



## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Palm Sunday April 13, 2025**

Worship 11:00 A.M.

Worship Group A

Musician Larissa Goruk

Next week Group B

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*Welcome to Worship with St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love..*

### Weekly Prayer Petitions

**Local:** Kaien Island Community Church, PR

**BC Synod:** First Lutheran in Vancouver – Rev. David Lefsrud (Interim)

Lutheran campus ministries and campus chaplains in BC Synod

**ACC:** The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario

**ELCIC:** The congregations of the Central Manitoba area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod

**MOR:** The Rt. Rev. Amy Gohdes-Luhman, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province

### Discipleship Opportunities

Offerings Last Week \$1000, YTD \$12,763, 80% of Year To Date goal; Attendance 15

1. Council Chair, Tom Kertes will hold office hours each Wednesday from 4:45-6:45. In emergencies, you may contact him outside of office hours at 778-884-5343.

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## Announcements

### *Confession and Forgiveness*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home.

In ✠ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

**Amen.**

*Gathering Hymn*

*Pave the Way with Branches*

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Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na.

Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -

san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace.

*\*Additional verses ad lib.:*

Release for the captives . . .

Hope for the downtrod . . .

Land for the landless . . .

Debts are forgiven . . .

Text: Bret Hesla, b. 1957

Music: PAVE THE WAY, Bret Hesla

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L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

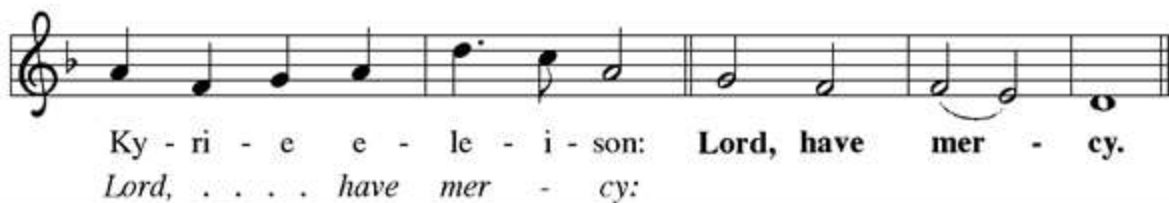
**And also with you.**

*Kyrie*

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Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, . . . have mer - cy:



## Praise Song

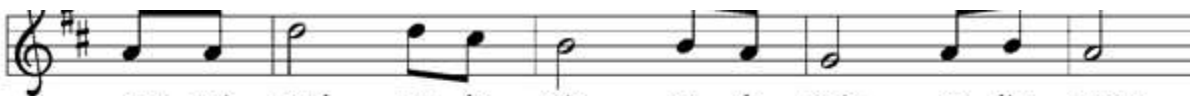
ELW #808 verses 1 & 2 only



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*  
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



*Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,*  
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.  
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



*car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:*  
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



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Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

## Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray,

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his

resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Our first reading is from Isaiah, beginning at the 50<sup>th</sup> chapter.

50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens — awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L: The word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God**

Psalm 31: 9-16

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God.**

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."**

Our second reading is from Philippians beginning at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter

2: 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father..

L: The word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God**

*Lent Song*

*Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful  
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.*

The holy gospel according to Luke, beginning at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

22:14-23:56

L: The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon*

*Hymn of the Day*

*They Crucified My Lord*

ELW 350



1 They cru - ci - fied my Lord, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;  
2 They nailed him to a tree, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;  
3 They pierced him in the side, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;  
4 The blood came stream - in' down, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;  
5 He hung his head and died, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;



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Text: African American spiritual  
Music: SUFFERER, African American spiritual

*Confession of Faith*

Nicene Creed

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**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Prayers of Intercession:* (petition end: God, in your mercy.

(petition response: Receive our prayer.)

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## Offering

Offerings may be mailed to the church or placed in our mailbox. You can send e-transfers to [offering2stpauls@citywest.ca](mailto:offering2stpauls@citywest.ca). You may also give electronically to us through CanadaHelps. We can be found there at St. Paul's Lutheran, Prince Rupert.

