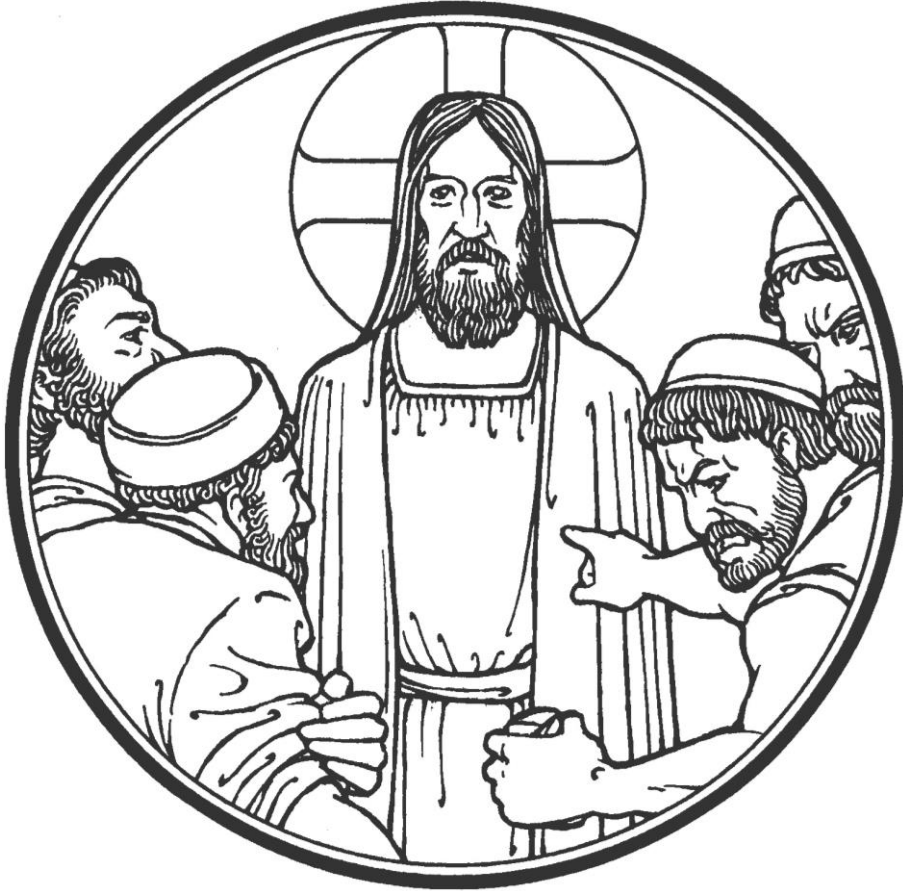


# *Judica*



*Vindicate Me, O God, and defend My cause against an ungodly people,  
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver Me! For You are the God in whom I take refuge.*

## **The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**March 17, 2024**

**9:30 a.m.**

This Morning's Hymns

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For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the Mediator of a New Covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better Word than the blood of Abel.

*Hebrews 12:18–24*

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread . . . For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My Body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This Cup is the New Covenant in My Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

*1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 11:23–29*

*Who receives this sacrament worthily?* Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

*Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar*

Falsely are our churches accused of abolishing the Mass; for the Mass is retained among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved . . . For ceremonies are needed to this end alone: that the unlearned be taught what they need to know of Christ . . . The people are accustomed to partake of the Sacrament together, if any be fit for it, and this also increases the reverence and devotion of public worship. For none are admitted except they be first examined.

*Augsburg Confession XXIV: Of the Mass*

#### A Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad that you have joined us this morning to receive from our gracious God and to offer Him your prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. If this is your first visit to St. Paul, or you have never received the Lord's Supper from the Pastor, we ask that you speak with him or one of the elders before receiving Holy Communion. Children and adults who are not permitted to the Sacrament of the Altar may come forward and cross their arms against their chest to indicate they would like to receive a blessing at the rail.

