St. Paul Lutheran Church

Yorktown, Texas



Saturday and Sunday Holy Communion Services 3rd Sunday of Lent March 7, 2021

Silent Prayer

O God, powerful and loving, we look to you for both strength and compassion. Sharpen us this hour on the whetstone of your Word. With the tender arms of your Spirit, embrace us. O powerful and loving God, fashion us to become tough and tender disciples. We worship you now because we know of no other like you. In the name of Jesus, your beloved Son, our leader and friend, we pray. **Amen.**

RINGING OF THE BELL

*BRIEF ORDER for CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination

- P: Most merciful God,
- C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

* <u>OPENING HYMN</u>	"O Savior, Precious Savior"	LBW #514
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O Savior, Precious Savior



Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879 Music: ANGEL'S STORY, Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929

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.

* 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.





* SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



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

Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Exodus 20:1-17

Lector: A reading from _____.

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. ²One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. ³Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, ⁴their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world. ⁵In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. ⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. ⁷The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. ⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes. ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. ¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. ¹²Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults. ¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. ¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Lector: A reading from _____.

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our

proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

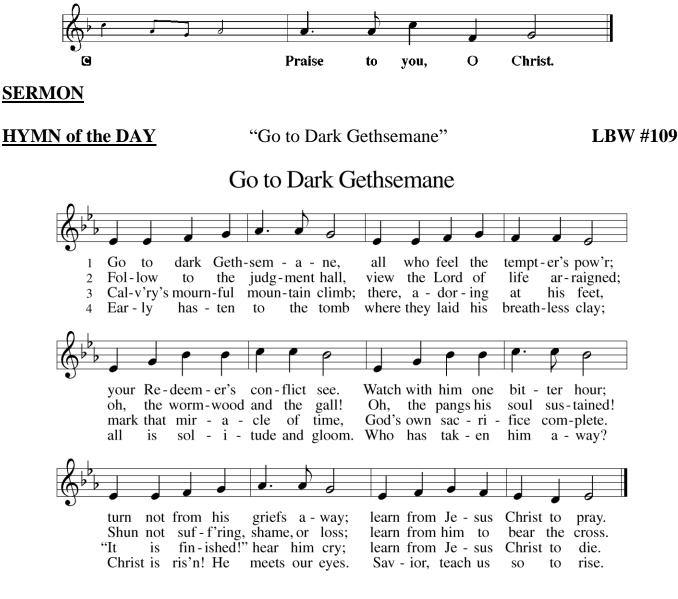
* GOSPEL VERSE



¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-

six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P: The Gospel of the Lord



Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854 Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

* APOSTLES' CREED

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

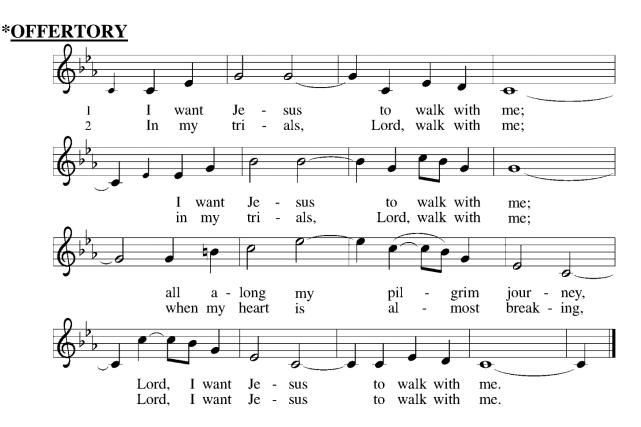
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

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

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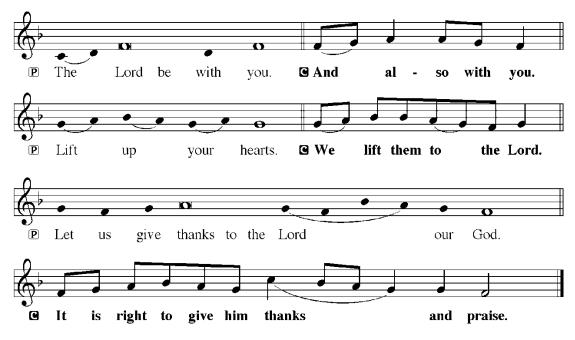


