

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### "To Be Your Presence" (ELW 546)



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -  
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the  
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for  
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy  
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,  
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,  
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!  
love ex - pressed,  
church, re - joice,

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## OPENING SONG

Come all you weary,  
come all you thirsty.  
Come to the well  
that never runs dry.  
Drink of the water,  
come and thirst no more.

Come all your sinners,  
come find His mercy.  
Come to the table;  
He will satisfy.  
Taste of His goodness,  
find what You're looking for.

For God so loved the world  
that He gave us  
His one and only Son  
to save us.  
Whoever believes in Him  
will live forever.

Bring all your failures,  
bring your addictions.  
Come lay them down  
at the foot of the cross.  
Jesus is waiting there  
with open arms,  
See His open arms.

For God so loved the world  
that He gave us  
His one and only Son  
to save us.  
Whoever believes in Him  
will live forever.

## "God So Loved"

For God so loved the world  
that He gave us  
His one and only Son  
to save us.  
Whoever believes in Him  
will live forever.

Praise God,  
praise God from Whom  
all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His  
love. *(repeat)*

For God so loved the world  
that He gave us  
His one and only Son  
to save us.  
Whoever believes in Him  
will live forever.

The power of hell  
forever defeated.  
Now it is well,  
I'm walking in freedom,  
for God so loved,  
God so loved the world.

Bring all your failures,  
bring your addictions.  
Come lay them down  
at the foot of the cross.  
Jesus is waiting,  
God so loved the world.

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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

# ST. PAUL'S IN PRAYER

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Cultivate humility in your church. In gatherings of every size, teach us to boast only in the cross. Shape your church to be people of kindness, generosity, and justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

The foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your holiness. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You make foolish the wisdom of the world. Raise up honorable leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and pursue peace. Frustrate plans that are corrupt, wicked, and self-seeking. Prosper the work of peacemakers and peacekeepers. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Jesus, you taught us that blessed are those who mourn, today we are in mourning for the families & friends who have lost loved ones this week in Half Moon Bay, Oakland, Monterey Park, and at the school in Des Moines. We mourn all this violence and ask your blessings on all students and teachers wrap them in your strong protection, especially at St. Paul's Lutheran School, Waverly-Shell Rock, Wartburg, and UNI. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Bless all whom the world rejects. Accompany those who are regarded as foolish, weak, low, and despised; reveal your power and presence at work where it is least expected. Give your life, strength, and wisdom to all in need, especially Bill Hamm, Bill Striepe, and Verona Zelle. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remind this congregation of your saving acts. Remind us how your faithfulness brought us through difficulties and sustained us despite our weaknesses, bless our call committee and establish the cross as the center of our life together. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Praise to you for your blessed saints in every time and place. Trusting you accompanied

them in poverty, persecution, and in every trial, we trust you abide with your people always. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**Amen.**

**CHERUB CHOIR**

“Blest Are They”

David Haas

*Cherub Choir, directed by Karen Dickman*

*Accompanist: Marcia Haugen; Guitar: Ael Suhr*

*Assisted by Renee Roiseland, Greg & Linda Hovden, Juliana Cimral, Aiden Mayer*

## ST. PAUL'S IN SCRIPTURE

**FIRST READING**

**Micah 6:1-8**

A reading from Micah:

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

<sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*You are invited to rise.*

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## ST. PAUL'S TEACHING TIME

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON

Pastor Mark Anderson

### THE PEACE

H The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

# ST. PAUL'S WITH JESUS

## OFFERING SONG / APOSTLES' CREED

Our Father everlasting, the all-creating One,  
God Almighty.  
Through Your Holy Spirit,  
conceiving Christ the Son,  
Jesus Our Savior.

I believe in God our Father,  
I believe in Christ the Son.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit.  
Our God is three in one.  
I believe in the resurrection,  
that we will rise again.  
For I believe in the name of Jesus.

Our judge and our defender,  
suffered and crucified.  
Forgiveness is in You.  
Descended into darkness,  
You rose in glorious light.  
Forever seated high.

*You are invited to rise.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

H Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

**Amen.**

H Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

H Most merciful God,

**we confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.**

**We love with condition.**

**We judge and condemn.**

## “This I Believe (The Creed)”

I believe in God our Father,  
I believe in Christ the Son.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit.  
Our God is three in one.  
I believe in the resurrection,  
that we will rise again.  
For I believe in the name of Jesus.

I believe in You. I believe You rose again.  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.

I believe in God our Father,  
I believe in Christ the Son.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit.  
Our God is three in one.  
I believe in the resurrection,  
that we will rise again.  
For I believe in the name of Jesus. (3x)

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**We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.**

**We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.**

P Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **THE 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **COMMUNION**

*We trust that Jesus Christ is truly present in the meal of Holy Communion. All baptized Christians who share that trust are welcome to Christ's meal.*

COMMUNION HYMN

“Jesus, The Very Thought of You” (ELW 754)



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;  
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call  
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,  
4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.  
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!  
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!  
grant us at last to hear you say: “Come, share my home a - bove.”

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## COMMUNION SONG

Are you hurting  
and broken within?  
Overwhelmed by  
the weight of your sin?  
Jesus is calling.

Have you come to  
the end of yourself?  
Do you thirst  
for a drink from the well?  
Jesus is calling.

O come to the altar,  
the Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with the precious  
blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your  
regrets and mistakes.  
Come today,  
there's no reason to wait.  
Jesus is calling.

Bring your sorrows  
and trade them for joy.  
From the ashes,  
a new life is born.  
Jesus is calling.

O come to the altar,  
the Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with the precious  
blood of Jesus Christ.

## "O Come to the Altar"

Oh, what a Saviour,  
isn't He wonderful.  
Sing allelujah, Christ is risen.

Bow down before Him,  
for He is Lord of all.  
Sing allelujah  
Christ is risen.

O come to the altar,  
the Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood  
of Jesus Christ.

Bear your cross  
as you wait for the crown.  
Tell the world  
of the treasure you've found.

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## **COMMUNION PRAYER**

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

## **BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

I searched the world  
but it couldn't fill me  
Man's empty praise  
and treasures that fade  
Are never enough

Then You came along  
and put me back together  
And every desire  
is now satisfied  
here in Your love

Oh there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You  
Lord there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid  
to show You my weakness  
My failures and flaws  
Lord You've seen them all  
And You still call me friend

'Cause the God of the mountain  
Is the God of the valley  
And there's not a place  
Your mercy and grace  
won't find me again

Oh there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You  
Lord there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You  
[repeat]

## "Graves Into Gardens"

You turn mourning to dancing  
You give beauty for ashes  
You turn shame into glory  
You're the only one who can

You turn graves into gardens  
You turn bones into armies  
You turn seas into highways  
You're the only one who can

Oh there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You  
Lord there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You

You turn graves into gardens  
You turn bones into armies  
You turn seas into highways  
You're the only one who can  
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## DISMISSAL

H      Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### Worship Leaders

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**Altar Guild — January:**

Jerelyn Steere, Amber Downing

### Prayers of health and healing

For Bill Hamm, Bill Striepe, and Verona Zelle.

**Altar flower** sponsorship spots are available for the following dates: Feb. 5 & 19, March 5, 12, 19 & 26. Contact the church office to reserve a date.

**The radio broadcast** is sponsored by Pr. Larry and Lois Trachte, in memory of their parents. The radio broadcast is at 9 a.m. Sundays on KWAY 99.3 FM.

### Worship this Weekend:

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

#### St. Paul's Together Online

Livestream our 9 a.m.

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