Stand

## Prelude

## Hymn

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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*During Lent the service begins with the Litany and the Collect of the Day.  
This replaces the regular Preparatory Rite, Introit, and Kyrie.*

# ✠ THE LITANY ✠

- |  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| <b>P</b> O Lord,   | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>P</b> O Christ,   | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>P</b> O Lord,   | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>P</b> O Christ,   | <b>C</b> hear us.             |
| <b>P</b> God the Father in Heaven,                                     | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>P</b> God the Son, Redeemer of the world,                           | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>P</b> God the Holy Spirit,  | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>P</b> Be gracious to us.  | <b>C</b> Spare us, good Lord. |
| <b>P</b> Be gracious to us.  | <b>C</b> Help us, good Lord.  |
| <b>P</b> Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God:                                |                               |
| <b>C</b> We implore You to hear us.                                    |                               |
| <b>P</b> Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, |                               |
| <b>C</b> have mercy.   |                               |
| <b>P</b> Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, |                               |
| <b>C</b> have mercy.   |                               |
| <b>P</b> Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, |                               |
| <b>C</b> grant us Your peace.  |                               |
| <b>P</b> O Christ,   | <b>C</b> hear us.             |
| <b>P</b> O Lord,   | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>P</b> O Christ,   | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>P</b> O Lord,   | <b>C</b> have mercy. Amen.    |

## Salutation and Collect

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray. We beseech Thee, Almighty God: mercifully to look upon Thy peoplè; that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Hòly Ghost: ever one God, world without end.



**C** A - men.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Sit

### Old Testament

*Judges 11:30-40*

*(Jephthah learned that hard way that making a wager with God can be very costly.)*

And Jephthah made a vow to the Lord and said, "If you will give the Ammonites into my hand, then whatever comes out from the doors of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the Ammonites shall be the Lord's, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering." So Jephthah crossed over to the Ammonites to fight against them, and the Lord gave them into his hand. And he struck them from Aroer to the neighborhood of Minnith, twenty cities, and as far as Abel-keramim, with a great blow. So the Ammonites were subdued before the people of Israel.

Then Jephthah came to his home at Mizpah. And behold, his daughter came out to meet him with tambourines and with dances. She was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter. And as soon as he saw her, he tore his clothes and said, "Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low, and you have become the cause of great trouble to me. For I have opened my mouth to the Lord, and I cannot take back my vow." And she said to him, "My father, you have opened your mouth to the Lord; do to me according to what has gone out of your mouth, now that the Lord has avenged you on your enemies, on the Ammonites." So she said to her father, "Let this thing be done for me: leave me alone two months, that I may go up and down on the mountains and weep for my virginity, I and my companions." So he said, "Go." Then he sent her away for two

months, and she departed, she and her companions, and wept for her virginity on the mountains. And at the end of two months, she returned to her father, who did with her according to his vow that he had made. She had never known a man, and it became a custom in Israel that the daughters of Israel went year by year to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in the year.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a, c*

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God!

**You delivered me from my enemies;**

**You rescued me from the man of violence.**

## Epistle

*Philippians 3:7-11*

*(Paul declares that salvation is not a gamble as he places all his hope and trust in Jesus Christ and Him alone.)*

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Tract

*Psalm 129:1-4*

“Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth”

let Israel now say

**“Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth,**

**yet they have not prevailed against me.**

The plowers plowed up on my back;

they made long their furrows.”

**The LORD is righteous;**

**He has cut the cords of the wicked.**

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 27:32-44

*(Jesus is crucified. At the foot of the cross the soldiers throw dice to see who will get to keep Jesus' tunic. The soldier's stakes are low, but for Jesus they are high. He must triumph over sin or all people will be lost forever.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

**G** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**G** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

**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.**

Sit

## Hymn of the Day

Jesus, Lead Thou On

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Sermon

Offering

Stand

## Offertory



**C** 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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

- P** O, Lord,
- C** Have mercy upon us.
  
- P** O Christ,
- C** Have mercy upon us.
  
- P** O Lord,
- C** Have mercy upon us.

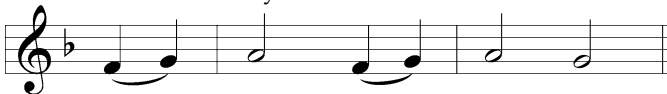
- P** Lord Jesus Christ, by your agony on the cross, you have won for us Peace with God, and the promise of everlasting life.
- C** We give you our thanks and praise.
- P** O, Lord, you have promised that you have prepared a place for us in heaven, and that you will return for us, that we may be where you are.
- C** We give you thanks and praise.
- P** O Lord, by your cross you have made us big winners, you have won for us, the prize of happiness, eternal.
- C** We give you thanks and praise.
- P** O Lord, we confess that there have been times when we have gambled with our spiritual lives. When we put you off, considered the things of this life to be more important than you.
- C** O, Lord, have mercy upon us, and forgive us.
- P** We confess that there have been times when we have gambled with our spiritual lives through our neglect of worship, prayer, and scripture study.
- C** O, Lord, I have mercy upon us and forgive us.
- P** We confess that we have, at times, gambled with our eternal life through sin and neglect of our relationship with you.
- C** O, Lord, have mercy upon us, forgive us, and hear us, as we pray,
- A** Dear Jesus, we know that you watched as the soldiers gambled for your last earthly possessions. You saw how their eyes focused only on the low stakes of small earthly gain. Be with us, Lord, and by your Holy Spirit, help us to keep our eyes focused on the highest stakes of: all eternal life. May we never gamble with our eternal life by putting you off, by trusting in our own good deeds, or by carelessly sinning. Instead, may we be certain of our eternal prize through our faith in you.
- C** O, Lord, have mercy upon us and hear us as we pray.
- P** We know that there are many in this congregation, this community and our world that are in need the peace and comfort that only You can provide. Grant that they can recognize how faith in you is not a gamble, but it is a sure thing. Help them see that you are working in their lives to bring resolution to all their cares and concerns. We pray this in Your name and by through the power of your Holy Spirit.
- C** In the name of Jesus, the sure thing, the only who is always faithful to His promises we pray. AMEN



# ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface

It is truly meet, 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 accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

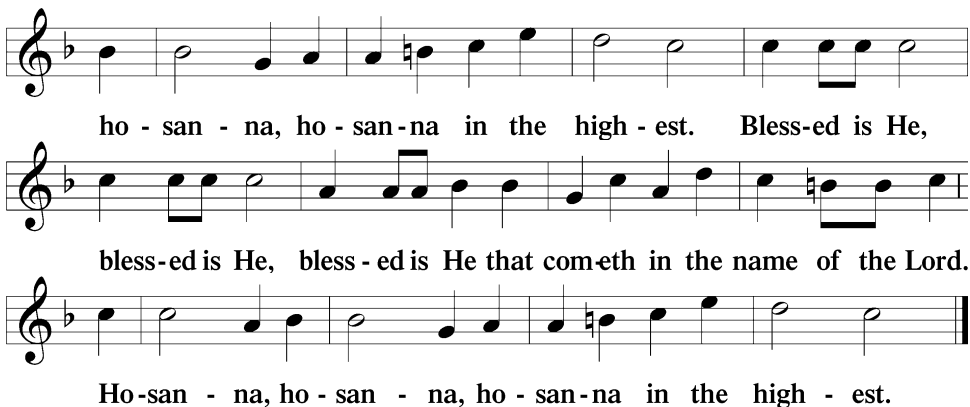
## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

### 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.

### The Words of Our Lord

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."

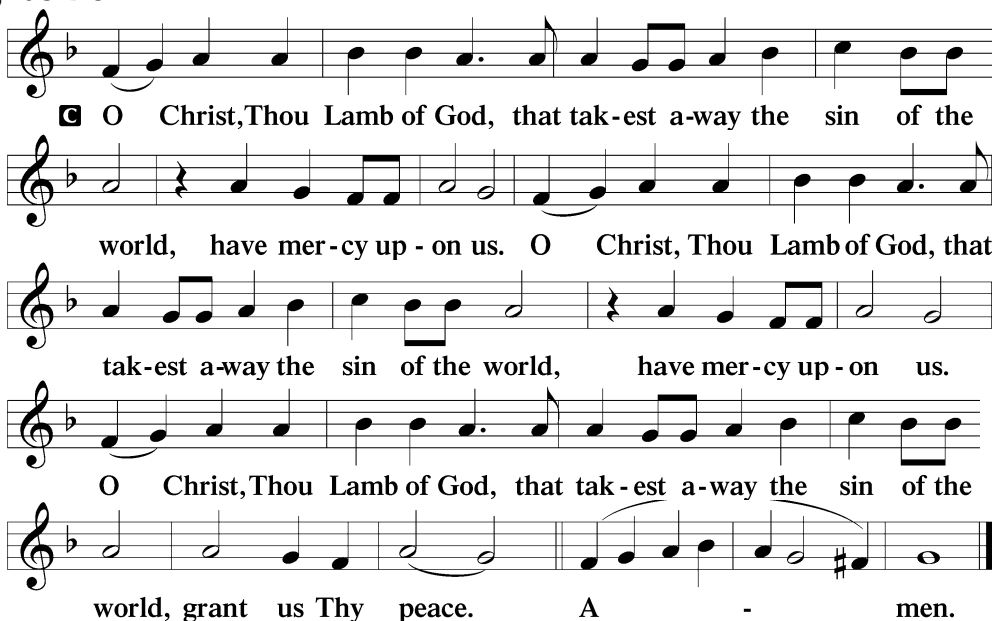
### Pax Domini

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



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

*Sit*

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*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now letteth Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## Thanksgiving

**P** O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your Only-Begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

