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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.

Greetings and welcome in the name of the crucified and risen Lord Jesus. We trust that the Holy Spirit has called you to Sts. Peter and Paul Church and pray that your worship experience today will be meaningful for you and strengthen you in faith.

You are invited to sign **the guest register** at the entrance to the sanctuary or fill out **a welcome card** from a pew pocket. Please indicate whether or not you would like to be placed on our mailing list as well as your desire for a visit by the pastor or another parishioner.

Restrooms are located in a room off the entryway to the sanctuary and also across the gym on the west side of the building and on the lower level. Please ask an usher or greeter for directions. **Parents and children** are welcome to make use of the anterooms on the main level at the Woodside entrance.

Interested in membership? We would be delighted to have you join our community of faith in worship and ministry. **Please use a welcome card** from a pew in front of you. Additional information is available from pamphlet displays and tables throughout the facility. Our website may be accessed at the following address: www.stspeterandpaulriverside.org .

In addition to words, music and gestures, the liturgy includes several **periods of silence**. In our noise-filled world, we listen for the Word in the silence of our hearts. Before the liturgy begins, we are called to a time of reflection and centering.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Adults or children not communing may come forward for a blessing. If you or a member of your family is interested in Baptism, please speak to Pastor Dennis. Join us for conversation following worship in the dining hall on the lower level.

How to use this worship folder: Hymns for the service are in the back two-thirds of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (red book). In this bulletin: *—indicates those who are able may stand. **Bold parts** are for the participation of all.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
March 15th, 2020 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

HOLY COMMUNION

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING FIVE, PAGES 156-164

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND *CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Come, let us acknowledge our sin and seek God's face, that we may live. *(A brief silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.)* Holy and merciful God, **we confess that we have turned away from you and from our neighbors, and in toward ourselves. We have sought security in possessions and the place of power in relationships. We have trusted ourselves most of all. Turn us back to you, O God. In your mercy, forgive our sinfulness and cleanse us from guilt and shame. Guide us on the path of freedom that is your gift to us in Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear for yourselves: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. In the waters of baptism grace abounds for you and for all. God turns to you in love and puts away every sin, every wrong turn, for the sake of + Jesus, the one God sent to save the world. **Amen.**

*GREETING

The grace and mercy of God, who in Christ bears our burdens and saves us from sin, be with you all.

And also with you.

*KYRIE

ELW 157

*(Please refer to Hymn #157
in Evangelical Lutheran Worship for the melody.)*

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

For your people here who have come to give you praise,
for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, and defend us, O God.

Amen.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put the Lord to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to the Lord. The Lord commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the Lord among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 95

Prayed responsively by leader and congregation.

Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

**"Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

**Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**

Indeed I swore in my anger,
'They shall never come to my rest.'"

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Lenten Acclamation



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The Holy Gospel according to St. John
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

The following persons, having been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership, are asked to come forward as their offices and names are read.

Council Officers

Carrie Watkiss, President; Brandon Michaels, Vice President;
Fred Kuzel, Secretary; William Boor, Treasurer;
and Charles Matthies, Financial Secretary

Council Members

John Broussard, Kathy Ganschow, Juanita Jakubec, Linda McShane,
and Beverly Tarbox

In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you members of his Church. Through Word and Sacrament you have been nurtured in faith. I ask you, together with all who are here gathered, to confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we are baptized.

*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 to the dead.
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**

The congregation may be seated.

You are to work together with other members to see that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation, and that God's will is done in this community and in the whole world.

You are to be diligent in your specific area of serving, that the one Lord who empowers you is glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully to carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

R Yes, by the help of God.

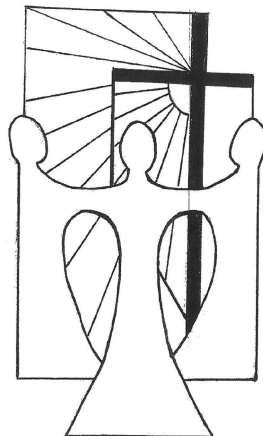
The congregation stands. Those being installed face the congregation.

People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

Yes, by the help of God.

Those being installed face the presiding minister, who addresses them:

I now declare you installed as officers and council members of this congregation. God bless you with his Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.



