



St. Paul Lutheran Church

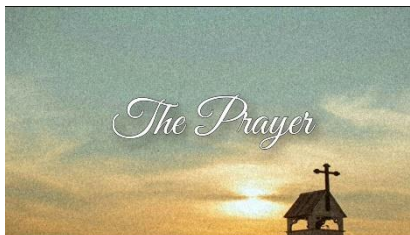
7:00p Service of Worship

Pastor ~ Reverend Ashley Nicolls

Raise the Roof! Raise the Kids! Raise Our Prayers!
March 15, 2023

Welcome!

May God's grace continue to overflow to and through you.



Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church!

We hope you will use this bulletin during the week to have a song to sing, prayers to pray and give comfort, whether you are worshipping in person or from home on your electronic devices.

Please know that although not all of us are physically together to worship, our Lord is still with us. We give thanks for those who do attend in-person, but also the technology that allows us to share the bulletin, record the service of worship and post to our website.

Our Tuesday Community Meal and Saturday Food Pantry are important outreaches into the community. Please continue to support these ministries, as you are able.

Remember the Community Prayer Cross outside near the road. You are welcome to leave a prayer request there or in the box in the narthex, and it will be brought out to the cross.

Your offerings are appreciated for our ministries. They can be made via online giving, given on Sunday morning, mailed to the church or dropped off during our normal office hours

Monday-Friday • 9a-12noon.

May God bless you and give you peace!

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John Beyer
Mike Scherr

Camera Operator

Debi Rado

Screen Operator

Kim Lariviere

Usher

Jan Kruse

Greeter

Frank Scianni

Meditative Prelude

John Ferreira

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Song

Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993

Music: George N. Allen, 1812-1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey

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PRECIOUS LORD

Irregular

Call to Prayer

Pastor: May the Lord Almighty grant us and those we love a peaceful night and a perfect end. **Response: Amen.**

The Request for Presence and Greeting

Pastor: Our help is in the Name of the Lord; the maker of heaven and earth.

Response: Almighty God, our heavenly Father: We have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, in what we have done and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Hymn

If I Have Wounded Any Soul Today

Verses 1, 2, 4

The musical score is written in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 If I have wound-ed an - y soul to - day,
2 If I have ut - tered i - dle words or vain,
3 If I have been per - verse, or hard, or cold,
4 For - give the sins I have con - fessed to thee;

if I have caused one foot to go a - stray,
if I have turned a - side from want or pain,
if I have longed for shel - ter in the fold,
for - give the se - cret sins I do not see;

if I have walked in my own will - ful way,
 lest I of - fend some oth - er through the strain,
 when thou hast giv - en me some fort to hold,
 oh, guide me, love me, and my keep - er be.

dear Lord, for - give.
 dear Lord, for - give.
 dear Lord, for - give.
 A - men, a - men.

Text: C. M. Battersby
 Music: AN EVENING PRAYER, Charles H. Gabriel, 1856–1932

Forgiveness

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Response: Amen.**

Refrain for the LESSON ~ Psalm 128:1

All: Happy are they who fear the Lord, and who follow in his ways.

Vespers Psalm ~ 24:7-10

The Lord of Hosts Is the King of Glory

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. "Who is this King of glory?" "The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle." Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. "Who is this King of glory?" "The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

Refrain for the LESSON ~ Psalm 128:1

All: Happy are they who fear the Lord, and who follow in his ways.

Message ~ Pastor Ashley Nicolls

The Prayer

P: Lord, we pray you'll be our eyes

C: and watch us where we go.

P: And help us to be wise

C: in times when we don't know.

P: Let this be our prayer

C: when we lose our way.

All: Lead us to a place.

Guide us with Your grace,

To a place where we'll be safe

P: I pray we'll find Your light.

C: And hold it in our hearts.

P: When stars go out at night

C: remind us where You are.

P: Let this be our prayer

C: when shadows fill our day

All: Lead us to a place.

