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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.*

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**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](http://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.

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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

*In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. During the Easter season we will welcome new sisters and brothers at the baptismal font as we renew our baptismal promises.*

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## HOLY COMMUNION

*EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING FIVE, PAGES 156-164*

### GATHERING

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*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 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. Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

# WORD

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

## FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

*Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving Spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the Lord."*

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

## PSALMODY

*Out of the Depths I Cry to You*

ELW 600

*based on Psalm 130*

*text by M. Luther, music attr. M. Luther*

## SECOND READING

Romans 8:6-11

*For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.*

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

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 176

### Lenten Acclamation

Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

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

*Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.*

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

SERMON

See the video version of the Gospel of John  
[chapter 11](#), in a recent email.  
Sermons posted at the [website](#).

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

*I Am the Bread of Life*

ELW 485

\*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**

## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Heavenly Father, sometimes we sense that our lives are very dry, like the dry bones in Ezekiel's vision. We need your holy breath, your Holy Spirit, so that all of our other senses may be keen to your presence, your work, your love among us. The day of the Lord is coming: **He abounds in steadfast love.**

Lord Jesus Christ, hear us when we cry to you. May we hear you when you speak to us. The day of the Lord is coming: **He abounds in steadfast love.**

Holy Spirit, live in us with Jesus Christ, so that the Father who raised Jesus from the dead will live in us and be our God. The day of the Lord is coming: **He abounds in steadfast love.**

Jesus, you have seen the sadness of all of us who mourn in Mary's weeping over Lazarus. We hold to your promise that all of us will rise again as we hear you call our names. The day of the Lord is coming: **He abounds in steadfast love.**

We rejoice over all the glories of this day, and thank you for your goodness to us all. Help us see the needs of others, help us hear their cries, and help us be your helping hands. The day of the Lord is coming: **He abounds in steadfast love.**

Those among us who are ill know that they are named before you out of love and compassion. Hear us as we name them now... The day of the Lord is coming: **He abounds in steadfast love.**

We give you thanks for all the saints who have been lifted up to live with you in light eternal, remembering 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

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

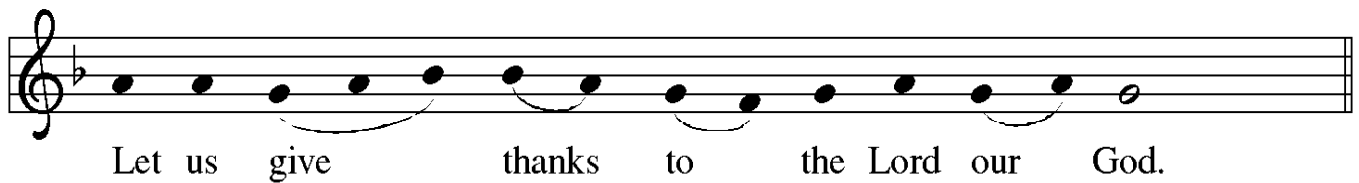
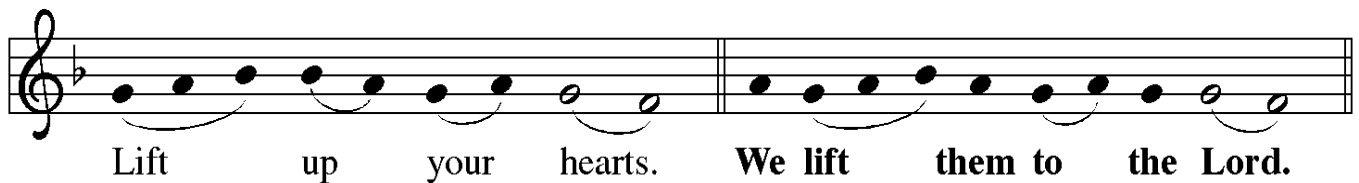
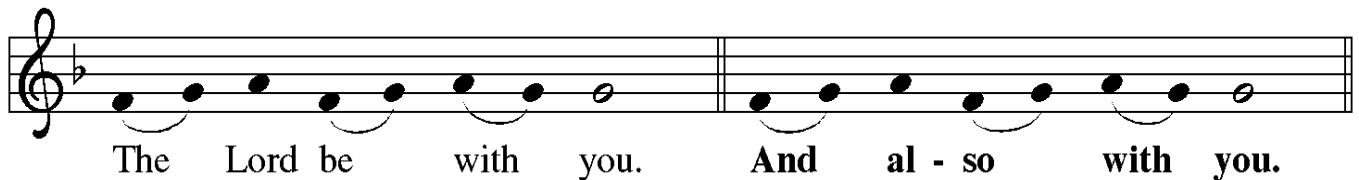
## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

