

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30am

March 30, 2025



The Father Still Waits

AS WE GATHER

No parable more fully describes the profound character of God's mercy than the prodigal son and the waiting father. **We are the rebels** who begin to think we deserve our heavenly Father's kindness and who demand from Him what is not our right to claim. But instead of disowning us, He meets us with joy, welcomes us with His forgiveness, restores our tattered righteousness with the robe of Christ's holiness, and sets His Table before us. This is what happens every Sunday as the Lord reclaims us from our sins, restores joy to our heavy hearts, reminds us of His baptismal promise, and feeds our body and soul with the body and blood of His Son. This is the source of our holy joy and this is the peace that passes all understanding.

Today we will be receiving the **Student Aid Offering** to help support our students going into full-time church work.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME — Pastor Jim Frusti

RINGING OF THE BELL

686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
 How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 51:1–2*

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

People: and cleanse me from my sin!

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

People: according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

Pastor: Merciful Father,

People: we beg You, O Lord, to have mercy upon us sinners. Though we deserve nothing of Your kindness, deliver us according to the mercy You have promised in Your Son, Jesus Christ, and restore us as Your own sons and daughters. Forgive us all our sins, create in us new and contrite hearts, and instill in us the will and desire for all that is good and right and true. Make us to know Your will and grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: 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. To the impenitent and unbelieving I declare that so long as you continue in your impenitence, God will not forgive your sins and will visit your iniquity upon you until you turn from your sinful ways, come to repentance, and trust in the merits of Jesus Christ alone.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

LITANY OF REPENTANCE

Pastor: O Lord, who came to call sinners to repentance,

People: call them still that they may yet answer.

Pastor: Be merciful even to those who have no excuse for their sins

People: but have hated You and the Father who sent You.

Pastor: Lord, who met the hardness of the thief,

People: soften the hearts of all who are impenitent.

Pastor: You who did restore the woman caught in sin,

People: restore all those who have fallen away from You.

Pastor: You who spoke words of spirit and life,

People: enlighten the ignorant and teach them Your way.

Pastor: You who prayed for those who crucified You,

People: look in compassion upon those who persecute Your servants.

Pastor: You who proclaimed deliverance to the captives,

People: release the prisoners from the bonds of their sins.

Pastor: You who raised the dead to life,

People: quicken our souls by Your Holy Spirit to lives of faith and righteousness.

Pastor: You who came to save Your people from their sins,

People: save us, O Lord, who put our trust in You.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Save us, O Lord, for the sake of Your name. Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 37:1-14, NLT* (God's power brings life out of death.)

A Valley of Dry Bones

37 The Lord took hold of me, and I was carried away by the Spirit of the Lord to a valley filled with bones. ² He led me all around among the bones that covered the valley floor. They were scattered everywhere across the ground and were completely dried out. ³ Then he asked me, "Son of man, can these bones become living people again?"

"O Sovereign Lord," I replied, "you alone know the answer to that."

⁴ Then he said to me, "Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, 'Dry bones, listen to the word of the Lord! ⁵ This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you live again! ⁶ I will put flesh and muscles on you and

cover you with skin. I will put breath into you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.”

⁷ So I spoke this message, just as he told me. Suddenly as I spoke, there was a rattling noise all across the valley. The bones of each body came together and attached themselves as complete skeletons. ⁸ Then as I watched, muscles and flesh formed over the bones. Then skin formed to cover their bodies, but they still had no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, “Speak a prophetic message to the winds, son of man. Speak a prophetic message and say, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, O breath, from the four winds! Breathe into these dead bodies so they may live again.’”

¹⁰ So I spoke the message as he commanded me, and breath came into their bodies. They all came to life and stood up on their feet—a great army.

¹¹ Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones represent the people of Israel. They are saying, ‘We have become old, dry bones—all hope is gone. Our nation is finished.’ ¹² Therefore, prophesy to them and say, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: O my people, I will open your graves of exile and cause you to rise again. Then I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ When this happens, O my people, you will know that I am the Lord. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live again and return home to your own land. Then you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken, and I have done what I said. Yes, the Lord has spoken!’”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 5:16–21, NLT* (If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.)

