ABOUT TODAY’S LITURGY:

**Jesus Is Our Redemption:** In the temple Jesus said, “*If anyone keeps my word, he will never see death*” (John 8:51). For Jesus came to taste death for us—to drink the cup of suffering to the dregs in order that we might be released from its power. Clinging to His life-giving words, we are delivered from death's sting and its eternal judgment. Christ is our High Priest, who entered the Most Holy Place and with His own blood obtained everlasting redemption for His people (Heb. 9:11–15). He is the One who was before Abraham was, and yet is his descendant. He is the promised Son who carries the wood up the mountain for the sacrifice, who is bound and laid upon the altar of the cross. He is the ram who is offered in our place, who is willingly caught in the thicket of our sin, and who wears the crown of thorns upon His head (Gen. 22:1–14). Though Jesus is dishonored by the sons of the devil, He is vindicated by the Father through the cross.
The Order of Matins

431 Not All the Blood of Beasts

1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jewish altars slain
2 But Christ, the heav’n-ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a-way;
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
4 My soul looks back to see The bur-den Thou didst bear
5 Believing, we rejoice To see the curse re-move;

Could give the guilty con-science peace Or wash a-way the stain.
A sac-rif -ice of no-bler name And rich-er blood than they.
While as a pen-i-tent I stand, And there con-fess my sin.
When hang-ing on the curs-ed tree; I know my guilt was there.
We bless the Lamb with cheer-ful voice And sing His bleed-ing love.

L O Lord, o - pen my lips,
and my mouth will de-clare Your praise.

L Make haste, O God, to del - liv - er me;
make haste to help me, O Lord.

Lent: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.
Psalmody

Venite

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
2 and a great king above all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

1 Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,

Antiphon (Common)

1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His also.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
Psalm 43 (antiphon: v.5)

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,*
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

For you are the God in whom I take refuge;
why have you rejected me?*
Why do I go about mourning
because of the oppression of the enemy?

Send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;*
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy,*
and I will praise you with the lyre,
O God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?*
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.

430 My Song Is Love Unknown

1 My song is love unknown, My Saviour’s love to me,
2 He came from His bluesthronе Salvation to be-
3 Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and
5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a-

me, Love to the loveless shown That they might love ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would
sing; Resounding all the day Hosannas to their
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their
way; A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they
In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav’n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.

Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

Readings
Reading

A reading from Genesis, the twenty-second chapter.

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

O Lord, have mercy on us.
Thanks be to God.
Reading

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

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Reading

Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

Respnsory for Lent

Verse

1 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
2 Blessed is he whose transgression is for-given and whose sin is put a-way.
3 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

Refrain

He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the peo-ple.

Sermon
The Litany

Ký- ri- e: E- lé- i- son.
— Chri- ste: E- lé- i- son.
Ký- ri- e: E- lé- i- son.
— O Christ: — Hear us.

Lord God, the Fa- ther in heaven: Have mercy up- on us.
Lord God, Savior of the world: Have mercy up- on us.
Lord God, the Ho- ly Spirit: Have mercy up- on us.

Be grac- ious to us: Spare us, dear Lord God.
Be grac- ious to us: Help us, dear Lord God.
— — From all sin: Preserve us, dear Lord God.
— — From all error: Preserve us, dear Lord God.
— — From all evil: Preserve us, dear Lord God.

From the crafts and assaults of the devil: Preserve us, dear Lord God.
From sudden and evil death: Preserve us, dear Lord God.
From pesti- lence and famine: Preserve us, dear Lord God.
— From war and bloodshed: Preserve us, dear Lord God.
From se- dition and rebellion: Preserve us, dear Lord God.
— From hail and tempest: Preserve us, dear Lord God.
From ever- last- ing death: Preserve us, dear Lord God.

By Your ho- ly na- tivity: Preserve us, dear Lord God.
By Your mor- tal a- gony: Preserve us, dear Lord God.
— By Your Cross and death: Preserve us, dear Lord God.
By Your holy resurrection and as- cension: Preserve us, dear Lord God.

In our last dis- tress: Save us, dear Lord God.
At the Last Judgment: Save us, dear Lord God.

