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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Wilton, WI

Wednesday Evening Lenten Service  
March 4, 2020

**Inviting People to  
Journey with Christ's Family  
in Spreading God's Love and Mercy**

### Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God\**

Greeting

Hymn

"Rock of Ages"

**ELW #623**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☐ one God,  
who is present, who gives life,  
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.  
**Amen.**

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned away from you,  
knowingly and unknowingly.**

**We have wandered from your resurrection life.**

**We have strayed from your love for all people.**

**Turn us back to you, O God.**

**Give us new hearts and right spirits,  
that we may find what is pleasing to you  
and dwell in your house forever.**

**Amen.**

Receive good news: God turns to you in love.

"I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of ☐ Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you. **Amen.**

## Psalm 100

### Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.\**

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>**Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup>**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.**

**Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

<sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

## The holy gospel according to John 10:1-10

### Glory to You, O God.

<sup>1</sup>Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be

saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Homily

Prayers of Intercession (Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**)

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Hymn

"Jesus the Very Thought of You"

**ELW #754**

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.\**

Almighty and merciful God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore.

**Amen.**

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