¹⁶ So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! ¹⁷ This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

¹⁸ And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. ¹⁹ For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. ²⁰ So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" ²¹ For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin,^[a] so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32, BSB* (My son was dead & now he is alive again.)

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around to listen to Jesus. ² So the Pharisees and scribes began to grumble: "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ Then Jesus told them this parable:

¹¹ Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger son said to him, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

¹³ After a few days, the younger son got everything together and journeyed to a distant country, where he squandered his wealth in wild living.

¹⁴ After he had spent all he had, a severe famine swept through that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his belly with the pods the pigs were eating, but no one would give him a thing.

¹⁷ Finally he came to his senses and said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have plenty of food, but here I am, starving to death! ¹⁸ I will get up and go back to my father and say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'"

²⁰So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still in the distance, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.

²¹The son declared, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²²But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let us feast and celebrate. ²⁴For this son of mine was dead and is alive again! He was lost and is found!' So they began to celebrate.

²⁵Meanwhile the older son was in the field, and as he approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶So he called one of the servants and asked what was going on.

²⁷'Your brother has returned,' he said, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has him back safe and sound.'

²⁸The older son became angry and refused to go in. So his father came out and pleaded with him.

²⁹But he answered his father, 'Look, all these years I have served you and never disobeyed a commandment of yours. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours returns from squandering your wealth with prostitutes, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

³¹'Son, you are always with me,' the father said, 'and all that is mine is yours. ³²But it was fitting to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.



As we sing, we will gather the **Student Aid Offering** to support St. Paul students going into full-time church work.

Come Alive (Dry Bones), by Lauren Daigle

Solo Paul Ventimiglia

Through the eyes of men, it seems there's
so much we have lost
As we look down the road where all the
prodigals have walked
One by one, the enemy has whispered lies
And led them off as slaves

But we know that You are God, Yours is
the victory
We know there is more to come
That we may not yet see
So with the faith You've given us
We'll step into the valley unafraid, yeah

As we call out to dry bones, come alive,
come alive
We call out to dead hearts, come alive,

come alive
Up out of the ashes, let us see an army rise
We call out to dry bones, come alive

God of endless mercy, god of unrelenting
love
Rescue every daughter, bring us back the
wayward son
And by Your spirit, breathe upon them,
show the world that You alone can save
You alone can save

As we call out to dry bones, come alive,
come alive
We call out to dead hearts, come alive,
come alive

Up out of the ashes, let us see an army rise
We call out to dry bones, come alive

So breathe, oh, breath of God
Now breathe, oh, breath of God
Breathe, oh, breath of God, now breathe

Breathe, oh, breath of God
Now breathe, oh, breath of God
Breathe, oh, breath of God, now breathe

As we call out to dry bones, come alive,
come alive

We call out to dead hearts, come alive,
come alive

Up out of the ashes, let us see an army rise
We call out to dry bones, come alive

We call out to dry bones, come alive
Oh, come alive

Sermon – *Pastor Jim Frusti*

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: As prodigals, we come into the arms of our heavenly Father, waiting even more for us to pray than we are to petition His mercy.

Heavenly Father, we have all been one with Adam in the rebellion of our stubborn wills and in suffering the consequences of sin with its death. Grant us grace that we may return to You with humble hearts and rejoice in Your forgiveness so that our hearts may be at peace and we may be rescued from our guilt, shame, and despair. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Blessed Lord, in Baptism You made us anew, raising up from the water a new person, created in Christ Jesus for good works. Give us the will and desire to do what is good, right, and pleasing in Your sight. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Mighty God, deliver the nations from violence and war, and teach us generosity, compassion, and the path of peace. Bless our president, Congress, governor, legislature, and all who make, administer, and judge Your laws. Bless also those who labor for peace and justice even at the peril of their own lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Compassionate Father, You know our needs even before we ask but still we cry to You on behalf of all the sick and those who suffer, [*especially...*]. Give them healing in accordance with Your will, grace to endure their affliction, and peace in the hour of death. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Kindly Father, You sent forth Your Son into our death and what He has accomplished by His suffering and death You have given to us freely in this Holy Sacrament. Grant that we with repentance and faith come forth to His Table to receive His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and for the strengthening of our faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Blessed Lord, Your mercies are daily new and with fresh goodness You replenish the earth. Give us wisdom to use well all Your resources, and grant us giving hearts that we share with those in need all that You have given in abundance. Receive also these tithes and offerings, signs of our faith and symbols of our thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, remembering the faithful who have gone before us, we ask You to keep us by Your grace through the days to come, that we not be lost to You again but kept in faith now until the day of the resurrection of the dead, when we shall join the saints in glory in Your presence forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

