

Luke



8:00 AM WORSHIP

MARCH 23, 2025

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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN IS A CHURCH WHERE
THOSE LONGING FOR A *DIFFERENT* LIFE
FIND A *GRACE-FILLED* LIFE IN JESUS.



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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

761 ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

sts. 1, 3-4



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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Tune: Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872
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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation **Amen.**

EXHORTATION

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Pastor If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
Congregation **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 151

Pastor Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
Congregation **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

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.
Congregation **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE

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

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

Assistant 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.

Congregation Lord, have mercy.

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

Congregation Lord, have mercy.

Assistant Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Congregation Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 33:7-20

Assistant This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Assistant This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. *Luke*, the *thirteenth* chapter.

Congregation Glory to You, O Lord.

Reading *Luke 13:1-9*

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

423 JESUS, REFUGE OF THE WEARY



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior
pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your



from the world a - bove: Of - ten have Your eyes, of - fend - ed,
thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us



Gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall; Yet up - on the
Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your



cross ex - tend - ed, You have borne the pain of all.
grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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Pastor The Lord be with you.
Congregation **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.
Congregation **We lift them to the Lord.**

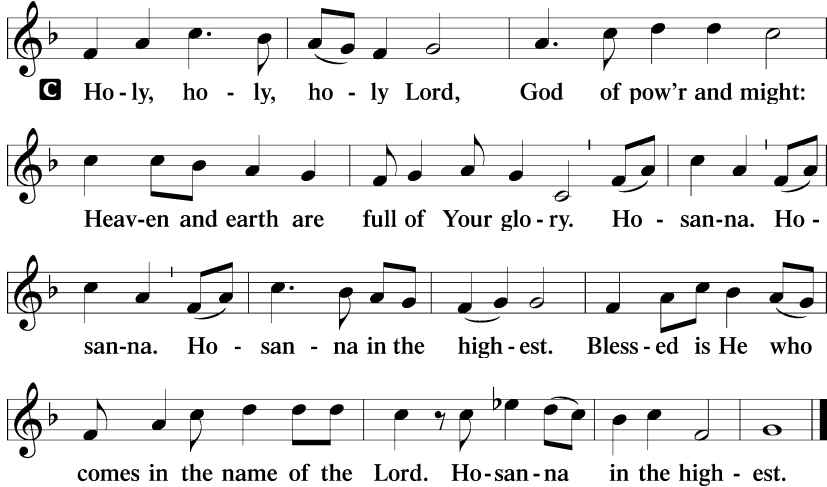
Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE (FULL)

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 161



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

Pastor Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
Congregation **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 OUR LORD

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ∇ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

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Pastor

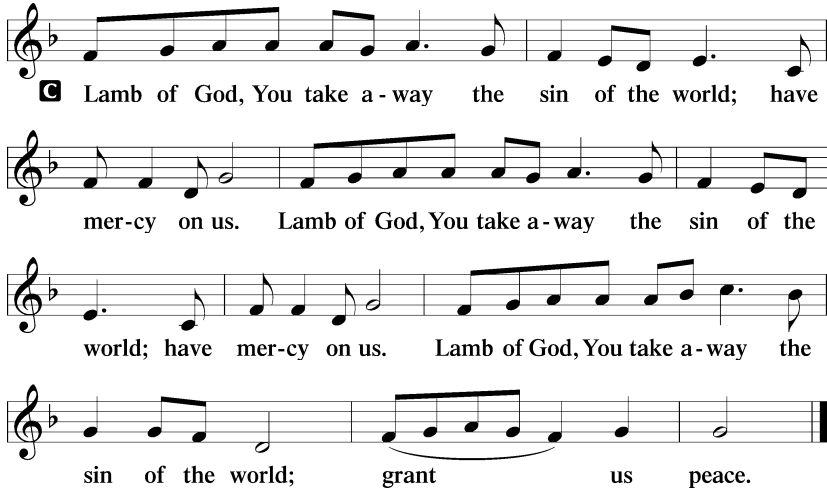
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation

Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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■ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

638 EAT THIS BREAD

Refrain



Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and nev-er be hun - gry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.
Cantor or Choir
1 This is His bod-y giv-en for you; this is His blood that was shed for you.
2 As of-ten as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death un-til He comes a-gain.
3 Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day.
4 An-y-one who eats this bread will live for - ev - er.
Refrain
5 If we be-lieve and eat this bread, we will have e - ter - nal life.

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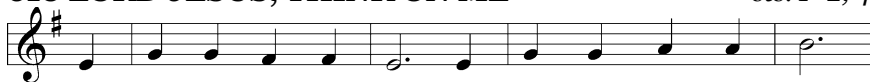
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610 LORD JESUS, THINK ON ME

sts. 1-2, 4



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me And purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, By anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me Nor let me go a - stray;



From world - ly pas - sions set me free And make me pure with - in.
Let me Your lov - ing ser - vant be And taste Your prom - ised rest.
Through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty Point out Your cho - sen way.