## \*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

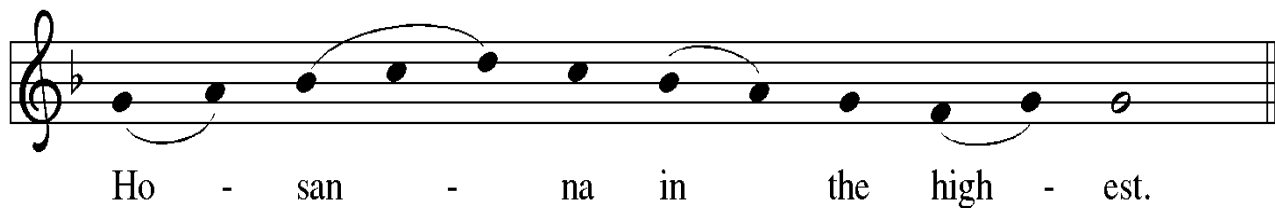
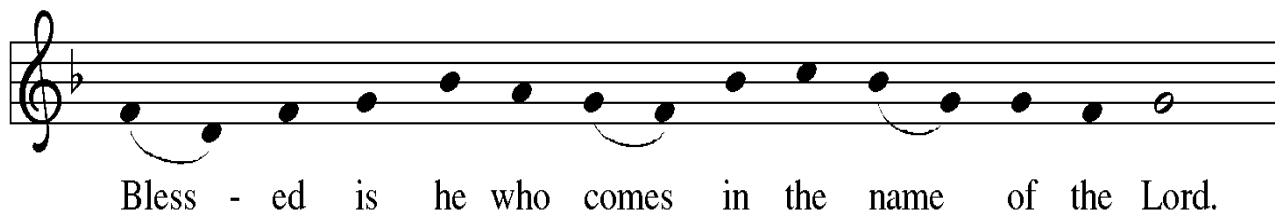
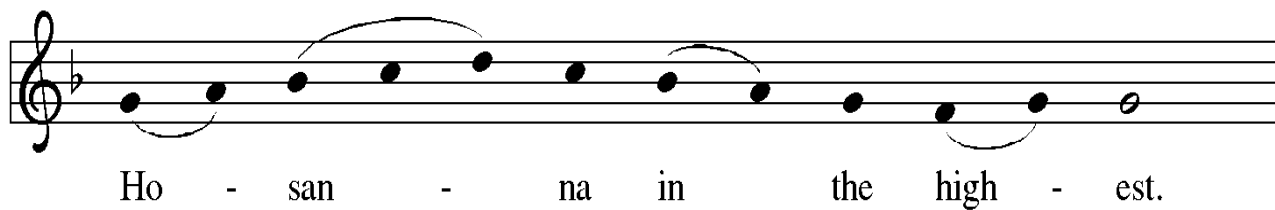
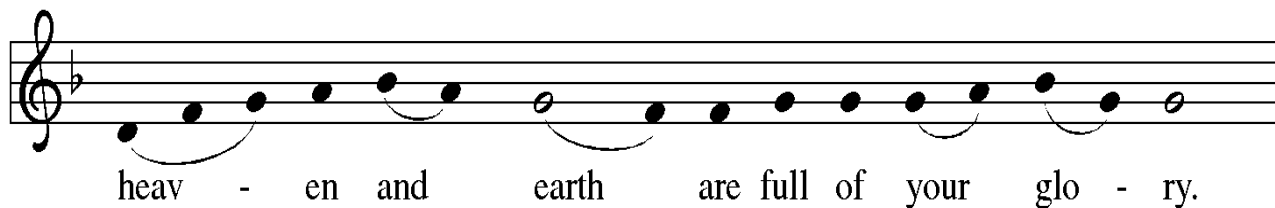
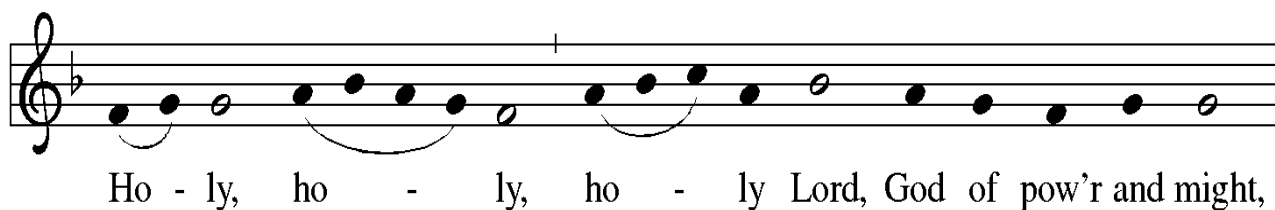