*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Heavenly Father, you know how we, like all generations before us, doubt your nearness. We would test you like the Israelites at Meribah. Because we cannot see you any more than the air we need to breathe, you sent your Son and Holy Spirit, because we need you, even more than air, for a real life. The day of the Lord is coming: **He abounds in steadfast love.**

O Rock of our Salvation, help us make a joyful noise with songs of praise and thanksgiving, for you are the LORD, and a great King above all gods. In your hands are the depths of the earth, the sea and the mountain tops. You are our God and we are the sheep of your pasture. The day of the Lord is coming: **He abounds in steadfast love.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the nearness of God in our lives. You know our plight in the flesh. You died for us, the ungodly, while we were yet sinners. We boast of your love for us, because you turn our sufferings into endurance and character and hope. The day of the Lord is coming: **He abounds in steadfast love.**

We bring before you those who suffer among us with illnesses of all sorts. Until we receive our new lives in the kingdom yet to come, bring relief to those among us who are in pain or distress of any kind, especially... The day of the Lord is coming: **He abounds in steadfast love.**

Additional prayers may be offered here in speech and silence.

We give you thanks for all the saints who endured in this world and have now entered your eternal rest, especially... The day of the Lord is coming: **He abounds in steadfast love.**

Though we remember we are dust and to dust we shall return, we remember that we are your precious dust. **Amen.**

*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

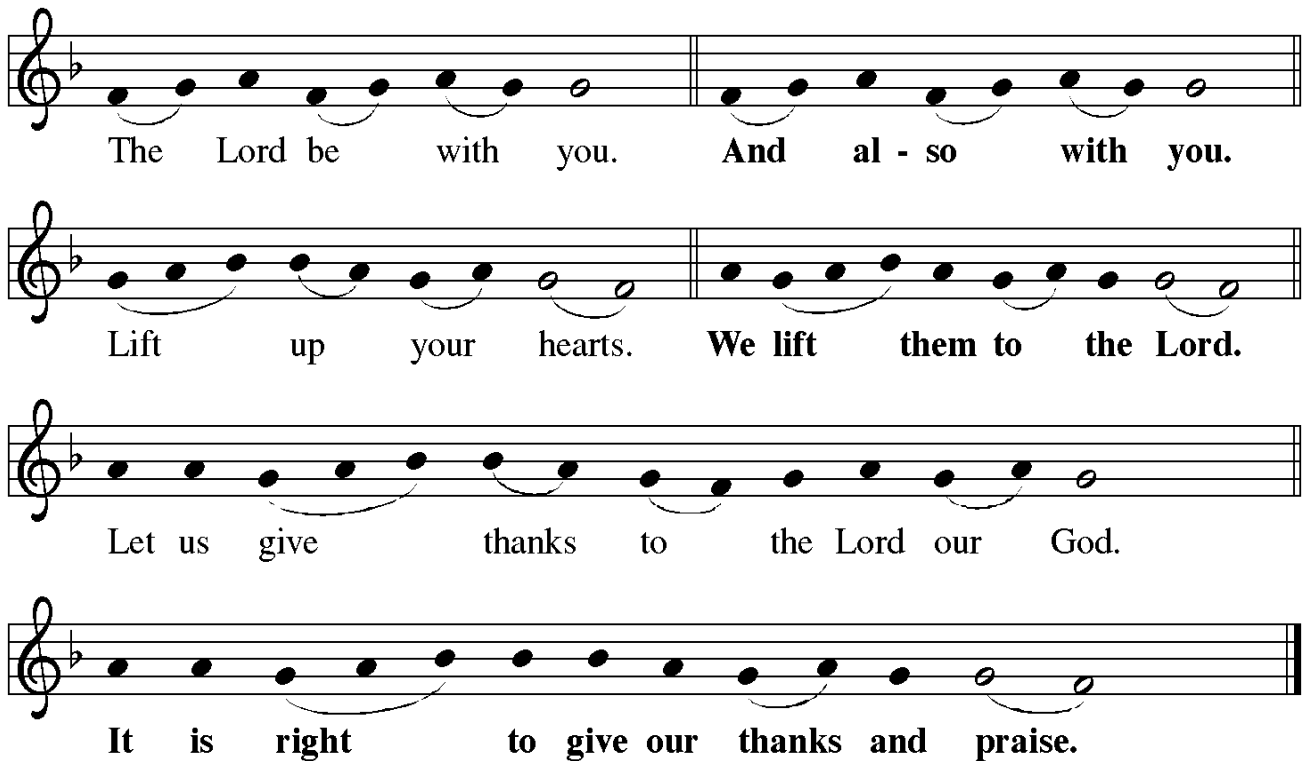
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Wondrous Love

