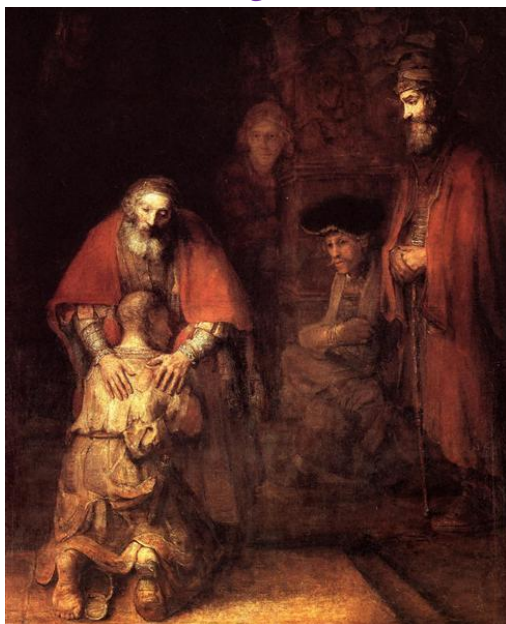


# Welcome to St. Paul's!

*The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

*Sunday, March 30th, 2025*



*The Return of the  
Prodigal*

*Rembrandt van Rijn  
1669*

## *This Week @ Home*

Loving God,  
In all I do this day,  
Use me as a sign of your reconciling love.  
Let me not view anyone from a human point of view,  
but let me see all whom I encounter  
with the eyes of Christ,  
through whom I pray. Amen.

# Come, Let Us Worship

We acknowledge that we gather this day on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, and Huron Wendat peoples.

**May we always dwell on this land with respect and in peace.**



## Holy Communion at 8:30am

*Book of Common Prayer BCP* (small, burgundy red book) page 67

Presiding The Rev. Lynn Mitchell+

Lay Reader Karen Brown

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And with Thy Spirit.**

For the texts of the Sunday scripture readings, please see the 10:00am service.

## Sung Holy Eucharist at 10:00am

*Book of Alternative Services BAS* (green book) page 185

*Common Praise CP* (blue hymnal)

*Sing a New Creation* (smaller blue hymnal)

Presiding & Preaching The Rev. Lynn Mitchell+

Honorary Assistant The Rev. Ted Guthrie+

Lay Reader Karen Brown

Music Director Malcolm Gillis

Duty Warden Patricia Birtch-Guirandou

## *The Gathering of the Community*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Dear friends in Christ,  
as we come to worship almighty God,  
let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins,  
that we may obtain forgiveness  
by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
by thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your  
will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

### **The Absolution**

**Opening Hymn CP#399**      *Now Thank We All Our God*

### **Collect of the Day**

Eternal and everlasting God,  
**you open your arms to accept us  
even before we turn to meet your welcome;  
you invite us to forgiveness  
even before our hearts are softened to repentance.  
Hold before us the image of our humanity made new,  
so that we may live in Jesus Christ,  
your new creation. Amen.**

## *The Proclamation of the Word*

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Joshua 5: 9 -12 *Read by Norma Riley*

<sup>9</sup>The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

<sup>10</sup>While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal, they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup>On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup>The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 32**

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!

**2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.

**4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

**6 Therefore all the faithful \*  
will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, \***  
they shall not reach them.

7 You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**8 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \***

**I will guide you with my eye.**

9 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \* who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”

**10 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

11 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \* shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** 2 Corinthians 5: 16 - 21 *Read by Gillian Shaw*

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Hymn** SNC#151

*Jesus Before Me*

**The Gospel** Luke 15: 1 - 3, 11 - 32

@ 8:30am

The Lord be with you.

**And with Thy Spirit.**

The Holy Gospel .....

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

@10:00am

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel .....

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

<sup>11</sup> Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

<sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe – the best one – and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" <sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

### The Gospel of Christ

@ 8:30am

@ 10:00am

**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### The Homily

### The Apostles' Creed

*BAS page 189*

### The Prayers of the People

We pray for Scott, Lorna, Gert, Lynda, Thelma, Fred, Bob & Eleanor, Shelagh, Jen, Tootsie, Scott, Rob, Ruth, Marion F., Sandra, Fred D., Shirley, Susan, Roger, Aaron, Jane, Karen, Glenda, Ian, Janie, Michelle, Elizabeth, Judy, Ken, Gwen, Marjorie, Peter K., Norma, Beth, Marie, Ron and Lloyd.

We pray for those known to us alone,  
and those known only to God.

### The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## *The Celebration of the Eucharist*

Offertory Hymn CP#381 *Praise My Soul*

### Prayer Over the Gifts

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, good Father and Mother to us all,  
your face is ever turned towards your world.  
In love you created us in your own image,  
yet in disobedience we continue to distort that image.  
In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death,  
yet in disobedience we continue to turn away from you.

In love you pour out your Spirit to empower the community of  
faith, yet in disobedience we continue to live selfishly by our own  
strength. Into the darkness Jesus came as your light with signs of  
faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and  
washed the guilty clean.



