

# *First Sunday in Lent*



*February 18, 2024*

*10:00 am*

*St. Paul's Eggertsville Campus*

*Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Egbertsville Campus  
First Sunday in Lent  
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*Guest Musician: Billy Brandau*

*Brief order for Confession and Forgiveness*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C Amen.

P Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God,

C we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

P Friends, hear about God's grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through Jesus Christ. So your sins are forgiven in the name of Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit.

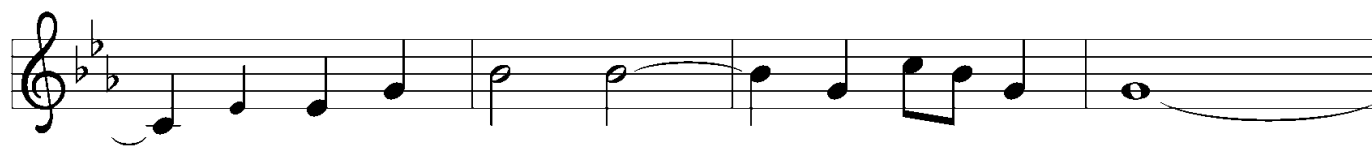
C Amen.

*Opening Hymn: WOV 660*

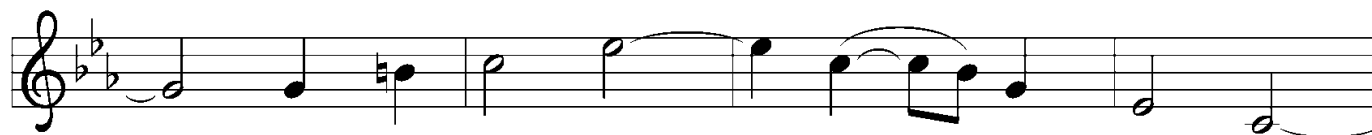
## I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



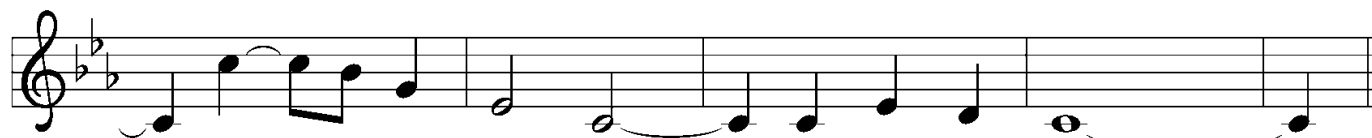
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

### *Apostolic Greeting*

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

C And also with you.

# Open our eyes, Lord

O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see

Je - sus, to reach out and touch

him, and say that we love him.

O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to

lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,

Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

## Children's Time

***First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17***

*Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

***Psalm 25:1-10 (read responsively)***

*Your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness. (Ps. 25:10)*

**A** To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**C** **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