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God our provider,
you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

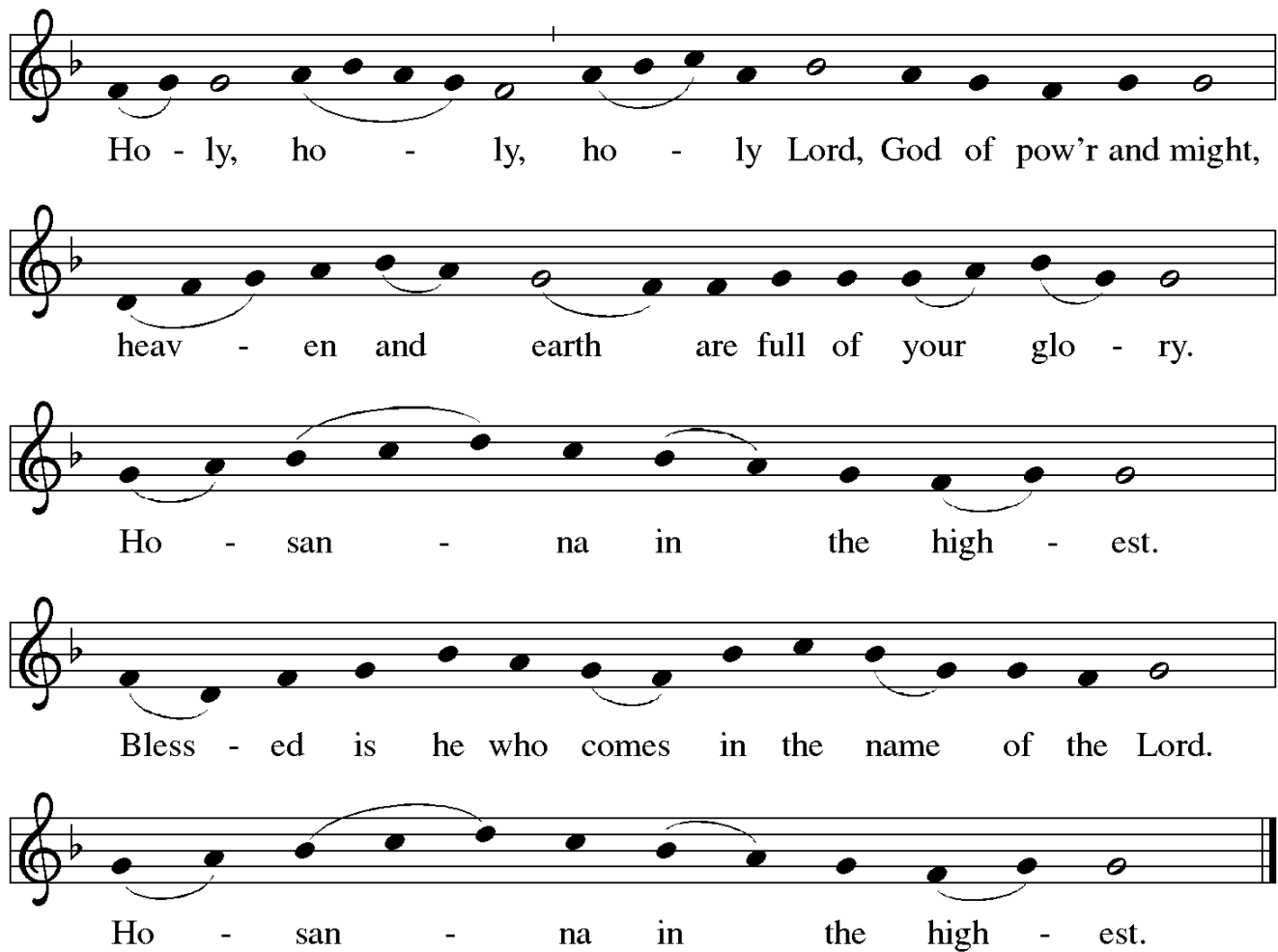
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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 cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

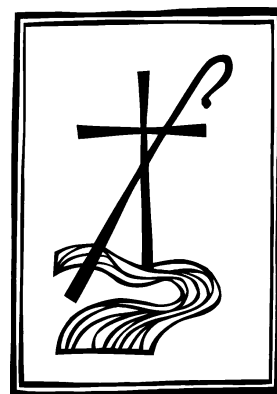
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.



Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.
Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Return to the Lord with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey and drink for the desert.

You are welcome, if you choose, to bring with you to Communion your worship books (ELWs) so that you may continue to join in singing the hymns during the distribution.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lamb of God

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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. A - men.

***BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Compassionate God,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***BENEDICTION**

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,
and claimed us as children of the light,
strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you + peace.
Amen.

***SENDING HYMN** *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* ELW 772

***DISMISSAL**

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Viola Concerto

Telemann

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

PRESIDING AND PREACHING MINISTER

ASSISTING MINISTER

PARISH MUSICIAN

LECTORS

COMMUNION MINISTER

ACOLYTE

GREETER

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Dennis Lauritsen, pastor

Tom Michaels

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J. T. and Beverly Tarbox

John Broussard

Bryan Galdun

Ann Kmet

Gregg Valek and John Kostelny

Ruth Bakalich

Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering March 8th, 2020

Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2019: \$2,597.00

Offering Received for the Above Categories: \$1,459.00

Shortage: \$1,138.00



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., M-F.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 15

9:15 AM	Confirmation Class
9:30 AM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
10:15 AM	Liturgy of Holy Communion
11:30 AM	Youth Choir Rehearsal
11:30 AM	Worship and Music Committee Meeting
2:00 PM	Windsome Quintet Concert Celebrating Beethoven's 250 th Birthday

MONDAY, MARCH 16

6:30 PM	“Legends of the Game” Volleyball until 9:45 p.m.
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TUESDAY, MARCH 17

7:00 PM	Overeaters Anonymous Meeting
7:00 PM	Windsome Quintet Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

6:30 PM	Co-Dependents Anonymous Meeting
6:30 PM	Lenten Soup Supper
7:15 PM	Evening Prayer, Holden Setting
7:45 PM	Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

7:30 PM	Congregation Council Meeting
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SATURDAY, MARCH 21

11:00 AM	AA Big Book Study Group Meeting
7:00 PM	AA Group Meeting

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 22

9:15 AM	Confirmation Class
9:30 AM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
10:15 AM	Liturgy of Holy Communion
11:30 AM	Youth Choir Rehearsal

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER . . .

Olga Zavodny, Dot Myers, Anne Gavac, Helen Gaydusek, Mildred Mendel, Mary Sasuta, Bob Skudrna and Steve Podzamsky.

Fernando Freire (*friend of Pastor Dennis and Jane*), **Taz Zajac** (*in-law of Kathy Ganschow*), **Carol Zitko** (*church secretary at Concordia Lutheran Church, Berwyn*), **Danny Orozco** (*co-worker of Tom Michaels*), **Jacob Kavicky** (*great-grandson of the late Betty Kavicky*), **Barbara Kessler** (*sister-in-law of Wally Kessler*), **Beverly Bartlett** (*aunt of Ann Head*), **Delores Linden** (*aunt of Martin and Ann Pennino*), **Donald Neal** (*brother of Barbara Kessler*), **Marguerite Boike** (*mother-in-law of Kristine Boike*), **Sandy Rossella** (*sister-in-law of Mary Jo Meyers*), **Denise Fricano** (*friend of Charlene Patula*), **Sue Doyle** (*friend of Charlene Patula*), **Wally Bisping** (*friend of Charlene Patula*), **Pat Pileggi** (*Helen Gaydusek's co-worker*), **Rev. James Kuemmerle** (*Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago*), **John Racek** (*life-long friend of John Kostelny*), **Nicole Kisiel** (*friend of Fred Kuzel*), **Ramona Daus** (*relative of Beverly Tarbox*), **Mary Costello** (*mother of Debbie Boor*), **Damon Cooke** (*relative of Wally Kessler*), **Dr. Craig Reckard** (*friend of Milan Oklepek*), **Gertrude Tarbox** (*mother of J.T.*), **Jim and Janie Tarbox** (*brother and sister-in-law of J.T.*), **Ralph Thompson** (*friend of Lois Mika*), **Dale Renville** (*son-in-law of Bev and Steve Podzamsky*), **Kelly Alvey** (*granddaughter of Bev and Steve Podzamsky*), **Alice Puglise** (*relative of Steve and Bev Podzamsky*), **Cpt. Kristopher Mabrigo** (*relative of Wally Kessler*), **Celia Martinez** (*mother of Rafael*), and **Mark Van Scharrel** (*former pastor at St. Peter and St. Paul, Blue Island*).

