

# *Reminiscere*



*Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.  
Let not my enemies exult over me. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.*

## **The Second Sunday in Lent**

**February 25, 2024**

**9:30 a.m.**

[This Morning's Hymns](#)

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.

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

*Stand*

## T THE LITANY T

P	O Lord,	<b>C</b> have mercy.
P	O Christ,	<b>C</b> have mercy.
P	O Lord,	<b>C</b> have mercy.
P	O Christ,	<b>C</b> hear us.
P	God the Father in Heaven,	<b>C</b> have mercy.
P	God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	<b>C</b> have mercy.
P	God the Holy Spirit,	<b>C</b> have mercy.
P	Be gracious to us.	<b>C</b> Spare us, good Lord.
P	Be gracious to us.	<b>C</b> Help us, good Lord.
P	From all sin, from all error, from all evil; From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death; From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion; From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:	
<b>C</b>	<b>Good Lord, deliver us.</b>	
P	By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial; By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:	

**C Help us, good Lord.**

P In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity;  
In the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

**C Help us, good Lord.**

P We poor sinners implore You:

**C to hear us, O Lord.**

P To rule and govern Your Holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of  
Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to  
sustain them in holy living;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who  
have erred and are deceived;

To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to  
accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the  
weakhearted and the distressed:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to  
give our country Your protection in every time of need;

To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our  
magistrates and all our people;

To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and  
guide all who travel;

To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing  
happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;

To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage;  
and to have mercy on us all:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and  
preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God:

**C We implore You to hear us.**

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C have mercy.**

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C have mercy.**

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C grant us Your peace.**

P O Christ,

**C hear us.**

P O Lord,

**C have mercy.**

P O Christ,

**C have mercy.**

P O Lord,

**C have mercy. Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect

P The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. Keep us both outwardly, and inwardly, that we may be defended us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

Hymn

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

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# T SERVICE OF THE WORD T

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## Old Testament

Joshua 7:1-26

*(Achan loves money more than he loved obedience to God and he is punished for his sin.)*

But the people of Israel broke faith in regard to the devoted things, for Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things. And the anger of the LORD burned against the people of Israel.

Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth-aven, east of Bethel, and said to them, "Go up and spy out the land." And the men went up and spied out Ai. And they returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not have all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and attack Ai. Do not make the whole people toil up there, for they are few." So about 3,000 men went up there from the people. And they fled before the men of Ai, and the men of Ai killed about thirty-six of their men and chased them before the gate as far as Shebarim and struck them at the descent. And the hearts of the people melted and became as water.

Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the LORD until the evening, he and the elders of Israel. And they put dust on their heads. And Joshua said, "Alas, O Lord GOD, why have you brought this people over the Jordan at all, to give us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us? Would that we had been content to dwell beyond the Jordan! O Lord, what can I say, when Israel has turned their backs before their enemies! For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it and will surround us and cut off our name from the earth. And what will you do for your great name?"

The LORD said to Joshua, "Get up! Why have you fallen on your face? Israel has sinned; they have transgressed my covenant that I commanded them; they have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen and lied and put them among their own belongings. Therefore the people of Israel cannot stand before their enemies. They turn their backs before their enemies, because they have become devoted for destruction. I will be with you no more, unless you destroy the devoted things from among you. Get up! Consecrate the people and say, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow; for thus says the LORD, God of Israel, "There are devoted things in your midst, O Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the devoted things from among you."' In the morning therefore you shall be

brought near by your tribes. And the tribe that the LORD takes by lot shall come near by clans. And the clan that the LORD takes shall come near by households. And the household that the LORD takes shall come near man by man. And he who is taken with the devoted things shall be burned with fire, he and all that he has, because he has transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he has done an outrageous thing in Israel.”

So Joshua rose early in the morning and brought Israel near tribe by tribe, and the tribe of Judah was taken. And he brought near the clans of Judah, and the clan of the Zerahites was taken. And he brought near the clan of the Zerahites man by man, and Zabdi was taken. And he brought near his household man by man, and Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken. Then Joshua said to Achan, “My son, give glory to the LORD God of Israel and give praise to him. And tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me.” And Achan answered Joshua, “Truly I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I did: when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, then I coveted them and took them. And see, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath.”

So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and behold, it was hidden in his tent with the silver underneath. And they took them out of the tent and brought them to Joshua and to all the people of Israel. And they laid them down before the LORD. And Joshua and all Israel with him took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver and the cloak and the bar of gold, and his sons and daughters and his oxen and donkeys and sheep and his tent and all that he had. And they brought them up to the Valley of Achor. And Joshua said, “Why did you bring trouble on us? The LORD brings trouble on you today.” And all Israel stoned him with stones. They burned them with fire and stoned them with stones. And they raised over him a great heap of stones that remains to this day. Then the LORD turned from his burning anger. Therefore, to this day the name of that place is called the Valley of Achor.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual**

*Psalm 25:17–18*

The troubles of my heart are enlarged;  
bring me out of my distresses.

