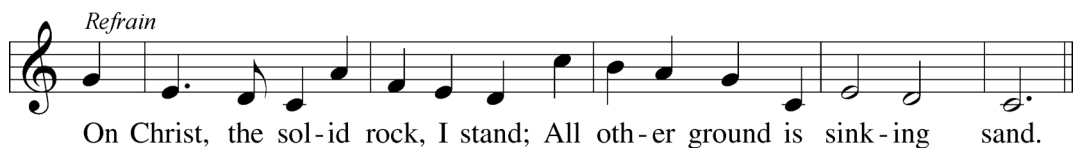
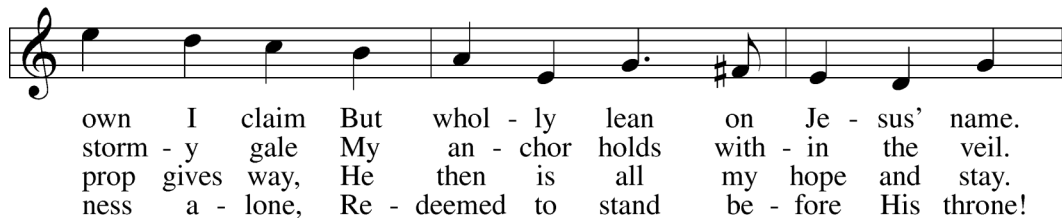
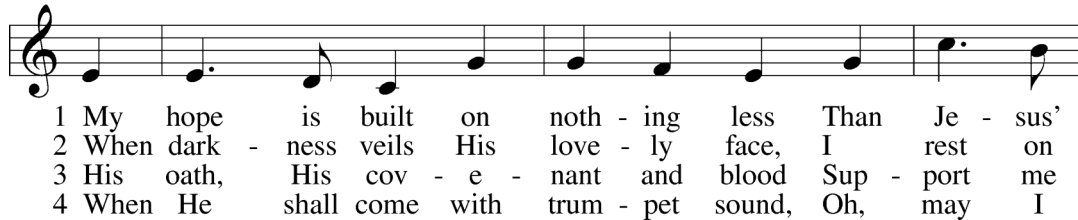


March 29, 2020  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Divine Service I

## Prelude

## Opening Hymn LSB 575

## "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"



## Invocation ✠

LSBp151

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b; [18-20]*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

## Confession and Absolution ☩

*Kneel or stand for confession*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## Collect for Fifth Sunday in Lent

All **Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Scripture Readings:

### Old Testament

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

1The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. 2And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. 3And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." 4Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. 5Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

7So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. 9Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." 10So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

11Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' 12Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. 13And you shall know

that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people.  
14And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land.  
Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

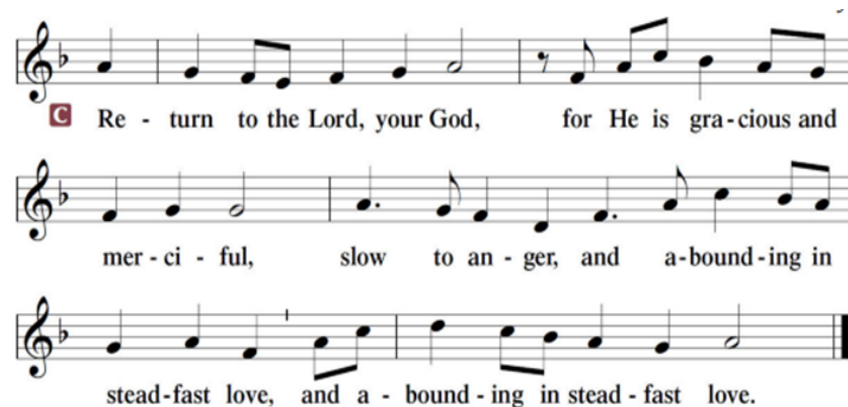
**Romans 8:1-11**

1There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. 3For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. 8Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.

## Verse During Lent



## Holy Gospel according to St. John the 11th chapter.

**John 11:1-45**

1Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. 3So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” 4But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

5Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6So, when he heard that Lazarus was

ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. 7Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." 8The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" 9Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. 10But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." 11After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." 12The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." 13Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. 14Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, 15and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." 16So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

17Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, 19and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. 20So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. 21Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." 23Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" 27She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

28When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." 29And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. 30Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. 31When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. 34And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35Jesus wept. 36So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

38Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." 40Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" 41So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." 43When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." 44The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

45Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him,

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

## Message Hymn LSB 690

## “Hope of the World”



1 Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great com - pas - sion;  
2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,  
3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,  
4 Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us

Speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.  
Bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,  
Show - ing to wan - d'ring souls the path of light,  
From death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt,

Save us, Thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,  
Still let Thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en  
Walk Thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways  
We ren - der back the love Thy mer - cy gave us;

Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.  
To heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.  
Lure us a - way from Thee to end - less night.  
Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt.

