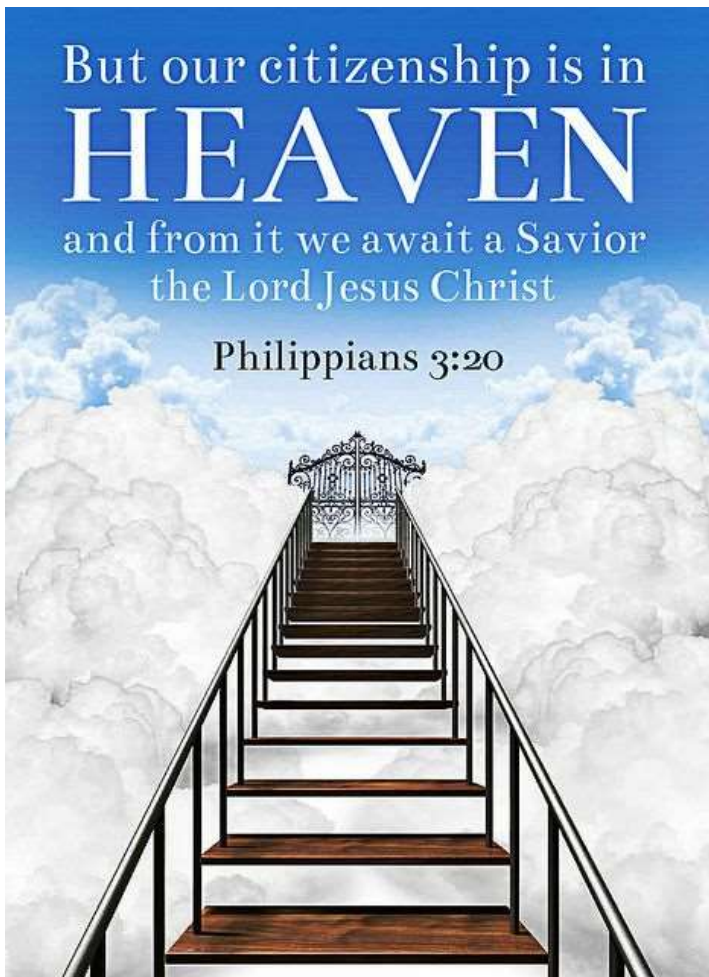


But our citizenship is in
HEAVEN

and from it we await a Savior
the Lord Jesus Christ

Philippians 3:20



SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Second Sunday in Lent

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WELCOME to the Divine Service this morning!! Let us join together in song and prayer and hearing the Word of the Lord that we may be refreshed in the Spirit and encouraged for the week ahead.

Come again soon! You are always welcome here at St. Paul's!

We ask that all **guests** and **members** fill out the registration cards found in your pew rack. Please take a brief moment to write down the names of those in attendance. You can hand it to the usher or place it in the registration basket on the bulletin table as you leave. Visitors please fill in your address and phone number. We sincerely pray that your day has been blessed through worship and you will visit with us again very soon.

In the celebration of Holy Communion we joyfully receive the true body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine. This is also a sign of our common confession of faith. We welcome to the Lord's supper all those who are presently confirmed members of a congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Speak to Pastor or an usher if you would like to commune at St. Paul's for the first time.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bell

The Order of Worship

Lutheran Service Book –
Divine Service Setting Four with Communion

Entrance Hymn

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

LSB #873

Invocation *(please stand)*

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,
O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness;
therefore You are feared.**

P We are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 74:1-3; antiphon: Ps. 69:9

P For zeal for your house has consumed me,
C **and the reproaches of those who reproach you
have fallen on me.**

P O God, why do you cast us off forever?
C **Why does your anger smoke against the sheep
of your pasture?**

P Remember your congregation, which you have
purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the
tribe of your heritage!

C **Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.**

P Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins;
C **the enemy has destroyed everything
in the sanctuary!**

All **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and
will be forever. Amen.**

P For zeal for your house has consumed me,
C **and the reproaches of those who reproach you
have fallen on me.**

Kyrie

LSB 204



Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Lent

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength.
By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities
that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts

that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(be seated)

Chime Choir *“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”*
Setting by Richard W. Gieseke

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 26:8-15

⁸ And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! ⁹ Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, “This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

¹⁰ When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. ¹¹ Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

¹² Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³ Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴ But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵ Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Philippians 3:17-4:1

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

¹ Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel (*please stand*)

Luke 13:31-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course.’ ³³ Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ ³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(be seated)

Sermon

Nicene Creed (*please stand*)

All 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.

(be seated)

Presentation of the Offering

Offertory





Prayers of the Church

(After each portion of the prayers)

P Lord, in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (*please stand*)

LSB 208

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 Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless

blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation.
 Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown
 to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus
 Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving
 Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because
 He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all
 eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and
 death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with
 angels and archangels and with all the company of
 heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name,
 evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

LSB 208



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have
 had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your
 only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our
 Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation
 accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His
 body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we
 beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us
 with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His
 body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own
 testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of

the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

All 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 Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution (be seated)

(All members of our St. Paul's family are invited to meet the Lord in this Sacrament. When at the table, please indicate your preference of common or individual cup.)

The CENTER RING of the individual communion cup tray contains white grape juice. The OUTER RINGS contain red wine. Gluten free wafers are available from a communion assistant.)

Distribution Hymns

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

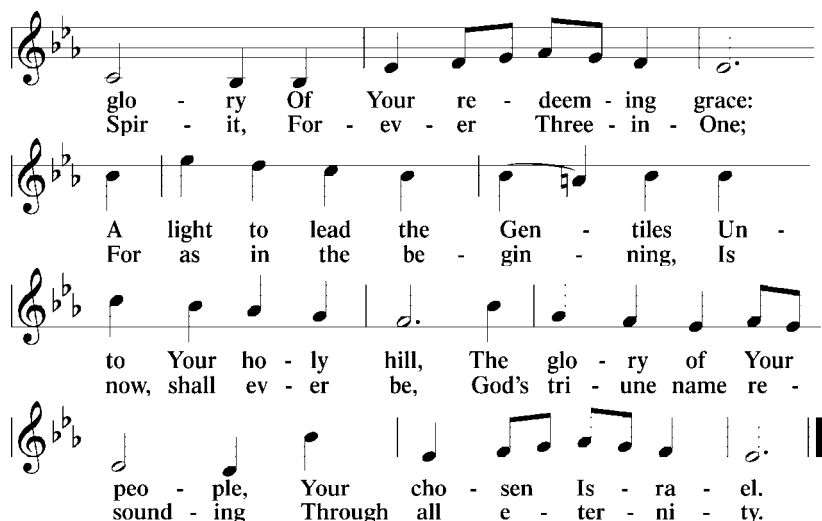
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"I'm But a Stranger Here"

LSB #748

Nunc Dimittis (please stand)

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we ask You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn “*Children of the Heavenly Father*” LSB #725

Silent Prayer

(be seated)

Postlude

“Soli Deo Gloria”

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