

March 30th, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent.

Thought to ponder:

Welcome

Announcements, Life & Work of the Church

Prelude: Hymn of Promise

Passing the peace:

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Acknowledgement of the Territories

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

One: You are invited to the feast of plenty.

Let every willing soul join in the circle!

**All: The bread of life satisfies our
hunger and thirst.**

One: Wear whatever you have. You are
welcome as you are!

**All: The bread of life loves us and
knows our needs.**

One: At this celebration, no one is turned
away. There is a place for you!

**All: The bread of life has come to
sustain us. Believing this promise, let
us worship together!**

Hymn: VU #402 We Are One vs 1,2,3

**We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
In the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;
And we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.**

**We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
In the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed; And we
share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.**

**We are one as we feast,
As we feast, peace becomes the sign;
In the bread and the wine
There's a sense of love divine.
We are one as we come,
As we feed, we are fed;
And we feel God's refreshing grace
As we meet at table in this place.**

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Gathering Prayer

**God of fellowship, laughter, and
friendship, you invite everyone to join**

in joyful worship. We are here not because we are better than anyone else but because we are all your beloved children. You welcome us into worship with extravagant love. May our hearts and minds be awakened. Be glorified in our worship today and in the fellowship we share. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

and ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Often, we choose... confess our sins of exclusion together.

God of extravagant feasts and open invitations, we confess our tables are often small and exclusive. When we should stretch our welcome to others, we limit seats to those we find useful, acceptable, or entertaining. We make plans without accommodating everyone's needs. We choose to leave people out rather than express boundaries that might feel uncomfortable. We choose a shallow sense of peace rather than the deep peace that comes after hard, healing conversations. While you do not require us to include people who cause us to feel unsafe or at risk, you do call us to welcome people we find different, difficult, or annoying. Give us good discernment to include those

**who challenge us and expand our
capacity for compassion so we might
love our neighbors as you love us.**

-Silence-

**Children's time: God's table is
everyone's table**

Hymn: MV #201 I am the Bread of Life x2

**I am the bread of life
Broken for the world,
I am the cup poured out for all.
Those who believe in me
Will never die.
I am the life of the world.**

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Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture

Luke 14: 7-14

Ministry of Music: O Lord, Have Mercy

solo part by Emily O'Donnell

Reflection: Bread for Sharing

Hymn: VU #469 Come Share the Lord

We gather here in Jesus' name,
His love is burning in our hearts
like living flame;
For through the loving son

God fashions us as one:

Come take the bread,

Come drink the wine,

Come share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here,

Every one belongs;

Finding our forgiveness here,

We in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here, he breaks the bread,

The One who pours the cup

is risen from the dead;

the One we love the most

is now our gracious host:

Come take the bread,

Come drink the wine,

Come share the Lord.

We are now a family

Of which Christ is the head;

Though unseen he meets us here

In the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing;

We'll see the glory of

Our Lord and coming King;

Now we anticipate

The feast for which we wait;

Come take the bread,

Come drink the wine,

Come share the Lord.

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Prayers of the People

One: Bread of life,

All: may we freely give to others.

The 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, for ever and
ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Generosity:**Prayer of Dedication**

**Bread of life and source of all good
things, receive these gifts and
offerings in your generous hands. May
they serve your church and our
community, expanding the message of
your love and grace to all who hunger
and thirst. Amen**

**Hymn: VU #481 Sent Forth by God's
Blessing**

**Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from
this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended,
O now be extended
the fruits of this service
in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching,**

**receptive souls reaching,
 shall blossom in action
 for God and for all.
 God's grace did invite us,
 God's love shall unite us
 to work for the kingdom
 and answer its call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving
 to God ever living,
 the tasks of our everyday
 life we will face.
 Our faith ever sharing,
 in love ever caring,
 embracing God's children
 of each tribe and race.
 With your feast you feed us,
 with your light now lead us;
 unite us as one
 in this life that we share.
 Then may all the living
 with praise and thanksgiving
 give honour to Christ and
 the name that we bear.**

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Affirmation of Faith:

**We believe in God, who created all
 people in the divine image and calls
 each person beloved. We believe in
 Jesus Christ, who welcomed and ate
 with outsiders and proclaimed good
 news to the poor. We believe in the
 Holy Spirit, who breaks down dividing**

walls and gathers us into one body where all belong. We believe God calls us to practice radical hospitality, inviting those who are excluded to the table. We believe the church is called to be a refuge of safety and healing where healthy boundaries nurture trust and protect the vulnerable. We believe inclusion means valuing each person's dignity, welcoming their story, and celebrating their gifts. We believe humility guides our interactions, teaching us to honor and serve others. We believe God's kin(g)dom is a great banquet with room for all, and love is the host. We believe our work of inclusion is ongoing and empowered by the Spirit, who makes all things new. Amen.

Benediction:

Sung Benediction: The Lord Bless You

The Lord bless you
The Lord keep you
May his love ever,
Always surround you,
Protect you and guide you,
In all that you do.
Our prayer for you.
Amen.



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Announcements

March 30th, 2025 4th Sunday of Lent.

Reader for this week: Sue Ness

Reader for next week: Erin Johnston

Greeter this week: Donna Hall

Greeter next week: Jean Thompson

Tellers this week: John and Muriel

Tellers next week: Doug and Bonnie

A/V this week: Lloyd

A/V next week: John

Sunday 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom
10:00 Sunday Service

Wednesday 6:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 2:00 Circle of Friendship

Next Sunday 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom
10:00 Sunday Service via
Facebook and Zoom

Interested in joining the membership of St. Paul's either through confirmation or transfer of membership? Please contact Rev. Jenn.

A Lenten Program is available: if you would like a copy of the book 31 short spiritual practices, please contact the office to get your copy. It can be electronic or printed.

Minutes from the board will be posted on the bulletin board by the sanctuary doors as they are approved.

Good News and Caring Corner: If you have some good news you want shared with the congregation, let us know and we'll pass it on. If there is someone you think should have a card from the caring corner for whatever reason, please see the attendant in the corner, or call the office.

Offering Envelopes are available at the office or on the table in the entryway. If you are using them for the first time, be sure to have your name and address on the first one so we can get you your tax receipt at the end of the year.

Grocery Cards: It's an easy fundraiser as we all buy groceries so why not do it via grocery cards as it results in income for the church. We will be available (as we are able) before and after church for you to purchase cards. As well, cards are available for purchase in the office during regular business hours.

Contact information: Please keep your contact information and addresses updated so we can get information out to you. An inaccurate address may lead to delays for tax receipts. Thanks.

A reminder that you may be on our video presentation as we are broadcasting our services on Facebook.

Join in or listen to any of the Zoom calls via Internet using the link:

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If you know of anyone needing help, please contact the office or Rev. Jenn Brown