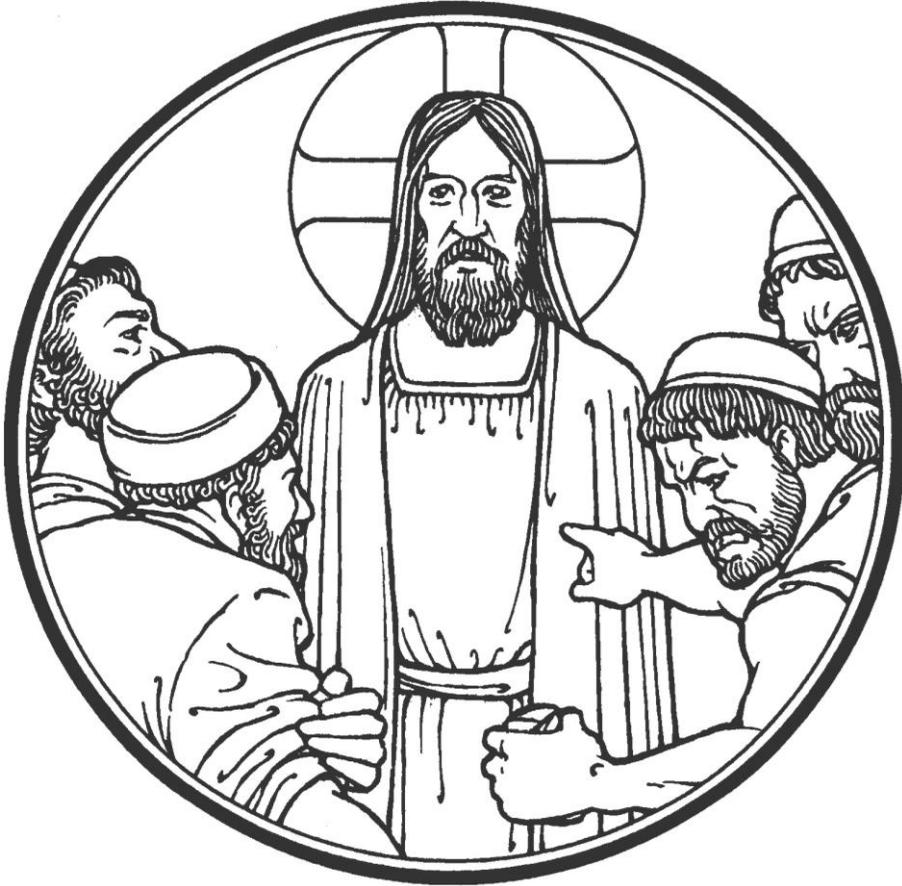


Judica



*Vindicate Me, O God, and defend My cause against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver Me! For You are the God in whom I take refuge.*

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

9:30 a.m.

This Morning's Hymns

430 420 423 428 433 425 666

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the Mediator of a New Covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better Word than the blood of Abel.

Hebrews 12:18–24

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread . . . For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My Body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This Cup is the New Covenant in My Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 11:23–29

Who receives this sacrament worthily? Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Luther's Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar

Falsely are our churches accused of abolishing the Mass; for the Mass is retained among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved . . . For ceremonies are needed to this end alone: that the unlearned be taught what they need to know of Christ . . . The people are accustomed to partake of the Sacrament together, if any be fit for it, and this also increases the reverence and devotion of public worship. For none are admitted except they be first examined.

Augsburg Confession XXIV: Of the Mass

A Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad that you have joined us this morning to receive from our gracious God and to offer Him your prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. If this is your first visit to St. Paul, or you have never received the Lord's Supper from Pastor Proctor, we ask that you speak with him or one of the elders before receiving Holy Communion. Children and adults who are not permitted to the Sacrament of the Altar may come forward and cross their arms against their chest to indicate they would like to receive a blessing at the rail.

*During Lent the service begins with the Litany and the Collect of the Day.
This replaces the regular Preparatory Rite, Introit, and Kyrie.*

✠ THE LITANY ✠

Salutation and Collect

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. We beseech Thee, Almighty God: mercifully to look upon Thy peoplè; that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Hòly Ghost: ever one God, world without end.



C A - men.

Hymn

My Song Is Love Unknown

430

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Sit

Old Testament

Genesis 22:1–19

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ²He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from Heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ¹²He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.” ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

¹⁵And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from Heaven ¹⁶and said, “By Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of Heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.” ¹⁹So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a, c



Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!*

Teach me to do Your will, for You | are my God!

You delivered me from my | enemies;*

You rescued me from the man of | violence.

