



Fifth Sunday in Lent
Life

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | *Jordan, Minnesota*

March 22, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God's holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

TODAY'S THEME

I recognize the danger of death. I am tempted to wonder whether my life was worth it if I do not leave a legacy or live on in the memories of my loved ones after I die. When my soul separates from my body, will I also be eternally separated from God in hell? Jesus promises much better. He promises life. One day I will be reunited with my believing loved ones, both soul and body. I will live with Jesus forever in eternity. Jesus raised people from the dead to prove his power over death. That's exactly the power I need.

Pastor.....Jeremy Glowicki

Accompanist.....Lois Zander

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just

and will forgive us our sins

and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

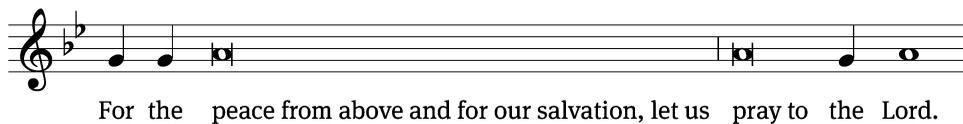
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

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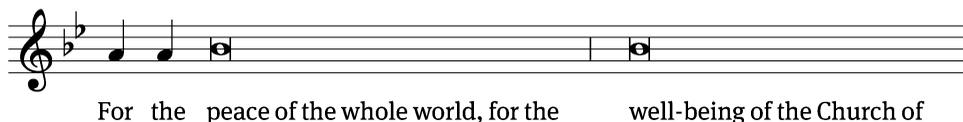
In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



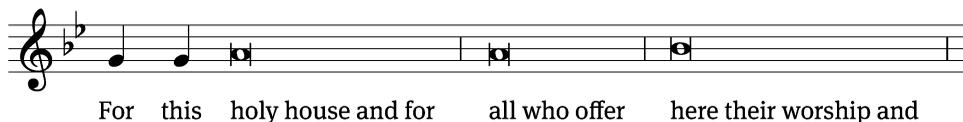
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of



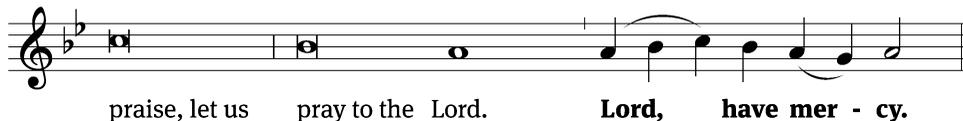
God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation, that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

2 Kings 4:17–37

God enables the prophet Elisha to prove to a grieving mother that God can and will raise people from the dead.

But the woman conceived, and she gave birth to a son at that same time of year, just as Elisha said to her. The boy grew up, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. Then he said to his father, “My head! My head!” His father said to his servant, “Carry him to his mother.” So he picked him up and carried him to his mother, and the boy sat on her lap until noon. Then he died. Then she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God. She shut the door behind her and went out. Then she called to her husband and said, “Send one of the servants to me with one of the donkeys, so that I can run to the man of God and come back.” He said, “Why are you going to him today? It's not the new moon, and it's not the Sabbath.” But she said, “It's all right.” Then she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, “Lead the way. Don't slow down for me unless I tell you.” So she went to the man of God at Mount Carmel. When the man of God saw her from a distance, he said to his servant Gehazi, “Look! That's the woman from Shunem! Now run to meet her and say, ‘Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your son all right?’” She answered, “We're all right.” Then she came to the man of God at the mountain, and she grasped his feet. Gehazi stepped forward to push her away, but the man of God said, “Leave her alone, for her soul is in distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me. He has not told me.” Then she said, “Did I ask my lord for a son? Didn't I say, ‘Don't give me false hope?’” Then Elisha said to Gehazi, “Hike up your garments for travel, and take my staff in your hand and go! If you meet someone, do not greet him, and if someone greets you, do not answer. Put my staff on the boy's face.” But the boy's mother said, “As surely as the LORD lives and your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So he got up and followed her. Gehazi went ahead of them and put the staff on the boy's face. But there was no sound, and there was no response. So he went back to Elisha and told him, “The boy did not wake up.” When Elisha came to the house, there the boy was—dead, lying on his bed. So he went in and he shut the door behind the two of them. Then he prayed to the LORD. He got up and lay down on top of the boy. He put his mouth to the boy's mouth, his eyes to the boy's eyes, his palms to the boy's palms. Then he bent down over him, and the boy's flesh became warm. He went back into the house and paced back and forth. Then he went up and bent down over him, and the boy sneezed seven times. Then the boy opened his eyes. Then Elisha called Gehazi and said, “Call the woman of Shunem!” So he called her, and she came in. He said, “Pick up your son.” So she came in and fell at Elisha's feet and bowed down to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

130A Out of the Depths

Psalm 130A

Second Reading

Romans 8:11–19

The Father promises to raise me from the dead and make me an heir of everlasting glory.