## Salutation and Benedicamus

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Hymn

Just as I Am, without One Plea

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# BULLETIN NEWS

## **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, March 17	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:00am	Adult Bible Class	Irmer Hall
		Sunday School	Mueller Hall
Wednesday, March 20	7:00pm	Lenten Service	Sanctuary

## **BIRTHDAYS**

03/18 – Isabella Parcenka

## **BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

03/23 – Leanna Acuña

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

03/22 – Charlie & Sharon Cook

## **EASTER LILIES**

Please sign up for EASTER Lilies TODAY! The cost for Lilies is \$10.00 per plant. Please use the envelopes in the pews and specify memorial or occasion. Order must be placed by March 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

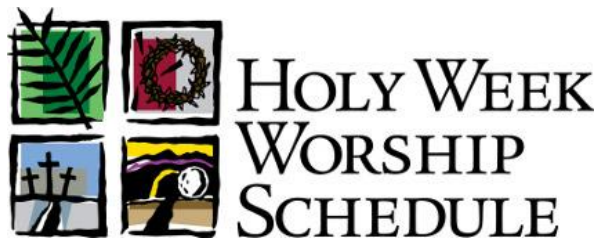
## **BABY BOTTLE DRIVE**

Baby bottle coin banks are available on the narthex counter. Once your family has filled a bottle, bring it back to church and exchange it for an empty one. The bottle drive will conclude on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024. All monies collected will be donated to Life Choices Women's Clinic. For more information about Life Choices, visit [www.lcwcaz.org](http://www.lcwcaz.org)

**CHURCH OFFICE COPY MACHINE** Donations are being requested for the purchase of a replacement copy machine for our church office. The cost is \$3,780.00 plus tax. If you would like to donate directly to this purchase, please label your donation with "Copy Machine" and place your donation in the offering plate.

## TIME TO RENEW ANNUAL LUTHERAN WITNESS

Lutheran Witness renewal for the new subscription year is July 2024. The price is \$20.65 for 11 issues (June/July is a combined edition). They are delivered to your home address. If you are interested in receiving the Lutheran Witness Magazine, please contact the church office. For payment, please use the pew envelopes, designate for "Lutheran Witness". Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church (please write "Lutheran Witness" on the memo line) and place it in the offering collection plate on Sunday. The deadline to subscribe is April 21. You may also subscribe to the magazine directly at [www.cph.org/witness](http://www.cph.org/witness).



March 24 - Palm Sunday,	9:30 AM
March 28 - Maundy Thursday,	7:00 PM
March 29 - Good Friday,	7:00 PM
March 31 - Easter Sunday,	9:30 AM

## LET US PRAY FOR...

Please keep this list available for your daily devotions. For prayer requests Church office (623) 846-2228, or email at [info@stpaullutheran-az.com](mailto:info@stpaullutheran-az.com). Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.

### ON-GOING CONCERNS:

Kevin Stamm – health issues

Dennis Stonecypther, suffering an undiagnosed illness

Nigel Proctor – suffering from severe digestive issues

Wayne Bartels – ongoing health issues

Nicholas Jimenez, Linda Rossow, Jim Rucker, Pat Haas, Jonathan Brant

Suzi Riley – suffering from sleep apnea

Jorge Jimenez – fighting cancer

Rose Tressler – health issues

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Lizabeth (sister of Cymantha Makeley) is home recovering from a stent procedure.

Bill Garber (cousin of Jeanne Schubring) diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Rei Irmer (sister of Louise Ahrens) going through 12-week Chemo treatment.

Sharon Wies (wife of Cliff Wies, cousin of Vickie Hulteen) diagnosed with metastatic lung cancer.

Nick Koontz (husband of Mary Howard's stepdaughter) diagnosed with leukemia.

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Family and friends of William "Randy" Parker, died 03/01/2024.

### MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, Joan, serving in Japan. PSWD Missions

Rev. Stephen Oliver and wife, Maggie, and children, serving in Taiwan and the Asia Region.

### PRAY FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH/THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD:

The Substitute Pastors and their families

Sunday School teachers & children

Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff

The Rev. Jeff Proctor and family

LCMS officers, congregations & schools

Lexington Life Academy families & staff

**OUR NATION:** For all elected and appointed public servants, and all who labor to maintain peace and order.

**FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY** (*members, friends, or relatives*): Lucas Butterfass, Nathanael Dyjak, Juan Garcia, Robert Gilmore, Tiffany Gilmore, Robert Majewski, Mike Nguyen, Ethan Peterman, Andy Smiley, Jacob Wilson

**OUR SHUT-INS:** Anne Smith, Suzanne Berna