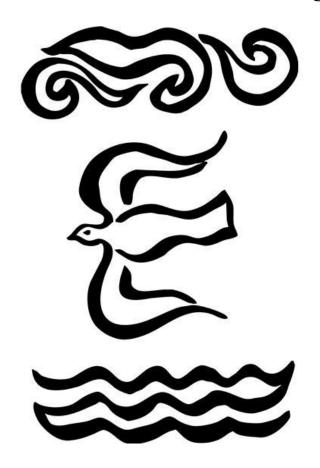
St. Paul Lutheran Church "Let's Make a Difference Together"



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Worship Services: Sunday at 9:00 A.M.
Holy Communion: 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month & Festivals
Christian Education: Sunday's at 10:15 A.M.
Air Conditioned & Handicapped Accessible

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: Grounded in faith and growing in grace, we share the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed in our local community and throughout the world.



Are you visiting St. Paul? Are you interested in membership or just looking to see if St. Paul is a good fit for you and/or your family?? Please call (570-629-1992) or stop by our office during regular business hours (Mon – Thurs 9:00am – 1:00pm) and speak to our Parish Administrator, Leanna Wickline, who will be happy to guide you through

the membership process and help you find information on all of the great programs at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

SILENT MEDITATION... Please note – the silent meditation is a part of the morning worship service. This is a time for individual reflection; a time for communicating with God, as well as a time of preparation for the service of worship. We encourage you to use it in a meaningful way.

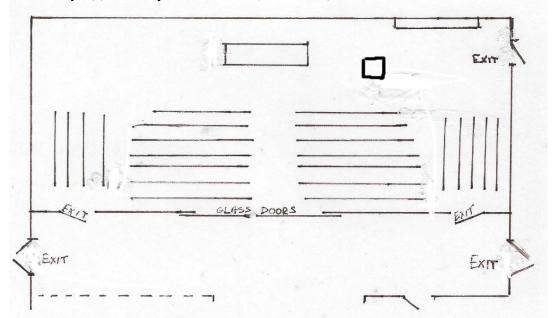
Please respect the prayerful atmosphere of this holy place. We ask that you turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you.

Pastor: Reverend Rashion "Woody" Santiago Parish Administrator: Mrs. Leanna D. Wickline Choir Director/Organist: Mr. Robert Jones

2023 Council Members

Grant Allen, Dawn Bartron, Bill Below, Chris Kinsley Sr., Nicole Kresge, Carl Reindl, Deb Storman, Beth Werkheiser, Leanna Wickline

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Worship Service Second Sunday in Lent Sunday, March 5, 2023

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are a given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

*Please stand, if able.

Words in bold print denote congregational response.

Chimes

Announcements

Prelude

*Confession

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Gracious God,

We acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins – those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Absolution

From the house of David, God raised up a mighty Savior.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.

Remembering the covenant, God delivered us from our enemies.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.

Before God we are holy and righteous, free to worship without fear.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.

With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and forgives us all our sins. Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us, and by the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace.

Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"My Redeeming King"

You are the Lord
Exalted above the most high
The Ruler of all
Worthy of all my praise
You are the Lord
Mighty in all of Your ways
Forever the same
So worthy of all my praise

Chorus

And I lift my hands
In holy devotion to You
My life is my sacrifice
Daily surrendered
And I lift my voice
Unashamed of my love for You
For You are the Lord
My redeeming King

You are the Lord
Exalted above the most high
The Ruler of all
Worthy of all my praise
You are the Lord
Mighty in all of Your ways
Forever the same
So worthy of all my praise

Chorus/ Chorus/ Chorus

*Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



*Prayer of the Day (Lector)

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

¹The Lord said to Abram: Go from your land, your relatives, and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, I will curse anyone who treats you with contempt, and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you. ⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

- ¹I lift my eyes toward the mountains. Where will my help come from?
- ² My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not allow your foot to slip; your Protector will not slumber.
- ⁴ Indeed, the Protector of Israel does not slumber or sleep.
- ⁵ The Lord protects you; the Lord is a shelter right by your side.
- ⁶ The sun will not strike you by day or the moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord will protect you from all harm; he will protect your life.
- ⁸ The Lord will protect your coming and going both now and forever.

Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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.

¹ What then will we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? ² If Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about — but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him for righteousness. ⁴ Now to the one who works, pay is not credited as a gift, but as something owed. ⁵ But to the one who does not work, but believes on him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited for righteousness.

¹³ For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would inherit the world was not through the law, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. 14 If those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made empty and the promise nullified, ¹⁵ because the law produces wrath. And where there is no law, there is no transgression.

