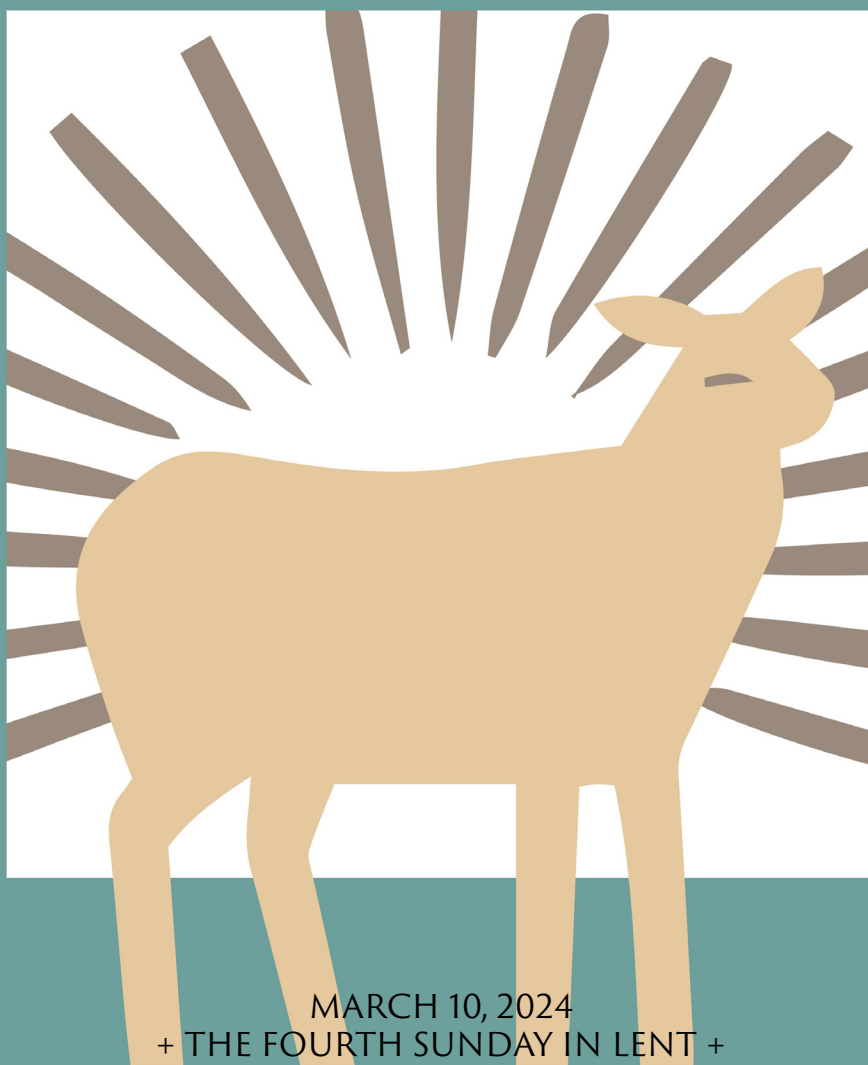


FOURTH SUNDAY *in Lent*



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PRELUDE

And Can It Be That I Should Gain
arr. Lloyd Larson
Brian Ward, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff Hunter and Libby Piotrowski
Jeanette Mottl

A Youth Ministry Invitation: UNITE 2024

CHORAL INTROIT

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
(407, verses 1 and 4)
Chancel Choir, Brian Ward, Director

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 107

O give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good;
for His steadfast love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!
We are those He redeemed from trouble
and gathered together
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
We cried to the Lord in our trouble,
He saved us from our distress.
Thanks to the Lord for His steadfast love,
for His wonderful works to humankind.
Let us offer thanksgiving sacrifices,
and tell of His deeds with songs of joy.

* OPENING HYMN 46

Let Us, with a Gladsome Mind

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**Good God, you want us to worship you and to live together in healthy relationships.
But we forget about you, and we sin with unkind words and selfish actions. We are sorry.
Forgive us, and help us to love you and live in Jesus' pattern.**

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.
And also with you.

* CONGREGATIONAL SONG

His Mercy Is More

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

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Sunwoo Lee, Brian Ward, and Ryan Wendt

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

* Gospel Reading

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Lisa Applequist, Reader

Numbers 21:4-9

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

CHORAL ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;
but that the world through Him might be saved.
God so loved the world.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Jeanette Mottl

MESSAGE

Jeff Hunter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 887 (Using *sins*)

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

The Trustees will come around at this time to receive physical offerings.