**A** Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**C** **Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

**A** Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**C** **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

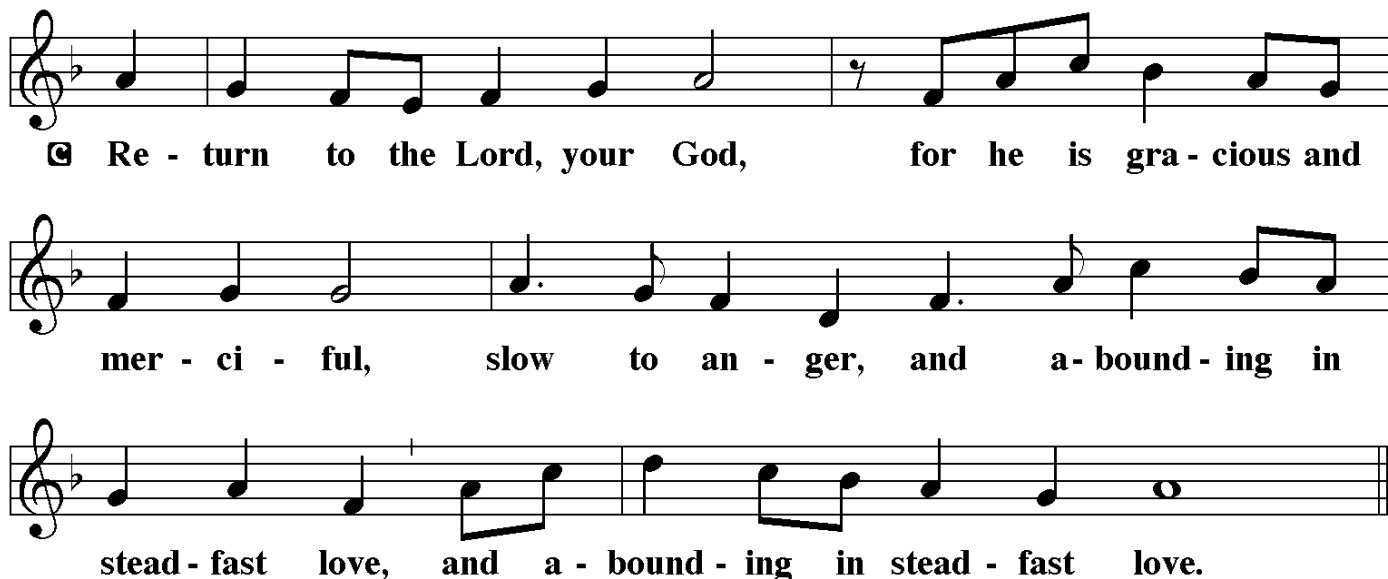
**A** Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**C** **You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

**A** You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

- C All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.
- A This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

### *Gospel Acclamation*



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in

stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

- P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the First Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

### *Gospel: Mark 1:9-15*

*The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.*

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C Praise to you, O Christ.



## *Sermon*

## *Hymn of the Day: LBW 99*

### O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

1 O Lord, through-out these for - ty days you prayed and kept the fast;  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your faith - ful - ness en - dured;  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind a - bove;  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and all our earth - ly days,

in - spire re - pen - tance for our sin, and free us from our past.  
lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
so teach us to de - ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
that when the fi - nal Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930  
Music: CAITHNESS, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1635

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## *Apostle's Creed*

**P** Let's join to proclaim our faith in the Apostles' Creed:

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 into hell. 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 the Church*

**A** Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need. (Please kneel or sit as you are able.)

God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions of faith. We give thanks for voices that challenge and awaken your people, especially that of Martin Luther, renewer of the church, whom we commemorate today. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

**A** God our maker, you remember your covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and creatures hurting from natural disasters. Preserve species and habitats endangered by human carelessness and disregard. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

**A** God our light, you know our weakness. Free all who govern from the temptations of power. Sustain all who work for human rights in every nation. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

**A** God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair. Feed hungry people living in food deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

**A** God our home, you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are homebound, hospitalized, convalescing, or traveling. We pray especially for the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

**A** God our hope, you promise eternal life to your beloved children. We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in faith. Grant that we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

**A** Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** Amen.

### *Offering Music and Prayer*

#### *Ways to Give to St. Paul's*

Options you can use to continue tithing to St. Paul's:

- **In-Person Worship:** Continue to put your envelopes and cash in the plate
- **Giving by Mail:** If you are not able to attend worship in person, please mail your donations payable to St. Paul's - 4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, NY 14226
- **Online:** On the St. Paul's website is a link to Online Giving which will allow you to donate either via PayPal or credit card. Click the Online Giving button and you will be taken to the site to set up an account, where to direct your donation, and the amount you want to donate.

The website is: <https://stpaulseggertsville.com/online-giving/>

**P** Let us pray.

**C** God of grace, we give you thanks for all the blessings you have poured into our lives. Thank you for the opportunities to share those blessings through and beyond St. Paul's. Use the gifts we offer here today and in our planned giving to bless the world with your hope, your presence, and your love.

### *Dialogue and Preface*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and proper that we should at all times and in all places, offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and speak their unending hymn:

### *Sanctus (spoken)*

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### *Words of Institution*

P In the night in which he was handed over, 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.

### *Lord's Prayer*

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C 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

***Holy Communion at St. Paul's: celebrated every time we gather, and is open to all. Please approach by the center aisle, receive the bread and the wine, and return to your seat via the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request it from the Assisting Minister holding the wine. Children are welcome! Those who receive elsewhere may receive here. Children who do not yet receive may come for a blessing. If you have difficulty walking, communion will be brought to you at your seat.***

***Communion Blessing***

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

C Amen.

