Second Sunday in Lent



February 25, 2024 10:00 am St. Paul's Eggertsville Campus Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Eggertsville Campus Second Sunday in Lent February 25, 2024



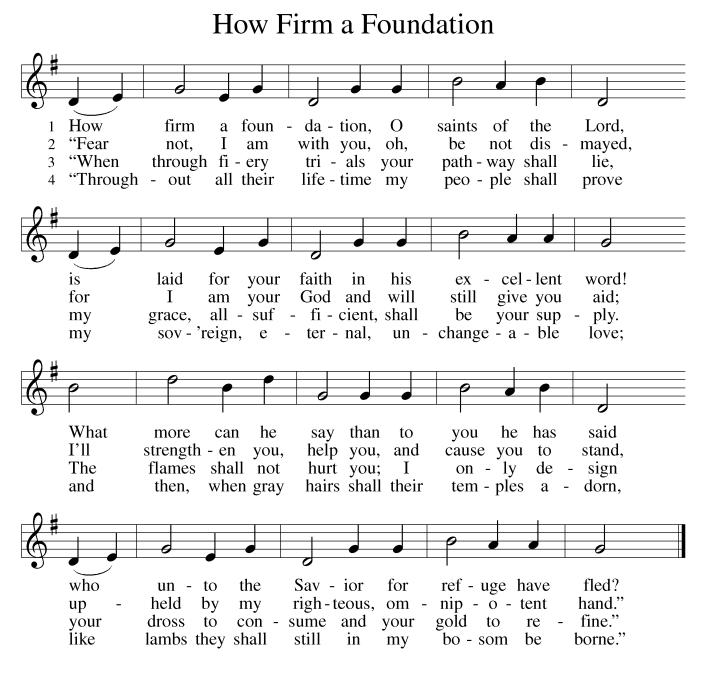
Musician: Paul Storfer

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.



Text: J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt. Music: FOUNDATION, early American

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



Prayer of the Day

- P O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah's womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God's promise.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

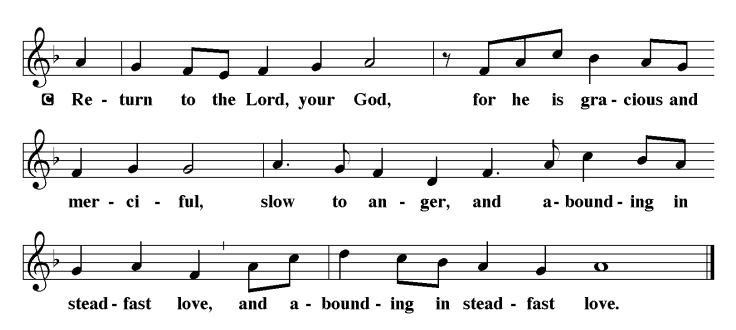
- A This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:23-31 (read responsively)

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD. (Ps. 22:27)

- A You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.
- C For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.
- A From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- C The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!
- A All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- C For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.
- A Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

- C Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
- A They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"
- A This is the Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

- P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 8th Chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

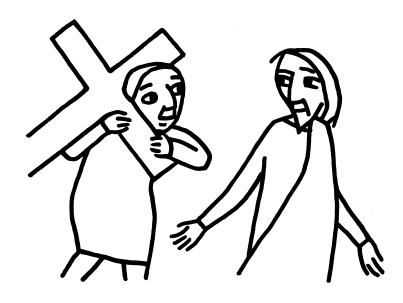
After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

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Sermon



Hymn of the Day: W&P 132

Step by step





Holy Baptism

Presentation

P In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors present the candidate:

Response: We present Gianna Rae Gorenflo for Holy Baptism.

The presiding minister addresses the parents:

P Erik and Kelsey, in Christian love you have presented Gianna for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Creed. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to help Gianna grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: We do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

P Sarah and Marisa, do you promise to nurture Gianna in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of her baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: We do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

- P People of God, do you promise to support Gianna and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
- C We do.

Thanksgiving

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- Р Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that Gianna who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away her sin by this cleansing water and bring her forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen

Renunciation

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

- C I renounce them.
- P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
- C I renounce them.
- P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
- C I renounce them.

Profession

- P Do you believe in God the Father?
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

 C 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.

- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C 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.