Epistle

Hebrews 9:11–15

Brethren: ¹¹But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹²He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the Eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

¹⁵Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Tract

Psalm 129:1–4



“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth” —*

let Israel | now say —

**“Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth,*
yet they have not prevailed a- | gainst me.**

The plowers plowed up- | on my back;*
they made long their | furrows.”

The LORD is | righteous;*

He has cut the cords of the | wicked.

Holy Gospel

John 8:46–59

P The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. John:

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

At that time Jesus said to the Jews: ⁴⁶“Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? ⁴⁷Whoever is of God hears the Words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

⁴⁸The Jews answered Him, “Are we not right in saying that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks it, and He is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My Word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are You greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known Him. I know Him. If I were to say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and I keep His Word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see My day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven *and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man*; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose Kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is *worshiped and glorified*, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in One Holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of

sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come.
Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

Christ, the Life of All the Living

420

Sermon

Offering

Stand

Offertory

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

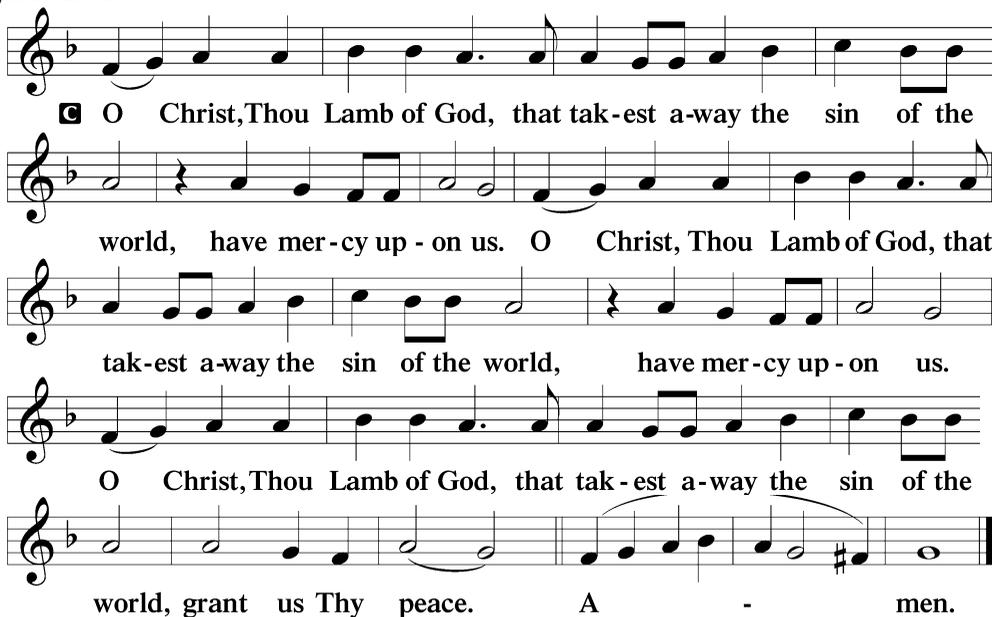
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C A - men.

Agnus Dei



□ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

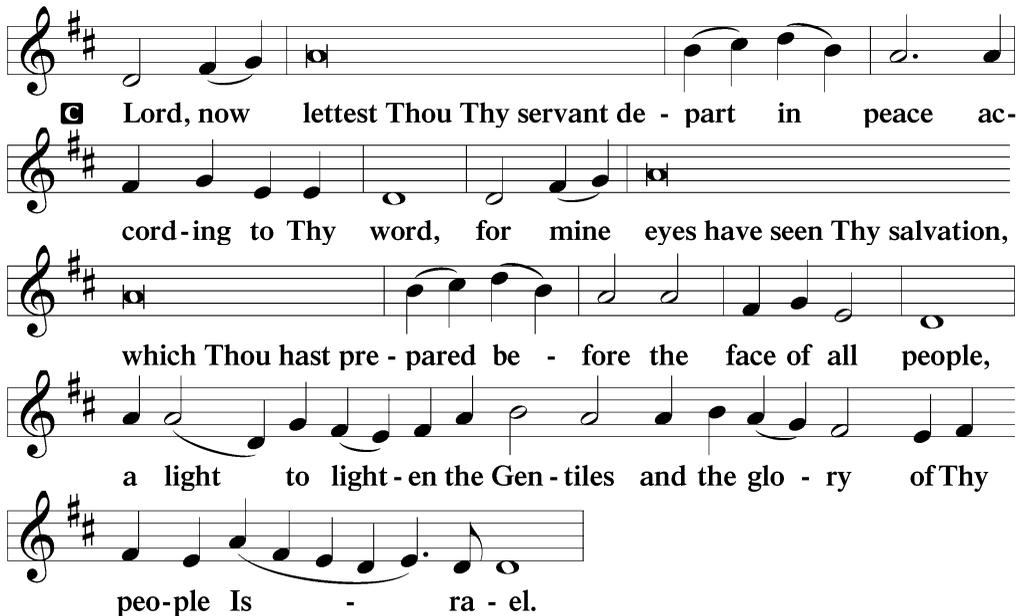
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Stand

