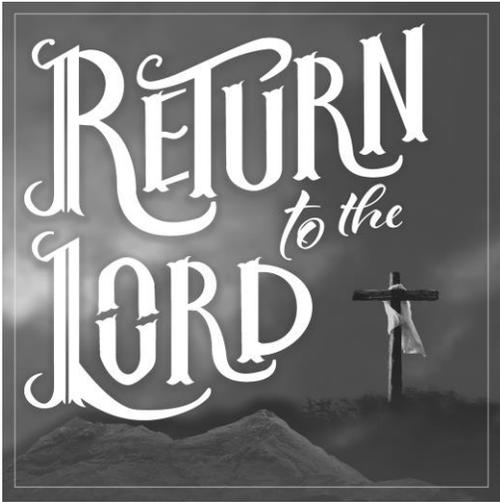


MIDWEEK OF LENT 1

St. Paul Lutheran Church + February 24, 2021 7 pm

RETURN TO PRAYER

AS WE GATHER



The season of Lent is a time for self-examination and repentance, and it is a time for prayer. “Prayer is the soul’s sincere desire . . . the Christian’s vital breath,” penned hymnwriter James Montgomery (*TLH* 454:1, 5). But sometimes that holy conversation is interrupted or sidelined from a place of priority in our lives. Even our Lord’s closest disciples did not serve Him faithfully as watchers and prayers with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. In this holy

season, we return to prayer, treasuring the opportunity to pray without ceasing and leading prayerful lives that reflect the mercy of our heavenly Father, who hears our supplications and responds to them in love.

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” (*LSB* 436)

Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter’s pow’r;
Your Redeemer’s conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the
cross.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Joel 2:13; Colossians 4:2; Philippians 4:5–6*

P Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

P Continue steadfastly in prayer,

C being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

P The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything,

C but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us make our confession to our God, seeking His grace and forgiveness. Together we read stanza 1 of the hymn “Lord, to You I Make Confession.”

HYMN

“Lord, to You I Make Confession” (*LSB* 608:1)

All:

**Lord, to You I make confession:
I have sinned and gone astray,
I have multiplied transgression,
Chosen for myself my way.
Led by You to see my errors,
Lord, I tremble at Your terrors.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God our Father, who in mercy hears all who call on You, graciously open Your ears to our petitions, and lead us by Your Spirit, that without doubting we may persevere in prayer and believingly await Your promised aid; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Break Your Hearts

TRUE REPENTANCE

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Jonathan Kohrs



1 Break your hearts with mourn - ing And your pride in two,
 2 See your Sav - ior dy - ing, Hung up - on the tree.
 3 Gath - er all in num - ber From both far and near;



Ash and grief a - dorn - ing Your re - pen - tance true.
 It is vain de - ny - ing What is plain to see:
 E - ven those in slum - ber Wait for trum - pets clear.



With your tears and fast - ing, From your God dis - cern
 While His heart is break - ing, Still your God will earn
 When the Lord grants bless - ing, Bro - ken hearts will learn



His ways ev - er - last - ing: To your Lord re - turn.
 Free - dom in the mak - ing. To your Lord re - turn.
 Joy be - yond ex - press - ing; To your Lord re - turn.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22–30

P A reading from Genesis, the thirty-second chapter.

²² The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the man saw that He did not prevail against Jacob, He touched his hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as He wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then He said, “Let Me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let You go unless You bless me.” ²⁷ And He said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸ Then He said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” ²⁹ Then Jacob asked Him, “Please tell me Your name.” But He said, “Why is it that you ask My name?” And there He blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:22–28

P A reading from Romans, the eighth chapter.

²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 26:36–46

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷ And taking with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then He said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with Me.” ³⁹ And going a little farther He fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” ⁴⁰ And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And He said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with Me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ⁴² Again, for the second time, He went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, Your will be done.” ⁴³ And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So, leaving them again, He went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵ Then He came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise, let us be going; see, My betrayer is at hand.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray” (*LSB* 663)

1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -
 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -
 you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a
 blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
 cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.

5 But while watching, also pray To the Lord unceasing.
 God protects you day by day, Strength and faith increasing,
 So that still Mind and will
 Shall unite to serve Him And forever love Him.

SERMON

OFFERING

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.

CLOSING COLLECT

P Let us pray.

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

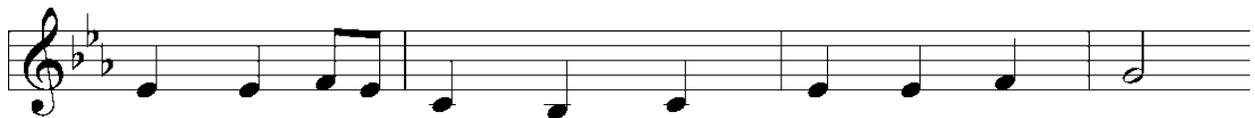
BLESSING

P The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit be and remain with you always.

C Amen.

HYMN

“Lord of All Hopefulness” (LSB 738)



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Where We Serve

Preacher	Pastor Christopher Fairbairn	
Officiant	Pastor Jim Frusti	
Minister of Music	Paul Ventimiglia	
Family Life Director	Jeanette Koch	
Elder	John Hasse	
Ushers	Chuck Hempel	Patrick Baker

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Lent / Holy Week Schedule 2021

2/24/2021 – Lent 12 noon service

2/24/2021 – Lent Dinner 5:30pm – **Host – Board of Evangelism** – Lent Worship – 7pm

3/03/2021 – Lent 12 noon service

3/3/2021 – Lent Dinner 5:30pm – **Host – Board of Elders** – Lent Worship – 7pm

3/10/2021 – Lent 12 noon service

3/10/2021 – Lent Dinner 5:30pm – **Host - HSYG** – High School Youth Group – Lent Worship – 7pm

3/17/2021 – Lent 12 noon service

3/17/2021 – Lent Dinner 5:30pm – **Host – Detroit Mission** – Lent Worship – 7pm

3/24/2021 – Lent 12 noon service

3/24/2021 – Lent Dinner 5:30pm – **Host - FOG Kitchen Crew** – Lent Worship – 7pm

3/28/2021 – Palm Sunday Worship – 10am

4/1/2021 – Maundy Thursday Worship – 7pm

4/2/2021 – Good Friday Worship – 1pm with Holy Communion and 7pm

4/4/2021 – Easter Sunday Worship – 8:30am and 11am

*******Christ Our Savior is doing the noon Lent services, no lunch**