



Our Lenten Journey will be a series entitled **"Words That Last Forever"** which we will follow each Wednesday during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday.

Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025 7:00PM, at St. Paul's (No Soup and Sandwich)

Lenten Midweek Worship—7PM at St. Paul's (Soup & Sandwich @6PM)

Sunday, March 16th Worship will be at Bethel @ 11:15, with Pastor Terri Driver-Bishop presiding.

Holy Week

Wednesday - A blended Choir Service entitled **"Not My Will, But Yours"** @ Bethel 7:00PM (Soup and sandwich at 6pm)

Maundy Thursday - 7:00PM at ST. Paul's

Good Friday - Noon at Bethel and 7:00PM at St. Paul's

Easter Vigil—Saturday, 7:00pm

Easter Sunday - 9AM Worship at St. Paul's, 11:15AM Worship at Bethel

SERVING TODAY

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**Mid Week Wednesday Lenten Service
 March 26, 2025**

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Worship Service—7:00 p.m.

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Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all.

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PARADISE!

Opening Hymn

With words that last forever you speak in richest grace,
Lord Jesus Christ, my Savior, upon your cross disgraced.

With open ears I listen, with open mind believe,
With open heart embrace you: I, Lord, your words receive.

“Forgiveness” granted sinners, and “Paradise, today!”

“Behold your son, your mother!” to family you say.

The air is split with anguish in your “Forsaken” cry,
As “Thirsty,” work “Accomplished,” in “Father’s hands” you die.

Pray, sanctify the silence with which I contemplate
Your boundless love for sinners, your sacrifice so great,
Till at the tomb I waken to your new word for me:
These words, not last, but lasting, shall ring eternally!

P Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

C **“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”**

P The word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.

C **“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”**

P “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”

C **“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”**

P Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

C **“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”**

P “The word that goes forth from my mouth shall not return to me empty,” says the Lord. “It shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

C **“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”**

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.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you his peace. The Lord will never leave you nor forsake you. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Our Savior speaks; may we
Give heed to ev'ry word,
And grace be given faithfully
To trust what we have heard.

Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, your steadfast love endures forever and you will never forsake your own. Lead your people in paths of righteousness for your name's sake, that we may dwell in your house forever. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 49:14-16

Psalm

Psalm 22:1-11

P My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

C I have cried desperately for help, but still it does not come.

P During the day I call to you, my God, but you do not answer.

C I call at night, but get no rest.

P But you are enthroned as the Holy One, the one whom Israel praises. Our ancestors put their trust in you; they trusted you, and you saved them.

C They called to you and escaped from danger; they trusted you and were not disappointed.

P But I am a worm and not human, despised and scorned by everyone! All who see me make fun of me; they stick out their tongues and shake their heads.

C "You relied on the Lord," they say. "Why doesn't he save you? If the Lord likes you, why doesn't he help you?"

P It was you who brought me safely through birth, and when I was a baby, you kept me safe.

C I have relied on you since the day I was born, and you have always been my God.

P Do not stay away from me!

C Trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:18-21

Hymn

Our Savior speaks in love
To sinners in their need.
Oh, hear the message from above;
His great compassion see.

Holy Gospel

John 10:14-29

Hymn

Now hear the awful cry,
Sin's dreadful burden see:
“My God, my God,” the Son shouts, “Why
Have you forsaken me?”

Sermon,

“FORSAKEN”

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” —Matthew 27:46

Hymn of the Day

Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown,
With our evil left alone,
While no light from heav'n is shown:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

When we seem in vain to pray
And our hope seems far away,
In the darkness be our stay:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Though no Father seems to hear,
Though no light our spirits cheer,
May we know that God is near:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Prayers:

P Jesus Christ sacrificed all in order that we might be ransomed to God. Through faith in him, let us join in fervent prayer:

C O God, forsake us not!

P That brothers and sisters in the faith, here and everywhere, may be united in mind and will, and may work together in truth and harmony, let us join in fervent prayer:

C O God, forsake us not!

P That the resources of this world may be used wisely so that none may perish needlessly and all may share the bounty of the Lord, let us join in fervent prayer:

C O God, forsake us not!

P That those who feel especially alone because of sickness or circumstance, want or care, trouble or need, may feel God's saving strength and know God's presence near, let us join in fervent prayer:

C O God, forsake us not!

P And that in our last hour on earth we may know the comfort of Christ's forgiving sacrifice and the sure promise of everlasting joy with him and all the saints, let us join in fervent prayer:

C O God, forsake us not! Amen.