We poor sinners — — beseech You: To hear us, dear Lord God.
To rule and govern Your holy Christ- ian Church: Hear us, dear Lord God.
To preserve all bishops, pastors, and ministers of the Church in the wholesome Word and holy — — liv- ing: Hear us, dear Lord God.
To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense: Hear us, dear Lord God.
To bring back those who err and are deceived: Hear us, dear Lord God.
To beat down Satan under our feet: Hear us, dear Lord God.
To send faithful laborers into Your harvest: Hear us, dear Lord God.
To accompany the Word with Your Spirit and power: Hear us, dear Lord God.
To help and comfort all the distressed and weak-hearted: Hear us, dear Lord God.
To give all kings and princes peace and concord: Hear us, dear Lord God.
To grant our country perpetual victory over its enemies: Hear us, dear Lord God.
To direct and defend our gracious ruler with all his magistrates: Hear us, dear Lord God.

To bless and preserve our council and congregation: Hear us, dear Lord God.
To visit with succor all who are in distress and danger: Hear us, dear Lord God.
To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, joyful fruition and success: Hear us, dear Lord God.
To care for and attend to all children and sick persons: Hear us, dear Lord God.
To defend all widows and orphans and provide for them: Hear us, dear Lord God.
To have mercy on all men: Hear us, dear Lord God.
To forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers: Hear us, dear Lord God.
And graciously to hear us: Hear us, dear Lord God.
O Jesus Christ, Son of God: Hear us, dear Lord God.

O Lamb of God, who take away the sin of the world: Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, who take away the sin of the world: Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, who take away the sin of the world: Grant us continual peace.

— O Christ: — Hear us.
Kyrie: Eleison.
Christe: Eleison.

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.

Collects

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Collect of the Day

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.

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the
beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall
into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your
governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Stand

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
429 We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died

1 We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who died up - on the cross. The sinner’s hope let all de - ride; For this we count the world but loss.

2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see In shining letters, “God is love.” He bears our sins up - faint - ing spir - it up; It cheers with hope the gloom - y day And sweet - ens ev - ’ry bit - ter cup.

3 The cross! It takes our guilt a - way; It holds the fee - ble arm for fight; It takes the ter - ror from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light;

4 It makes the cow - ard spir - it brave And nerves the died up - on the cross. The sinner’s hope let all de - ride; For this we count the world but loss.

5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,
   The measure and the pledge of love,
   The sinner’s refuge here below,
   The angels’ theme in heav’n above.

6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace
   By bitter grief and anguish sore,
   Be praise from all the ransomed race
   Forever and forevermore.
All: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED is confessed by all.

THE PSALM is prayed: Mon/Tues/Wed – Ps. 43; Thurs/Fri – Ps. 118:19-29

CATECHISM LEARN-BY-HEART:

Catechism Lesson: The Sacrament of the Altar –
What is the Sacrament of the Altar?
It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written?
The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

BIBLE VERSE:
And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42

HYMN: Mon: 430; Tues. 430; Wed. 430; Thurs. 444; Fri. 444

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OTHER FAMILY PRAYERS:

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – 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.

Thursday, Friday – Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.
IN YOUR PRAYERS:
For our congregation during this time of separation
For our families as we seek to live together in holy love and peace
For our nation and communities as we look to God’s mercy during this time of illness
For our Pastors as they seek to bring the Word of God to us
For our School teachers and students and they seek to teach online