## \*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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.**

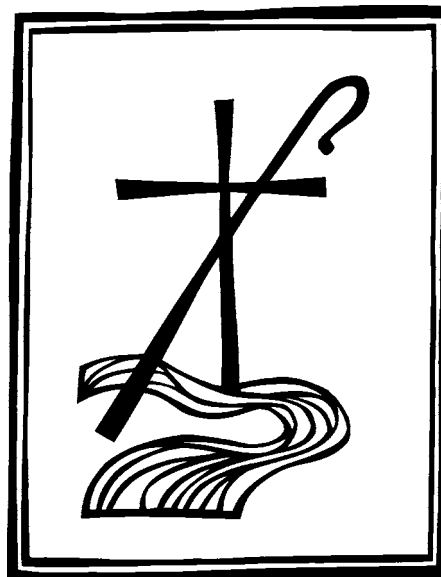
**Christ will come again.**

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.**



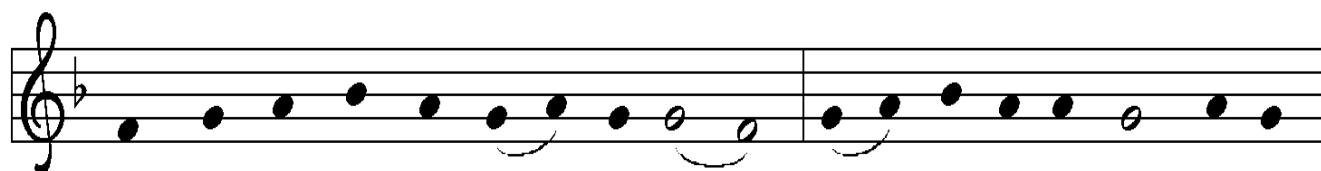
\*LORD'S PRAYER



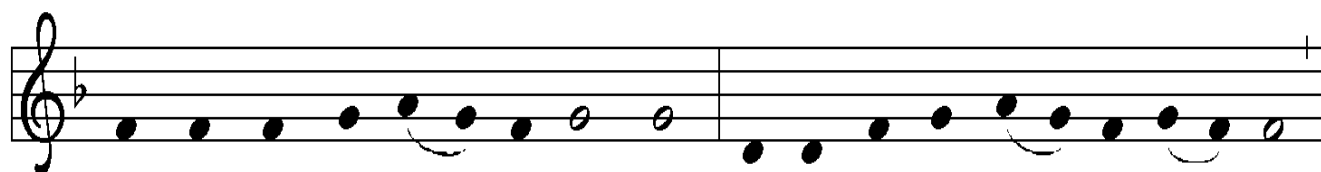
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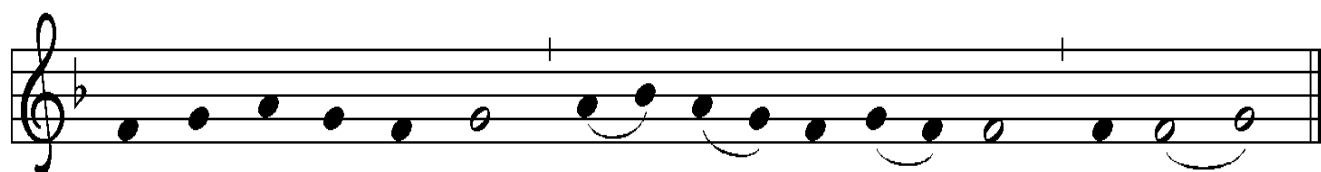
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for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al



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*

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.

*Abide with Me*

\*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**

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*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**

*Seed That in Earth Is Dying*

ELW 330

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**



## SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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PRESIDING AND PREACHING MINISTER

Dennis Lauritsen, pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

Brandon Michaels

PARISH MUSICIAN

David Richards

LECTORS

Tom Myers and Lavinia Myers

COMMUNION MINISTER

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Sebastian Myers

GREETERS

Carole Pollitz and Carl Busch

USHERS

John Kostelny and Gregg Valek

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

Ruth Bakalich

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering</b> <b>Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 (Worship Suspended)</b></p> <p><i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2019:</i> \$2,597.00 <i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i> \$0.00 <i>Surplus:</i> \$0.00</p>
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## UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

*Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church, died 1824*

*Sunday, March 29*

Hauge was a layperson who wished to revitalize the church in Norway. As a result of a mystical experience, he felt called to preach. Many professionals in the church feared his motives and influence, and he was imprisoned for leading unauthorized gatherings.