Giving online at any time is also an option at www.npcovenant.org/give.

Offertory

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (397)

Robert Hebble

Sunwoo Lee, Organ

* Doxology 48

* Prayer of Dedication

* CLOSING CONGREGATIONAL SONG

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townend

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (439)
Dale Wood

** Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

If you have prayer requests to be shared confidentially with the pastors, there is a prayer box located in the narthex, as well as slips of paper and a pen in the box's drawer for your use.

Let Us, with a Gladsome Mind

46

1 Let us, with a glad - some mind, praise the Lord for he is kind:
2 Let us sound his name a - broad, for of gods he is the God:
3 He with all - com - mand - ing might filled the new - made world with light:
4 All things liv - ing he does feed; his full hand sup - plies their need:
5 Let us then, with glad - some mind, praise the Lord for he is kind:

for his mer - cies shall en - dure, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er sure.

WORDS: Based on Psalm 136, John Milton, 1608-1674, alt.

MUSIC: J. Freylinghausen's *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704, adapt. John Antes, 1740-1811;
arr. John Wilkes, 1785-1869

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MONKLAND

His Mercy Is More

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

Largo (♩ = 45)



What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done; om -
What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam; What
What rich - es of kind - ness He la - vished on us; His



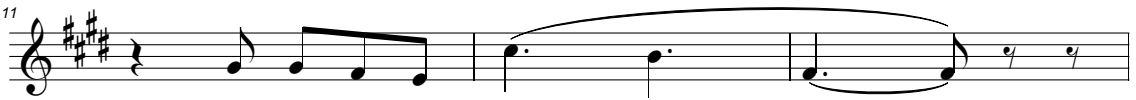
ni - scient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown
Fa - ther so ten - der, is call - ing us home. He
blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost. We



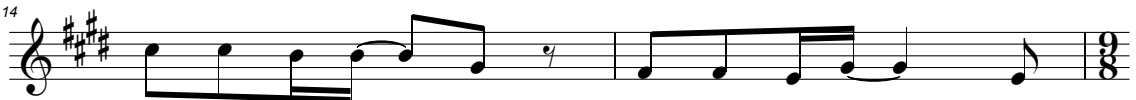
in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore; Our
wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor; Our
stood 'neath a debt we could ne - ver af - ford; Our



sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord!
sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more.
sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more.



His mer - cy is more.



Stron - ger than dark - ness, new ev' - ry morn; Our



sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 48

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him all crea-tures

here be-low; praise him a-bove ye heav'n-ly host;

praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Yupik: *Nanrau mali Agayutvut, Nanrarlitgu pilimalriit
Nanrarlitgu qilagmeInguut, Aata, qetunraq, Anerneqllu.*

Translation by Lucy Daniels and Wassilie Mute

Spanish: *A Dios el Padre celestial, al Hijo nuestro Redentor,
y al eternal Consolador, uni dos todos alabad.*

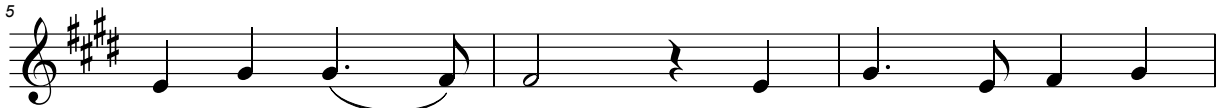
Lingala: *E Njambe apesi bato nse, mpo mingi na Yosanjola,
Na banje mpe tosambel, tata, Mwana, Molimo mpe.*

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townend
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1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be -
2. Be - hold the Man u - pon a cross: my guilt u -
3. I will not boast in a - ny thing No gifts, no



yond all mea - sure that He would give His
pon His shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my
pow'r's, no wis - dom. But I will boast in



on - ly Son to make a wretch His trea - sure. How
mo - cking voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
Je - sus Christ: His death and re - sur - rec - tion. Why



great the pain of sea - ring loss the Fa - ther
was my sin that held Him there un - til it
should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not



turns His face a - way as wounds which mar the cho - sen One
was ac - com - plished. His dy - ing breath has brought me life:
give an an - swer, but this I know with all my heart:



bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
I know that it is fi - nished.
His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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Welcome to North Park Covenant Church online! *We're glad you're here.*

