

# *Oculi*



*My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for He will pluck my feet out of the net.  
Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.*

## **The Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 3, 2024**

**9:30 a.m.**

This Morning's Hymns

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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 the pastor, 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.

Stand

## Prelude

## Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name

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*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 ✠

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| <b>P</b> O Lord,   | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>P</b> O Christ,   | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>P</b> O Lord,   | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>P</b> O Christ,   | <b>C</b> hear us.             |
| <b>P</b> God the Father in Heaven,                                     | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>P</b> God the Son, Redeemer of the world,                           | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>P</b> God the Holy Spirit,  | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>P</b> Be gracious to us.  | <b>C</b> Spare us, good Lord. |
| <b>P</b> Be gracious to us.  | <b>C</b> Help us, good Lord.  |
| <br>   |                               |
| <b>P</b> Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God:                                |                               |
| <b>C</b> We implore You to hear us.                                    |                               |
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| <b>P</b> Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, |                               |
| <b>C</b> have mercy.   |                               |
| <b>P</b> Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, |                               |
| <b>C</b> have mercy.   |                               |
| <b>P</b> Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, |                               |
| <b>C</b> grant us Your peace.  |                               |
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| <b>P</b> O Christ,   | <b>C</b> hear us.             |
| <b>P</b> O Lord,   | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>P</b> O Christ,   | <b>C</b> have mercy.          |
| <b>P</b> O Lord,   | <b>C</b> have mercy. Amen.    |

## Salutation and Collect

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray. We implore You, Almighty God: look upon the hearty desires of Your humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

*Sit*

### Old Testament

*2 Kings 2:23-25*

*(Mocking God or his prophets is dangerous thing to do.)*

He went up from there to Bethel, and while he was going up on the way, some small boys came out of the city and jeered at him, saying, "Go up, you baldhead! Go up, you baldhead!" And he turned around, and when he saw them, he cursed them in the name of the Lord. And two she-bears came out of the woods and tore forty-two of the boys. From there he went on to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

*Psalm 9:19, 3*

Arise, O LORD! Let not | man prevail;\*  
let the nations be judged be- | fore You!

**When my enemies | turn back,\***  
**they stumble and perish before Your | presence.**

### Epistle

*Galatians 6:7-8*

*(Don't deceive yourself, you cannot mock God and get away with it.)*

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Tract

Psalm 123:1–3a

To You I lift | up my eyes,\*

O You who are enthroned in the | heavens!

**Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their | master,\***

**so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till He has mercy up- | on us.**

**Have mercy upon us, | O LORD,\***

**have mercy up- | on us.**

## Holy Gospel

John 19:1-16

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

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

*(Jesus is our King, but like so many people today, the soldiers did not recognize it and they mocked Him. Jesus endured the mocking; it is part of the price He had to pay for our sin.)*

Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God." When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. So Pilate said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."

From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar." So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus,

**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 *worshipped 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  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day      Hail, the Once Despised Jesus

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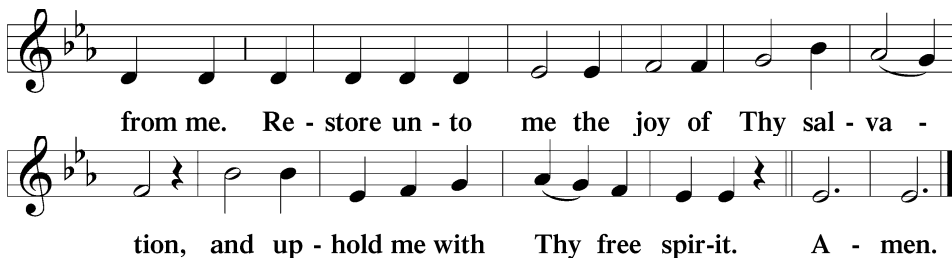
Sermon

Offering

Stand

Offertory

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

**P** O, Lord,

**C** Have mercy upon us.

**P** O Christ,

**C** Have mercy upon us.

**P** O Lord,

**C** Have mercy upon us.

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, by your agony on the cross, you have won for us Peace with God, and the promise of everlasting life.