***Prayer After Communion***

P Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C Amen.

***Benediction***

P And now as you go on your way, may the Lord go with you. May he go before you to show you the way, behind you to encourage you, beside you to be your friend, above you to watch over you, and within you to give you peace. Go today celebrating in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, and all God's children said...

C Amen

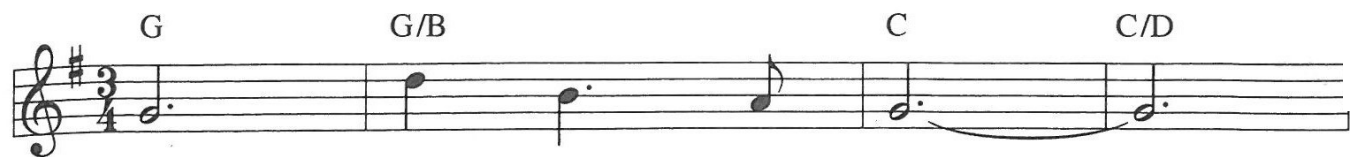
***Closing Hymn: W&P 147 (on the following page)***

***Sharing the Peace and Sending***

P Go in peace to serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

# We are called



1 Come! Live in the light!  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart!  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song!



Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are  
 Show your . . . mer - cy to all those in fear! We are  
 Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will



called to be light for the king - dom, to  
 called to be hope for the hope - less so all  
 reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 ha - tred and blind - ness will be . . . no more.  
 sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

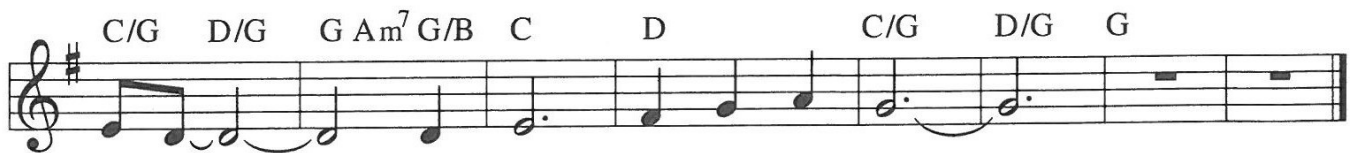
## Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: February 18-25, 2024

- Sunday:** 8:50-9:30 am: Adult Forum  
9:30 am-1:30 pm: Western New York Church at ALC  
10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV  
10:00 am: Worship and Communion (No Sunday School Today)  
11:00 am: Post-Golf Tournament Meeting  
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope
- Monday:** 4:30-5:30 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study  
1:30-3:30 pm: GriefShare Meeting  
5:00-6:30 pm: Recovery on Main Meeting (NA)  
6:00 pm: Burrito Project  
7:00-9:00 pm: Lutheran Chorale Rehearsal
- Wednesday:** 6:30-8:00 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group  
8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday:** 6:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety II
- Saturday:** 9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at ALC  
9:00 am-12:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open  
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10:00 am: Baptism of Gianna Rae Gorenflo  
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

**Altar Flowers:** Are given by Charles and Barbara Biegner in honor of Helen Gibson's 50th Anniversary of her Baptism.

*Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family of Joseph Marciniak (Heather Hornung-Winkler's cousin)*

**Deacons:** 2/18: Martin Troutman; 2/25: Barbara Walter

**Ushers:** 2/18: Mimi & Scott Fierle; 2/25:

**Prayer List: Shut-Ins** (\* indicates new names or changes added this week)

Ruth Blank: 2330 Maple Road, Apt. 374, Williamsville, NY 14221

Neal DeLeo: Bristol Village, 8455 Clarence Center Road, #105, Clarence Center, NY 14032

