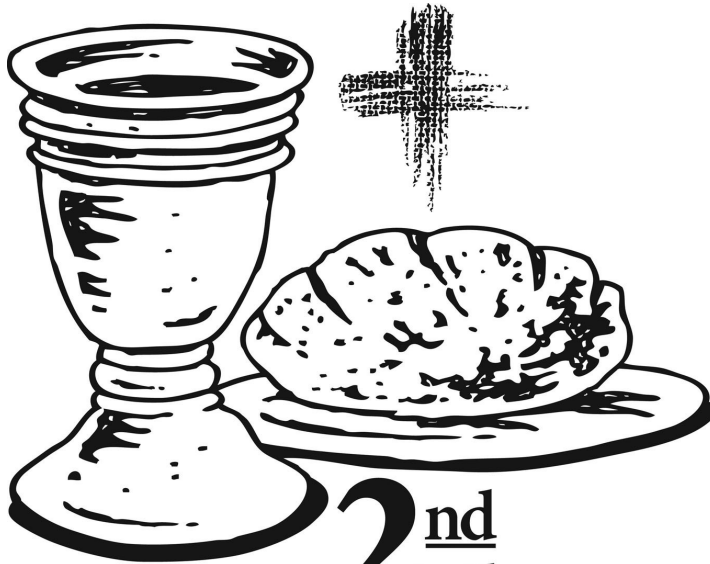


**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 16, 2025**



**2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sunday  
*in*  
Lent**

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*If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.*



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Lent with Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

We began our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday with this invitation.....

Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. **We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation.** But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

As we continue through this Lenten season, let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One, **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

*stand in body or spirit*

Opening Hymn

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

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Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*please be seated*

Reading

Genesis 15:1 - 12, 17 - 18

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. <sup>7</sup> Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup> But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup> He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup> He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. <sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



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## Sung Response

## Psalm 27

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then I shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- <sup>2</sup> **When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,  
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**
- <sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.  
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.
- <sup>4</sup> **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze  
upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**
- <sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up on  
a rock.
- <sup>6</sup> **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.  
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I  
will sing and make music to the LORD.**
- <sup>7</sup> Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.
- <sup>8</sup> **My heart speaks your message—“Seek my face.”  
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**
- <sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.  
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of  
my salvation.
- <sup>10</sup> **Though my father and my mother forsake me,  
the LORD will take me in.**
- <sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD;  
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.
- <sup>12</sup> **Subject me not to the will of my foes,  
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**
- <sup>13</sup> This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD

in the land | of the living!

<sup>14</sup> **Wait for the LORD | and be strong.**

**Take heart and wait | for the LORD!**

Children's Sermon

Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller

*please stand in body or spirit*

Gospel Acclamation

"We Are Turning"

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Gospel

Luke 13:31 - 35

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 13th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup> He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*please be seated*

Sermon

Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller

*please stand in body or spirit*

Hymn of the Day

"Thy Holy Wings"

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Prayers of Intercession

Kids - Chimes

Petition 1 sung response: On bended knee, with needy hearts, we come and pray. Lord, listen to your children.

Petition 2 sung response: With willing hearts and open arms, we come and pray. Lord, listen to your children.

Petition 3 sung response: *whole verse*



## Sharing The Peace

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

*please be seated*

Offering

*please stand in body or spirit*

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

You call us to rend our hearts and learn the humbleness of Jesus. We are witnesses of Jesus' journey to the cross this Lenten season.

**We are created to experience joy in communion with god, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation.**

Even in our Lenten fasting we are strengthened by holy food, remembering that in the night in which he was betrayed... Do this for the remembrance of me.



## The Lord's Prayer

O Lord, join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, as together we pray..... **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.**

*please be seated*

## HOLY COMMUNION

By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine  
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.  
Red wine or white grape juice is available.

## Communion Hymns

"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

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"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

#623

*please stand in body or spirit*

## Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

## Post-Communion Canticle

"Lord, now you let your servant go in peace"



Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful- filled.



My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre- pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal you to the  
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.....Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Blessing**

God our tender parent,  
God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit, † bless you now and forever.

**Amen**

Sending Hymn

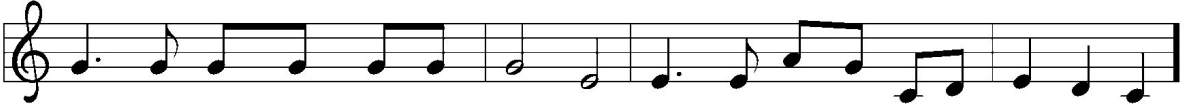
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# God Be with You Till We Meet Again



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,  
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,  
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;  
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
put un-fail - ing arms a - round you;

## *Refrain*



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**Thanks be to God!**

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# “AN INVITATION TO FOLLOW”



**Welcome:** Lent has begun: a time for both walking with Jesus toward the cross and being strengthened in our faith and knowledge of God. Welcome to worship and to the Lenten journey.

