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Bell Prelude

Amazing Grace (11:00am)

Opening Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LSB 656



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,

dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none,
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main - eth.

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

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Opening Sentences *As spoken during the 100th anniversary on Jan. 28, 1973*

- P** O Eternal God, who inhabitest eternity and dwellest in the heavens, and on earth with him that is of a humble and contrite spirit, we pray Thee, look graciously upon us, let this moment be hallowed for us, and let us enter this Thy house with Thy blessings, through Jesus Christ now and forevermore.
- C** **Amen. The Lord bless our coming in and our going out forevermore. Peace be unto this House and to all who enter!**

Kneel/Sit

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

Confession of Sins *As spoken during the 100th anniversary on Jan. 28, 1973*

- P** Whereas, according to this church, all things are sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, let us solemnly confess our sins unto our Lord in this our house, His throne...

- C** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1:8)
- P** To your glory, O God our Father, the source of all life and light and love and grace, we confess:
- C** For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)
- P** To the exaltation of your name, O Christ, the Crucified, the only-begotten Son of God, our Lord and Savior, who reigns as Head of the Church and its Chief Cornerstone, we confess:
- C** I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. (Psalm 51:5)
- P** To you, Holy Spirit, Giver of Life, our Teacher, Sanctifier, Guide and Comforter, we confess:
- C** we are dead in our trespasses and sins. (Ephesians 2:1)
- P** To the reclaiming of sinners, to the instruction of the simple, to the guidance of the perplexed, to the edifying of the saints, to the comfort of those who mourn, to the strength of the tempted, and to the salvation of souls, we rejoice in these words:
- C** The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. (1 Tim. 1:16)
- P** 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 † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

† Service of the Word †

Psalm 27: 1, 4, 7-8 *(Sung by Adult Choir at 8:15am)*

- L** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?
- C** The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?
- L** One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:*
- C** that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | temple.
- L** Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;
- C** be gracious to me and | answer me!
- L** You have said, | "Seek my face."*
- C** My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, | do I seek."

Kyrie

LSB 204



- C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Hymn of Praise

"Now Thank We All Our God"

LSB 895



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa-ther now be giv-en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re-joic-es;
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high-est heav-en,



Who from our moth-ers' arms Has blest us on our way
The one e-ter-nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a-dore;



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to-day.
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev-er-more.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading: *SPRO 150th Text*

Psalm 119:89-96

Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast. By your appointment they stand this day, for all things are your servants. If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life. I am yours; save me, for I have sought your precepts. The wicked lie in wait to destroy me, but I consider your testimonies. I have seen a limit to all perfection, but your commandment is exceedingly broad.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

♩ **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,**
These things are written that you may believe that
Jesus is the Christ the Son of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12–25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostle's Creed

Catechism: On the First Article

P Let us confess our faith according to the first article of the Apostle's Creed...

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

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

P He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.

C **He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.**

P He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

C **All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy without any merit or worthiness in me.**

P For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

C **This is most certainly true.**

Children's Message

-Children of all ages are welcome to the altar at this point-

Sermon Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LSB 790



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

Sermon

"A Love for the Ages"

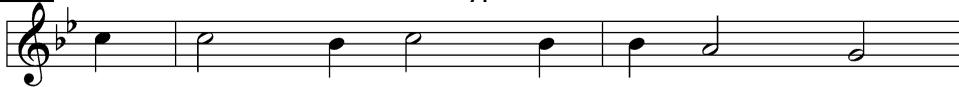
Psalm 119:89-90

Rev. David A. Davis, Michigan District President

Offertory

"O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair"

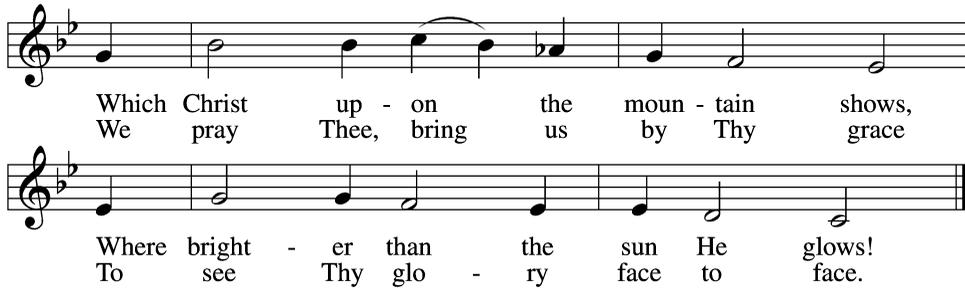
LSB 413



1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son



Of glo - ry that the Church may share,
 And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,



Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace
Where bright - er than the sun He glows!
To see Thy glo - ry face to face.

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

To continue the work of the Lord at St. Paul- You may joyfully give at www.stpaulroyaloak.org/online-giving, or mail to 202 E. Fifth St, Royal Oak, MI 48067



Bell Offertory (8:15am)

Prayer of the Church

-8:15am continues with the Lord's Prayer and Closing Sentences-

Preface and Proper Preface

LSB 208

- P** The Lord be with you. *2 Tim 4:22*
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts. *Col 3:1*
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Ps 136*
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 209

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God...Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

**♪ O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
 Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

+ The Order of Holy Communion +

Distribution Hymn**"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"**

LSB 636



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
 bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's
treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give
me

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

♪ **O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have again strengthened our faith through this sacrament. Accompany us now so that we may boldly proclaim the full message of life, found only in Your Son's sacrificial death for us and His victorious resurrection, leading us to heaven; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Closing Sentences *As sung by the St. Paul Adult Choir, 1973*

- P** Peace be to this house
C **And to all who worship therein.**
P Peace be to those that enter
C **And to those that go out therefrom.**
P Peace be within thee
C **because of the house of the Lord our God.**

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

LSB 733, st. 1-3, 6



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,
6 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,



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.
Be Thou our guard while trou - bles last And our e - ter - nal home!

Serving us in Worship

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REVEREND GEORGE SPECKHARDT



Meet Rev. George Speckhardt. In 1873, he was called to be the first pastor of what we now call St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Before entering holy ministry, Rev. Speckhardt had been a teacher for the deaf in Germany. When he accepted the call to Royal Oak, he established the "Lutheran Institute for the Deaf" and within 10 months of his first year, he welcomed and instructed 15 deaf children.

He then served the Lord at St. Paul until his death in 1879.