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray,

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**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

God our tender parent, God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

## Christ, the Life of All the Living

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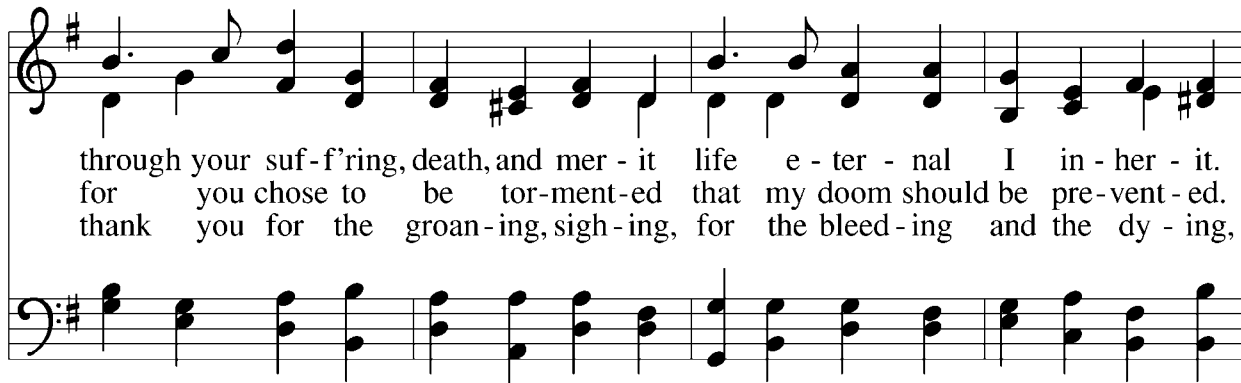
1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
2 You have suf-fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,  
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,

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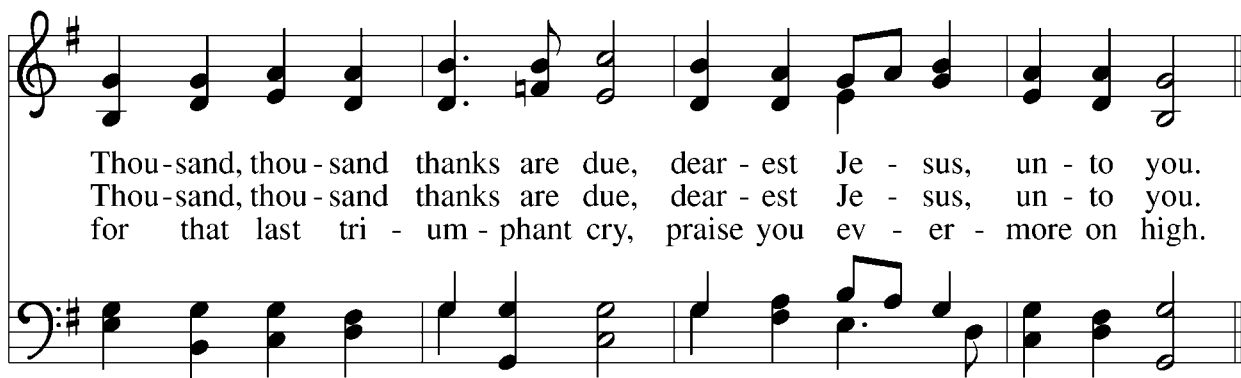




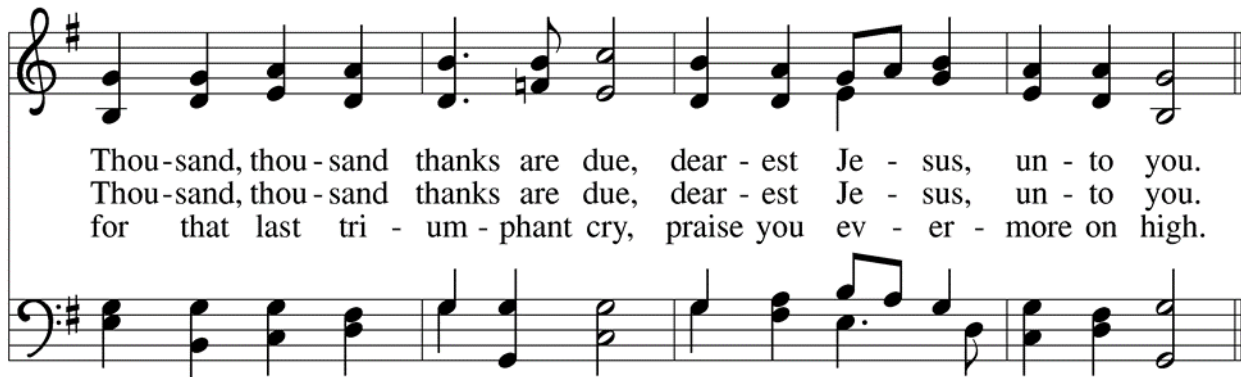
Christ, your-self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:  
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;  
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.  
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
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Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

Go in peace.

Care for others as God cares for you.

**Thanks be to God!**