*We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!*

**In Our Prayers:** “Unspoken prayer concerns”, Marcy Cash, Geraldine Pabst, Ron Eickhoff, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, Renee Weller and Kyle Luetjen.



Janelle Howard (daughter of Penny Merriott), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Don Brooks, Vernitta Brooks, Mike Hinkel, Larry Haase (brother-in-law of Gene Beckman), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Stacy Morrison (friend of Teresa Viebrock), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kaleb Mundy, Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Jamie Simon, Joe Campbell, Liz Smart, Art Heimsoth, Cliff Eickhoff, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eickhoff), Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



**Nursing Home:** Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*.

**Military:** Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (son of Matt & Isabel Hamilton and grandson of Judie VonHolten), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in-law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, SSG Nick Smith and Major Joseph Strathman.

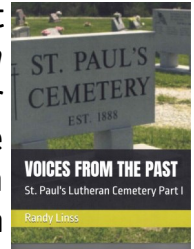


**With Sympathy:** We also pray for those families who have lost loved ones; family and friends of Laura Ruth Oelrichs and Nelson Eckhoff.



**Prayers:** If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.

**Voices From The Past:** Local author, Randy Linss, has put together a book called *Voices from the Past: St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery*. In it he chronicles every person/family buried in our church cemetery, including pictures of the headstone and the people as they were available. It became such a large collection that it had to be printed in two volumes. They are available on Amazon, either individually or to purchase together: \$35.90 + tax for paperback, or \$53.90 + tax for hardback. Randy would like to offer a special deal to St. Paul's members. He will place a bulk order for anyone who wants to order these books, charging \$30 for the paperback set or \$40 for the hardback set. A copy of both volumes are available at the church, a set Randy has donated to us. To purchase with the special price, please sign up at church and provide payment: cash or check made to Randy Linss. Please sign up by **today**. We are grateful for this collected history and hope that you will appreciate this collection as well.



**Esther Circle:** Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **March 17th** at 7:00pm at the home of Sharel Wienberg.

**Simple Supper:** "Simple" Supper will be held prior to each Lenten Service. Serving will begin at 6:00 p.m. The menu for the **March 19th** "simple" supper is potato soup and chicken noodle soup. Come join your church family for supper in the Fellowship Hall.



**Choir:** Anyone interested in singing in the choir on Easter morning practice will begin on Wednesday, **March 19th** after worship service. Come and join your voices.



**Health Care:** The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **March 20th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.

**It's Coming:** The first day of Spring, Thursday, **March 20th.**



**New Member:** Anyone interested in learning more about St. Paul's or joining the membership here is invited to a New Member Lunch on Sunday, **March 30th**, after worship in the Gathering Space. This will be a time for conversation, answering questions, and fellowship. Please RSVP to Pastor Stephen.

**Mowing:** Bids are being accepted for mowing at St. Paul's Cemetery. Anyone interested in submitting a bid may contact John Oelrichs, Chester Schlesselman or Bill Viebrock by Sunday, **March 30th.**



**Cole Camp Fair Float:** There will be a planning meeting immediately after worship service on Sunday **April 6th.** Pizza and drinks will be provided. Please join us with some ideas to share.

**Sisterhood Scribbles:** A Card Making and Letter Writing event for girls and women of all ages on Sunday, **April 13th** after church in the Fellowship Hall. You're invited for an afternoon with a light lunch and time in community making cards and letter writing. We'll bring the supplies, you just need to bring yourself and a friend! Questions?



Reach out to Anne Goosen, Stephanie Randall, or Kim Knowle-Zeller.



**Memory Garden:** Easter Lilies will be ordered for our sanctuary for the Easter Services. These plants may be given in memory or honor of a loved one or to the Glory of God. The cost is \$10.00 each. If you would like to donate one or more, please fill out a insert you will find on the ushers stands. The deadline for ordering is **April 13th.**

**Lynn Starr Education Scholarship:** This scholarship is a part of the ministry of the Central States Women of the ELCA. The scholarship is available to a female member of any ELCA congregation who are seeking post high school education. (There is a limit of one award recipient per congregation.) it is a one-year non-renewable scholarship.



Applications can be found at each usher stand, and are to be **postmarked no later than April 15, 2025**. Recipients of the scholarship will be notified in May 2025. Any questions, please contact Janice Gerken (660-281-7380).



**Summer Events:** Attention youth and families, please mark your calendar for our summer events! Vacation Bible School: **July 7-11** & Mid-MO Bible Camp: **July 20 - 24**.