**Consider my affliction and my trouble,**

**and forgive all my sins.**

## **Epistle**

*1 Timothy 6:6-10*

*(St. Paul points out the dangers of loving earthy wealth.)*

Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## **Tract**

*Psalm 106:1-4*

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,  
for His steadfast love endures forever!

**Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD,  
or declare all His praise?**

Blessèd are they who observe justice,  
who do righteousness at all times!

**Remember me, O LORD, when You show favor to Your people;  
help me when You save them.**

## **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 26:6-16*

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

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

*(Jesus tries to quiet the disciples concerns about money, but Judas is not satisfied. He makes a deal to betray Jesus)*



Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor." But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."

Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C 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.**

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**Hymn of the Day**

**Chief of Sinners Though I Be**

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## Sermon

## Offering

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### Offertory



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 Oh, Lord,  
C Have mercy upon us.  
P Oh Christ,  
C Have mercy upon us.  
P Oh Lord,

**C Have mercy upon us.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, by your agony on the cross, you have one for us peace with God, and the promise of life, everlasting.

**C We give you thanks and praise.**

P Oh, Lord, by your holy precious blood, you have redeemed us, we who were lost and condemn sinners.

**C We give you thanks and praise.**

P Oh, Lord, you have loved us with the love which surpasses all bounds of our comprehension.

**C We give you thanks and praise.**

P We confess that we, like Judas, have often betrayed you by our sins.

**C Oh, Lord, you have mercy upon us and forgive us.**

P We confess that we've had our price and the times that price was quite low.

**C Oh, Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us.**

P We confess that we have not always been aware of our sins, and we confess that we've not always felt burdened by them.

**C Oh, Lord, have mercy upon us and hear us as we pray.**

P We know Lord, that selling ourselves for any price is a sin, and yet we have done that often. We thank you for buying us back, though the cost, your precious blood and innocent suffering and death, was high. Oh, Lord, by your Holy Spirit, help us to be more prudent in the future, help us to resist temptation, and to make out repentance sincere. Help us remember even if we are offered the gain of the whole world, it would be nothing if we would dare buy lose our souls in hell.

**C Oh, 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 that only you can provide. Grant that they can recognize how you

are working in their lives. We pray this in the name of your Son and by through the power of your Holy Spirit.

C **In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN**

## T SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT T

### Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

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

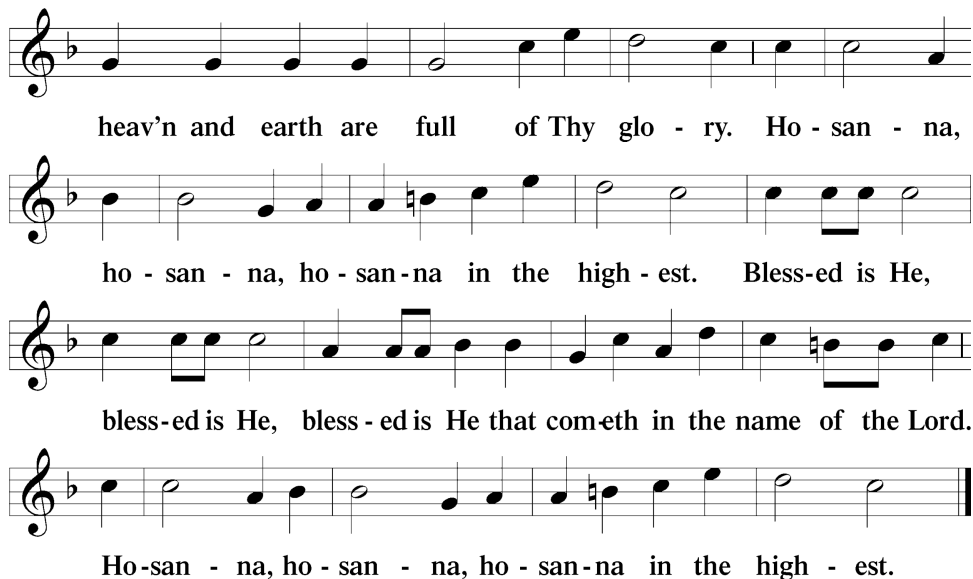
### Proper Preface

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



☐ 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 **T** deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

