

Christ Beatrice – 8AM

St. Paul's Plymouth – 10AM

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Lent 5

Welcome!



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Welcome

THANK YOU for joining us for worship today! We pray that your spiritual life will be nourished through the Gospel that comes to us through the Word and Sacraments.

- † If you do not want to use a paper bulletin this morning, you can access the bulletin on our website – www.stpaulsplymouth.org. The entire worship service is printed out so that you do not need to use the hymnal.
- † Offering plates can be found at the entrances. After the sermon, the offering plates will be brought to the altar during the singing of a hymn. This is a reminder that giving offerings for gospel ministry is an act of worship.
- † May the Lord bless the time we spend together around his Word this morning! If you are looking for a church to call home, please contact Pastor Berger (pastorberger@gmail.com; call/text 402-239-4509) or Pastor Dauck (justin.dauck@gmail.com; call/text 402-806-9082) or stop by the church office. They would love to serve you with God's Word!
- † If you desire, there is a nursery in the back on the west side of the church, but please know that **your children are ALWAYS welcome** in our service no matter how much noise they make. We're happy to have them hear the Word and join us praising God with their voices!
- † Before you leave, please sign the **guest register**. It is located on the top of the stairs in the church entryway.
- † Please talk to one of the **Elders** (seated in the back of the church) if you have questions about the service or the congregation.
- † **Large print service folders** are available. Please speak to one of the Elders if this would be of assistance to you.
- † **Listening assist devices are available at St. Paul's. Please speak to one of the Elders if you would like one for this morning's service.**
- † Our Sunday morning service can be heard on KWBE 1450AM (94.7FM) and viewed live and archived at www.stpaulsplymouth.org. Please share this information with those who are not able to attend.
- † **Prayers before Worship** can be found in *Christian Worship: Hymnal*, pp. 255-258.

Focus for Our Worship

A devoted commitment is at the center of Christianity. But it's not the devoted commitment of a human for God. The center of Christianity is God's devoted commitment for humans! Even believers will at times demonstrate lukewarm commitment at best. Instead, at the heart of Christianity we find God's devotion and commitment to us. It is a devoted commitment so strong that it put Jesus on the cross.

GOD ON TRIAL



2024 Midweek Lenten Services



Wednesdays
7:00 PM

Meal—6:00 – 6:45 PM



Thursdays
7:00 PM

February 14/15 — Testimony

February 21/22 — Misconceptions

February 28/29 — Truth

March 6/7 — Sympathy

March 13/14 — Accusations

March 20/21 — Restraint

Holy Week Schedule



Maundy Thursday

Christ Lutheran Church

7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

8:00 p.m.



Easter Sunday



St. Paul's in Plymouth

Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.

Festival Service at 10:00 a.m.

Christ Lutheran in Beatrice

Festival Service at 8:00 a.m.



Service of the Word

Christian Worship 93

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

CW 419

Please stand for the singing of the 5th Stanza...



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle, waged in blood on
2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness of th'ap - point - ed
3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, he went forth from
4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, be for all the
5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; to the Fa - ther



Cal - va - ry; o'er the cross, tri - um - phant tro - phy,
time was come, he, the Word, was born of wom - an,
Naz - a - reth, des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,
no - blest tree; none in fo - liage, none in blos - som,
and the Son, to th'e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



tell who strug - gled val - iant - ly; tell how earth's Re -
left for us his Fa - ther's home, blazed the path of
did his work and met his death; like a lamb he
none in fruit your e - qual be, sym - bol of the
now and ev - er - more be done— praise and glo - ry



deem - er con - quered— vic - tim gain - ing vic - to - ry.
true o - be - dience, shone as light a - midst the gloom.
hum - bly yield - ed on the cross his dy - ing breath.
world's re - demp - tion, for your bur - den makes us free.
in the high - est while the time - less a - ges run.

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GREETING, CONFESSION OF SINS, AND HOLY ABSOLUTION

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C And also with you.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

All Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C Amen.