Healing and Comfort for: The Family of CLAY ELLIS, friend of Rose Cann, who died in Christ; CRYSTAL WAGNER, undergoing tests, ARLINE BLASE, health difficulties; CARL NIENHUSER, grandfather of Dawn Schnare & Danae Otten, leukemia; JULIA UBBENGA, sister of John Fluss, breast cancer SIDNEE SCHWARZ, health issues; GLENN ARMES, health issues; LEAH HOWTON, recovering from surgery; DALE GROTEFENDT, friend of Paula Kipp, taking chemo & radiation treatments & KAY GROTEFENDT, for strength as her husband undergoes treatments; CAROLE SHARP, sister-in-law of Beverly Renken, terminal cancer, KAYLEIGH MEINZEN, health issues; RANDY HELLINGER, recovering at home with health issues; TOMIKO JUEDEMANN, mother of Linda Behrhorst, cancer treatments; EMILY SCHWARZ, recovering from surgery; KAREN BEST, sister of Dale & Shirley Lueker, breast cancer treatments; ELDON SCHMIDT, health issues; LISA PROFFER, sister of Aaron Hanks, recovering from mini-strokes; THOMAS SEXTON, grandchild of Keith and Judy (Sievers) Loemker, health issues; DORENE LANE, friend of Dave DeVries, preparing for knee replacement, heart and eye issues; MARY GRAFF, friend of Dave DeVries, began treatments for kidney and femur bone cancer, STEPHANIE VAN ULFT, treatments and health difficulties from said treatments; ELLEN MUTH, mother of Kantor Muth, declining health; JANE BILYEY, aunt of Beth Langendorf, health difficulties; BONNIE WILLIAMS, friend of Candy Esch, cancer; ALL EXPECTANT MOTHERS
St. Paul Lutheran Elderly Care List - Since all the nursing, independent/assisted live homes are closed to visitors please consider sending the dear members of our congregation a note or card. For those parents looking for something to occupy their children’s time have them draw or color a picture to send, with a Bible passage, picture or word of encouragement. What an easy way to bring someone joy and put a smile on their face. Following is a list of the St. Paul members who reside at a care facility.

*Eden Village – Glen Carbon, Illinois 62034*
- Clara Wehrend – Care Center – 400 South Station Road – Room 513
- Glen & Thelma Wuehler – 300 South Station Rd. – Apt. 8202
- Marlene Hellmann – 407 B Eden Gardens

*Meridian Village – Glen Carbon, Illinois 62034*
- Kathy Breen – Apt. 402 – 27 Auerbach Place
- Lynette Spudich – Apt. 422 – 27 Auerbach Place

*Edwardsville Nursing & Rehabilitation Center – Edwardsville, IL 62025*
- Ellen Buhrmann – 401 St. Mary Drive

*ACC – Alhambra, Illinois 62001*
- Eldon Schmidt – 417 East Main Street

*Glenwood – Staunton, Illinois 62088*
- Arline Blase – Apt. 45 – 18192 Renken Road
- Ruth Ernst – Apt. 27 – 18192 Renken Road
- Donna Hellinger – Apt. 51 – 18192 Renken Road
- Ruby Hering – Apt. 32 – 18192 Renken Road

*Rosewood Care Center – Alton, Illinois 62002*
- Lillian Schmidt – 3490 Humbert Road

*Cedarhurst Assisted Living – Bethalto, Illinois 62010*
- Nancy Engelke – Apt. #43 – 903 North Moreland Road
Joanie is working from home, but up and running with all the details of Church Office life. Feel free to contact her on her cell phone, 618-978-2875 during regular office hours of 9am-3pm. You may call the church office. Messages left in her voicemail are forwarded to her. Joanie’s email is jmertz@stpaulhamel.org

The Pastors and Board of Elders are meeting by Conference Call/ZOOM once a week to stay in touch and discuss the needs of the congregation.

Remember to send to Pastor Ball or Joanie any updated contact information for our members, especially email addresses for the church email list. bball@stpaulhamel.org

Confirmation has been postponed. It was to be May 3rd. Keep our confirmands in your prayers as they continue to learn at home – Eva Maria Askins, Elijah Ball, Ava Baumberger, Samuel Bowers, Jacob Daube, Emily Hughes, Henry Reiseck, Alayna Schnare and Raven Stipcak.

Your Personal and Family Devotions
Your Bible and Hymnal
They are invaluable at this time. If you want to work on your Bible reading, there is a chart to help you on Page 299 of the Hymnal. Your hymnal gives you daily prayer guides starting on Page 294. Plus you have all the songs of the faith! If you do not have a hymnal now is the time! cph.org or 800-325-3040

Our Weekly Bulletin Insert - Our Families Pray
Is above in this bulletin. It is a great resource for families with younger children to work on the basics of the Creed, Psalm, Catechism, a Bible Verse and the Lord’s Prayer.

The Treasury of Daily Prayer The Book is a true treasure. We are reading the New Testament reading from it for our daily Responsive Prayer 2. Available from Concordia Publishing House cph.org or 800-325-3040

Portals of Prayer
The New Portals of Prayer which start April 1 are in a tub at the front door of church for you to come by and pick up. Joanie can also mail one to you.

The Word of the Lord Endures Forever
Pastor Weedon’s daily show can be found here. He is working through Hebrews now, and it is great. thewordendures.org

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