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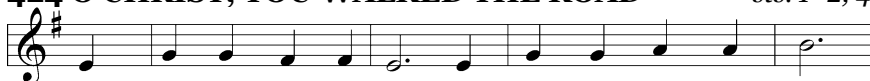
THE DISMISSAL

Pastor The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

Congregation Amen.

424 O CHRIST, YOU WALKED THE ROAD

sts. 1-2, 4



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan - d'ring feet must go.
2 No bread of earth a - lone Can fill our hun - g'ring hearts.
4 When lures of eas - y gain With prom - ise bright - ly shine,



You faced with us temp - ta - tion's pow'r And fought our an - cient foe.
Lord, help us seek Your liv - ing Word, The food Your grace im - parts.
Lord, help us seek Your king - dom first; Our wills with Yours a - lign.

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BENEDICTION

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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.

Congregation Amen.

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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

APRIL 13 - PALM SUNDAY 8:00 & 10:30 AM

APRIL 17 - MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:30 PM

APRIL 18 - GOOD FRIDAY 1:00 & 7:00 PM

Good Friday Communion Services 12:30 & 6:30 PM

APRIL 20 - EASTER SUNDAY 6:30, 8:00, & 10:30 AM

SPL FAMILY PICNIC

Coming next weekend! All families are invited to join us after the 10:30 AM service on **March 30th** in the Dining Room for a family "picnic"! We'll be providing hot dogs, chips, potato salad, cookies, and lemonade. We'll have board games available, and the Field House gym will be open for fun activities! Come enjoy some extra fellowship time with your family or take this opportunity to connect with others and build community! All families are welcome!

THE HUNT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

This Easter, SPL invites you to join us in Loving 217 by hosting neighborhood Easter Egg Hunts all throughout Decatur. We will provide the eggs, the support, and know-how; you provide the home and the heart. We will be holding all our hunts on Saturday, **April 12th**!

Prayerfully consider hosting a Neighborhood Hunt of your own or in collaboration with friends/other families. Sign up in the Fellowship Area outside the Family Room.

EASTER FLOWERS – Sign Up Now

Help beautify St. Paul's Sanctuary - and your home - this Easter! Visit the sign-up chart in the Fellowship Area, choose your flowers (lilies, tulips, daffodils or hyacinths), and place \$10 per pot (cash or check) in the envelope provided. After the 10:30 AM worship on Easter Sunday, take your flowers home for your table or to plant in your garden.

ENCOUNTER THE ARK AND MORE

St. Paul's is sponsoring a motorcoach trip to the *Ark Encounter* and the *Creation Museum* from **July 8-11**. The Ark Encounter features a full-size Noah's Ark built according to the dimensions given in the Bible - that's over 500 feet long and over 50 feet high! At the Creation Museum you will step back in time, beginning with Creation, and see how God's Word provides the big-picture answers for our most difficult questions about science, the Bible, or your personal relationship with God. Look for the flyers around church for pricing details and join other St. Paul's family members on this great trip. Call Timi's Tours at 1-800-682-8214 to make your reservations. Be sure to tell them you are with St. Paul's!

UNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UPDATE

LSA RESALE SHOP WEEKEND AT ST. PAUL'S

March 29th and 30th the LSA Resale shop truck will be parked on St. Paul's campus. Put your items for donation in your trunk or backseat and bring them when you come next weekend. Stop by the truck before or after worship Saturday or Sunday. All proceeds will directly benefit Unity's Scholarship Fund.

UCS will be collecting quality used furniture items over the month of March and hosting a furniture resale weekend on **April 11th and 12th**. Have a furniture item you'd like to donate? Unity may be able to pick it up at no charge. Please email furniture@unitydecatur.org with a photo and estimated measurements of your item and we'll get back to you regarding scheduling a pick up or drop off time.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God by Roy & Kathy Lueke in celebration of their 43rd wedding anniversary.

OPERATIONS

ATTENDANCE

Last weekend attendance in person: 397
Last weekend attendance online: 119
Average attendance for the last 4 weeks: 531

GENERAL FUND GIVING SUMMARY FEB. 2025

	3/9 to 3/15	MAR TOTAL	2025 YTD
NEEDED	\$43,654	\$87,308	\$480,192
RECEIVED	\$42,339	\$104,848	\$406,270
DIFFERENCE	(\$1,315)	\$17,540	(\$73,922)

General Fund Giving Through 3/15/25