People: Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering box you will find at the front and back of the church. **Thank you.**

We invite our guests and members to fill out our Friendship Card during worship, which is found on the back of the pew. Please leave your card at the end of the pew near the center aisle as you leave.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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 deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Please see our communion policy stated on the inside front cover.

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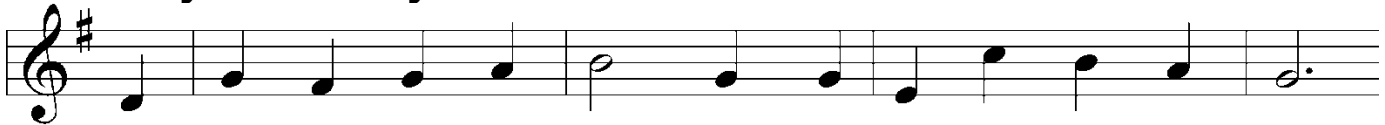
Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

THE DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION WINE: For those who may not be able to take regular wine, we offer non-alcoholic wine, which is the light colored wine in the center of the communion tray.

++ We offer **Gluten-free** wafers upon request. ++

915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
 2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
 Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
 His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
 What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
 The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
 No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
 When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,

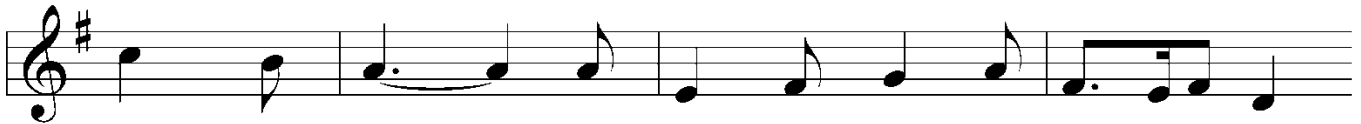


Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
 A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
 Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
 We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

642 O Living Bread from Heaven



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You
 2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can
 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en
 ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me
 death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed
 food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of
 The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly
 The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not
 To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bles - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this
 giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of
 mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my
 spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.
 life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.
 soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.
 through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

543 What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
 neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
 is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
 sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

People: and His mercy endureth forever.

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS**568 If Your Beloved Son, O God**

1 If Your be - lov - ed Son, O God, Had not to earth de -
 2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; De - spair no more reigns
 3 I trust in Him with all my heart; Now all my sor - row



scend - ed And in our mor - tal flesh and blood Had not sin's
 o'er me. No more am I by sin op - pressed, For Christ has
 ceas - es. His words a - bid - ing peace im - part; His blood from



pow - er end - ed, Then this poor, wretch - ed soul of mine In
 borne sin for me. Up - on the cross for me He died That,
 guilt re - leas - es. Free grace through Him I now ob - tain; He



hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine Be - cause of my trans - gres - sion.
 rec - on - ciled, I might a - bide With You, my God, for - ev - er.
 wash - es me from ev - 'ry stain, And pure I stand be - fore Him.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE**Acknowledgments**

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WHERE WE SERVE

Preacher/Officiant
Family Life Director
Music Director
Elder

Pastor Jim Frusti
Jeanette Koch
Paul Ventimiglia
John Hasse

Ushers

John Nordbeck
Barry Helmick
Katie Helmick
Carole Crete
Paul Kemp

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Melissa Raikes
Dennis Verseman
Kathy Verseman