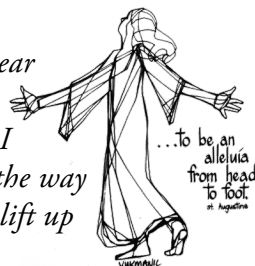
For your prayers this week:

- Paul Wargaski's parents: **Rosalie**, who fell and broke her arm, and **Ronald**, struggling with a chronic lung condition
- Dorothy Schmidt's friend **Richard**, recently diagnosed with cancer
- **Michael Shawn Sanders**, recuperating after an emergency appendectomy
- **Maria Ward and family**, mourning the passing of her uncle Bill Safstrom on February 25
- **Kari Lindholm-Johnson**, continuing chemo treatments in spite of low white blood cell counts
- Janice Finney's brother-in-law, **Tim Rohr**, anticipating a stem cell transplant on March 20
- **the family of Sally Mortenson**, a friend to many here, who passed away March 1

Neighborhood Prayer in 2024

As we continue in prayer for our neighborhood throughout the month of March, and recognizing that our hope comes from God and God alone, we pray from the depths of our souls for the peace and comfort that only God can bring to the people and places in our neighborhood.

Psalm 143:8 - Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.



Missionary Prayer Spotlight

James Ventress requests prayer for the village of Elim, Alaska, following the suicide of a 20-year-old there three weeks ago. Elim is a village of 300 people in which the death of one touches many lives. Village members like the idea of opening a youth outreach center such as Nome's Checkpoint. However, few have volunteered to operate such a site. Pray for leadership and for a site at which to open a center. Please pray, also, for the recently initiated Awana children's ministry and discipleship program. Nome Covenant Church hosts the program, which is open to children in preschool through 5th or 6th grade. It has been welcomed by Nome Covenant and neighboring churches.

Childcare is available in the toddler room (lower level, off the hallway south of the parlors) for the full duration of the worship service for any wee ones ages 0 through 5 needing a place to wiggle and play. We always happily welcome children in the service but recognize that sometimes parents need a break so they can focus on worship.

Staff Away: Pastor Libby will be out of the office March 11-14.

We will hold a brief congregational business meeting following the morning service on Sunday, March 17, to vote on funding for the east wall reconstruction project. It is expected to be brief so will be held in the sanctuary, after which those who signed up for the Corned Beef and Cabbage Lunch (see next announcement) may make their way to the parlors.

All are invited to join us on Sunday, March 17, for a Corned Beef and Cabbage Lunch following the 10:30 am worship service. Come for a time of fellowship and great food! *All are welcome, but RSVPs are absolutely necessary.* Please RSVP using <https://tinyurl.com/2024-corned-beef> or by contacting the church office by Monday, March 11, to reserve your spot!

On Saturday, March 23, we will hold a Lenten Virtual Prayer Vigil. Between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm, we invite you to sign up for a half hour (or more) to be in prayer for our church, our community, and our world. Prayer materials will be made available for those who sign up as the day draws near. You may sign up using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2024-lenten-prayer-vigil>

After the worship service on Sunday, April 14, the youth group will be hosting a special coffee hour and silent auction to help raise money for the students and leaders who will attend UNITE 2024 in July. Currently, we are in need of donations for that morning! Some ideas for items include baked goods, a self-care basket, a movie night basket, dog walking, babysitting, etc. If you're willing to donate something, please let Jeanette Mottl know by Monday, April 1. Please put this on your calendar and be ready to bid on some amazing items!

All are welcome to the Prayer Corner! This new occupant in the south chapel is prepared to uphold prayer—this age-old necessity for our church! As a foundational tool of our church, this gift of God's grace offers us the privilege of praying together for our needs and for those of our world. We know that the more we pray, the greater will be our ability to count on God to make our fellowship together the best it can be. Come pray with us after worship on Sundays and on Fridays at 1 pm, or at any other time you wish to pray in the Prayer Corner!

Early registration is going on now for the 2024-2025 NPCCP school year! Current NPCCP and NPCC families can apply at <https://tinyurl.com/npccp-app> to secure a spot for next school year. Hard copies of the 24/25 application can be found in the preschool hallway. Also, on Saturday, March 16, from 10 am to 12 pm, NPCCP will be hosting an open house, and registration will be open for all. Informational open house flyers can also be found in the preschool hallway.