*Please let us know when people may be removed
from the prayer list and we will offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their healing!*

The flowers at the Lord's Table today are given in memory of **+Frederick Tornil+** on the first anniversary of his memorial service on March 13th by remembering wife Rose and sons Martin and Dan; in celebration of and gratitude for the 88th birthday of **Rose Tornil**; and also in memory of loving father and grandfather **+Joseph Vandlik+** on the 106th anniversary of his birth on March 19th by remembering children Mary Jo Meyers and Mark Vandlik and their families. Flowers for the Lord's Table may be ordered by calling the church office. The price is \$20 per vase. Please make checks payable to Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church. The final day for ordering flowers is Tuesday.

Our prayers and condolences are extended to the family and loved ones of **+Betty Kany+**, especially her children Dr. Robert Kany and Liz and her husband Mark Rouck, and grandchildren John and Lauren, who passed from this life on March 8th and was buried from the church this past Friday. We share the grief of Betty's family but find solace and hope in the cross and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

Congregation Council officers and members for this year are as follows: Carrie Watkiss (President), Brandon Michaels (Vice-President), Fred Kuzel (Secretary), William Boor (Treasurer), Charles Matthies (Financial Secretary), John Broussard, Kathy Ganschow, Juanita Jakubec, Linda McShane and Beverly Tarbox. Thank you to these elected leaders for the service they offer to the congregation and its local, domestic and global ministries.

Lenten Vespers and Supper

every Wednesday in Lent, March 4th thru April 1st.

Vespers (Evening Prayer) is Sung at 7:15,
preceded by Supper at 6:30.

*The offerings received at Evening Prayer are given in the spirit of
the Lenten discipline of almsgiving for people in need through
Lutheran World Relief.*

You and your household, friends, groups or others are invited to **host a light soup supper** on a Wednesday evening during Lent preceding Evening Prayer. A simple soup (from the store or made at home or in the church kitchen) with bread for 15-20 people would be much enjoyed and appreciated. A sign-up sheet is posted in the dining hall at the usual place (lower west entrance). *A supper host is still needed for April 1st.* Thank you for considering this opportunity for Lenten prayer, fellowship and breaking of bread.

Lenten Food Collection

in participation with Hauser Jr. High School in Riverside on the
50th Anniversary of the students helping to fight against hunger!

March 1st through March 29th

Bags are available today for donations of non-perishable
and unexpired food items. Monetary donations are also welcome.



Volunteers are welcome to pack meals on **Saturday, April 4th**
for **Feed Our Community Day** between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

For more information or to sign-up to volunteer,
visit www.hauserpto.org/contact-us.

Students are hoping to reach their goal of 15,000 non-perishable items
and raise \$15,000 for the meal packing supplies.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, died 461, Tuesday, March 17

A native of Britain, Patrick was kidnapped by pirates at age sixteen and sold into slavery in Ireland. After a few years, he escaped, returned home, and entered the ministry. Returning to Ireland, he successfully served as a bishop and missionary there.

Joseph, Guardian of Jesus, Thursday, March 19

Though the Bible tells us little about the husband of Jesus' mother Mary, we know that he was a carpenter or builder by trade. He is also shown as being devoted both to God and to Mary and Jesus. It is assumed that he died before Jesus became an adult.

Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of Canterbury, martyr, died 1556, Saturday, March 21

Cranmer's lasting achievement is contributing to and overseeing the creation of the Book of Common Prayer, which remains (in revised form) the worship book of the Anglican Communion. He was burned at the stake under Queen Mary for his support of the Protestant Reformation.



WINDSOME QUINTET IN

CONCERT CELEBRATING BEETHOVEN'S 250TH BIRTHDAY

MOZART Divertimento No. 14 in Bb K.V. 270

BEETHOVEN – Adagio and Allegretto for Musical
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BEETHOVEN – Quintet for Piano and Winds op. 16
Parish Musician David Richards on Piano

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH 2:00 PM.
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