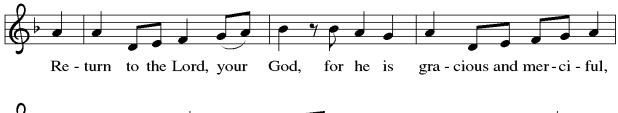
¹⁶ This is why the promise is by faith, so that it may be according to grace, to guarantee it to all the descendants — not only to the one who is of the law but also to the one who is of Abraham's faith. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: I have made you the father of many nations— in the presence of the God in whom he believed, the one who gives — the God who gives life to the dead and calls things into existence that do not exist.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel. (Lector)

*Gospel Acclamation





*Gospel: John 3:1-17

The holy gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹There was a man from the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to him at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could perform these signs you do unless God were with him." ³ Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ "How can anyone be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked him. "Can he enter his mother's womb a second time and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly I tell you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be amazed that I told you that you must be born again. ⁸ The wind blows where it pleases, and you hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

⁹ "How can these things be?" asked Nicodemus. ¹⁰ "Are you a teacher of Israel and don't know these things?" Jesus replied. ¹¹ "Truly I tell you, we speak what we know and we testify to what we have seen, but you do not accept our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you don't believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven — the Son of Man. ¹⁴ "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ so that everyone who believes in him may have

eternal life. ¹⁶ For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

The word of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

"10,000 Reasons"

Chorus

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul
Worship his holy name
Sing like never before, oh my soul
I'll worship your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

<u>Chorus</u>

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger Your name is great and your heart is kind For all your goodness I will keep on singing 10,000 reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing your praise unending 10,000 years and then forever more

Chorus Twice

*The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Prayers of the People (Lector)

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

O God, you so love your church. Raise up leaders who care for your people. Bless lay theologians, seminary and college professors, and all who are called to the ministry of teaching, that they form and inspire us for the work of the gospel. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

O God, you so love your creation. Breathe new life into our planetary home. Guide the work of researchers, scientists, and activists who love your earth and who inspire us to care for the natural world. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O God, you so love the world. Uphold leaders who resist tyranny and oppression. Strengthen organizations that promote peace and harmony (*especially*). Direct their work to alleviate human suffering and to address its root causes. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O God, you so love your people. Draw near to all who live with mental illness, depression, or addiction, and accompany them in healing and recovery. Hear the cries of those who look to you in their distress (*especially*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O God, you so love your children. Bless the young in our midst, and delight us with their joy, wonder, and curiosity. Revive our ministries with children and youth and equip us all for faithful discipleship. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O God, you so love your saints. As our ancestors in the faith have been a blessing to us, so inspire us by their example of holy living to be a blessing to those who come after us. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

*Offering Prayer

God of good gifts,

receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always

And also with you. (*Please share a sign of peace with one another from your seat.*)

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

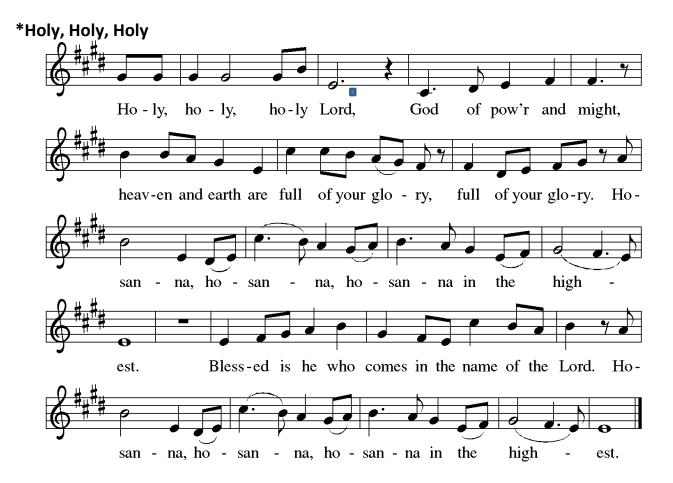
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Words of Institution

Why do we give thanks and praise before this table?

We give thanks for God's work of creation, liberation and salvation.

It is indeed right, our duty and our delight, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O holy Lord, eternal God. You created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them; you made us in your own image; and in countless ways you show us your mercy. Therefore, with choirs of angels and the whole company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name, joining our voices in their unending praise:



All glory and blessings are yours, O holy God, for in your mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ. He took our human nature and suffered death on the cross for our redemption. There he made a perfect sacrifice for the sins for the whole world. We praise you that before he suffered and died, our Savior gave us this holy sacrament and commanded us to continue it until he comes again.

Why do we eat bread at this table?

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

The same night Jesus took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

What do we remember at this table?

We remember God's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory. Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine that in eating and drinking we may be made one with Christ and one another.

Amen.

*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.

Invitation to Communion

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

Communion

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

*Table Blessing

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

*Prayer After Communion

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

Amen.

*Blessing

God, the giver of love, + Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"All Over the World"

Even as the world began
The stars they sang
And all the angels shouted for joy
Shouted for joy
And looking back through history
Your people they have always had
A song they must sing
A song they must sing

We are the people of God We'll sing Your song here on the earth

All over the world Your song will resound
All over the world Your praises ring out
We're living to see Your name and renown
All over the world

Young and old near and far
There's a place for every heart
To join in Your song
Join in Your song
Ev'ry nation tribe and tongue
Come together join as one
Give glory to God
Glory to God

Great is Your name and great will be Your song
Great is Your name and great will be Your song
We lift up our hands and pray
We lift up our hands and pray
For holy is Your name





*Charge to the People

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"The worship ends. . .the service begins."

