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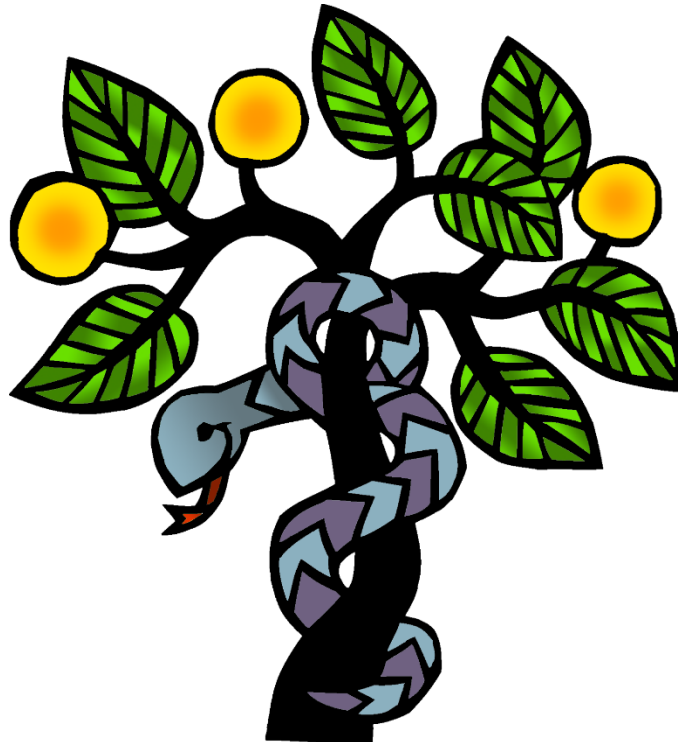
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## ***BRIEF ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION***

### **SETTING II**



**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**FEBRUARY 26, 2023**

**SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.**

## Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Family

**PRELUDE: Hymn #606, O Father We Have Wandered, Instrumental**

### **GATHERING**

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the Trinity, + one God  
Who journeys with us these forty days,  
And sustains us with the gift of grace.

**Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance  
and God's mercy.

Holy God,

**We confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and  
do not trust your hold word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to  
others;**

We spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to  
heal: we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, Renew us, and lead us, as seek to follow in your way of life.

**Amen.**

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,  
so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you  
with divine mercy, +forgives you in Christ's name and revives you in the  
Spirit's power.

**Amen.**

### **GATHERING SONG: Hymn #326, Bless Now, O God, the Journey – Three Verses**

(Pg. 120)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of  
the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

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

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 mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.  
Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again

and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **WORD OF GOD**

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

<sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 32**

#### *Refrain*



<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions I are forgiven,  
and whose sin is I put away!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they to whom the LORD im- I putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there I is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones with- I ered away,  
because of my groaning I all day long.

<sup>4</sup>**For your hand was heavy upon me I day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the I heat of summer. R**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- I ceal my guilt.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave  
me the guilt I of my sin.

<sup>6</sup>**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in I time of  
trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they I shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve I me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts I of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that I you should go;  
I will guide you I with my eye. R**

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no I understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will I not stay near  
you."

<sup>10</sup>**Great are the tribulations I of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust I in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice I in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are I true of heart. R

## **SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19**

<sup>12</sup>Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through  
sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—<sup>13</sup>sin was indeed  
in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no  
law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those  
whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the  
one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the  
one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free  
gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And  
the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment

following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

(Pg. 125) **Let your steadfast love come to us O Lord.**

**Save us as you promised: we will trust your word.**

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The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'  
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him,

**“Away with you, Satan! for it is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ” <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.**

**(The gospel is proclaimed, concluding...)**

**The gospel of the Lord**

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON – Pastor Mike**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Hymn #325, I Want Jesus to Walk with Me – Three verses**

## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

You alone are God. Sustain your church in times of wilderness. Give vision and wisdom to bishops, their staff, and all entrusted with the ministry of administration (*especially...*). Counsel all who faithfully lead your people into the future.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

You create verdant gardens and expansive deserts. Tend to the needs of every living creature. Bless those who work in fields and orchards (*local sources of food and food distributors may be named*), that the world is nourished by the fruits of their labor.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

You know our temptations. Sustain those who govern and legislate. Instill in them a sense of your justice and righteousness, that equity and peace would pervade all the regions and nations of the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

You are a hiding place for all in distress. Draw near to exiles, and accompany all refugees and immigrants, especially children who travel alone. In times of trouble, trauma, or illness, surround your people with your steadfast love (*especially...*).