Marilyn Emerson: 33 Northfield Drive, Snyder, NY 14226

\*Douglas Endres: Buffalo General Hospital, 100 High Street, Buffalo, NY 14203

Jan Isaacs: 6 Bush Gardens, Three Rod Road, Alden, NY 14004

Omar Jenson: The Maplewood, 100 Daniel Drive, Webster, NY 14580

Dave Lampe: Ashley Woods, Room 8, 400 YMCA Way, Penfield, NY 14526  
Elaine Masman: Doseberg Campus, Room 120, 2700 North Forest Rd., Getzville, NY 14068  
Ralph Mast: 150 Bissel Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14211  
Dorothy Menth: Elderwood at Basset Park, 245 Bassett Rd., #54, Williamsville, NY 14221  
Marion Niblock: Beechwood Rehab, 2235 Millersport Highway, #714, Getzville, NY 14068  
Wilma Nantka: Fredonia Place, 201 Reist Street, #238, Williamsville, NY 14221  
Sandy Simet: Beechwood, Room #744, 2235 Millersport Highway, Getzville, NY 14068  
David Wolf: Solstice, 6363 Transit Road, #244, East Amherst, NY 14051  
Ron Wolfe: 324 Village Park Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221  
Jane Woodward: Brothers of Mercy Rehab, 10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence, NY 14031

***Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family:*** Sarah and Brian Maloney; Chad Israel; Joe Marciniak; Thomas Maier

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***In-Person Worship:*** St. Paul's has two in-person worship services: Saturday evening at 5:00 pm at the Amherst Lutheran Campus, and Sunday morning at 10:00 am at the Eggertsville Campus. Please be respectful of people around you regarding distancing and their comfort levels. The Sunday 10:00 am worship service is also livestreamed on St. Paul's YouTube page.

***Church Unleashed:*** If you cannot join us for in-person worship, please continue to worship with us as Church Unleashed on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am on WBBZ, YouTube, or Facebook.

***ALC Book Club:*** Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 14, beginning at 7:15 pm in the Gathering Room at Amherst Lutheran Campus. All are welcome! The book for March is American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins. Call me if you have any questions (716-689-6365 or karinej@roadrunner.com.)

***Prayer Team Ministry:*** Once a week you will receive an email with a list of people to pray for and specific requests for that person. We ask that you commit to praying for the names on the email. If you'd like to join us, please contact Heidi at: Heidi@stpaulseggertsville.com

***Daily Bread Food Truck:*** The 2024 Monday Meal Share is underway. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, contact the office at 716-835-0407 or dailybread4007@gmail.com

***Tigers Den Food Pantry:*** The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226 or by referral. The pantry hours for February are: Thursday 2/29 from 3:00-6:30 pm, and Saturday 2/24 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for February: canned fruit, paper towels, and facial tissues.



*For parents who want to attend our Sunday worship service, but must care for their babies, you might want to try out our nursery room. Located downstairs on the lower level, the nursery room is equipped with everything you will need to care for your infant. We also installed a television in the room so you can livestream the worship service upstairs.*

# LENTEN LUNCHES & DEVOTIONS

Wednesdays, 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm



Please consider bringing a pot of soup  
for one of the weeks.  
Sign up sheet is in the Gathering Space.

## Psalms of Prayer

**Feb 21:** Psalm 22:23-31 – “The poor shall eat and be satisfied” - SCB

Prayer focus: Ministries & people that battle hunger

**Feb 28:** Psalm 19 – “The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart” - PK

Prayer focus: Those who work for justice

**March 6:** Psalm 107 – “You deliver the people from their distress” - SCB

Prayer focus: those we know of that are troubled

**March 13:** Psalm 51 – “Create in me a clean heart O God” - PK

Prayer focus: ELCA missions & St. Paul's ministries

**March 20:** Psalm 31 – “Into your hands O Lord I commend my spirit” - SCB/PK

Prayer Focus: all who grieve

# SPAGHETTI DINNER



## St. Paul's Annual

**Saturday, March 9th, 4-7 p.m.**

- \* **FREE WILL OFFERING**
- \* All proceeds go to our ELCA Youth Gathering Team
- \* **TAKE OUT AVAILABLE**
- \* Bring your own bottle of wine to enjoy!
- \* **A BASKET RAFFLE WILL BE HELD**





*+ St. Paul's Mission +  
To empower others with the Good News of Jesus Christ.  
We do that by: Seeking Connections, Enriching Faith, Nourishing Lives,  
and Demonstrating Love in God's Name.*

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