P In the peace of this forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation, that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 43:1-7a

In devoted commitment the LORD promises his people that he will be right there with them.

But now this is what the LORD says,
the LORD who created you, O Jacob, the LORD who formed you, O Israel.

Do not be afraid, because I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.

²When you cross through the waters, I will be with you.

When you cross the rivers, they will not sweep you away.

When you walk through fire, you will not be burned,
and the flame will not set you on fire.

³Because I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior,
I gave Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious and honored in my eyes, and I myself love you,
I will give people in exchange for you, and peoples in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not be afraid, because I am with you.

From the east I will bring your offspring,
and from the west I will gather you.

⁶I will say to the north, "Give them back!" and to the south, "Do not hold them."
Bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷everyone who is called by my name...

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

121D Keep Me as the Apple of Your Eye

Psalm 121D

Refrain

Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.

Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

Tone

I lift up my eyes to the / mountains—
where does my help / come from?
My help comes / from the LORD,
the maker of heav- / en and earth.
He will not let your / foot slip—
he who watches over you will not / slumber;
indeed, he who watches over / Israel
will neither slum- / ber nor sleep. *Refrain*

The LORD watches / over you—
the LORD is your shade at / your right hand;
the sun will not harm / you by day,
nor the / moon by night.
The LORD will keep you / from all harm—
he will watch o- / ver your life;
the LORD will watch over your coming and / going
both now and for- / evermore.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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SECOND LESSON – Hebrews 5:7-9

Because he was truly human, Jesus did not relish having to suffer for our salvation. Yet he submitted to the cross out of his devoted commitment to us.

⁷In the days of his flesh, he offered prayers and pleas with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. ⁹After he was brought to his goal, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him...

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY – 1 John 4:9,10

⁹This is how God's love for us was revealed: God has sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we may live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL – John 12:20-33

Though the thought of the cross troubled his soul, Jesus was committed to glorifying his Father's name by winning eternal life for us.

²⁰Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Festival. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we want to see Jesus."

²²Philip went to tell Andrew. Andrew came with Philip and told Jesus.

²³Jesus answered them, "The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it continues to be one kernel. But if it dies, it produces much grain. ²⁵Anyone who loves his life destroys it. And the one who hates his life in this world will hold on to it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, let him follow me. And where I am, there my servant will be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, this is the reason I came to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name!"

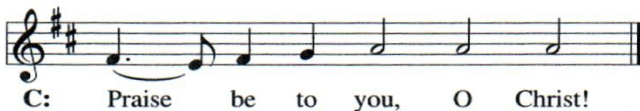
A voice came from heaven: "I have glorified my name, and I will glorify it again."

²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said it thundered. Others said an angel talked to him.

³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice was not for my sake but for yours.

³¹"Now is the judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be thrown out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate what kind of death he was going to die.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord!



Christ, the Life of All the Living

CW 396 sts. 1, 5-7



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
5 Thou hast suf - fered men to bruise thee that from pain I
6 Thou hast suf - fered great af - flic - tion and hast borne it
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, for thy sor - rows



death, our foe, who, thy - self for me once giv - ing
might be free; false - ly did thy foes ac - cuse thee:
pa - tient - ly, e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,
deep and sore, for thine an - guish in the gar - den,



to the dark - est depths of woe: through thy suf - f'ring,
thence I gain se - cur - i - ty. Com - fort - less thy
ful - ly to a - tone for me. Thou didst choose to
I will thank thee ev - er - more, thank thee for thy



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
soul did lan - guish me to com - fort in my an - guish.
be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
groan - ing, sigh - ing, for thy bleed - ing and thy dy - ing,



Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
for that last tri - um - phant cry and shall praise thee, Lord, on high.

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SERMON

*“Sinners living in a sin-cursed world”
“Sinners traversing this vale of tears”*

But now this is what the LORD says

When you feel that you _____.

But now this is what the LORD says, the LORD who created you, O Jacob, the LORD who formed you, O Israel. Do not be afraid, because I have redeemed you.

When you feel that you _____.

But now this is what the LORD says...I have called you by name. You are mine.