Guide us with Your grace

To a place where we'll be safe.

All: A world where pain and sorrow will be ended.

And every heart that's broken will be mended.

And we'll remember we are all God's children

Reaching out to touch You, reaching to the sky.

P: We ask that life be kind

C: and watch us from above.

P: We hope each soul will find

C: another soul to love.

P: Let this be our prayer

C: just like every child

All: needs to find a place.

Guide us with Your grace

Give us faith so we'll be safe.

Song
Dona Nobis Pacem (3x)
(Grant Us Peace)

1 *Canon*



Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

2



Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

3



Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Text: Traditional
Music: DONA NOBIS PACEM, traditional

The Cry of the Church

Pastor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.

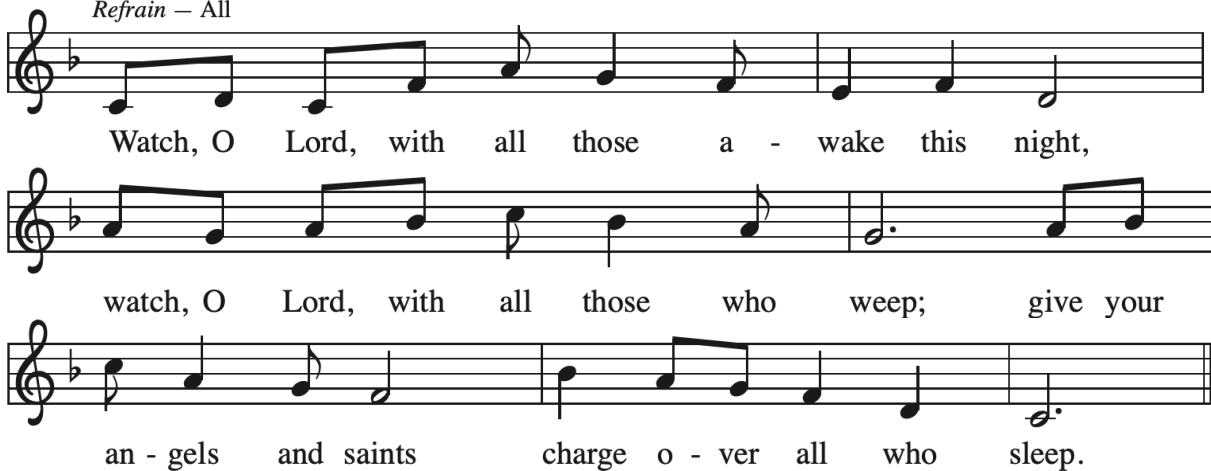
Response: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Sending Song

Watch, O Lord

Verses 1 & 2

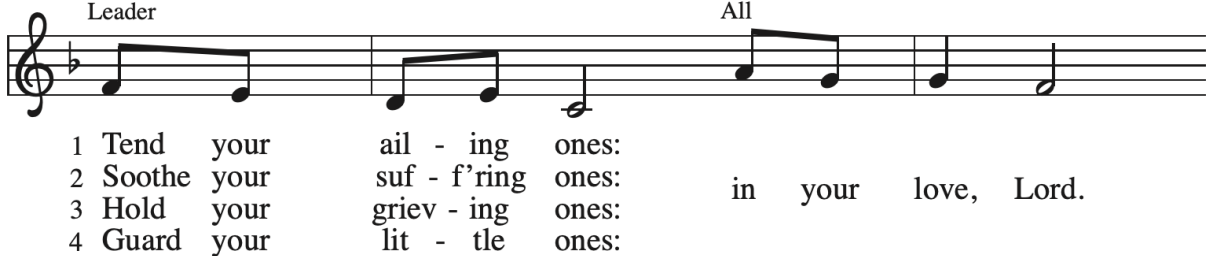
Refrain – All



Watch, O Lord, with all those a - wake this night,
watch, O Lord, with all those who weep; give your
an - gels and saints charge o - ver all who sleep.