And if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will also make your mortal bodies alive through his Spirit, who is dwelling in you. So then, brothers, we do not owe it to the sinful flesh to live in harmony with it. For if you live in harmony with the sinful flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live. Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, “Abba, Father!” The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God's children. Now if we are children, we are also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him. For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

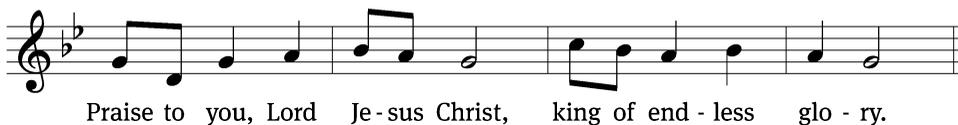
Stand

Gospel Acclamation

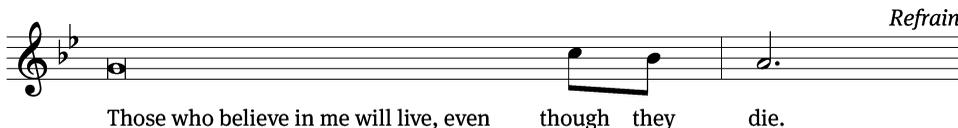
John 11:25



Refrain



Tone



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Gospel

John 11:17-27,38-45

A corpse responds to the empowering command of Christ, proving that Jesus is the Lord of life.

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. Many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them concerning their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary was sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha replied, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the Last Day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies. And whoever lives and believes in me will never perish. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she told him. "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world." Jesus was deeply moved again as he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. "Take away the stone," he said. Martha, the dead man's sister, told him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, because it has been four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you

believe, you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The man who had died came out with his feet and his hands bound with strips of linen and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus told them, “Loose him and let him go.” Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

571 O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

CW 571

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Offering

During the offering, please fill out the Friendship Register in the pew and pass it down to those sitting next to you.

396 Christ, the Life of All the Living

CW 396

Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.
Amen.

700 Draw Us to Thee

CW 700

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News & Notes

Radio Broadcast

The radio broadcast is sponsored by the members of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Thank you!

Sunday, March 22 --Resurrection Celebration -10:15-11:15 AM

All kids PreK-high school: plan to join in this multi-age Easter celebration. Big 'kids' will pair with a younger buddy to bake, read, and create all while learning the true hope of our salvation.

Wednesday, March 25th-Roots will be hosting the supper-Pie Night.

Come grab a slice of Pie (pizza) and then finish it off with more Pie (actual). Roots families and any other congregation members that are willing to show off their Pie Baking skills please feel free to sign up in the binder on the counter.

Directory Photos

We are updating our directory photos this April. Sign up for your sitting which takes about 10-15 minutes. The sitting includes a family photo and individual photos for use in our print and digital directory. An online sign up will be available through our website at spljordan.com under the "Member Info" tab or the qr code. There are 4 dates from which to choose.



Be A Greeter!

The Adult Discipleship Committee is initiating a greeter program to provide a friendly face and greeting to members and visitors alike! What is involved if you volunteer? Be at your assigned position 15 minutes before the start of the service. The sign up is in the volunteer binder on the counter.

Easter Egg Hunt!

Join in the fun finding some Easter Eggs on Easter Sunday, April 5 starting at 8:30 sharp.

LWMS Spring Rally

Come see what a Lutheran Women's Missionary Society district rally is April 11 in Owatonna. All ladies of St. Paul Lutheran Church are invited to attend. We are hosting the Fall Rally in October. If you have questions, please ask Amy Radick.



On March 29th, we celebrate Palm Sunday as the Sunday of the Passion. After a procession of the palms which is open to everyone to participate, we hear the Passion History of our Lord. Those who heard the history during our midweek services can hear them in continuity with each other. Those who were not able to attend allows them to also meditate on Christ's suffering beginning with his triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

On April 2, Holy Thursday gives us the opportunity to focus on the institution of the Lord's Supper, Christ's gift to his church to be celebrated until we celebrate it with him in his Father's Kingdom. In it we get a glimpse of heaven and that feast we will celebrate with him. At the end of the service, we strip the altar leaving it and the chancel bare to symbolize how his disciples abandoned Jesus in Gethsemane. The congregation leaves quietly as the full weight of Jesus' passion is felt.



On April 3rd, we survey the wondrous cross as we hear the Seven Words Jesus spoke from the cross and how the fulfilled prophecy. Everything happened just as God had designed. The lights will dim and a candle is extinguished until Jesus breathes his last. A candle will be relit before the congregation leaves quietly as a symbol that Jesus' death is not the end of the story and prefigures the resurrection.



MARCH 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 9 am Communion Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am	2 7:45 Choir	3 Committee Meeting Night 6:30 pm	4 5 pm Soup Supper 5:30 Founda- tions 6:30 Worship	5 Senior Fellowship 10 am	6	7
8 Worship 9 am Fellowship Sunday Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am	9 7:45 Choir	10 Council Meet- ing 6:30 pm	11 5 pm Soup Supper 5:30 Founda- tions 6:30 Worship	12	13	14
15 Worship 9 am Communion Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:15 am	16 7:45 Choir	17 Oak Terrace 9:45 Reflections Bible Study for Women 7 pm	18 5 pm Soup Supper 5:30 Founda- tions 6:30 Worship	19 Theology on Tap 6:30 Mana Brewing	20	21
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SERVING THE LORD

		Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
3/22	9 am	Greta Newton	4	Cooper Kalal	Lois Zander
3/25	6:30 pm	(Need Volunteer)	1	(Need Volunteer)	Lois Zander
3/29	9 am	Leah Bertrang	2	Ryan Bertrang	Noah Helke

March Altar Guild	March Cleaners
Donna Breeggemann/Janet Robling	-
March Counters	Service Group 1 Leader
Norma Bendzick/Connie Jabs	Need Volunteer
April Altar Guild	
Rachel Carlstrom/Karen Firlle/Mary Zeman	

Attendance	
Saturday	52
Midweek Lent	46
Total	98

Gifts To Our Lord		
	Received	Needed
Current	\$1170	\$3834
Online Giving	\$702	
Total	\$1872	\$3834



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