When you feel that you _____.

But now this is what the LORD says...²When you cross through the waters, I will be with you. When you cross the rivers, they will not sweep you away. When you walk through fire, you will not be burned, and the flame will not set you on fire. ³Because I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior, I gave Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious and honored in my eyes, and I myself love you, I will give people in exchange for you, and peoples in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not be afraid, because I am with you.

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But now this is what the LORD says...From the east I will bring your offspring, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶I will say to the north, “Give them back!” and to the south, “Do not hold them.” Bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—⁷everyone who is called by my name...

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

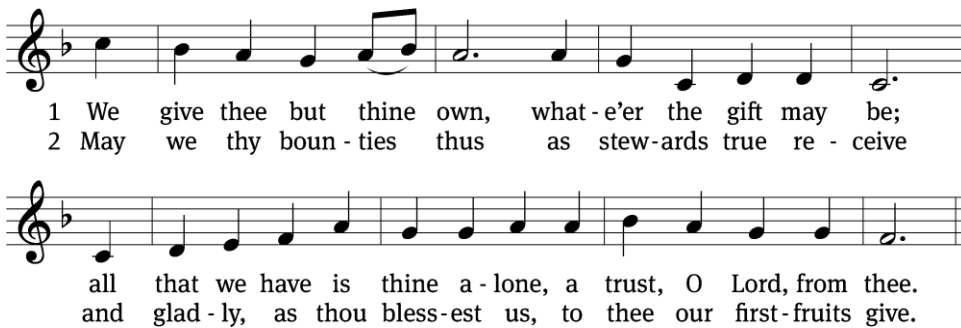
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

The offering will be brought forward during the hymn.

We Give Thee but Thine Own

CW 750



1 We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re-ceive

all that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad-ly, as thou bless-est us, to thee our first-fruits give.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

A 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.

Not unto Us

CW 582

St. Paul's School Hymn of the Week



1 Not un - to us, not un - to us be glo - ry, Lord;
2 A - maz - ing grace— that chose us ere the worlds were made;
3 O faith - ful love— that shep - herd - ed through faith - less years;
4 Not un - to us but to your name be glo - ry, Lord,



not un - to us but to your name be praise;
a - maz - ing grace— that sent your Son to save;
for - giv - ing love— that led us to your truth;
for grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.



not un - to us but to your name all hon - or be giv'n
a - maz - ing grace— that robed us in your right - eous - ness
un - yield - ing love— that would not let us turn from you
A - bide with us till trav - 'ling days are o - ver and done,



for match - less mer - cy, for - give - ness, and grace.
and taught our lips to sing glo - ry and praise.
but sent us forth to speak par - don and peace.
and pil - grim feet lead us home, Lord, to you.

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Please stand

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

P Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

P Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The LORD bless you and keep you.

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

The LORD look on you with favor and give ☩ you peace.



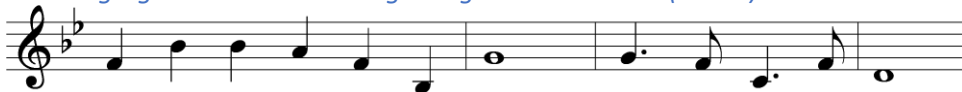
C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please be seated

He Will Hold Me Fast

CW 813

The congregation is asked to sing along with the soloist (10AM).



1 When I fear my faith will fail,	Christ will hold me fast;
2 Those he saves are his de - light;	Christ will hold me fast;
3 For my life he bled and died;	Christ will hold me fast;



when the tempt - er would pre - vail,	he will hold me fast.
pre-cious in his ho - ly sight,	he will hold me fast.
jus - tice has been sat - is - fied;	he will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold	thro' life's fear - ful path,
He'll not let my soul be lost;	his prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with him to end - less life,	he will hold me fast



for my love is of - ten cold—	he must hold me fast.
bought by him at such a cost,	he will hold me fast.
till our faith is turned to sight	when he comes at last! (Refrain 2X)



He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;



for my Sav-ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

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