Jesus accepted the way of the cross  
**That we might know the way of salvation.**

God of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. We do not always understand them, we do not always accept them, we cannot always appreciate them.  
As we stand at the foot of the cross, we can only wonder at the depth of your love, and bow down in worship.

Jesus accepted the way of the cross  
**That we might know the way of salvation.**

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. In Gethsemane Jesus asked that you might take this cup from him, yet he willingly surrendered to your will for our sake.

Jesus accepted the way of the cross  
**That we might know the way of salvation.**

On the night that Jesus was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

“This is my body, given for you all.:

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
he took the cup, gave it to them, and said:

“This is my blood, shed for you all  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

Jesus accepted the way of the cross  
**That we might know the way of salvation.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which your Son died to set us free. Defying death, he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and for all the world.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with eyes wide open and hearts on fire.

Jesus accepted the way of the cross  
**That we might know the way of salvation.**

May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (said)

**The Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**We, being many, are one body,  
For we all share the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Agnus Dei**

CP#685

**O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world,  
grant us your peace.**

**The Communion**

*All are welcome to receive the bread and wine of the Eucharist, as this is Christ's Table, and Christ is our Host. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing.  
Gluten free wafers are also offered.*

**Communion Hymn CP#**

## Prayer After Communion

### The Doxology

Glory to God,  
whose power working in us,  
can do infinitely more than we  
could ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### The Blessing

Closing Hymn CP#434      *The Love of Jesus Calls Us*

### The Dismissal

Let us go in peace to serve God, one another,  
and to care for the earth.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Thank you for the blessing of your presence at St. Paul's this morning.  
While the liturgy is over, our worship continues as we come together for  
fellowship and refreshment in the parish hall. All are welcome.*

## This Week at St. Paul's

### Monday

**Prayers for St Paul's and our Parish Ministries** 10:45am-11:00am.

Please contact Jane Guthrie 613 802 8513 or Jennifer Palmer 343  
364 4388 for more information.

### Tuesday

**Women's Book Study** on Zoom.

Contact Jane Guthrie 613 802 8513 [ccrquilts@gmail.com](mailto:ccrquilts@gmail.com)

**Choir Practice** 7:00pm

Contact Malcolm Gillis [mgmalmcolmgillis@gmail.com](mailto:mgmalmcolmgillis@gmail.com)

## Wednesday

**Bible Study** 10:00am – 11:30am on Zoom

Contact Rev. Lynn [revlynnam@gmail.com](mailto:revlynnam@gmail.com)

**Service of Healing Prayer with Holy Eucharist** @ noon in person and on Zoom. Contact Dave Bell 613 802 8158

## Thursday

**Bible Study** 7:00pm in-person and Zoom.

Contact Rev. Ted 613 498 2942 [bama.contact@gmail.com](mailto:bama.contact@gmail.com)

## Tuesdays in Lent with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Once again, we are invited to join with our companion church, Good Shepherd Lutheran for worship, reflection, and fellowship over delicious food.

This Tuesday, April 1st at 3pm

Pastor Moses is preaching!



### Easter Memorial Flowers

If you wish to make a donation towards altar flowers for Easter in memory of a loved one(s), please fill in a pew envelope with the name(s) and place it on the offering plate. Or, you may submit your donation and the names to the office no later than **April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025** in order that your loved one's can be acknowledged in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

# St. Paul's Monthly Financial Update

	Income	Expense	Surplus/Deficit		Income	Expense	Surplus/Deficit
Jan-25	\$16,924.00	\$19,043.77	-\$2,119.77	Jan-24	\$10,777.66	\$18,907.89	-8,130.23
Feb-25	\$12,192.00	\$20,593.96	-\$8,401.96	Feb-24	\$9,768.66	\$20,796.66	-11,028.00
Mar-25				Mar-24	\$18,885.59	\$20,018.74	-1,133.15
Apr-25				Apr-24	\$12,620.66	\$17,763.05	-5,142.39
May-25				May-24	\$11,266.66	\$29,249.05	-17,982.39
Jun-25				Jun-24	\$17,726.30	\$16,617.34	1,108.96
July-25				July-24	\$11,066.00	\$17,227.18	-6,161.18
Aug-25				Aug-24	\$16,281.00	\$16,241.74	39.26
Sept-25				Sept-24	\$16,104.62	\$16,143.73	-39.11
Oct-25				Oct-24	\$15,623.00	\$17,208.96	-1,585.96
Nov-25				Nov-24	\$17,711.00	\$16,983.28	727.72
Dec-25				Dec-24	\$30,665.97	\$20,409.78	10,256.19
	29,116.00	39,637.73	-10,521.73		188,497.12	227,567.40	-39,070.28

## February Financial Overview

Compared to last year, our deficit was slightly lower in February. We did have additional snow removal expenses. There were no donations for the Sunday we cancelled the services due to weather.