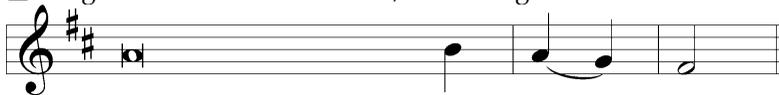
Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac - cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your Only-Begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn

O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

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BULLETIN NEWS

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, March 26	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	Adult Bible Class	Irmer Hall
		Sunday School	Mueller Hall
Wednesday, March 29	1:00pm	Bible Study	Library
	3:30pm	Confirmation Class	Pastor's Study
Thursday, March 30	7:00pm	Midweek Lenten Service	Sanctuary
Saturday, April 1	10:30am	Matins	Sanctuary

GRAVESIDE SERVICE FOR ARBUTUS WOOD

There will be a graveside service for Arbutus Wood at 12:30pm on Friday, April 7, 2023. Her remains will be interred at Resthaven Park Cemetery in Glendale. The address is 6450 W Northern Ave. The congregation is welcome to attend.

EASTER LILIES

Please sign up for EASTER Lilies TODAY! The cost for Lilies is \$10.00 per plant. Please use the envelopes in the pews and specify memorial or occasion. Order must be placed by April 2nd. Thank you!

LWML PROJECT

LWML will be decluttering, organizing, and updating our kitchen in the weeks to come. If you have brought serve-ware or utensils to church, please collect them so they don't get thrown in the trash or donated.

THRIVENT

LWML is working on a project to help update our kitchen. Did you know that Thrivent can help? If you have a Thrivent (formerly AAL/Lutheran Brotherhood) life insurance policy, you are able to apply for a \$250 grant each year. Contact Jeanne Schubring at (916) 205-7071 for more information.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Baby bottle coin banks are available on the narthex counter. Once your family has filled a bottle, bring it back to church and exchange it for an empty one. The bottle drive will conclude on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023. All monies collected will be donated to Life Choices Women's Clinic. For more information about Life Choices, visit www.lcwcaz.org

LET US PRAY FOR...

Please keep this list available for your daily devotions. *For prayer requests Church office (623) 846-2228, or email at info@stpaul Lutheran-az.com. Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.*

IMMEDIATE CONCERNS:

Beulah Richards – for health concerns

Christopher Richards – recovering and receiving physical therapy.

Barbara Sand – upcoming doctor appointments to address multiple health issues.

Chanel Harrington – recovering from surgery.

ON-GOING CONCERNS:

Kevin Stamm – recovering from back surgery

Charlie Cook – recovering at home.

Bea Hendricks – fell and currently in a care center

Michael Moreno – recovering from surgery

Rose Tressler – health issues

Jon Brant – health problems

Nicholas Jimenez, Linda Rossow, Jim Rucker, Pat Haas, Judith Kuhajda

Dennis Stonecypher – seeking employment.

Suzanne Berna – health concerns

Wayne Bartels – ongoing health issues

Suzi Riley – suffering from sleep apnea

Jorge Jimenez – fighting cancer

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Robin Proctor (mother of Pastor Proctor) broke her wrist and is recovering from surgery.

Pam Werdabaugh (mother of Dan Noggle) diagnosed with cancer and undergoing radiation treatment.

Jean Lorenzen (mother of Debbie Dyjak) cognitive function has worsened and has entered a care facility.

THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:

Family and friends of **Arbutus Wood**, died March 5.

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, Joan, serving in Japan.

Rev. Steven Massey and son, Marco, serving in Guatemala.

PSWD Missions

Rev. Stephen Oliver and wife, Maggie, and children, serving in Taiwan and the Asia Region.

PRAY FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH/THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD:

The Rev. Jeff Proctor and family

Sunday School teachers & children

Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff

LCMS officers, congregations & schools

Lexington Life Academy families & staff

OUR NATION: For all elected and appointed public servants, and all who labor to maintain peace and order.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (*members, friends, or relatives*): **Juan Garcia, Tiffany Gilmore, Robert Gilmore, Ethan Peterman, Robert Majewski, Mike Nguyen, Jacob Wilson, Lucas Butterfass, Nathanael Dyjak, Erich Dyjak**

OUR SHUT-INS: Anne Smith