



**RECOGNIZING AGAINST WHOM WE SIN**

Midweek Lenten Service

# **ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH** | Bangor, WI

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*March 19, 2025*

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we welcome you to St. Paul's. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news of God's forgiveness through Jesus.

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## **PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP**

King of creation, I have rebelled against you in thought, word, and deed. I have sinned far more than I even realize, and every sin is against you, my Creator, Preserver, and Savior. Wash me in the blood of Jesus, and pronounce my forgiveness to me for Jesus' sake. Ever point me to his atoning sacrifice as my only hope for justification and as my strength in repentance. In Him I pray. Amen.

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## **FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN**

Children's activity sheets are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. The church basement is also available with a live feed of the worship service along with a Kids' Corner for parents with children to utilize during the service if needed.

## **THANK OFFERING**

You may leave your offering in the plate in the lobby. The QR code to the right will provide the link to our online giving option. If you're visiting with us today you are welcome to give an offering, but don't feel compelled by guilt or embarrassment to do so. God wants all offerings to be made freely and with joy.



# REFLECTIONS ON REPENTANCE

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"The Lord is not slow to do what he promised...Instead, he is patient for your sakes, not wanting anyone to perish, but all to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).

## OPENING HYMN

655 Before You, God, the Judge of All



1 Be - fore you, God, the judge of all, with grief and shame I  
2 O Lord, my God, to you I pray: O cast me not in  
3 O Je - sus, let your pre-cious blood be to my soul a



hum - bly fall. I see my sins a - gainst you, Lord,  
wrath a - way! Let your good Spir - it ne'er de - part,  
cleans - ing flood. Turn not, O Lord, your guest a - way,



my sins of thought and deed and word. They press me  
but let him draw to you my heart that tru - ly  
but grant that jus - ti - fied I may go to my



sore; to you I flee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
pen - i - tent I be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
house at peace to be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

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## INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
**we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.  
**Amen.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 25:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I will lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>In you I have trusted, O my God.

Do not let me be put to shame.

Do not let my enemies triumph over me.

**<sup>3</sup>All who hope in you will never be put to shame,  
but those who are treacherous for no reason will be put to shame.**

<sup>4</sup>Make known to me your ways, O LORD.

Teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Make me walk in your truth and teach me,  
because you are the God who saves me.

In you I hope all day long.

<sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and your mercy,  
for they are from eternity.

**<sup>7</sup>Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways.  
According to your mercy remember me,  
because of your goodness, O LORD.**

<sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD.  
Therefore, he instructs sinners in the right way.

<sup>9</sup>He directs the humble to what is just,  
and he teaches the humble his way.

**<sup>10</sup>All the ways of the LORD are mercy and truth  
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

**<sup>11</sup>For the sake of your name, O LORD,  
you forgive my guilt, although it is great.**

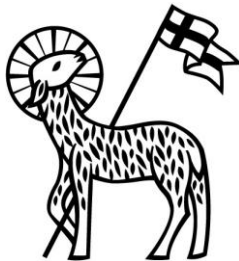
## PSALM PRAYER

Lord, do not remember the sins of our youth and our rebellious ways. Remember instead the great mercy and love that you have shown your people for hundreds of generations. Forgive our sins and teach us to live lives of integrity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## PASSION HISTORY

*In the Garden*



HYMN OF THE DAY

430 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af-flict-ed, see him dy-ing on the  
 2 Tell me, as you hear him groan-ing, was there ev-er grief like  
 3 If you think of sin but light-ly nor sup-pose the e-vil  
 4 Here we have a firm foun-da-tion, here the ref-uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re-ject-ed; yes, my  
 his, friends through fear his cause dis-own-ing, foes in-  
 great, here you see its na-ture right-ly, here its  
 lost: Christ, the rock of our sal-va-tion, is the



soul, 'tis he, 'tis he. 'Tis the long-ex-pect-ed  
 sult-ing his dis-tress? Man-y hands were raised to  
 guilt may es-ti-mate. Mark the sac-ri-fice ap-  
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin-ners



Proph-et, Da-vid's son, yet Da-vid's Lord; proofs I  
 wound him, none would in-ter-vene to save; but the  
 point-ed, see who bears the aw-ful load; 'tis the  
 wound-ed, sac-ri-fice to can-cel guilt! None shall



see suf-fi-cient of it: 'tis the true and faith-ful Word.  
 deep-est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that jus-tice gave.  
 Word, the Lord's a-noint-ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
 ev-er be con-found-ed who on him their hope have built.

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## SERMON

*Psalm 51:3-4*

<sup>3</sup>For I admit my rebellious acts.  
My sin is always in front of me.  
<sup>4</sup>Against you, you only, have I sinned,  
and I have done this evil in your eyes.  
So you are justified when you sentence me.  
You are blameless when you judge.

## OFFERING

## HYMN

*408 He Stood before the Court*



1 He stood be - fore the court on trial in - stead of  
2 These are the crimes that tell the tale of hu - man  
3 The sen - tence must be passed, the un - known pris - 'ner  
4 Shall we be judged and tried? In Christ our trial is



us; he met its pow'r to hurt, con - demned to  
guilt; our sins, our death, our hell— on these the  
killed; the price is paid at last, the law of  
done; we live, for he has died, our con - dem -



face the cross— our King, ac - cused of treach - er -  
case is built. To this world's pow'rs the Lord stays  
God ful - filled. He takes our blame, and from that  
na - tion gone. In Christ are we both dead and



y; our God, a - bused for blas - phe - my!  
dumb. The guilt is ours, no an - swers come.  
day th'ac - cu - ser's claim is wiped a - way.  
raised, a - live and free— his name be praised!

## **PRAYER**

God, our Father, by the sacrifice of your Son you reconciled the world to yourself.  
**We thank you for the precious gift of forgiveness. Refresh us with the joy of salvation, that we may walk in the way of peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ.**

Renew our minds and wills, that daily we may speak your word of peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **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.**

## **BLESSING**

Go in peace. Christ Jesus has set you free.  
**Thanks be to God.**



## CLOSING HYMN

## 540 O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild



1 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild, for  
2 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild, with  
3 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild, joy



sin - ners you be - came a child. You came from  
God we now are rec - on - ciled. You have for  
fills the world which sin de - filed. What - e'er we



heav - en to ful - fill your Fa - ther's just and  
all the ran - som paid, your Fa - ther's right - eous  
have be - longs to you, O keep us faith - ful,



ho - ly will, O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild.  
an - ger stayed, O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild.  
strong, and true, O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild.

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