**Staffing Update:** After serving as church secretary for many, many years here at St. Paul's, Shirley recently announced her intention to retire from the position. First, let us all offer our thanks to Shirley for all that she has done for St. Paul's. We are truly grateful and are working on plans to celebrate her time. Secondly, we are now beginning the search for someone to fill that position. The office is currently staffed for 18 hours each week across four days. If you or anyone you know might be interested in applying for the secretary position please speak with Pastor Stephen or Jake Jackson.



~ \* ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~ \* ~



**Fish Fry:** The Sophomore Class will host a fish dinner **today** from 11:00am until 1:00pm. Adults: \$15.00, Kids: \$12.00 and Kids 1-4 are free. The menu will include fish, cornbread, salads and desserts.

**Soup & Chili:** The Cole Camp Antique Tractor Association will host a soup and chili lunch **today** from 11:00am until 1:00pm at the American Legion Building. This is a free will donation.



**Breakfast:** The Cole Camp Museum will host an Old Time Breakfast on Saturday, **March 29th** from 6:30am until 9:00am at the Senior Center. This is a free will offering.

**Dinner:** The Senior Center will host a dinner on Sunday, **March 30th** from 11:00am until 1:00pm at St. Paul's Fellowship Hall. The menu will include meatloaf, hash brown casserole, green beans, roll and dessert. This is a free will donation.



**Run:** Hope5one is hosting their 4th annual "Run for Hope" on Saturday, **April 12th**, at 9:00am at Drake Harbor in Warsaw. All funds raised will go towards their goal of building a Hope House to provide refuge to survivors of human trafficking. Register for the walk on their website: [www.hope5one.org](http://www.hope5one.org). Register by March 21 to guarantee a race shirt.





**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

<b>Sunday, March 16:</b>	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
<b>Monday, March 17:</b>	7:00pm	Esther Circle
<b>Wednesday, March 19:</b>	7:30am	Lenten Breakfast
	6:00pm	Simple Supper
	7:00pm	Lent Worship Service
	AW	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday, March 20:</b>	8:00am	BCHD
<b>Saturday, March 22:</b>	5:30pm	Casual Worship
<b>Sunday, March 23:</b>	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations



**~ \* ~ Coming Events ~ \* ~**

March 19 ..... Lenten Breakfast, Simple Supper and Worship  
March 20 ..... First Day of Spring  
April 13 ..... Sisterhood Scribbles

**MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**“A Journey to Easter”**

2nd week of Lent ..... March 19th  
 3rd week of Lent ..... March 26th  
 4th week of Lent ..... April 2nd  
 5th week of Lent ..... April 9th

Services at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall



Palm Sunday ..... April 13th at 10:00am ..... Procession of Palms  
 Maundy Thursday ..... April 17th at 7:00pm ..... Stripping of the Altar  
 Good Friday ..... April 18th at 7:00pm ..... Service of Darkness  
 Easter Saturday ..... April 19th 5:30pm ..... Easter Vigil  
 Easter Sunrise ..... April 20th at 7:00am ..... Breakfast to follow  
 Easter Sunday ..... April 20th at 10:00am ..... Holy Communion



**LENTEN BREAKFAST**

The Cole Camp Area Church Alliance will host a Lenten breakfast here at St. Paul’s Church each Wednesday morning beginning at 7:30am. *(Please note: If Cole Camp schools are closed due to weather, the breakfast will also be cancelled that day.)* Everyone is invited to attend each week. The following churches will host each week:

March 19th ..... First Baptist and Ionia United Methodist  
 March 26th ..... Mt. Hulda and Trinity Lutheran  
 April 2nd ..... Brauersville, Faith Chapel and Grace Fellowship  
 April 9th ..... St. Paul’s Lutheran and Sts. Peter and Paul’s Catholic



# Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**Ministers** ..... The Whole Congregation  
**Presiding Minister** ..... Pastor Stephen Zeller  
**Organist** ..... Lois Viebrock  
**Pianist** ..... Jeannette VonHolten  
**AV Technicians** ..... Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk  
**Altar Guild** ..... Glenalee Dillon & Suzanne Lutjen  
**Ushers** ..... Melinda Strathman, Head Usher  
..... Nicholas Dieckman, Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman & Steve Triplett



## Second Sunday of Lent ~ March 16, 2025

**Assisting Minister** ..... Anne Goosen  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Luther League  
**Reader** ..... Tiffiny Nash  
**Children's Sermon** ..... Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller  
**Acolytes** ..... Lena Smith & Charlotte Zeller  
**Flowers** ..... Joyce Webb



## Third Sunday of Lent ~ March 23, 2025

**Assisting Minister** ..... Tom Oelrichs  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Jake Jackson & Hannah Schweitzer  
**Reader** ..... Sara Jackson  
**Children's Sermon** ..... Paul Fuelling  
**Acolytes** ..... Logan Jackson & Mason Randall  
**Flowers** ..... Susan Rusk