Welcome Center

Tim Haubenstricker

Reader

Mark Ernst

Greeters

Asher Family

Tech Team

Chris Baetz

Coffee Hour

Elders

Acolyte

Thomas Kutz

Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities

SUNDAYS: Join us for bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church Parish Hall.
 SATURDAYS: Men’s Bible Study – Every 1st and 3rd Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall
 WEDNESDAYS: Women's Bible Study - Wednesdays @ 9:30 am - Parish Hall
 THURSDAYS – Bible Quizzing - practices Thursdays @ 3:30-4:45PM JV/Varsity or 6:45-8:00PM Little League Practice

Attendance Last week: 3.23.2025– Attendance - 8:30am -99 + 11:00am - 46 = 145
 Received week of 3.23.2025- for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$4,879** total includes online giving **School - \$41.10**

30	MAR, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 12:30 – 3:30pm	Drop in volleyball (6th grade and up)
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
1	APR, TUE	● 5 – 8pm	Family of God Dinner
2	APR, WED	● All day	Lent Worship 12noon
		● 9:30 – 11am	Women's Bible Study - Parish Hall
		● 12:45 – 1:45pm	Lent Luncheon- (after worship)
		● 3:45 – 5pm	PTL MEETING
		● 5:30 – 6:45pm	Lent Dinner-Parish Hall
		● 7 – 8pm	Lent Worship -
3	APR, THU	● 3 – 5pm	Bible Quizzing-JV/Varsity Parish Hall
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Handbell Practice
		● 6:45 – 8pm	Bible Quizzing- Little League Parish Hall
4	APR, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
5	APR, SAT	● All day	Men's Bible Study Parish Hall
		● 9 – 11am	Soccer Shots - gym

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Ann Cook
2400 East Lincoln Street Apt. 21
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Altar Flowers

*2 vases in memory of our dads -
Doug Helmick and Gerry Grab from
Barry and Katie Helmick*

Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 11 am service

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March 19 FOG

A meal of sloppy joes, green beans, chips, bananas and desert was served at FOG. Marcy and Matt Treder and Pat and Bob McGuigan went down to serve and Matt drove. Marcy supplied a special treat of Shamrock cookies in keeping with St. Patrick's Day Monday. They were joined by Dave Sonak and his family from Salem. They were a big help, great company and brought potato salad with them; always a treat. All kinds of helpers to get the job done each month and Chris Henning did the shopping. It wasn't a big group that came Wednesday but they

came hungry and pretty much all the food was gone. April 1 & 16 are the dates for the April meals. How can you help?



DINE TO DONATE!

20% WILL BE DONATED TO:

April 14, 2025

Dine-in and Carryout all day!
Be sure to mention St. Paul Northville!!



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PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

hosted by Confirmation Students

**Come enjoy breakfast before
service @ 10am**

April 13, 2025 @ 8:30 am



Our LWML Spring Rally will be at Camp Restore Detroit, from 9:00-12:00pm, Saturday, April 5, 2025. It will be informative and a workday (based on our limitations). We need to arrive ready to tour and work. I encourage our teenage girls, young adult ladies and our regulars to attend, this ministry, it attracts youth clubs I hope you can join us to learn about the mission and do a little mission work while we are there. Our rally will be over at 12:00pm, we can pack a lunch and eat it at Camp Restore before leaving or if you like, it may be nice to make a reservation at a Coney Island afterwards for lunch. Camp Restore will have purple t-shirts available if we would like to purchase one for \$15.00. Also, they suggested paper products for the in-gathering, such as, plates, cups, napkins, forks, paper towel, Clorox wipes etc. Let Sue or Nancy know if you would like to go so we can give a count.

CAMP RESTORE DETROIT is a ministry serving in the 9th Precinct of Detroit. Their goal is to partner with us, their community, to restore neighborhoods in Detroit. They do this by connecting Block Clubs and community leaders with volunteers.