5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,  
Who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain,  
We would be faithful to Thy Gospel glorious.  
Thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!

## Message

## “Hey Christian, Where’s the Hope?”

*based on Ezekiel 37:1-14*

## Prayers

## Lord’s Prayer

## Benediction

## Closing Hymn LSB 733

## “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad-ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4 A thou-sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:  
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.  
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.  
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

4b Thy word commands our flesh to dust:

“Return, ye sons of men!”

All nations rose from earth at first

And turn to earth again.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,

Soon bears us all away;

We fly forgotten as a dream

Dies at the op’ning day.

5b Like flow’ry fields the nations stand,

Pleased with the morning light;

The flow’rs beneath the mower’s hand

Lie with’ring ere ’tis night.

### Serving us in Worship Today:

Preacher	Pastor Ron Farah, Emeritus Our Shepherd Lutheran, Birmingham
Liturgist	Jim Schultz
Music	Gregory Paul

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## MEMBERS

### Current Health Needs

Don Storck, (recovery)  
Margaret Kuhlmann (hospitalized)  
Lavergne Nancarrow (Evergreen Rehab)  
The Coachman Family (coronavirus) school family  
Jackie Harris (coronavirus, hospitalized)

### Prayers of Thanksgiving

For the birth of Marshall Mackinder, Jr.  
Parents: Blyth (Frederick) & Marshall

### Long-term Health Needs

Bill Carpenter (continued care)  
Betsy Fortner (cancer)  
Glain Guilmette (health concerns)  
Carol Hills (health concerns)  
Allen Kerkes (health concerns)  
Will Lichtenberg (health concerns)  
Chester Limbaugh (continued care)  
Natasha Loretitsch (concerns)  
Eyla Russ (health concerns)  
Charlette Schroeder (concerns)  
Ralph Schroeder (concerns)  
Wilma Sigman (recovery)  
Barb Snell (rehab)  
VerdaMae Steiber (health concerns)  
Patricia Walker-Bill (continued care)  
Maureen Walsh (concerns)

### Prayers of Sympathy for Family & Friends

*Dave Mueller* friend of Steven Carpenter & Brandi Kroll  
*Joel Holcombe, Sr.* father of Joel Holcombe, Jr.  
*Aunt of Bria Wilson*

### Prayers for our Homebound

Jean Frincke	Lavergne Nancarrow
Marion Havrilla	Betty Saunders
Leona Jackson	Jean Schneider
Alan Lacey	Kathleen Ulrich
Shirley Lenz	Don & Teri Whitbeck
Donna McMinn	

### Prayer for our Adopted Missionary

Rachel Meyer in Uganda

## FAMILY & FRIENDS

*\*The names in ITALICS below are the ones being prayed for*

*Brigitte Bailey*, (health concerns) teacher of St. Paul  
*Titus Bailey*, (recovery) son of teacher Brigitte Bailey  
*Janet & Michael Barnes*, (health concerns) daughter & son-in-law of  
Dan & Joline Bowdich  
*Gary Binder*, (parkinson's), friend of Gary & Sharon Maloney  
*Gail Craft* (cancer), aunt of Heidi Bowdich  
*Laurie Dawson*, (cancer), sister of Susan Cuddington  
*Gayle Delaney* (cancer), co-worker of Mark Olsen  
*Judy Fife*, (health concerns), daughter of Margaret Miller  
*Grant Haley*, (extra prayers needed for former student of Al Manteuffel  
*Rich Mahler*, (diagnosed: prostate cancer), former member and teacher  
*Janie Nelson*, (health concerns), Tim Woodward's mother  
*Helene Ottinger* (cancer), friend of Chris Schultz  
*Dana Popp* (recovery, brain tumor, friend of Lee Anne Millinger  
*Pat Schultz*, (fall recovery), mother of Jim Schultz  
*Bruce Shaw*, (cancer trtmnts), father of Derek Shaw  
*Raelyn Spencer* (health concerns), great-granddaughter of Kurt Ulrich  
*Daniel Tharpe* (continued care), grandson of Bob & Denise Rutledge  
*Cathy Trawick* (hospice), & *Brad Selsner* (health concerns), sister &  
brother-in-law of Margie Topous  
*Neil Trygestad*, (needs liver) family of M/M Garel Rice

### All Military Families & Friends

Eric Banker  
Mark Bowdich  
Paul Bowdich  
Matthew Canfield  
Sam Eskew  
Brandon Newton  
Brendan Sharp  
Hayden Sharp  
Joe VanDamme  
Tirzah VanDamme  
Jason Zuniga  
Gabrielle Zuniga

If prayers need to be removed or added, please let the church office know.

