

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

11:00am

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

House Of The Lord

Verse 1

We worship the God who was.
We worship the God who is.
We worship the God who evermore will
be.
He opened the prison doors.
He parted the raging sea.
My God, He holds the victory.

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord.
There's joy in the house of the Lord
today.
And we won't be quiet.
We shout out Your praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place.
And we won't be quiet.
We shout out Your praise.

Interlude

We shout out Your praise.
We shout out Your praise.

Verse 2

We sing to the God who heals.
We sing to the God who saves.
We sing to the God who always makes
a way.
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave.
My God's still rolling stones away.

Chorus

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There's joy in the house of the Lord
today.
And we won't be quiet.
We shout out Your praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place.
And we won't be quiet.
We shout out Your praise.

Bridge

We were the beggars.
Now we're royalty.
We were the prisoners.
Now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted,
redeemed by His grace.
Let the house of the Lord sing praise.
(2X)

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord.
There's joy in the house of the Lord
today.
And we won't be quiet.
We shout out Your praise.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place.
And we won't be quiet.
We shout out Your praise. (2X)

We shout out Your praise.

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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.

✠ **WORD** ✠

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.

¹⁷Finally 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! ¹⁸I will get up and go back to my father and say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹I 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)

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.

Pax Domini

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. ++

Flawless

There's got to be more
Than going back and forth,
From doing right to doing wrong,
'Cause we were taught that's who we
are.

Come on, get in line right behind me,
You, along with everybody,
Thinking there's worth in what you do.

Then, like a hero who takes the stage
when
We're on the edge of our seats, saying,
"It's too late."

Let me introduce you to amazing grace.

Chorus

No matter the bumps, no matter the
bruises,
No matter the scars, still the truth is
The cross has made,
The cross has made you flawless.
No matter the hurt or how deep the
wound is,
No matter the pain, still the truth is
The cross has made,
The cross has made you flawless.

Could it possibly be
That we simply can't believe

That this unconditional
Kind of love would be enough
To take a filthy wretch like this
And wrap him up in righteousness,
But that's exactly what He did.

Then, like a hero who takes the stage
when
We're on the edge of our seats, saying,
"It's too late."
Let me introduce you to amazing grace.

Chorus

No matter the bumps, no matter the
bruises,
No matter the scars, still the truth is
The cross has made,
The cross has made you flawless.
No matter the hurt or how deep the
wound is,
No matter the pain, still the truth is
The cross has made,
The cross has made you flawless.

Bridge

Take a breath, smile and say
Right here, right now, "I'm ok because
The cross was enough."

Then, like a hero who takes the stage
when
We're on the edge of our seats saying,
"It's too late."

Let me introduce you to grace, grace,
God's grace.

Chorus

No matter the bumps, no matter the
bruises,
No matter the scars, still the truth is

Even Then

On the nights when the dark
lasts a little bit longer.
When the wind and the storm
is a little bit stronger.

When the fear in my heart
digs a little bit deeper.
When my faith to stand
gets a little bit weaker.

Where could I run to,
Where could I go?

Chorus

Even when it feels
like my world is shaken.
Even when I've had

The cross has made,
The cross has made you flawless.
No matter the hurt or how deep the
wound is,
No matter the pain, still the truth is
The cross has made,
The cross has made you flawless.

No matter what they say,
Or what you think you are,
The day you called His name
He made you flawless.
He made you flawless.

all that I can take, I know,
You never let me go. No.

And even when the
waters won't stop rising.
Even when I'm caught
in the dead of night, I know,
No matter how it ends,
You're with me even then.

Verse 2

When the days up ahead
look a little bit brighter.
But the grip of the past
holds a little bit tighter.

I'm reminded Your grace
never asks for perfection.
Oh I'm restored 'cause

I'm Yours and I stand forgiven.

Where could I run to,
Where could I go?

Chorus

Even when it feels
like my world is shaken.
Even when I've had
all that I can take, I know,
You never let me go. No.

And even when the
waters won't stop rising.
Even when I'm caught
in the dead of night, I know,
No matter how it ends,
You're with me even then.

