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MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

March 12, 2025 – 3:30 and 6:30 pm



WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S

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BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN RED 304, vv. 1-3, 5

1 Jesus sinners does receive;
Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live
And from God and heaven wander.
Here is hope for all who grieve
Jesus sinners does receive.

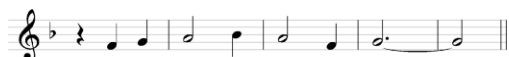
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray
Are not by the Lord forsaken;
Weary souls who lost their way
Are by Christ, the shepherd, taken
In his arms that they may live
Jesus sinners does receive.

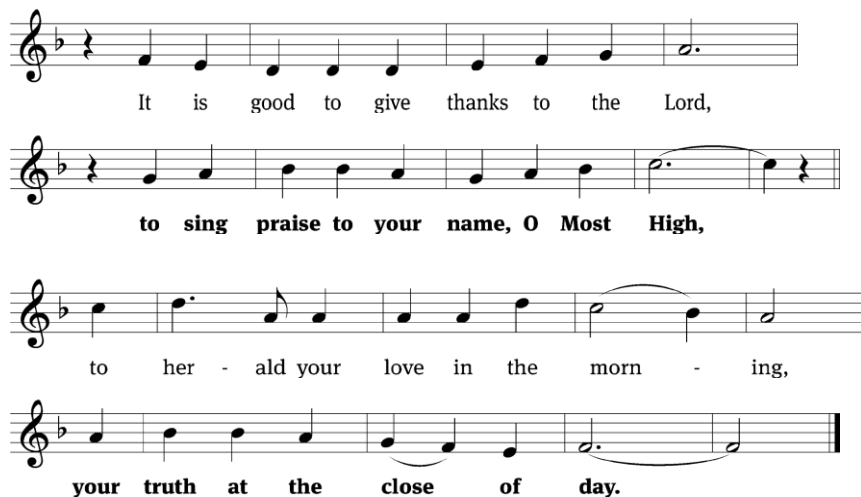
Jesus Sinners Does Receive

2 We deserve but grief and shame,
Yet his words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
Here their ills have perfect healing
Who with humble hearts believe
Jesus sinners does receive.

5 I, a sinner, come to you
With a penitent confession.
Savior, show me mercy, too;
Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve
Jesus sinners does receive.

(Congregation sings)





It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High,
to her - ald your love in the morn - ing,
your truth at the close of day.

M Lord, have mercy!

C **Christ, have mercy!**

M Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail

C **They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness (Lamentations 3:22,23).**

M In our midweek Lenten services, we pause to examine our hearts using the Ten Commandments and their explanations from Luther's Small Catechism. As the Law of God reveals our sins more clearly, we cherish all the more the mercy of our God in Jesus' suffering and death.

C **You shall have no other gods. What does this mean? We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.**

M Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.
Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

C **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.**

M 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.

C **Amen.**

PSALM

Psalm 25, Red Hymnal page 74

PSALM PRAYER

M 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.

C **Amen.**

ANTHEM (3:30 pm)

What Wondrous Love is This

Arr. Trevor Manor

St. Paul's School Grades 3, 7, and 8

Even as the disciples demonstrate sinful pride and scandalous betrayal, Jesus demonstrates mercy, instituting the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins.

HYMN OF THE DAY RED 100, vv. 1-3

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

**A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, Our guilt and evil bearing
And, laden with the sins of earth, None else the burden sharing.
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint, To slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer, Bears shame and stripes and wounds and death,
Anguish and mockery and says, "Willing all this I suffer."**

**This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of God, our Savior;
Him God the Father chose to send To gain for us his favor.
"Go forth, my Son," the Father said, "And free my children from their dread
Of guilt and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by your passion they will share The fruit of your salvation."**

**"Yes, Father, yes, most willingly I'll bear what you command me.
My will conforms to your decree; I'll do what you have asked me."
O wondrous Love, what have you done! The Father offers up his Son,
Desiring our salvation. O Love, how strong you are to save!
You make his bed within the grave Who built the earth's foundation.**

THE MESSAGE

Luke 22:24-27, Bible page 1057

Pastor David Kuehl

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

**From morn till eve, in all I do, I'll praise you, Christ, my treasure.
To sacrifice myself for you Shall be my aim and pleasure.
My stream of life shall ever be A current flowing ceaselessly,
Your constant praise outpouring. I'll treasure in my memory,
O Lord, all you have done for me, Your gracious love adoring.**

PRAYER

M Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C **listen to my cry.**

M Keep me as the apple of your eye;

C **hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

M In righteousness I shall see you;

C **when I awake, your presence will give me joy.**

M Father, by your mercy and might the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON (*Congregation sings*)

Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,
and guard us sleep - ing
that a - wake we may watch with Christ
and a - sleep we may rest in peace.
In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser - vant
now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which
you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a
light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M Let us praise the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

M The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

C Amen.

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