Leader

All



1 Tend your ail - ing ones:
2 Soothe your suf - f'ring ones: in your love, Lord.
3 Hold your griev - ing ones:
4 Guard your lit - tle ones:

Leader

All



Rest your wea - ry ones:
Heal af - flict - ed ones: in your love, Lord.
Raise your fall - en ones:
Guide your search - ing ones:

Leader All Refrain

Bless your dy - ing ones:
 Shield your joy - ous ones: in your love, O Lord of all.
 Mend your bro - ken ones:
 Grant us all your peace:

Text: Mary Haugen, b. 1950, based on a prayer attributed to Augustine

Music: WATCH O LORD, Mary Haugen

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Final Thanksgiving

All: Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised; for these eyes of ours have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: a Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve in love.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: And all God's children say,

Response: Amen.

Depart Quietly

Announcements

ECLC Art Show Silent Auction Items

Items for the Italian and Chocolate baskets are due by March 17th. Other items due April 16th.

Chili Cook-Off - Saturday, March 18th

Adopt-a-Road – Saturday, March 25th, 8a at the Fountain

Holy Week Worship Maundy Thursday, April 6, 7p.

Good Friday, April 7, 7am Pilgrim Walk Downtown Sarasota and 7p at St. Paul

Easter Sunday, April 9, 9:30a

St. Paul Mission Statement

As a Holy Spirit-led family of God, we are called through baptism to proclaim and bear witness to God's reconciling grace in Jesus Christ to all so that by joyfully sharing God's Word and encouraging each other to service for the sake of others, our lives together make a difference for Christ and His kingdom.

The Prayer of Faith

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16 (NIV)



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ELCA Prayer Ventures

Prayers for the Week of March 15-21, 2023

15 Give thanks for mid-week Lenten meals that draw us together, that we might reflect on our humanness, find hope and comfort in God's love and mercy, and strengthen our unity as children of God and siblings in Christ.

16 Pray that, when we experience quarreling, division and hardship as a community of faith, we will trust one another as siblings in Christ and turn to God for reassurance, knowing that the Spirit leads us to reconciliation and unity.

17 Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the Moravian Church in America, a full communion partner since 1999. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

18 Give thanks to God for those who harvest the abundance of lakes, rivers and oceans to feed themselves and others. Pray that they will be safe, that their fishing will be successful and that they will wisely and generously steward our food resources and environment for the sake of all generations.

19 Pray that, as our neighbors suffer misfortune, poverty, hunger, homelessness or physical or mental illness, we will not judge them, blame them or decide where they do and don't belong but will instead respond as Jesus did, with boundless mercy, respect, care and hospitality.

20 Remember in prayer leaders meeting in Minneapolis for the Assistants and Associates to Bishops Gathering. Pray that their faith, lives and ministries will be enriched and supported by their time together.

21 Give thanks that God has brought us out of darkness and into the light of Christ, which reveals what is good, just and pleasing to God.

<https://elca.org/Resources/Prayer-Ventures>

Please remember in your prayers...

All those serving in the U.S. Military. The homeless in our neighborhood, our city, our nation and the world. The Florida Bahamas Synod Office of the Bishop Staff: Bishop Pedro, Assistants to the Bishop Pastors Khader, Rob C., Rob R., and Deacon Connie, Specialists Kim and Brittney, Support Staff Tina, Yuliet, and Ileana.

SURE – Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity, Community Meal and Food Pantry guests.

St. Paul members and St. Paul ECLC teachers and students.