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

You offer abundance to all. Bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Care for those who tend to the needs of others, especially worship greeters, coffee hour hosts, and nursery attendants (*other ministries of care and hospitality may be named*).

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**



*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You alone are God. We praise you for the faithful departed in every age. Unite our prayers with theirs, until our wilderness journey is complete, and we rest in you.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Please share a sign of that peace.

**OFFERING HYMN: Hymn #592, Just as I am, without One Plea – Four verses**

### **HOLY COMMUNION OFFERING**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to stand and to give thanks.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your heart.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that at all times and in all places we give thanks and praise.

(The minister continues with the preface of the day.)

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Pg. 130)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God  
You are most holy and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again after supper, He took the cup,  
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,  
saying: This is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the  
forgiveness of sin.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people. Fill us With your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

And now we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us:

**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, the power, and the glory, forever  
and ever.**

**Amen.**

Come to the banquet for all is ready and all belong and are welcome to Christ's table.

(We practice open Communion with both bread, gluten free wafer, wine, or grape juice.)

(LAMB OF GOD WILL BE SUNG, Pg. 135)

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world;  
grant us peace.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

### **Communion Hymns**

**HYMN #608, Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling – Three verses**

**HYMN #335, Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross – Four verses**

**HYMN #324, In the Cross of Christ I Glory – Four verses**

**HYMN #785, When Peace Like a River – Four verses**

Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *None currently.*

**SENDING SONG: Hymn 618, Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer – Three verses**

**POSTLUDE: Hymn #811, On My Heart Imprint Your Image, Instrumental**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**See you next week!**

### **Today's Worship Volunteers**

Greeter – Deanna Fine

Reader – Kendra Wastun

Communion Assistant – Hope Chowanski

Ushers – Dave Harrell and Greg Griffith

Counters – Jeanne Russell and Sharon Gesick

Acolytes – Clay Woslum and Greg Griffith

Youth Acolytes – Lizzy and Shaylee

Live-streaming Team – Jay Olshen, Deanna Fine, and Nick Cotsonis

Musician – Dave Lingensjo

**Altar Guild:** Hope Chowanski and Heidi Jones

**Faith L.I.N.K. meets from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.**

### **PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

Jim Kennett, an infection in his arm; Beverly and Grant, friends of Susan Bunker-Niles, Grant suffered a stroke; David Lingensjo, knee surgery; Eric McPhail (Colin McPhail's nephew) in hospice for cancer; Brita Steyn's granddaughter born prematurely; Vera Logie, Tom, a friend of St. Paul's; Patricia Rickard, mother-in-law of Shirley Rickard, stage-4 lung cancer; Joan Yeskie; Mike Harrell (Dave and Ellen Harrell's son), COVID-19; son-in-law John Samp, a growth on his skull and spine, and daughter Vicki Ranger, early-onset dementia; Glenn Laursen; Edward Yoho; Madelene Yoho; Fern Yoho; Maxine McGregor (Madelene's sister); and a special prayer for all those living with devastating diseases and life-threatening injuries.

### **CONTINUING PRAYERS**

Audrey Stroub, rehab from back surgery; Bev Steinert, ongoing vision issues; Bob Stroub; Dick Lowther, recovery from a broken hip; Wayne Opperman; Bill Sandell; Frank and Shirley Bartlett; Bev Gutzman; Sarah Jevne; Carol Kalleres, continued health issues; James Wilson, continued

health issues; Mary Ann Adamik, healing; Ellen Harrell, medical issues; Betty Razor, healing; Karen (Hone) Nolte; Hannelore Hanke; and Diana Johns.