*John Donne, poet, died 1631*

*Tuesday, March 31*

After finishing his education at Oxford University, Donne seemed headed for a career in the English public service. But a series of circumstances led him into the ordained ministry. He is well known as a writer of both secular and sacred poetry.

*Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589*

*Saturday, April 4*

Born a slave on the island of Sicily, Benedict lived as a hermit until the pope ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a monastery, at which time Benedict joined the Franciscans. Though illiterate, he was highly respected as a confessor and later superior of his community.

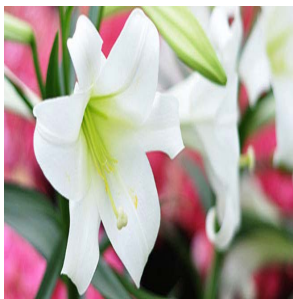
## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER . . .

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

**Rev. Cyril Hurnyak** (*former associate pastor at Sts. Peter and Paul, recovering from knee replacement surgery*), **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 Daugs** (*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!\*

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.



**Easter lilies are available** for \$17.00 per plant for those who wish to place one or more in the chancel for the upcoming Easter celebrations. To place an order, please sign up on the sheet posted in the usual place in the dining hall (lower level), west entrance bulletin board) or call the church office. The final day for placing an order is Friday, April 3rd.



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## Lenten Food Collection

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

**March 1<sup>st</sup> through March 29<sup>th</sup>**

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 4<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://www.hauserpto.org/contact-us).

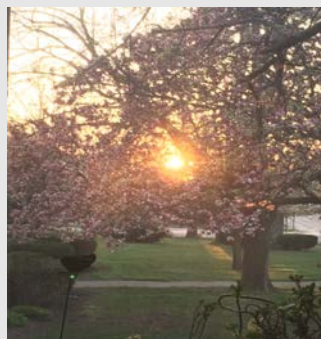
Students are hoping to reach their goal of 15,000 non-perishable items and raise \$15,000 for the meal packing supplies.

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### Holy Week, 2020

schedule to be announced  
contingent upon the current  
and future  
virus suppression efforts.



Please watch for email notices  
and regularly visit  
the congregational website at  
[www.stspeterandpaulriverside.org](http://www.stspeterandpaulriverside.org)  
for announcements.

## LENT AND THE COLOR PURPLE

In Alice Walker's prize winning novel *The Color Purple*, Celie did not view herself worthy of a color often associated with wealth, royalty and piety. Purple's legacy in the Scriptures goes as far back as Moses who sent for purple cloth to make the curtains of the Tabernacle. Tyrian purple was the Roman imperial color, worn by emperors, priests, governors and generals. Purple togas were the Gucci of the Mediterranean elite. The great expense was due to the intricate process of harvesting the glands of thousands of tiny murex snails and soaking them in the sun until the exact color emerged to dye the cloth. A modern chemist duplicating the ancient process used 10,000 snails to create enough dye for a handkerchief at the cost of nearly \$4000. Purple was exclusive by nature, out of the reach of all but the elite to whom homage was due. Celie has had much company in not wearing purple.

Purple symbolized something else in Celie's life—pain. It was the color of bruises to Celie, the eggplant colored marks of being beaten and battered. The association with pain is also shown in the medals given to wounded soldiers—the Purple Heart... Purple is the Lenten color of Christ, remembering his death on the cross at the hands of Pilate who was perhaps wearing imperial purple. Lenten purple is a complex mix of all the above themes—sacrifice, wounding and royalty.

Purple can also be a color of transformation and change. It was the color adopted by the suffragette movement working to enfranchise women with the fundamental right to make decisions—the right for women's voices to be heard through the power of the vote. The meaning of the color purple was transformed for Celie in Walker's novel through her deep friendship with Shug. While walking through a field of purple wild flowers, Shug challenges Celie to embrace the fullness of life—and purple—noting the great beauty that surrounds them to be enjoyed in the moment. Later in the novel, after Celie and Shug have spent a long time apart, Celie receives Shug in her home—in a purple room. The novel captures the great depth of our purple lives, as we move through pain and find the courage to embrace beauty and happiness in life.

Purple is the color of the deep mystery of faith, a mix of blue sky and blood that occurs in the haze of the setting sun... Through the psychedelic purple haze, the first colors of dawn, through bruising and the wounds of life's battles, to spring violets, we hope that eventually we will endure to a moment of liberation, the moment when we are a fully enfranchised human being, or an experience of grace from a loving God... and then we can boldly wear the color purple.

—Todd Weir

<http://bloomingcactus.typepad.com/bloomingcactus/>