Assisting in Today's Service:

Lector: Terry Braden Communion Assistants: Sue Marcinko, Hobie Kenton Ushers: Bob Gasper, Kendra Smith, Zoe Smith, Kimberly Siemer Tellers: Alice Schmeider, Nancy Altman, Meridith McGinnis

Continued steady, steadfast, sustained prayers for: Vivian, Vivian Beers, Joe Cashell, Jean Dudas, Charlotte Hostetler, Luanne Keener, Stella, Jay Hill, Don Diller, Al & Marlene Lacanic, Ron Johnson, Claire & Diane Jones, Arial, Janea, Dorothy Glance, Bryson Gray, Joanne Toy, Betsy Rodgers, Tom Fennel, Bill Hay David Klingensmith, Connie Swaiko, Tom Leskovik, Bill Allison, Paige Swagger, Carla Shank, Ted Kaminski, Dean, Richard Shank, Lauren, Shirley Altman, Heath Callithen, Clayton, Cheyanne, Frank Mark Nikitin, Dan Brastenski, Tom, Kami, John Resick

We are packing the Blessing Bags after church today in the Narthex.

Easter Flower Order Forms are located at the kiosk.

Anyone interested in making palm crosses for Palm Sunday should meet in Heide Hall this Saturday, April 1, at 9:30am.

TryLife this Thursday @6:00pm. See Jessica Donatelli for more info.

Lenten Soup & Service at St. Paul's Wednesdays during Lent . Soup Supper 5:30pm Worship Service 6:30pm *(Bell choir 7:00pm)* Sign the list at the kiosk if you are willing to bring a pot of soup to share.

Community Mid Week Lenten Service March 29, noon @SonRise Community Church



St. Paul's Celebrates, Declares, and Demonstrates the Love of God in Jesus Christ to Sarver and the World.

<u>Fífth Sunday ín Lent</u>

March 26, 2023

"Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love" (Psalm 130:7, ESV). Welcome to worship, one and all.

* Indicates when to stand

Prelude

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TIME OF SHARING

***Order of Confession and Forgiveness**

- P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Amen.
- P. Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. (*Psalm 25:4-5*)
- C. Amen.
- P. If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7)

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.
- C. According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen. (Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)

P. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

*GATHERING SONG: "Cornerstone"

- 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.

There is Power in The Blood CCLI Song#21370

Would you be free from your burden of sin? There's power in the blood, power in the blood Would you o'er evil a victory win? There's wonderful power in the blood. *Chorus There is power, power wonderworking power In the blood of the Lamb*

There is power, power, wonderworking power In the precious blood of the Lamb.

Would you be free from your passion and pride? There's power in the blood, power in the blood Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide There's wonderful power in the blood. *Chorus*

Would you be whiter much whiter than snow? There's power in the blood, power in the blood Sinstains are lost in its lifegiving flow There's wonderful power in the blood. *Chorus*

Would you do service for Jesus your King? There's power in the blood, power in the blood Would you live daily His praises to sing There's wonderful power in the blood. *Chorus*

Cornerstone

CCLI Song#6158927

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not rust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus' name. *Chorus Christ alone, Cornerstone, weak made strong in the Savior's blood Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.*

When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and story gale My anchor holds within the veil My anchor holds within the veil *Chorus*

When He shall come with trumpet sound Oh may I then in Him be found Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless, stand before the throne. *Chorus*

You Alone Can Rescue

CCLI Song#5376377

Who, oh Lord, could save themselves, Their own soul could heal? Our shame was deeper than the sea Your grace is deeper still (repeat) *Chorus* You alone can rescue, You alone can save You alone can lift us from the grace You came down to find us, led us out of death To You alone belongs the highest praise

> You, oh Lord, have made a way The great divide You heal For when our hearts were far away Your love went further still Yes, your love goes further still *Chorus*

***The Prayer of the Day THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:** Ezekiel 37:1-14 **THE PSALM:** Psalm 130 **THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** Romans 8:1-11 *Gospel Introduction P. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, C. And we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God. (John 6:68-69) THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 11:1-45 THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE THE SERMON **THE SONG:** "You Alone Can Rescue" **THE APOSTLE'S CREED** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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**

Each petition will conclude with "Lord, in Your mercy," Please respond with **"hear our prayer."**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

THE OFFERING

*THE OFFERING PRAYER

- P. Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.
- C. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. (1 Chronicles 29:10-11)
- P. Who am I, and what is this people, that we should be able to bring you an offering.
- C. For all things come from you, and from what is your own we have given you. (1 Chronicles 29:14)

*PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION

P. The Lord be with you.	(2 Thessalonians 3:16)
C. And also with you.	(2 Corinthians 13:13)
P. Lift up your hearts.	(Lamentations 3:41)
C. We lift them to the Lord.	(Psalm 25:1)
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	(Psalm 107: 8)
C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.	(2 Thess. 1:3)
*The Eucharistic Prayer	

*THE LAMB OF GOD

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

P. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.	(John 1:29)
C. Have mercy on us.	(Psalm 123:3)
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P. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.	(John 1:29)
C. Grant us your peace.	(Psalm 123:3)

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

BLESSING AND RESPONSE

- A. May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5:23)
- C. Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for the glory of your people Israel. (Luke 2:29-32)

THE BENEDICTION

P. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirt.

C. Amen.

THE SENDING SONG: *"There is Power in the Blood"*

THE DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

Communion: At the Lord's Table we gather to eat and drink the salvation that God has given us in Jesus Christ. All *baptized* Christians who trust in Jesus' work on their behalf and believe in his presence at the table, are welcome to partake

Welcome to all visitors! We are so glad you joined us today. Please fill out a Connection Card located in the pews and be sure to stop by our Welcome Center at the kiosk as you leave worship.

Easter Egg Hunt: Sunday, April 2 beginning promptly at 11:30am. Ages 0-5th grade. Hot dogs, chips, and beverage will be served.

Easter Morning Continental Breakfast: Sunday, April 9, 7:30am-10:00am. Come at your leisure for breakfast and Easter fellowship!

Good Friday Breakfast for Women and Children: Friday, April 7 @9:30am, Cabot UM Church

Men's Good Friday Breakfast: Friday, April 7, @6:00am, Saxonburg Memorial Presbyterian church. RSVP online at saxonburg.org

> Easter Sunday Worship Services 6:30am & 10:10am

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