*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you,

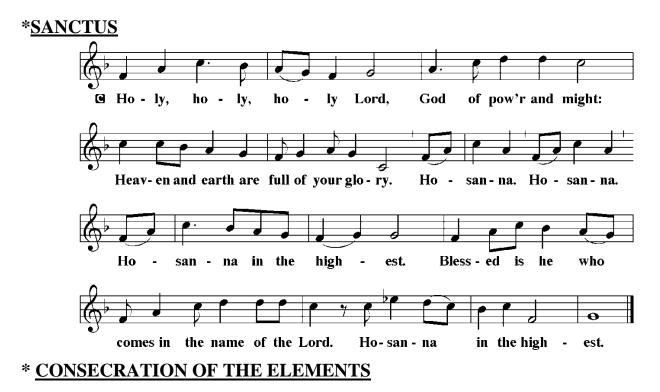
C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* GREAT THANKSGIVING



*PREFACE

P: It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*** 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.

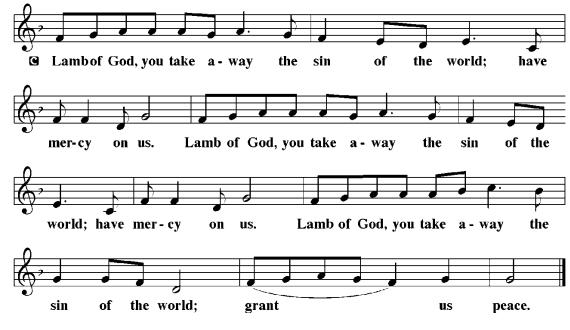
Give us this day our daily bread;

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 unable to receive communion 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.

<u>COMMUNION HYMNS</u>: "Lamb of God"



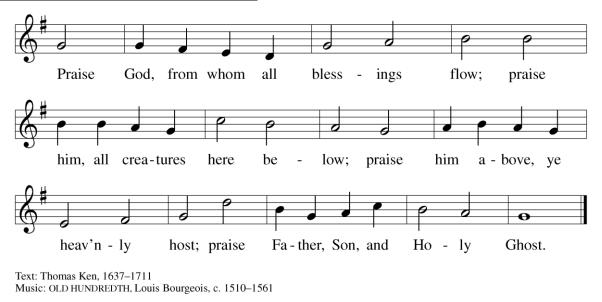
ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMNS:

Rock of Ages LBW #327 O God, Our Help in Ages Past LBW# 320 O That the Lord Would Guide My Ways LBW #480

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 CANTICLE**



*** 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.

* <u>C</u>

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

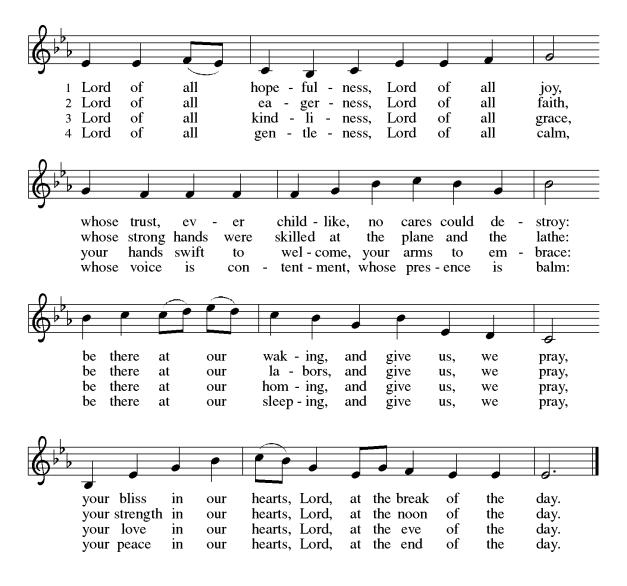
C: Amen.