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Prayers have been requested for the following brothers and sisters in Christ who have concerns needing God's help...

Sr. Msgt. William F. Allen; Specialist William "Blake" Allen; Sr. Master Sargent William F. Allen; Tom Altemose; Mark Anthony; Evelyn Arroyo; Daniel Bartron; Dillon Berenti; Major Matthew Blessing; Captain Katy Blessings; David Brong; Linda Bushkofsky and family at the passing of Dennis; Judi Carman; Elaine Cornelus; Jamie Fisher; Todd & Anna Geil; LilliAnna Daniels; Renee Depuy; Doris Drury; John Drury; Louis Genset; Tim Grover; the family of Chris Haley Jr.; the family of Matt Herzberg; Charlie Hemple; T. J. Imhof; Carol Jones; Ian Juica; Robbie Kinsley; Nikolaos Kotretsos; Eleanor Kreuger; Esther Laurito; David Leith; James Meckes; Steven Moore; Ada Morales; Nelson Morales; Dr. Kenny Pearson; Annabelle Peechatka; Anna Rivera; Jean Ross; Gina Santiago; Claudette Segear; Shirley Singer; Samuel Smith, Jr.; Greg Theadford; Jim Tomedi; Brenda Van Why; Scott Wickline; Steve Widgett; Jacob Wilson; John Woodling; for Zack Storman's friends who were in a severe car accident; Jen, Steve, Mara, Tyler, and Joe; for the people of Ukraine; for all who are traveling; for all of those struggling with addictions; the members of the Armed Forces of the United States; for the families and victims of the mass shootings, for all those around the world and here at home suffering from the coronavirus pandemic.

Have your prayers been answered? Or do you still need God's help? Please let us know. Thank you to everyone who prays with us for those in need.



Thank you to all who have helped to support St. Paul's Strunk Food Pantry! Your commitment to help is a true blessing to those who are struggling to feed their families. The pantry is always in need of basic food supplies, and we need your continued support to keep this program going strong.

Grocery Tapes

If you shop at Kinsley's Shoprite or Weis markets we get a percentage of your purchase. Just bring your receipts in and put them in the box on the table in the Narthex. In order for us to receive credit, the receipts must include the date and store number. Please don't tear off the bottom of the receipts.

Inside Out Church

Inside Out Church is held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, in Spies Hall. We join together with a meal and a deep dive into the scriptures. This is an opportunity to grow your faith and increase your knowledge and understanding of God's Word and the Bible.

Pocono Mission District Assembly

April 30th our Pocono district assembly will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Brodheadsville, from 2:00-3:30pm. We are looking for two volunteers to attend this and the Synod Assembly. Please contact Pastor or Leanna Wickline to volunteer.

Synod Assembly June 1-3, 2023

The Bishop requires two voting members from each congregation as well as the Pastor attend the Synod Assembly. It is local, so there is no need for overnight stays. This is the first in-person assembly since COVID struck in 2020. Small group information sessions and the wonderful worship opportunities make it worth attending!

2023 PATHwalk

Sunday, May 8th at 1:30pm. The Annual Karen Nickels Memorial PATHwalk is Pocono Area Transitional Housings largest fundraiser. All funds raised from the walk are used to support PATH operations. The Karen Nickels Memorial PATHwalk is an opportunity to demonstrate your support for PATH and to involve your neighbors, friends, and family. Organize a team of people to participate with you for more fun or hoof it on your own and meet some new friends.

Blood Drive

We will be hosting a blood drive on Thursday, April 13th from 11:30am – 4:00pm in Spies Hall. The last appointment will be scheduled for 3:45pm. Friends, family and neighbors are welcome to donate, not just members. There is a link on our website to take you to the sign up sheet, or type https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.htm/drive-results?zipSponsor=Tannersville

		Worship	Assistant	Schedule		
	Acolyte	Ushers	Lector	Communion Assistants	Counters	Altar Guild
	Barbara		Jim			
3/5/2023	Allen	Charlie Hempel	Werkheiser	Linda Below	Barbara Allen	Beth Werkheiser
		Donna Warner		Deb Storman	Deb Storman	Leanna Wickline
	Linda		Leanna			
3/12/2023	Below	Carl Reindl	Wickline		Beth Werkheiser	
		Beth Reindl			Donna Warner	
3/19/2023	Eli Kresge	Charlie Hempel	Linda Below	Dawn Weiss	Deb Storman	Beth Werkheiser
		Donna Warner		Dawn Bartron	Beth Werkheiser	Leanna Wickline
	Emily					
3/26/2023	Kresge	Deb Storman	Bill Below		Donna Warner	
		Linda Below			Beth Werkheiser	

If you are unable to serve at your scheduled time, please contact the office.

Next Week's Readings:

Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42