**C** We give you our thanks and praise.

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, you have won forgiveness of sins, and life everlasting through your suffering and death,

**C** O, Lord, we give you thanks and praise.

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, you are the King of kings and Lord of lords,

**C** O, Lord, to you alone be the glory.

**P** For those times, when we have not honored you as Lord and Savior,

**C** O, Lord, forgive us, and have mercy upon us.

**P** For those times when, through our behavior or our attitudes, we have mocked you, made fun of you, or caused you pain,

**C** O, Lord, forgive us, and have mercy upon us.

**P** For those times, when we have only pretended that you were our King.

**C** O, Lord, forgive us, and have mercy upon us.

**P** For those times, when we have said "Hail, King! only in jest and dishonor.

**C** O, Lord, forgive us, and have mercy upon us and hear our prayer.

- A** Dear Lord Jesus, we know that often we are as guilty of mocking you, as were those Roman soldiers. We, too, have hailed you as king, but have not let you rule in our lives. We ask that by the power of Your Holy Spirit, you would bend our wills to conform to the rule of your Holy Word. Help us to give You the true worship of obedient lives, and to praise You as the King of kings and Lord, of lords.
- P** We know that there are many in this congregation, this community and our world that are in need the peace that only you – the King of Kings - can provide. Grant that they can recognize how you are working in their lives. We pray this in your name and by through the power of your Holy Spirit.
- C** In the name of Jesus, the King of Kings we pray. AMEN

## ✠ 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.



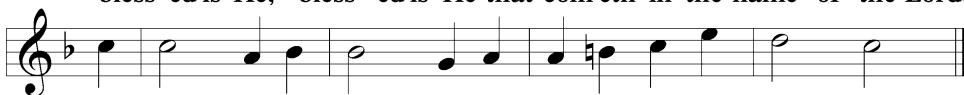
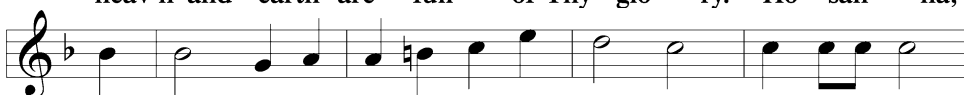
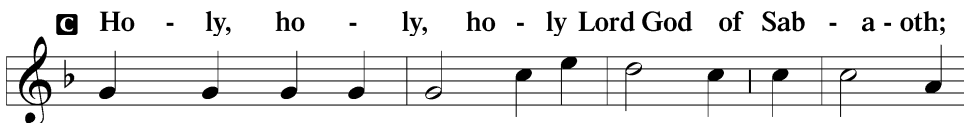
- C** It is meet and right so to do.

### 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



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."



## 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. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

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

**C** And His mercy endureth forever.

**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** Amen.

## Salutation and Benedicamus

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**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** Amen.

## Hymn

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

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*“To Shine Forth the Light of God’s Love into Our World”*

# BULLETIN NEWS

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, February 03	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:00am	Adult Bible Class	Irmer Hall
		Sunday School	Mueller Hall
Wednesday, February 28	7:00pm	Lenten Service	Sanctuary

## BIRTHDAYS

02/26 – Patsy Hauptman  
02/28 – Darrell Ahrens

## ANNIVERSARIES

02/26 – Darrell & Louise Ahrens

## 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 March 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## 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, March 31, 2024. All monies collected will be donated to Life Choices Women's Clinic. For more information about Life Choices, visit [www.lcwcaz.org](http://www.lcwcaz.org)

**CHURCH OFFICE COPY MACHINE** Donations are being requested for the purchase of a replacement copy machine for our church office. The cost is \$3,780.00 plus tax. If you would like to donate directly to this purchase, please label your donation with "Copy Machine" and place your donation in the offering plate.



# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 24 - Palm Sunday,	9:30 AM
March 28 - Maundy Thursday,	7:00 PM
March 29 - Good Friday,	7:00 PM
March 31 - Easter Sunday,	9:30 AM

## 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](mailto:info@stpaul Lutheran-az.com). Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.*

### ON-GOING CONCERNS:

Randy Parker, receiving treatment for Leukemia  
Dennis Stonecypher, suffering an undiagnosed illness  
Nigel Proctor – suffering from severe digestive issues  
Wayne Bartels – ongoing health issues  
Nicholas Jimenez, Linda Rossow, Jim Rucker, Pat Haas, Jonathan Brant

Kevin Stamm – health issues  
Suzi Riley – suffering from sleep apnea  
Jorge Jimenez – fighting cancer  
Rose Tressler – health issues

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Bill Garber (cousin of Jeanne Schubring) diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.  
Rei Irmer (sister of Louise Ahrens) going through 12-week Chemo treatment.  
Sharon Wies (wife of Cliff Wies, cousin of Vickie Hulteen) diagnosed with metastatic lung cancer.  
Nick Koontz (husband of Mary Howard's stepdaughter) diagnosed with leukemia.

### MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, Joan, serving in Japan.      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 Substitute Pastors and their families      The Rev. Jeff Proctor and family  
Sunday School teachers & children      LCMS officers, congregations & schools  
Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff      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*): Lucas Butterfass, Nathanael Dyjak, Juan Garcia, Robert Gilmore, Tiffany Gilmore, Robert Majewski, Mike Nguyen, Ethan Peterman, Andy Smiley, Jacob Wilson

**OUR SHUT-INS:** Anne Smith, Suzanne Berna