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

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN	"Lord of All Hopefulness"	LBW #469
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Lord of All Hopefulness



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* **DISMISSAL**

- P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **C:** Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENT BULLETIN 3rd Sunday in Lent Saturday, March 6, 2021 – 5:00 PM Sunday, March 7, 2021 - 9:00 AM

HELPING with WORSHIP SERVICES

<u>Pastor:</u> Tim W Muehlbrad <u>Musicians:</u> Saturday – Rebecca Innocenti Reader: Karen Dueser Sunday – Beverly Bruns

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021 – 9:00 AM SERVICE

<u>Pastor:</u> Tim W Muehlbrad **Musicians:** Saturday – Renae Pierce

<u>Reader:</u> Boyd Weise Sunday – Rebecca Innocenti

Helping with Worship during the month of March: Head Usher: Darren Seifert Ushers: Bill Klaevemann, Thomas Rabke, Mark Weischwill, Boyd Weise Altar Guild: Wysenda Fischer and Wycoda Janysek Saturday Altar Guild: Barbara Cramer

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.*

Katherine Brown	Lois Kelch	Michael Pattillo
The Family of Tally Brown	Joyce Lamprecht	Lori Nelson Stenger
Carol Donovan	Ray Lange, Jr.	Deborah Stern
Daniel Goehring	David Lassmann	Brittney Weise
Philip Hoefling	Cole Ohrt	Marjorie Wilhelmsen

ST. PAUL OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

Sunday (7 th)	9:00 am 10:15 am	Worship with Holy Communion Sunday School
	10:30 am	Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm	AA Meeting
Wednesday (10 th)	Midweek Lenten Services	
	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 pm	AA Meeting
	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Saturday (13 th)	5:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion in Fellowship Hall
Sunday (14 th)	9:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	6:00 pm	AA Meeting

Lenten Schedule



Due to the COVID pandemic, we have had to make adjustments to our Lenten Schedule. We will not be doing our normal Lenten Rotational, nor will we be serving meals prior to the midweek worship services, but we will be holding midweek services. The Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be similar to the past, but the other midweek services will be different with more

time for reflection and confession. All evening services will be live-streamed through our Website. Here is the schedule so far with the midweek morning services in the Fellowship Hall and the evening services in the Sanctuary:

Wednesday Midweek – Mar. 10, Mar. 17, Mar. 24, 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM
Maundy Thursday – Apr. 1, 7:00 PM, (no morning service)
Good Friday - Apr. 2, 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM
Easter weekend – No Saturday Service, or Easter breakfast.
Sunday morning services will be at 7:00, 9:00, & 11:00. Sign-up sheets are available in the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! St. Paul Lutheran Church is looking for volunteers to help with the landscaping around the Church. If you are interested, please contact Dorothy Mayfield or the church office at 361-564-2135.

JOB OPPORTUNITY! St. Paul Lutheran church is looking for a janitor to clean the Sanctuary and Educational Buildings (Not The Learning Garden). For more information, please contact the church office at 361-564-2135.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS RESTORATION - In June, the council approved restoring the stained glass windows in the Sanctuary. We need your help to offset the cost of this project.

DRIVE THROUGH HOLY COMMUNION Immediately following the Sunday morning worship service until <u>10:15</u>, Holy Communion will be distributed at the driveway by the elevator.

BROADCAST OF OUR SUNDAY SERVICE at 9:00 AM is at 100.1 FM, or you can listen to the livestream on the internet. The easiest way to get to the livestream is on our church website: www.stpaulykt.org and click on the Icecast link in the middle of the webpage.

WORSHIP BULLETINS and Announcements are available in various places: on our church website: www.stpaulykt.org, in the container on the porch at the Educational Building entrance, at the Sanctuary entrances on Sunday mornings, and the Fellowship Hall on Saturday evenings.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH IS NOW OFFERING EGIVING! In addition to the other ways of giving, a new option is available, Visit our website at www.stpaulykt.org and click on the link eGiving and it will lead you through process. For more information, call the church office at 361-564-2135.

<u>GROCERY PICK-UP</u> Should anyone need groceries but do not feel comfortable with going outside please let St. Paul know so Nicholas, or a volunteer, can go shopping on your behalf. Nicholas can be reached through the church phone (361-564-2135), email, (dcenicholas@gmail.com) or through FB messenger on our Facebook Page.

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PO Box 245 – 234 N Gohmert St. Yorktown, Texas 78164 www.stpaulykt.org e-mail: stpaulykt@sbcglobal.net 361-564-2135 9 a.m. Sunday Morning Radio Broadcast: 100.1 FM Pastor – Tim W Muehlbrad Director of Youth & Family – Nicholas Requejo