Bridge

And even in the middle of a struggle,
And even when the
waters won't stop rising.
Even when I'm caught
in the dead of night, I know,
No matter how it ends,
You're with me ya.
No matter how it ends,

And even when it's hard to remember,
You alone are my defense, when,
I'm standing on Your promises. And I
know,

That even in the thick of the battle,
And even through the valley of the
shadows,
You alone are my defense, when,
I'm standing on Your promises. So

Where could I run to?
Where could I go?

Chorus

Even when it feels
like my world is shaken.
Even when I've had
all that I can take, I know,
You never let me go. No.

You're with me even then.

You're with me even then.

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

Lead On Good Shepherd

Verse 1

Well, I've been turned 'round,

But I've never been lost.

Seen the water get troubled,

But we walked across.

When my knees were shaking,

You held my hand,

Turning my problems

To a promised land.

Chorus

Lead on, Good Shepherd,

I'll follow all my days.

There ain't nothing sweeter,

Than to watch You make a way.

You've walked me through the valley,

But You never steered me wrong.

So lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.

Verse 2

Seen some mighty deep canyons,

That You brought me through.

Seen some mighty big mountains

That just up and moved.

Glory, glory, hallelujah,

Yeah, that's my song.

Walking with my Father

Into the great unknown.

Chorus

Lead on, Good Shepherd,
 I'll follow all my days.
 There ain't nothing sweeter,
 Than to watch You make a way.
 You've walked me through the valley,
 But You never steered me wrong.
 So lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.

Bridge

Step by step, day by day,
 Lead me on, Lord, I pray.
 Road gets dark, walk by faith,
 Lead on, Good Shepherd.

Chorus

Lead on, Good Shepherd,
 I'll follow all my days.
 There ain't nothing sweeter

Than to watch You make a way.
 You've walked me through the valley,
 But You never steered me wrong.
 So lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.

Bridge

Step by step, day by day,
 Lead me on, Lord, I pray.
 Road gets dark, walk by faith,
 Lead on, Good Shepherd

Ending

Lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on, Good
 Shepherd.
 Lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on, Good
 Shepherd.
 Lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Acknowledgments

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WHERE WE SERVE

Preacher/Officiant	Pastor Jim Frusti
Family Life Director	Jeanette Koch
Music Director	Paul Ventimiglia
Elder	Scott Huggins
Ushers	Craig Miller Christine Lewis
Counting Team	Melissa Raikes Dennis Verseman Kathy Verseman
Welcome Center	Patrick Baker
Greeters	Joanne Bandoni
Tech Team	Curtis Kalina
Acolyte	Christian Stickel
Praise Team	Hannah Hughes Sarah Hughes Linda Johnson Chris Englert Kurt Menhart

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 - \$41.40**

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

SUPER SMASH BROTHERS TOURNAMENT
 GRADES 4TH AND OLDER
 PRIZES AWARDED
 APRIL 26TH @ NOON-5:00PM
 ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH NORTHVILLE
 PIZZA, DRINKS & SNACK PROVIDED
 COST: \$10.00
 RSVP BY APRIL 24TH @
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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.



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?



PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST
hosted by Confirmation Students

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

April 13, 2025 @ 8:30 am



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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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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
anne.burgess.313@gmail.com 734-765-4792



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.

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

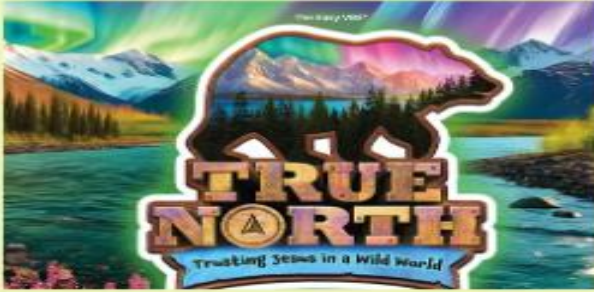
GOOD FRIDAY – 4/18/2025 – 1PM & 7PM SERVICES

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**

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



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- BIBLE STORIES
 - GAMES
 - MUSIC & FUN
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