

"...your faith has made you well."

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

3500 Broad St. Parkersburg, WV

Rev. Daniel Golden, Pastor

Quinquagesima

The Sunday before Lent

February 27, 2022

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#### Welcome!



We WELCOME you to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We believe that by the Grace of God, through Faith, we have been saved. "*Faith comes from hearing the message and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.*" <sub>Romans 10:17</sub> We are happy to have you join us in hearing His message.

Guests are encouraged to sign the guest book (near the church entrance). Please speak with one of the elders or ushers if you should have any questions.

### **Communion Practice**

Holy Communion is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that with the bread and wine we also truly receive the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Through the gift of Communion, the Lord bestows on us the forgiveness of sins and strengthens our union with Him and with one another.

Our Lord desires that those who commune should know and believe what they are receiving in Holy Communion (1 Corinthians 11:29), should be instructed in God's Word so that they can properly examine themselves prior to communing (1 Corinthians 11:28), and should be united as one body in the faith (Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 10:17).



Out of our heartfelt desire that all who commune at this altar be well prepared for Holy Communion, this congregation practices "close communion." All who are presently confirmed members in a congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod are warmly invited to join us in Communion. All other guests are warmly invited to visit with us about how we may commune together in the future.

Adult information classes, which serve as preparation for Holy Communion, are offered upon request, and can be arranged to accommodate your schedule. For further study, please see Matthew 26:26-28 and 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:23-29.



#### Announcements

#### Prelude

Please stand.

Hymn of Invocation 545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth			
1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our 4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -			
heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die, mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be; yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,			
Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y, Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to			
we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You. world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing. pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken. all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us. Text: James Quinn, 1919-2010 Tune: Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1625-73, alt. Text: © 1969 OCP Publications. Used by permission: LSB Hymn Lic no. 110005475 Tune: Public domain			

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

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** 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 on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.
- 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.

# Service of the Word

Psalm 31:1, 5, 9, 16; antiphon: vv. 2b-3

Introit

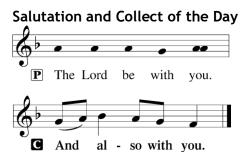
Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,\* a strong fortress to | save me! For you are my rock and my | fortress;\* and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;\* in your righteousness de- | liver me! Into your hand I commit my | spirit;\* you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God. Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | in distress;\* my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body | also. Make your face shine on your | servant;\* save me in your | steadfast love! 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. Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,\* a strong fortress to | save me! For you are my rock and my | fortress;\*

and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.







**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated.

#### **Old Testament Reading**

1 Samuel 16:1–13

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup>And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' <sup>3</sup>And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you." <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup>And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him." <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup>And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before

Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." <sup>11</sup>Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." <sup>12</sup>And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Gradual

Psalm 77:14-15

### <sup>14</sup>You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples. <sup>15</sup>You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

#### Epistle

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

<sup>13</sup>So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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

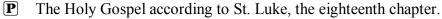
**C** Thanks be to God.

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#### Holy Gospel

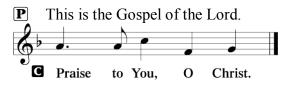
Luke 18:31-43

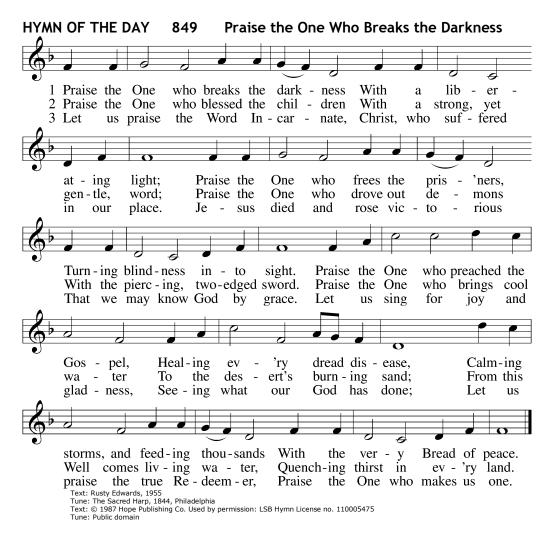




<sup>31</sup>Taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup>For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. <sup>33</sup>And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." <sup>34</sup>But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

<sup>35</sup>As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup>And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. <sup>37</sup>They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." <sup>38</sup>And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>39</sup>And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>40</sup>And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, <sup>41</sup>"What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." <sup>42</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." <sup>43</sup>And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.





