

QUOTATION FOR USE BEFORE WORSHIP: *“Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.”*--Philippians 4:8-9

PRELUDE: *Ubi Caritas* (Where True Love and Charity Are Found)–D. Lasky & M. Biery

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 92:5-8

How great are your works, O Lord!

Your thoughts are very deep!

Although the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction forever,
but you, O Lord, are on high forever.

***OPENING HYMN:** #467, “How Great Thou Art” (vs. 1-4, English only)

CALL TO CONFESSION (Based on 2 Peter 1:3)

Brothers and sisters in the Lord, God has given us everything needed for life and godliness, through the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Knowing his mercy, then, let us draw close to God and confess our sins.

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, we confess that we serve many unworthy masters: money, anger, lust, pride, and comfort. Sometimes willingly, sometimes unwillingly, we serve these masters and then cry out to you “Why have you abandoned us?” Forgive us, Lord, and break our bondage to these unworthy powers through the omnipotent love of Jesus Christ. Set us free so that we might love you with heart, soul and mind and our neighbor as ourselves. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who died to set us free. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Based on 2 Peter 1:9)

Dear Friends, do not be nearsighted or blind, forgetting the forgiveness of sins. Remember the gift of God:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

WONDER BOX (Children’s Sermon)

(Children K-6 are dismissed for Sunday School at this time)

BELL CHOIR: “Poor Wayfarin’ Stranger”

EPISTLE READING: 2 Peter 1:3-12

***GOSPEL READING:** Luke 10:25-28

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE: “Lust: Looking for Love in all the Wrong Places”

Pastor Bill

Fifth in the “Seven Deadly Sins” Lenten Series

***RESPONSIVE SONG:** #366, “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

(Please pass prayer cards to the Usher)

UNISON INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP (Based Genesis 14:21)

Gracious God, you command us not to covet after our neighbor’s wife, nor house, nor field, nor anything else that belongs to our neighbor. Teach us to live in contentment, then, and to give generously to your work in the world.

OFFERTORY SOLO: “Face The Cross”

David Krause

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS OF GOD AND DOXOLOGY:** #592

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (“Forgive us our sins...those who sin against us”)

NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

***SENDING HYMN:** #420, “God of Grace and God of Glory”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Jesu, meines Lebens Leben -- Zachau

*Stand, if able

Bold: congregational response

Please join us after worship for a relaxing time of cookies, coffee and conversation in our Fellowship Hall, west of the Sanctuary!

MINISTRY TEAM

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BOOK CLUB – The Book Club will be meeting at Val Nichols’ home this Tuesday (April 1st) at 7pm. They will be discussing “Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks” by Rebecca Skloot.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – The next meeting will be this Thursday, April 3rd at 10:30. Please read chapters 3-6 of “Who Is this Man?” in preparation.

JOHNSTON FOOD PANTRY NEED – The pantry is in need of toilet paper, toothbrushes, shampoo, bath soap/body wash. Drop your items off in our shopping cart by the gym!

DM PREBYTERY WOMEN – St. Paul is hosting The Des Moines Presbytery Women Spring Connection meeting at our church this Saturday, April 5th! Lois Watson is helping make arrangements for this meeting and part of this day includes a salad luncheon. Lois is asking for donations of salads and a few desserts. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex on the bulletin board. If you have questions you can contact Lois at 274-0519.

GREEN DAY PARADE -- This year Membership and Evangelism is planning on putting our Praise Team on a trailer in the Green Days Parade (Saturday, June 21) and we need a little help. We have a trailer, but we are in need of a pickup truck with a 5th wheel hitch, a gas powered generator, and a good quality keyboard. Contact Pastor Bill, Jana Foley or Carin Birt if you can help.

PRESBYTERY YOUTH RETREAT – Mark your calendars! On Friday, April 25th St. Paul will host a retreat for all of the area’s Presbyterian youth. The retreat will last until Saturday morning at 10am. The fee is \$20 per student which includes food and lodging (here at the church). For information and registration forms see Aaron. Also, we are responsible for providing breakfast, so stay tuned for details on how you can help.

CONFIRMATION CLASS AND SESSION will be meeting next Sunday (April 6) at 9:00am for their examination for church membership.

VBS MEETING -- All interested in helping in VBS (July 7-11) are invited after worship next Sunday in the North Room (north of the Fireside Room)

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH:

Monday: 7:00pm – ReVision Leaders meeting

Tuesday: 7:00pm – Book Club at Val Nichols’

Wednesday: 6:30am - Men’s Prayer Breakfast at Hy-Vee, 2:00 FORT/LOGOS/CHAOS; 7:00 – Bells, 8:00 – Choir

Thursday: 10:30 - Women’s Bible Study

Next Sunday: 9:00 - Adult Sunday school, 9:00 – Elders & Confirmation Students meeting, 9:40 - High School Sunday school, 10:15 - Church Service, 10:30 - K-6 Sunday School, 11:30 – VBS meeting

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Fourth Sunday of Lent



Welcome to St. Paul!

Children’s activity bags are west of the sanctuary by the coat racks. The nursery, staffed by a caring adult professional, is west of the sanctuary off of the north hallway. Restrooms are west of the sanctuary off of the north and south hallways. Visitors and members are encouraged to sign the red friendship pad being passed forward. Blue prayer cards are located in the pew racks. After the service, please join us for coffee and goodies in Fellowship Hall, west of the sanctuary!