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*Pray  
without  
ceasing*

*1 Thessalonians 5:17*





# St. Paul Church & School News

A Weekly News Edition for the week of March 29, 2020

**NOTICE:** At this time, worship services on Sunday will be streamed live at 8:15 a.m. on You Tube (st paul royal oak) and may be viewed on our web-site at [www.stpaulroyaloak.org](http://www.stpaulroyaloak.org) or through our group page on facebook at [facebook.com/stpaulroyaloak](https://facebook.com/stpaulroyaloak).

**Voter's – Regular Ministry Meeting Cancelled until further notice.**

**Easter Egg Hunt of April 11 has been cancelled.**

## MINISTRY



### **Attention Ball Players: The South Oakland Inter Church Athletic Association**

tion is a league that plays other local churches in softball. St Paul has men's teams now forming. Practices start in April and games start in May and we play on week-nights in local cities. Sign up is in the church lobby on the bulletin board or call Chuck Brewer at 586-822-8619 if you have questions.

## NOTES

**Thank You—**On behalf of everyone at St. Paul, SPECIAL THANKS to David Bergman, Daniel Carpenter, Tom Limbaugh, & Greg Paul for their help with setting up the live-stream. We couldn't have done it without you!

**Operation Christmas Child—**With each month, a different item will be listed that for the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Save items and bring in when were open again. March: *crayons, markers, colored pencils.*

**Care Net Pregnancy Center of Berkley/Detroit** is continuing to

see patients for medical appointments - pregnancy tests, options counseling and ultrasounds who are abortion vulnerable or abortion minded. Our Parenting Program visits have been halted for the next few weeks, but we are continuing to provide material support - diapers, wipes, formula, clothing - to clients enrolled in the program. We are only able to do this because of local churches like yours. St. Paul contributed \$2,329.32 to Care Net through the Baby Bottle Boomerang this year. We are sincerely grateful to your congregation for all their prayers and support for the ministry of Care Net and our clients. We couldn't do this work without our partner churches!

## SCHOOL NEWS

**School Registration 2020-21**  
Listed below is the Registration Fee Schedule for the 2019-2020 school year.

### Registration Fees:

\$250 - paid by March 31, 2020  
\$300 - paid by April 30, 2020  
\$350 - paid by May 31, 2020  
\$400 - by June 1, 2019 or after

Contact the school office for enrollment forms or to inquire about our preschool prices.

### **Financial Aid 2020-2021:**

St. Paul provides grants for tuition assistance for families that qualify for financial aid at our school. We have enlisted the services of Smart Aid, a company that provides a financial aid analysis service, for the purpose of evaluating an applicant's need for aid. If you feel you may qualify for aid, you must complete an online application at: [smartaidforparents.com](http://smartaidforparents.com). The application fee is \$35, and our School ID is 13489. Your application will only be considered if your tuition is current. **Completed Applications and Supporting Documents are due by April 30, 2020. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**St. Paul Volunteer Opportunity—**  
For over 40+ years members of

St. Paul have assisted Clarence H. Johnson, PC, CPA's Royal Oak Accounting Firm in conducting with Ford Union's Local #600 annual elections. Another opportunity is coming soon. Hours are long but the rewards are great. Funds help our church with special projects such as: *Church Parking Lot Lighting, Church Building Signage, Chairs for the lounge, School Tuition Assistance Fund.* Note: your portion of earnings will be counted as church contributions. This year's election takes place on Thursday & Friday, April 30-May 1 (4am-6pm) and the counting will be Saturday, May 2 (help needed at 3:30am and 5:30am.) We hope you can help. Contact Denny McClatchey (248) 890-8900 for questions. Sign up to volunteer at the Welcome Center.

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

### Sunday, Mar 29

8:15 am Live-stream Worship  
(You Tube or on our website at [www.stpaulroyaloak.org](http://www.stpaulroyaloak.org))

### Monday, Mar 30

9:00 am Trustees

All worship, programs, events, practices, dinners, Bible classes, meetings have been suspended until further notice.

## **WEEKLY SCRIPTURE**



### **Romans 8:1 –**

**“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”**

This is the joy of the Gospel. There is no condemnation for us before the throne of God, because in His love He has provided salvation for us in Christ. We have been set free. We are His children once again, and coheirs with Christ of all the blessings of heaven. If this does not make us thankful, nothing will.