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**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)**

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Mission Statement

*“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”*

Vision Statement

*“We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”*

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**SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER - MAY)**

- ✝ Divine Service w/Holy Communion:
  - 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ✝ Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.
- ✝ Sunday School: 10:15 am – 11:15 am

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- **Nursery available:** For families with small children, there is a designated room in the basement (down the hall, on the right, from the old Parish Hall). You will find a changing table, crib, a few books and toys. Please feel free to use anytime during the worship service.
- Today's service broadcast can be found on **KOWZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM**; or **Live Streaming on Facebook for your convenience.**
- **Lutheran Hour:** The Lutheran Hour can be heard on radio stations WCCO 830AM, Sunday, 6:05 AM; and KDHL920 AM, Faribault, Sunday, 6:00 PM.
- **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk or in the black pew book. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. **Any guest wishing to receive communion here at St Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or the Elder on duty prior to the church service.** Thank you.
- **Preparing for Holy Communion, please refer to the section in the bulletin "Service of the Sacrament".**



- **Radio Broadcast:** Today's broadcast (KOWZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM) is dedicated to the glory of God and is in loving memory of Loy Spies sponsored by his family.
- **Church Offering Envelopes** are a handy way of keeping track of your donations while keeping your donations private. **Please remember to use your 2025 envelopes each Sunday for offerings.** If you do NOT have yours, stop and talk to an elder today. Thank you.
- **Individual or Family Pastoral Care:** Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.
- **TODAY, you will find a "Black Book" at the end of your pew, please sign it and pass it down the row so we can get better idea of who is here (members, adults, kids and visitors alike).** Thank you.
- **See bulletin board for Neighborhood Service Center upcoming fundraisers!!**

**Jesus Calls You to Repentance**

“Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3, 5). By this warning, the Lord would turn us away from wickedness and bring us to life in Himself. For He is patient with us, that we would not be cut down in our sin but live and bear fruit in Him. As He lives, the Lord has “no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live” (Ezek. 33:11). So the Scriptures have been “written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come” (1 Cor. 10:11), that we should not desire evil but trust in Christ. He alone is faithful, the Rock who feeds us with His “spiritual food” and pours out His “spiritual drink” (1 Cor. 10:3–4).

**Hymn of Invocation: Lord, to You I Make Confession**

LSB 608

1 Lord, to You I make con - fes - sion: I have sinned and  
 2 Yet, though con - science' voice ap - pall me, Fa - ther, I will  
 3 For Your Son has suf - fered for me, Giv'n Him - self to  
 4 Lord, on You I cast my bur - den— Sink it in the

gone a - stray, I have mul - ti - plied trans - gres - sion,  
 seek Your face; Though Your child I dare not call me,  
 res - cue me, Died to save me and re - store me,  
 deep - est sea! Let me know Your gra - cious par - don,

Cho - sen for my - self my way. Led by You to  
 Yet re - ceive me in Your grace. Do not for my  
 Rec - on - ciled and set me free. Je - sus' cross a -  
 Cleanse me from in - iq - ui - ty. Let Your Spir - it

see my er - rors, Lord, I trem - ble at Your ter - rors.  
 sins for - sake me; Let Your wrath not o - ver - take me.  
 lone can van - quish These dark fears and soothe this an - guish.  
 leave me nev - er; Make me on - ly Yours for - ev - er.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–77; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
 Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662  
 Text and tune: Public domain

## Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

*LSB 203*

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel/Stand*

### Confession of Sins

*LSB 203*

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

### Absolution

*LSB 203*

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

*Stand*

Service of the Word

*Psalm 5:4–8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6*

Introit



- P** For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,\*  
but the way of the wicked will | perish.
- C** For you are not a God who delights in | wickedness;\*  
evil may not | dwell with you.
- P** The boastful shall not stand be- | fore your eyes;\*  
you hate all evil- | doers.
- C** You destroy those | who speak lies;\*  
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and de- | ceitful man.
- P** But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will en- | ter your house.\*  
I will bow down toward your holy temple in the | fear of you.
- C** Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my | enemies;\*  
make your way straight be- | fore me.