Altar flowers available -2 vases for April 6 and 1 for April 27.
Cost per vase is \$15.00. Please contact Anne Burgess
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Have you checked your MITE box lately? Could it be hungry for some quarters, dimes, or nickels? For March, Women in Christ is asking for MITE donations to support the MOST Eyeglass Evangelism Outreach. The goal for this grant is to raise \$25,000 to support MOST ministries in continuing their work by allowing the purchase and maintenance of eyeglasses and equipment.



How and where did Stephen Ministry begin? It has been around since 1975. Kenneth Haugk, a pastor and clinical psychologist, began the ministry when he faced one of a pastor's greatest frustrations: seeing people slipping through the cracks because their urgent needs were going unmet. He recruited nine laypeople who had the gifts and heart to do caring ministry. He then used his combined backgrounds in theology and psychology to develop a training program in Christian

caregiving. The "nine" were commissioned as Stephen Ministers and began their caregiving. The impact was immediate. More people began receiving the focused Christian care they needed, and the Stephen Ministers were surprised by the spiritual growth they encountered as they saw God working through them to bring love and healing to others. Perhaps you know of someone who just needs to have a good listening ear. Please let one of the pastors or one of our Stephen Ministers know. We are here to serve you.



St. Paul will have a section at the comedy show reserved again so we can all sit together. Please join us for an evening of fun, laughter and fellowship. If you haven't attended in the past, you can expect an evening of clean family friendly comedy. The tickets are still \$15 each. Pat McGuigan will be making a list of people attending during the month of March, so we know how many seats to reserve. She will be happy to take your payment and reservation any time during March. You can always reserve tickets online at the website above but there is a service charge when paying with a credit card. Cash is great but if you want to pay by check, write it out to PAT McGUIGAN_not AWPC.

Lent Lunch and Dinner Schedule 2025

Lent Lunches – follow noon service

Ash Wednesday – Lunch- Lisa Fairbairn- St. Paul's

3/12 – Lunch – Prince of Peace- Farmington

3/19 – Lunch – Christ Our Savior -Livonia

3/26- Lunch- Lisa Fairbairn – St. Paul's

4/2- Lunch - Christ Our Savior -Livonia

4/9 – Lunch -Grace Lutheran -Canton

Lent Dinners 2025 – 5:30pm- 6:45pm

Dinner - 3/5/2025 - Evangelism

Dinner - Youth Group – Seder Meal

Dinner - Trustees

Dinner - Goodman & Smith Family

Dinner - Ruth Family

Dinner - Council



LENT SCHEDULE 2025

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

7PM LENT SERVICES - ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH-

5:30PM LENT DINNER

3/5/2025– ASH WEDNESDAY 7PM

3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9

12 NOON LENT SERVICES – SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH–

LUNCH AFTER SERVICES

3/5/2025– ASH WEDNESDAY 12NOON

3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST – 4/13/2025 8:30AM-9:30AM

PALM SUNDAY 4/13/2025 – 10AM SERVICE

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 4/17/2025– 7PM SERVICE

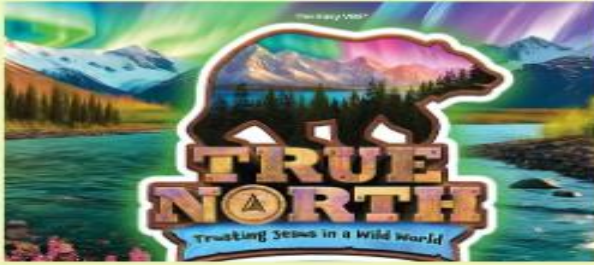
GOOD FRIDAY – 4/18/2025 – 1PM & 7PM SERVICES

EASTER SUNDAY 4/20/2025 – 8:30AM & 11:00AM SERVICES

JUNE 15-19 VBS

AGES-3YRS-5TH GRADE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 6TH GRADE AND OLDER



ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

REGISTRATION LINK:
[HTTPS://VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/SPLTRUENORTH](https://vbapro.events/p/spltruenorth)

ACTIVITIES:

- BIBLE STORIES
- GAMES
- MUSIC & FUN
- ARTS & CRAFTS



Starts June 15th
@ 5:00pm with
Fried Chicken
dinner
June 16-19
9am-NOON

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