



MIDWEEK 2
— STATIONS V-VI —
BEFORE
PILATE

Before Pilate (Lk 23:13-25)
Scourged & Crowned (Jn 19:1-3)

A Word of Christian Welcome

St. Paul's is "Growing together as God's family!"

What does this mean? It means that we are growing, not only in numbers, but in faith toward God. It means that we are more than a bunch of individuals, but that we are a heavenly family brought together under Christ and making the bold confession of faith to the world.

We are therefore delighted that you have joined us today to hear and receive the blessings of the Word of God in the Divine Service where God comes to us by the means of grace to give us mercy, forgiveness, and His Spirit. The Lutheran liturgy might be hard for first-time visitors to our church or to the historic Lutheran church, but don't worry! We are here to help you so that you can take part in the liturgy and hymns without reservation or fear.

Lent midweek services typically follow one of the Daily Office liturgies found in the front of the hymnal. These are liturgies focused on prayer, quietness, and humbleness. If this is your first time participating in one of the daily office services, be prepared for a bit of chanting, for dimmed lights, and a somber atmosphere.

Regarding children, we LOVE when children attend the service and hope your children participate in the singing and reading of Scripture. If they're a little noisy, it's okay and they're welcome to stay. If you wish, you may take them to the Cry Room at the back of the sanctuary, or to the Nursery room, provided they are supervised. You may also provide them with a children's bag and bulletin, found just outside the sanctuary on the left.

Finally, all are welcome to fellowship after the service to drink some coffee and eat some delicious breakfast treats. Bible Study and Sunday School follow at 10:30.

Today's Theme

The guilty go free and the innocent are condemned. This is the whole point of the Gospel, the "great exchange" where we, the Barabbas', the sinners who are guilty of sins of thought, word, and deed, are released on account of Christ, the innocent, who shed His blood, who gave His life, who was crucified on our behalf. Knowing this wonderful gift of God, how do we respond? We repent and acknowledge our sins, and we trust with our whole being that our sins are covered in Christ! Then we live lives of thankfulness by serving the neighbor.

Next Wednesday's Stations



MIDWEEK 3 — STATIONS VI-IX — BEHOLD THE MAN

Bears the Cross (Jn 19:17) Simon Helps (Lk 23:26) (Lk 23:27-31)

Prayer Requests

Chuck VanDonsel

Susan Lorenz

Laurie Maurer

Marlene Krotzer

Please update prayer requests by leaving a note in the office or using the church app.

Even my close friend in whom I
trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted
his heel against me.

Psalm 41:9 (ESV)

“Jesus replied, “Do what you came
for, friend.” Then the men stepped
forward, seized Jesus and arrested
him.”

Matthew 26:50 (ESV)