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

- C** For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,\*  
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

Kyrie

*LSB 204*



- C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 33:7-20*

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

<sup>10</sup>“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

<sup>12</sup>“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup>Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup>Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup>if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

<sup>17</sup>“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup>When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup>And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. <sup>20</sup>Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

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

## Gradual

*Hebrews 12:2*



**P** [O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,\*  
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,  
**C** who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,  
despis- | ing the shame,\*  
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

## Epistle

<sup>1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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

*2 Peter 3:9b, c*

## Verse

**P** [The Lord] is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish,

**C** but that all should reach repentance.

*Luke 13:1-9*

## Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

<sup>6</sup>And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup>Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

## Nicene Creed

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

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

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

*Sit*

# Hymn of the Day: May God Bestow on Us His Grace

LSB 823

1 May God be-stow on us His grace, With bless-ings rich pro-  
2 Thine o-ver all shall be the praise And thanks of ev-'ry  
3 O let the peo-ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in-  
vide us; And may the bright-ness of His face  
na-tion; And all the world with joy shall raise  
creas-ing; The land shall plen-teous fruit bring forth,  
To life e-ter-nal guide us, That we His  
The voice of ex-ul-ta-tion. For Thou shalt  
Thy Word is rich in bless-ing. May God the  
sav-ing health may know, His gra-cious will and plea-sure,  
judge the earth, O Lord, Nor suf-fer sin to flour-ish;  
Fa-ther, God the Son, And God the Spir-it bless us!  
And al-so to the na-tions show Christ's rich-es with-out  
Thy peo-ple's pas-ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and  
Let all the world praise Him a-lone, Let sol-emn awe pos-  
mea-sure And un-to God con-vert them.  
nour-ish, In righ-teous paths to keep them.  
sess us. Now let our hearts say, "A-men!"

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.  
Tune: Der Lxvj. Deus Misereatur, 1524, Magdeburg  
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## Sermon

## Offering

## **Prayer of the Church**

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For repentance and faith in Christ, that God would guard us from doubt and deliver us to life and salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For a faithful proclamation of truth, that God would embolden pastors to warn of sin and death and give all Christians strength to defend that message; and that sinners would be turned to life through the proclamation of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For protection against sexual immorality, that God would make our homes havens of chastity and godly instruction, filling marriages with fidelity and love, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those in authority, that God who establishes justice by His Law, which is for all, would enlighten them to rule justly for true good, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For protection when we are tempted, that God in His faithfulness would guard us from pride that justifies sin and from doubting that He will provide the way of escape; and that He would strengthen us with penitent hearts to endure until He delivers, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who cry to the Lord for mercy in a world where towers fall and sinners work evil, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that the Lord would deliver and heal them, strengthening their faith to look to Him for help, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who commune, that the Lord who abounds in steadfast love would give them a holy fear of His wrath and faith in His promises in the body and blood of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Lord of life, You have brought us into Your vineyard and appointed us to bear good fruit. Receive our thanks for Your patience, and grant that we would show Your love and grace in all that we say and do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

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

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

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

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

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

**C** Amen.

**Agnus Dei**

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*Sit*



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way God's  
 2 As His pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre - cious  
 3 Je - sus here Him - self is shar - ing; Heed then how you  
 4 Praise the Fa - ther, who from heav - en To His own this



wrath for - ev - er; By His bit - ter grief and woe  
 food sup - ply - ing, Gives His bod - y with the bread,  
 are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be - lieve,  
 food has giv - en, Who, to mend what we have done,



He saved us from the e - vil foe.  
 And with the wine the blood He shed.  
 His judg - ment then you shall re - ceive.  
 Gave in - to death His on - ly Son.

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| <p>5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken<br/>             That this food is to be taken<br/>             By the sick who are distressed,<br/>             By hearts that long for peace and rest.</p>    | <p>8 “For what purpose was My dying<br/>             If not for your justifying?<br/>             And what use this precious food<br/>             If you yourself were pure and good?”</p>                |
| <p>6 Agony and bitter labor<br/>             Were the cost of God’s high favor;<br/>             Do not come if you suppose<br/>             You need not Him who died and rose.</p>                 | <p>9 If your heart this truth professes<br/>             And your mouth your sin confesses,<br/>             You will be your Savior’s guest,<br/>             Be at His banquet truly blest.</p>          |
| <p>7 Christ says: “Come, all you that labor,<br/>             And receive My grace and favor:<br/>             Those who feel no pain or ill<br/>             Need no physician’s help or skill.</p> | <p>10 Let this food your faith so nourish<br/>             That its fruit of love may flourish<br/>             And your neighbor learn from you<br/>             How much God’s wondrous love can do.</p> |

Text: John Hus, c. 1369–1415; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546; (sts. 1–2, 4–5, 7, 9): tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; (sts. 3, 8): tr. Lutheran Service Book, 2006; (sts. 6, 10): tr. F. Samuel Janzow, 1913–2001, alt.  
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# Distribution Hymn: God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB 571



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

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

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

Text: Heiliges Lippen- und Hertzens-Opffer, c. 1778, Stettin; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–93  
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**Distribution Hymn: Jesus Sinners Doth Receive**

LSB 609



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich  
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd  
 4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
 e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way  
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for  
 Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these  
 Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that  
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know:  
 Were as scarlet my transgression,  
 It shall be as white as snow  
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
 For these words I now believe:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace;  
 From the Law I stand acquitted.  
 Christ hath purchased my release  
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
 Also I have been forgiven;  
 And when I this earth must leave,  
 I shall find an open heaven.  
 Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756 Tune: Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch, 1699, Darmstadt. Text and tune: Public domain

