



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.

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



**Mid Week Wednesday Lenten Service
April 2, 2025**

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

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**Words That Last Forever!
THIRST!**

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 **Jesus said, “I thirst.”**

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 **Jesus said, “I thirst.”**

P The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

C **Jesus said, “I thirst.”**

P One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

C **Jesus said, “I thirst.”**

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 **Jesus said, “I thirst.”**

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 has brought you through the waters to live with him forever. **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 In water you call us, O God, to be your precious daughters and sons. Upon buoyant waters you saved Noah and his family. Through the blown-back waters of the Red Sea you delivered your children, Israel, from slavery. Your own Son, Jesus, who thirsted upon the cross, splashed in the waters of the Jordan, sharing your living waters with all who believe in his name. Revive your people, O God, and refresh us, that we may bear witness to your wet and wondrous love. 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 55:1-11

Psalm

Psalm 42:1-5, 8-11

P As a deer longs for a stream of cool water, so I long for you, O God.

C I thirst for you, the living God.

P When can I go and worship in your presence?

C Day and night I cry, and tears are my only food.

P My heart breaks when I remember the past, when I went with the crowds to the house of God and led them as they walked along, a happy crowd, singing and shouting praise to God.

C Why am I so sad? Why am I so troubled? I will put my hope in God, and once again, I will praise him, my savior and my God.

P May the Lord show his constant love during the day, so that I may have a song at night, a prayer to the God of my life.

C To God, my defender, I say, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I go on suffering from the cruelty of my enemies?"

P I am crushed by their insults, as they keep on asking me, "Where is your God?"

C Why am I so sad? Why am I so troubled? I will put my hope in God, and once again, I will praise him, my savior and my God.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:6; 22:1-2

Hymn

Our Savior speaks in love
From deepest agony.
Oh, hear the message from above;
His great compassion see.

Holy Gospel

John 4:1-14

Hymn

Obediently he dies;
Sin's pow'r has done its worst.
Now, to fulfill God's Word, he cries
A simple word: "I thirst."

Sermon,

"THIRST"
"I thirst." —John 19:28

Hymn of the Day

Jesus, in your thirst and pain,
While your wounds your lifeblood drain,
Thirsting more our love to gain:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Thirst for us in mercy still;
All your holy work fulfill;
Satisfy your loving will:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

May we thirst your love to know;
Lead us in our sin and woe
Where the healing waters flow:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Prayers:

P Like a good shepherd, our Lord leads us beside the still waters and restores our souls.
Our cups run over. As those who follow where he leads, let us join in fervent prayer:

C Satisfy us with your overflowing grace, O God.

P That the Church of God may be attuned to the needs of the world, especially those who
hunger and thirst for righteousness, let us join in fervent prayer:

C Satisfy us with your overflowing grace, O God.

P That governments and authorities may administer their responsibilities for the common
good, as those who seek to fulfill the obligations of their office, let us join in fervent
prayer:

C Satisfy us with your overflowing grace, O God.

P That God's grace may overflow into the lives of the hungry and thirsty, the homeless
and helpless, the sick and the dying, the hurting and grieving, and all who want in any
way, let us join in fervent prayer:

C Satisfy us with your overflowing grace, O God.

P And that when our life on earth is done, the Lord may receive us into the glory of his
saints and fulfill the faithful word by which he calls us to himself, let us join in fervent
prayer:

C Satisfy us with your overflowing grace, O God. Amen.