<p>Members Beetle Family John Beyer Henry Blosser Susan Burmaster Sue Fisher Bob Fong Jane French Michele Hilton Cecilia Morvick Jean Panthana James Paulsson Rado Family Colleen Ryan Susy Scholl Brenda Smith Dave and Betty Smowton Ginger Webb Karin Zukowski</p> <p>Homebound Members Sharyn Brodnax Donna Casala June Manselle Virginia McQuaig Michael Reiter Carole Wilson</p> <p>Friends and Family Debbie – <i>friend of Scherrs</i> Ian – <i>son of Michele Hilton</i> Kayla – <i>niece of Judy Roberts</i> LaShonda – <i>friend of John Beyer</i> Marilyn – <i>aunt of S. Weckwerth</i> Paula – <i>friend of Cindy Paxton</i> Susan & Jim – <i>friends of C. Paxton</i> Clinton Allen – <i>friend of Jim Paulsson</i> Joan Asplund – <i>St. Paul attender</i> Geri Bandauski – <i>sister of Dave Smowton</i> Joyce Benton – <i>sister of H. Roberts</i> Karla Benton – <i>niece of the Roberts</i> Buete and Pearson family– <i>family of Brian McCulley</i></p>	<p>Caroline Burmaster – <i>sister-in-law of Susan Burmaster</i> Kathleen Cannon – <i>friend of Puckhabers</i> Jeremy Cardillo – <i>brother-in-law of JoAnn Jordan</i> Darsey Carnal – <i>daughter-in-law of Judy Carnal</i> Alice Chanover – <i>friend of Puckhabers</i> Jessica Clements – <i>friend of Kathie Snyder</i> Sandy Cooper – <i>friend of H. Puckhaber</i> Mike Cunningham- <i>friend of H. Roberts</i> Janine Dress – <i>seasonal guest</i> Cody Eddleman – <i>husband of John Beyer</i> Lily Gibson – <i>niece of Susy Scholl</i> Niklaus Heisler – <i>great-grandson of Irene Felicetti</i> David Jackerson – <i>son of Susy Scholl</i> Jenny Jerrems – <i>friend of Susan Burmaster</i> Maryjane Kapela – <i>cousin of Janine Dress</i> Kate Kretschmann- <i>family of Lindy Lindemann</i> Kenny Manselle—<i>son of June Manselle</i> Shirley and Dan Martin - <i>friends of Susy Scholl</i> Marsha McKinney- <i>former member</i> Nora McQuaig – <i>daughter of Ginny McQuaig</i> Pam Mills – <i>sister of Daniel Mills</i> Becky Nobles – <i>friend of Lindy Lindemann</i> Linda and Jim Norris – <i>family of Doris Schlotterback</i> Karen Paulsson – <i>sister of Jim Paulsson</i> Terry Panthana – <i>niece of Jean Panthana</i> Linda and Jim Norris – <i>family of Doris Schlotterback</i></p>	<p>Karen Paulsson – <i>sister of Jim Paulsson</i> Terry Panthana – <i>niece of Jean Panthana</i> John Popielarsky – <i>friend of Ethel Hamilton</i> Starr Ramon – <i>friend of Hildreths</i> Manny Rivas – <i>friend of Cindy Schlotterback</i> Candy Reimer – <i>godmother of PrAshley</i> Brian & Tommy Schlotterback—<i>sons of Doris Schlotterback</i> Cynthia Lu Scholl – <i>sister of Susy Scholl</i> Rob Scianni – <i>son of J&F Scianni</i> Clint Shantz- <i>former member</i> Donna Shepherd - <i>sister of Gail Seyfarth</i> Joan Simone – <i>friend of the Puckhabers</i> Bethany Smith – <i>daughter of B&B Smith</i> Timothy Smith—<i>grandson of Ginny McQuaig</i> Jean Taffe and family – <i>cousin of Susan Burmaster</i> Noel Scott Studenwalt – <i>nephew of B&B Smith</i> Donna Van Ness – <i>niece of Missy Craig</i> Elaine & Mark Vanderweight- <i>friends of Jim Paulsson</i> David Weinberger – <i>friend of Puckhabers</i> John and Janet Welther – <i>family of Ethel Hamilton</i> Dottie Lynne White – <i>sister of Susy Scholl</i> Judith Wismer – <i>community meal guest</i> Amy Zuccarello—<i>daughter of Dcn. Michele Hilton</i></p>
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