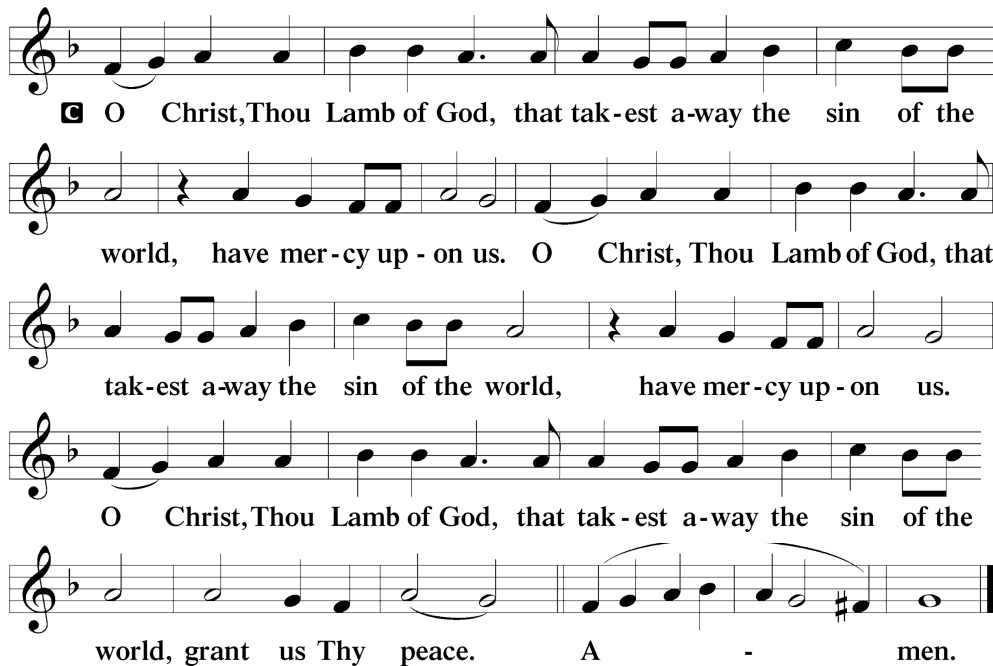
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My **T** Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 **T** 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** Amen.

## 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.

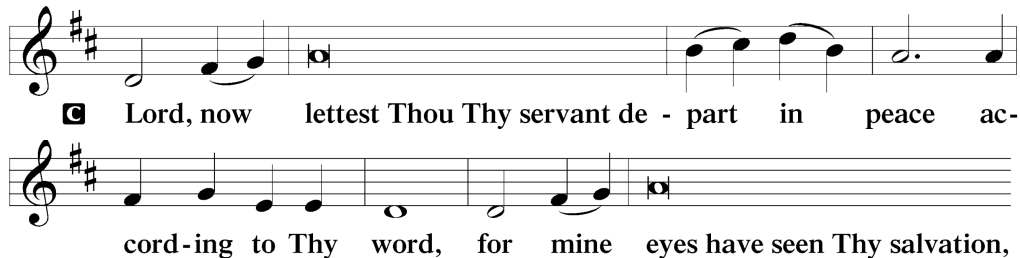
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## Distribution Hymns

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## Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest 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. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

- P O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.
- C **And His mercy endureth forever.**
- 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 **Amen.**

## Salutation and Benedicamus

- P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

## Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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# BULLETIN NEWS

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, February 25	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:00am	Special Voter's Meeting	Irmer Hall
Wednesday, February 28	7:00pm	Lenten Service	Sanctuary



<b><u>BIRTHDAYS</u></b>	<b><u>ANNIVERSARIES</u></b>
02/26 – Patsy Hauptman 02/28 – Darrell Ahrens	02/26 – Darrell & Louise Ahrens

**SPECIAL VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY – TODAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

All voting members of St. Paul Lutheran Church are expected to attend the special voters’ assembly on Sunday, February 25, 2024. The meeting will follow the Divine Service.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY PROJECT - Cymantha Makeley**

Social ministry's will be collecting canned and boxed food to help fill the food shelves of The Pantry at John’s Lutheran Church, Glendale. Let's all help people in need.

**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.

**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@stpaulslutheran-az.com](mailto:info@stpaulslutheran-az.com). Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.*

**ON-GOING CONCERNS:**

**Anne Smith**, health concerns

**Randy Parker**, receiving treatment for Leukemia

**Dennis Stonecypher**, suffering an undiagnosed illness

**Nigel Proctor** – suffering from severe digestive issues

**Wayne Bartels** – ongoing health issues

**Kevin Stamm** – recovering from surgery

**Debbie Dyjak** – ongoing eyesight concerns

**Suzi Riley** – suffering from sleep apnea

**Jorge Jimenez** – fighting cancer

Jonathan Brant – recovering from surgery  
Nicholas Jimenez, Linda Rossow, Jim Rucker, Pat Haas

Rose Tressler – health issues

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:**

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.

**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	The Rev. Jeff Proctor and family
Sunday School teachers & children	LCMS officers, congregations & schools
Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff	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