Bible Journaling each Sunday: Join Kristen Hunter to journal through the Bible on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the art room (lower level just south of the coffee lounge). Bring a Bible and journal, or make a journal when you arrive. Art supplies will be provided.

Hey, college-age young adults! Every Sunday after church, lunch is available for you in the large conference room (lower level, down the hall from the parlors). Let us know if you want to come for some non-cafeteria food and community! Reach out to Linnea Olfelt at 773-397-3468 or lmolfelt@gmail.com with questions or to let her know you want to come!

Volunteers are needed on an ongoing basis for childcare and hospitality! If you're able to help out in the toddler room or by serving refreshments after Sunday worship, please sign up for a Sunday or two using the form that was sent out via the General Church Information email.

The Church Calendar This Week

The calendar is available online at www.npcovenant.org/calendar and is updated as changes occur.

Monday, March 11

9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
10:30 am	Staff Meeting (Staff Conference Room)
4 pm	Tutoring (Parlors)
6:30 pm	Geezerball (Gym)
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer (Staff Conference Room)

Tuesday, March 12

8 am	Men's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5 pm	Board of Community Concern Meeting (via Zoom)
6 pm	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)
7 pm	Board of Deacons Meeting (Hybrid/Staff Conference Room)
	Board of Trustees Meeting (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
7:30 pm	Board of Christian Formation Meeting (Hybrid/Parlors)

Wednesday, March 13

10 am	Women's Bible Study (Hybrid/Large Conference Room)
6 pm	Gather Dinner (Parlors)
6:30 pm	Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Side Balcony, Sanctuary)
	Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7 pm	Middle-school Youth Group (Youth Room near the Gym)
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:30 pm	Adult Bible Study (Art Room)

Thursday, March 14

4:30 pm	Uniting Voices Chicago Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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Friday, March 15

1 pm	Prayer Gathering (South Chapel Prayer Corner)
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Saturday, March 16

8 am	Geezerball (Gym)
9:30 am	Uniting Voices Rehearsal (Parlors)
10 am	NPCCP Open House (Preschool Classroom)
10:30 am	Cudahy Basketball (Gym)

Sunday, March 17 - The Fifth Sunday in Lent

9 am	Confirmation (Large Conference Room)
9:15 am	Sunday School for Preschool - 6th Grade (Junior Chapel)
	Adult Formation (Parlors)
	Bible Journaling (Art Room)
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
11:45 am	Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
12 pm	Corned Beef & Cabbage Lunch (Parlors)
6 pm	Lenten Worship Service (South Chapel)
7 pm	High-school Youth Group (The Attic Youth Room)
	AA Meeting (Parlors)

We invite you to our Lenten and Holy Week services

Each Sunday in Lent, we hold our usual 10:30 am service, but we also offer an evening service each week at 6 pm in the south chapel. The remaining dates for these services are:

Sunday, March 10, 10:30 am: The Fourth Sunday in Lent
6 pm: Evening Lenten Service

Sunday, March 17, 10:30 am: The Fifth Sunday in Lent
6 pm: Evening Lenten Service

As we make our way toward the cross, we invite you to join us for our Holy Week services:

Sunday, March 24, 10:30 am: Palm Sunday

Come to the south garden at 9:15 am for a palm procession through the neighborhood, followed by a light breakfast in the parlors before our 10:30 am service, in which we will share in a liturgy of the palms and a liturgy of the passion.

Thursday, March 28, 7 pm: Maundy Thursday Worship Service
Join us at 7 pm for a service of communion and foot washing.

Friday, March 29, 7 pm: Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Return on Friday at 7 pm for a Good Friday service of shadows.

Sunday, March 31, 10:30 am: Easter Sunday

Join us at 9:15 am for a light breakfast in the parlors before our 10:30 am worship service, in which we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection.



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Welcome Statement

We welcome all people to begin or deepen their relationship with Christ through worship and study. We invite all believers to fully participate in the life and ministry of our church as members, leaders, and lay staff. We celebrate the gifts and presence of diverse Christians among us—whether those differences be race, ethnicity, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, or socioeconomic status. We are blessed by our diversity and are unified in Christ.