We turn to you for meaning, holy God. Nurture in your children the gifts of the Spirit poured out in baptism and let the mind of Christ guide the church. Give wisdom and discernment to our bishops, pastors, deacons, teachers, and leaders. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We turn to you for renewal. Save lives and ecosystems threatened by pollution and a changing climate. Cleanse the earth's waters and restore the soil. Preserve rainforests, deserts, and wildlife, that generations to come may cherish your creation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We turn to you for justice. Uphold the worth and dignity of every person, especially any who experience hatred and rejection because of gender, ability, sexual orientation, color, ethnicity, or religion. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- A We turn to you for healing. Send compassionate helpers to any who suffer because of war and violence. Shelter unhoused people, befriend those who are lonely, bring hope to any in despair, and console the bereaved. 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 We turn to you for purpose. Remind us of your faithfulness to this congregation. Increase our trust in your guidance and keep us near the cross. Grant that our acts of service will express Christ's sacrificial love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- A We turn to you for peace. We honor the saints who lived in service to others. Inspire us by their example until you gather us into your kingdom. 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.



Baptism

P Gianna, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Laying on of Hands

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Gianna: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.
- C Amen

Signing with the Cross

P Gianna, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen

Giving of the Light

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Welcome

- P Through Baptism, God has made Gianna a new member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow missionary in God's church, child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God. Amen



(Congregation joins in singing: Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.)

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,

- 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. Amen

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

<u>Holy Communion at St. Paul's</u>: 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.

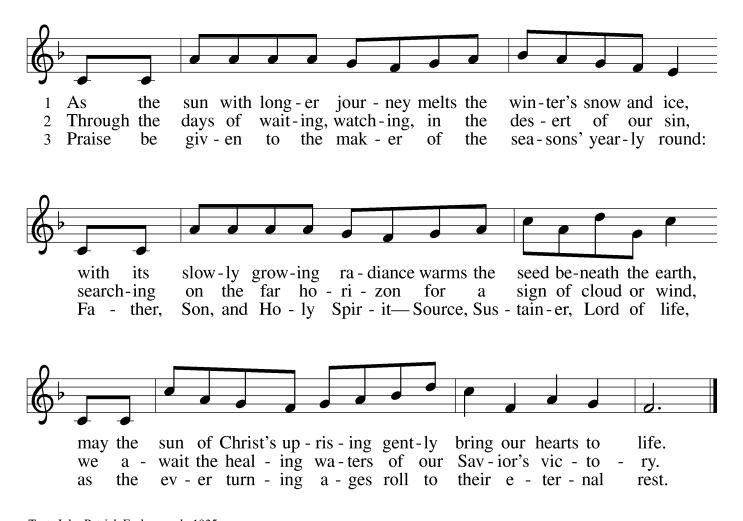
Prayer After Communion

- 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

As the Sun with Longer Journey



Text: John Patrick Earls, OSB, b. 1935

Music: NAGEL, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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Sharing the Peace and Sending

- P Go in peace to serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: February 25-March 3, 2024

Sunday:	8:50-9:30 am: No Adult Forum–Will restart April 7
	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, Communion, and Sunday School
	10:00 am: Baptism of Gianna Rae Gorenflo
	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–Canceled Today
	5:00-6:30 pm: Recovery on Main Meeting (NA)
	7:00-9:00 pm: Lutheran Chorale Rehearsal
Wednesday: 12:00 pm: Lenten Soup & Psalms	
	6:30-8:00 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group
	8:00 pm: AA Meeting
Thursday:	3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open
	6:00 pm: Emotional Sobriety II
Saturday:	9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at ALC
	5:00 pm: Worship and Communion at ALC followed by Family Fun Night
Sunday:	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, Communion, and Sunday School
	11:30 am: Confirmation Class at St. Paul's
	1:00 pm: Ray of Hope

Altar Flowers: Are given by Ira Striejewski in memory of his loving wife, Marilyn, and mother to Debbie, and Donald and Michele

Deacons: 2/25: Barbara Walter; 3/3: Sara Gallagher *Ushers:* 2/25: Richard Riddoch & Todd Vahue; 3/3: Bob & Karen Brown

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: 26 Sovereign Court, Getzville, NY 14068 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: Kristin DiPasquale, Sarah and Brian Maloney; Chad Israel; Thomas Maier

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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 <u>American Dirt</u> 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 March have been adjusted to conform to FeedMore WNY requirements. March hours are Saturdays 3/9 and 3/23 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm; and Thursdays 3/14 and 3/28 from 3:00-6:30 pm. Donations for March: flour, sugar, and cooking oil.



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





St. Paul's will be collecting new pairs of socks for the homeless throughout Lent. There will be a donation box in each church.



+ 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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