: Boyd Weise

Ushers: Kurt Foerster, Trent Foerster, Bill Klaevemann, and Mark Weischwill

Altar Guild: Wysenda Fischer and Wycoda Janysek

Maundy Thursday (28th): Janet Lambrecht and Linda Hurta

Easter (31st): 7am: Misty Corpus & Peggy Oliver; **10:30 am:** Judy Hilbrich & Krista Kerlick

Saturday Usher: Albert Metting

KNOWN HOSPITALIZED DURING THE WEEK: Luellen Smiley

Thank you to all who have been helpful in keeping the Pastor informed of members who are hospitalized.

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE Below is a list of individuals Pastor has been asked to include in our prayers during worship. We list these people in our bulletin to encourage you, the members, to include them in your daily prayers. *Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the request is renewed.*

Aggie Arnold	Rosa Horton	Mark Niemeier
Joyce Baacke	Keith Ibrom	David Norrell
Laurie Barfield	Joanna Ivy	Christy Paulsgrove
Joe Barnes	Shirley Jendrzey	Pam Roth
Donna Baxter	Bonnie Kaiser	Michael & Dorothy Sinast
Caroline Blain	Mary Kanuch	Luellen Smiley
Richard Bludau	Bill Klaevemann	Joan Smith
Daisy Borgfeld	Joyce Lamprecht	Kennedy Smith
Warner Borth	Ray Lange	Lori Nelson Stenger
Katherine Brown	Dorothy Mayfield	Mike & Deborah Stern
David Brucker	Marie Metting	Pastor Craig Sturm
Virginia Buesing	Lin Migura	Judy Taylor
Byron Cramer	Lanie Milliff	Levi Wilhelmsen
Verda Mae Foerster	Shirley Janssen Mueller	Ron & Marjorie Wilhelmsen
Daniel Goehring		

ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

Sunday (17th) 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
 10:15 am Sunday School
Monday (18th) **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
 Church Office Closed – Secretary Off
Wednesday (20th) 9:30 am Do-Day
 10:00 am **Midweek Lenten Service – Chapel**
 2:30 pm Learning Garden Chapel
 5:45 pm FFF (walking to First Presbyterian Church)
 6:00 pm **Supper at First Presbyterian Church**
 7:00 pm **Midweek Lenten Service at First Presbyterian Church**
Friday (22nd) **Fellowship Hall Reserved-Seder Meal Prep.**
Saturday (23rd) **Fellowship Hall Reserved-Seder Meal Prep.**
 5:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion – Chapel
Sunday (24th) **PALM SUNDAY**
 9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
 10:15 am **Seder Meal in the Fellowship Hall**
 11:30 am **Confirmation Class**

YOU ARE INVITED! You are cordially invited to a retirement party honoring Mary Lee Kozielski for 35 years of dedicated service to Yorktown EMS. Come and go reception on Sunday, April 14, 2024, from 2-4pm at the Yorktown Fire Station Auditorium. We look forward to seeing everyone for this special occasion.

FFF: We will NOT be meeting on Wednesday 3/27/2024.

HONOR OR REMEMBER A SPECIAL PERSON IN YOUR LIFE THIS EASTER

by making a donation to the building fund, or if you would like to help offset costs on the purchase of Easter Lilies for the Church Altar, you may make a contribution. *The deadline for memorials to be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin is **Sunday, March 24, 2024**.* Forms may be found in the Narthex, Annex and in the Educational Building.

THE LEARNING GARDEN is having a silent auction on “Happy Easter” baskets. The money raised will be used for outside equipment. They are on display in the educational building entrance hallway. The bidding is open until Monday, March 25, 2024.

NALC DISASTER RESPONSE HAS BEEN BUSY helping with the Texas Panhandle Fires. The warehouse in Edmond, OK responded with a truck load of supplies to Borger, TX. The warehouse in Tyler took a truckload of supplies to Canadian, TX. The warehouse in Black Forest, CO will be delivering another truckload this week. They are also starting a donation drive for hay & feed. Monetary donations are being asked to help restock the warehouses since tornado season is here. If you would like to help, please designate your offering envelope NALC Disaster Response-Texas Panhandle Fires. We will be collecting donations until Monday, March 25, 2024 and will mail directly to NALC Disaster Response.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED! We are in dire need of Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in becoming one, and administering Holy Communion to the home bound, please contact Bill Klaevemann or call the church office for more information.

CHURCH SERVICES: If you normally use the elevator to enter the Sanctuary, we ask that you attend the Saturday Service being held in the Chapel located in the Educational Building until our elevator is fixed (we are waiting on parts). Sunday morning worship services will continue to be held in the Sanctuary.

Upcoming Christian Life Events:

April 14, 2024 – 11:30 am Potluck Lunch

May 5, 2024 – 11:30 am Cinco De Mayo Meal

Upcoming Youth Events

April 28, 2024 – Church Picnic – Sign-up sheets will be available closer to event.

May 12, 2024 – Mother’s Day Brunch, during Sunday School hour in the fellowship hall.

June 16, 2024 – Father’s Day Taco Breakfast, during Sunday School in the fellowship hall.

LENT and EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2024

March 20 – LENT

10:00 am Midweek Lenten Service in the Chapel
6:00 pm Supper at First Presbyterian Church
7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service at First Presbyterian Church

March 24 – PALM SUNDAY

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
10:15 am Seder Meal in the Fellowship Hall

March 28 – MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

March 29 - GOOD FRIDAY

10:00 am Good Friday Worship Service in the Chapel
7:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service in the Sanctuary

March 30 – NO SATURDAY SERVICE

10:00 am Easter Program and Egg Hunt;
Egg Hunt is for ages 2yrs. through Grade 3.

March 31 – EASTER

7:00 am Early Service Worship with Holy Communion
8:00 am Easter Breakfast
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

April 7 – DECORATION DAY

10:30 am Cemetery Decoration Service at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery
Children's Sunday School will be at the Cemetery during Decoration Day

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