



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 9, 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!

FINISHED!

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 **“It is finished!”**

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 **“It is finished!”**

P “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

C **“It is finished!”**

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

C **“It is finished!”**

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.”

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 saving work of your Lord is finished—forever finished. **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, you are the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. Your Word cried “Light!” into darkest chaos as your Spirit brooded over the turbulent waters. Pray, bring to completion in all of your children that which you began in the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 1:1—2:3

Psalms

Psalms 36:5-10

P Lord, your constant love reaches to the heavens; your faithfulness extends to the skies.

C **Your righteousness is towering like the mountains; your justice is like the depths of the sea. All creation is in your care.**

P How precious, O God, is your constant love!

C **We find protection under the shadow of your wings. We feast on the abundant food you provide; you let us drink from the river of your goodness.**

P You are the source of all life, and because of your light we see the light.

C **Continue to love those who know you and to do good to those who are righteous.**

Second Reading

Philippians 1:2-6

Hymn

Our Savior speaks in love
To sinners in their need.
Oh, hear the message from above;
His gracious promise heed.

Holy Gospel

John 17:1-14

Hymn

“‘Tis finished,” says the Lord.
The burden on him laid
Of sinful thought and deed and word—
The debt is fully paid.

Sermon,

“FINISHED”

Hymn of the Day

Jesus, all our ransom paid,
All your Father’s will obeyed;
By your suff’rings perfect made:
Hear us, holy Jesus

Brighten all our heav’ward way
With an ever holier ray
Till we pass to perfect day:
Hear us holy Jesus

Save us in our soul’s distress
Be our help to cheer and bless
While we grow in holiness:
Hear us, holy Jesus

Prayers:

P God is faithful. God’s Holy Spirit will finish in us what was begun in Jesus Christ. Thus confident, let us join in fervent prayer:

C Complete what you have begun in us, O God.

P That all who are called to follow Christ may continue to heed the Great Commission, engaged in making disciples of all nations, that people everywhere may believe and be saved, let us join in fervent prayer:

C Complete what you have begun in us, O God.

P That all the world, with all its resources and opportunities, may show forth the praise of its generous Creator, let us join in fervent prayer:

C Complete what you have begun in us, O God.

P That all who suffer in any way may find a quick and blessed end to what they must endure, let us join in fervent prayer:

C Complete what you have begun in us, O God.

P That life on earth may find purpose in the love of Christ, and that life eternal, beyond the bonds of death, may open wide to welcome all who trust in Jesus Christ, let us join in fervent prayer:

C Complete what you have begun in us, O God. Amen.