## The Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C** Amen.

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## Nunc Dimittis



**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**A** Let us bless the Lord.**C** Thanks be to God.**Benediction****P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.**Hymn to Depart: Jesus, Refuge of the Weary**

1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
 2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
 3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior  
 pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
 love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,  
 thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
 hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the  
 Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
 From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.  
 grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
 hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452–98; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826–96, alt. Tune: Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz, 1745, Basel  
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## **IN OUR PRAYERS:**

***Called Home:***

***Upcoming Surgery:***

***Cancer Treatment:*** Debbie Pehrson, Terry George, Tim Andree, Dixie Flitter, Linda Oftedahl (aunt to Jim Wyffels)

***Treatment and testing:*** Traehvon Clark, Linda Larson

***Prayer for continued recovery and healing and Thanksgiving:*** Rueben Draeger, Sheila Hogetvedt, Kraig Deling, Chantel Fogal, Joy Weir, Jacob Williams, Loren Frink

***Illness:*** Cindy Kuschel,

***Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.***

***Those who are living in Florida and everyone who are dealing with the hurricanes and aftermath.***

***All the service men & women who are serving in the military:*** Gavin Doering, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Josiah Nieves, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson

***Waseca Circuit Missionaries:*** Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John Wolff (Kenya)

***Those affected by Natural disasters***

## **SAVE THE DATE:**

**MARRIAGE Enrichment:** Next Session(s) will be Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.

**Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup>:** 11:30 am @ Oscars – **Come Join the 29er's**

**Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup>:** Service @ 6pm – Meal 4:30-5:45p hosted by Scholarship Com.  
for Kaleb Schmidt. **Menu:** pizza hotdish, chicken pasta casserole,  
salad, bread and dessert.

**Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm:** Pastor Larry Sipe Installation @ 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church  
Waldorf

**Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Service @ 6pm – Meal 4:30 – 5:45pm hosted by Shoebox Team  
**Menu:** Pizza and bars

**Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>:** Service @ 6pm -Meal 4:30 -5:45pm Hosted by Mission Trip Team.  
**Menu:**

**Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>:** Questioning of our 2025 Confirmands @ 7pm

**Friday April 13<sup>th</sup>:** Palm Sunday and Confirmation Sunday

**Wester Vigil Service:** Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> @8pm @ North Morristown

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: March 23<sup>rd</sup> to March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup>):**

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Communion w/Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)  
10:15 am Sunday School **AND** Coffee hour with Adult Bible Study

**Monday (24<sup>th</sup>):**

10 am Prayer Team (All Prayer Warriors Welcome!!) **7pm** Bible and Brew

**Tuesday (25<sup>th</sup>):**

**1:00 pm** Quilter's

**Wednesday (26<sup>th</sup>):**

3:30 pm Confirmation grades 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> and 5pm – 7pm Youth Group

4:30 – 5:45pm **Lenten Supper** – Hosted by Scholarship Committee

**6:00pm LENTEN WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

7:00 pm Senior Choir

7:00 pm Marriage "Retreat" Enrichment meeting

**Thursday (27<sup>th</sup>):**

6:00 am Bible Study @ Jonnie Bean

**Friday (28<sup>th</sup>):**

**Saturday (29<sup>th</sup>):**

**Sunday (30<sup>th</sup>):**

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Communion w/Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)  
10:15 am Sunday School **AND** Coffee hour with Adult Bible Study

**SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:**

**THIS WEEK: March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025:**

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood

**ACOLYTE:** Owen Arndt

Joel Hammer

**GREETER:** Makayla Clark

**RADIO MONITOR:** Ron Wodd

**FACEBOOK:** Debbie Roemhildt

**ELDER:** Eric Schwarz

**DEACON:** Jerry Flogstad

**Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup>**

Cindy Wood

Keian Klinger

Hayden Allen

Peyton Ross

Owen Arndt

Eric Schwarz

Jerry Flogstad

**NEXT WEEK: March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025:**

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood

**ACOLYTE:** Hayden Allen

Keian Klinger

**GREETER:** Eliana Grannis

**RADIO MONITOR:** Cindy Gilmore

**FACEBOOK:** Geri Kuschel

**ELDER:** Eric Schwarz

**DEACON:** Jerry Flogstad

Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 6pm: 73

General Fund: \$457.06

Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025: 9am: 102 Bible Study: 10

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$ 2,541.18

Improvement fund: \$20.00 Higher Things: \$26.00

Professional Church Worker (K. Schmidt): \$ 100.00

\*\*Amount needed each week to meet budget: \$5,400.00 \*\*