#### Sermon

Pastor Golden

Please stand.

#### **Nicene Creed**

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and

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,

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.

#### Prayer of the Church

*following each petition:* 

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

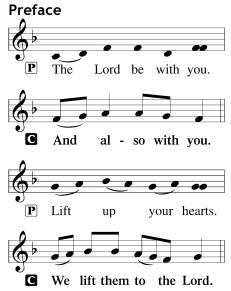
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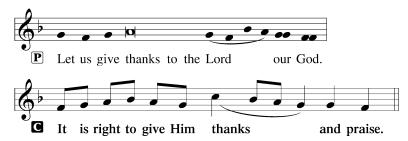
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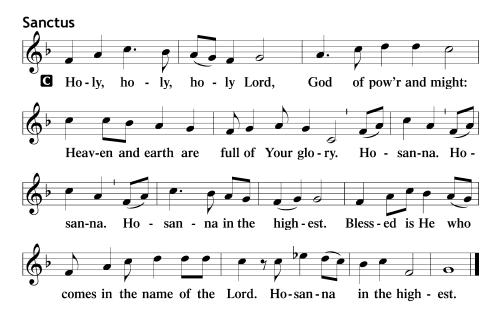


# Service of the Sacrament





 It is truly good, 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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."

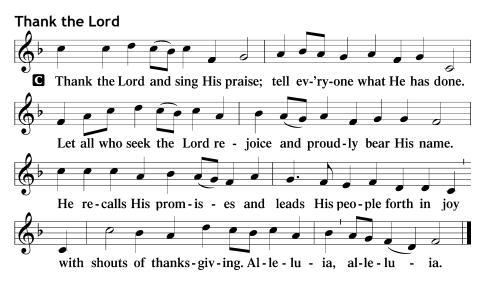


Please be seated.

#### Distribution

Distribution Hymns 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table 644 The Church's One Foundation 578 Thy Strong Word

Please stand.



#### **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.



#### Benediction



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.



556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice Hymn to Depart 1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion 2 Fast lay; bound in Sa - tan's chains I Death brood-ed dark - lv 3 Mv own good works all came to naught. No mer - it grace or 4 But God had seen my wretch-ed Be fore the world's founstate spring-ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho ly o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, all Dead to His mer - cies planned for da tion, And mind - ful of He great. sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done. How rap - ture My bore me. dai - lv deep - er still I fell: moth-er But good re - main - ing. My fears in-creased till sheer de - spair Left tion. He turned to fa - ther's heart; He mv sal - va me а -Him! His right arm the vic-t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost life be - came liv - ing hell, So firm - lv sin pos-sessed me. а death be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered. ly to on did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure. Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt. Tune: Etlich Cristlich lider, 1524, Wittenberg Text and tune: Public domain

#### Postlude

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### Happening this week.....

TODAY	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. after service	Bible Study/Sunday School Divine Service Choir rehearsal
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mid-week Bible Study Ash Wednesday service Ash Wednesday Service
FRIDAY	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Lunch @ Marietta Wine Cellar
SATURDAY	8:00 a.m.	Men's breakfast/work day
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. after service	Bible Study/Sunday School Divine Service Choir rehearsal

# **NEWS AND NOTES**

**ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**: Pastor Golden will be at the church and available 6-9 a.m. and 12-3 p.m. on Wednesday for a short prayer and imposition of ashes if anyone chooses to have it done earlier in the day. Otherwise ashes are available at the beginning of each of the services. He will be doing the Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday MORNING at 11:15 a.m. for those who will not be able to attend the evening service at 7:00 p.m.

**ISSUES, ETC.:** PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY... You're invited to attend the 2022 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: Bryan Wolfmueller, Will Weedon, Dr. Paivi Rasanen, Dr. Albert Mohler, Dr. Joel Biermann, Bill Barr and Chris Rosebrough. Early-bird registration is \$135 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit <u>issuesetc.org</u> or call (618) 223-8385.