



Palm
SUNDAY

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

May this hour be a journey of the heart, a renewal of spirit, a pause in our lives as we worship the Lord our God together. If you are a guest this morning we extend a special welcome to you and invite you to sign our guest book located in the gathering space outside of the sanctuary, also known as the narthex. Following our worship service we invite you to share in a time of fellowship over coffee, juice, and snacks in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in learning more about our congregation and becoming a member, please visit with any member of the congregation or Pastor Janis Sloka, III. Thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us at St. Paul Lutheran Church!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME HERE!

We feel strongly that the faith formation of youth—just as any adult’s—develops through experience; because of this, we welcome youth of all ages to participate fully in worship and invite them to serve in a number of roles, such as: ushers, greeters, readers, and musicians. While we expect that children will behave as children—giggles, wiggles, and all—we also understand that sometimes they (and their parents or guardians) need a break; on those occasions, you are welcome to utilize the nursery (unstaffed) located on the north end of the narthex. Additionally, there is a playroom for children and a couch room for older youth on the west end of the Fellowship Hall. You can also find children’s bulletins and crayons on the table as you enter the main church building doors.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

As Lutherans, worship is connected with and central to everything we do—uniting us in celebration, engaging us in thoughtful dialogue, and helping us grow in faith. At the heart of our worship life is the presence of God through the word proclaimed and the sacraments—Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; this is because worship is—first and foremost—fundamentally about what God is doing in the world and in our lives, and then our response to God’s action. In the context of worship we find our response in the liturgy, which is a way of living God’s story. The liturgical texts that form the prayers we pray, the texts we say, and the songs we sing find their roots in the Bible; for more information see the back of the hymnal, ELW pp. 1154-1159. Furthermore, these liturgical texts invite each and every one of us—not just the pastor or choir or any other worship leader—to use our voices to praise God. Through worship we are shaped to be participants in God’s life in this world.

PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR...

- Assistance with wheelchair seating • Assisted listening devices •
- Large print bulletins • Directions to restrooms

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion
April 2, 2023- Children & Youth Sunday
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – Setting 10
Holy Communion

+Indicates to rise as you are able.

Congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Palm branches in hand, we join a procession of children and their elders singing sweet hosannas. This procession, begun centuries ago in Jerusalem, encircles the earth with ceaseless praise and now winds around our worship space. We are part of a long line of people in need of God's saving grace who rejoice as Christ comes to open the gates of justice and bring heaven's peace.

The procession leads to the cross of Christ and into the mystery of his passion. The one we praise as Savior is the servant who suffers our betrayal, denial, cruelty, and fear. Through these mortal wounds flow streams of mercy, filling the death-bound world and bringing it to life. "Hosanna!" we sing again. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is Christ Jesus, the infinite love of God.

WELCOME

+OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest!**

+PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL – MARK 11:1-11 CHILDREN'S BIBLE #454

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethpage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what

Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

+BLESSING OF THE PALMS

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

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” ELW #344 (vv. 1-5)

+ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now enter into the week of contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

HYMN *“Now the Green Blade Rises” ELW #379 (vv. 1)*

SUNDAY SCHOOL MESSAGES

“JESUS IS SWEETER THAN CANDY”

Lucie Dewitz, Annaliese Ferguson, Connor Hudgen, Brookstyn Iglehart, Kaley Janz, Nora Klemisch, Maddox Leidholm, Aaron Zimney, Eli Maki, Tayla Ouhl, Renna Pastir, & Adeline Wilson

“THE SWEET TRUTH OF EASTER”

Kamden Kolden, Chandler Hanson, Lincoln Kolden, Shaelynn Iglehart, Brixen Leidholm, Leighnie Leidholm, Khloe Whitney, Bryn Nordquist, & Avery Pastir

HYMN *“Now the Green Blade Rises” ELW #379 (vv. 2)*

SUNDAY SCHOOL MESSAGE

“HOSANNA!”

Hudson Klemisch, Karson Kolden, Kendall Melby, Landry Melby, Dillan Rasmussen, Dannika Rasmussen, Keegan Wimer, Derek Zimney

HYMN *“Now the Green Blade Rises” ELW #379 (vv. 3)*

SUNDAY SCHOOL MESSAGES

“WHO NEEDS CHOCOLATE”

Aiden Ferguson, Finley Hudgen, Kendal Janz, Rickie Ouhl, & Noah Whitney

“THE HUNT FOR EASTER EGGS”

Rylan Klemisch, Karson Kolden, Avery Melby, Devan Rasmussen, & Brooklyn Smith

HYMN *“Now the Green Blade Rises” ELW #379 (vv. 4)*

SUNDAY SCHOOL MESSAGES

“AN EASTER CAROL”

Eli Ferguson, Grant Lagge, Jersie Olson, & Austin Thelen

“EMPTY”

Mason Hanson

+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

+PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also, with you.**

OFFERING

Every good and perfect gift is from God. In grateful response to all of God's gifts, we offer our time, talents, and treasures. These offerings support the ministry of the church—bearing witness to the love of Christ in our community, country, and world. Your financial offerings may be placed in the plates by the sanctuary doors. You are also invited to visit www.stpaulgarrisonnd.com/giving to set up a one-time gift or regular, electronic giving. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing at St. Paul Lutheran!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

ORGANIST

+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.**

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the Lord's table. Jesus himself is the host of this meal and welcomes everyone to come and eat, to be nourished in the faith—fed, forgiven, and loved back to life for the sake of a world in need. We will commune today at the table with bread and red wine or white grape

juice served in individual glasses. You will come forward at the direction of the usher. If you wish to remain seated, we will gladly bring Holy Communion to you in your pew; please simply inform the usher. If you wish not to receive Communion, you are still invited to receive a blessing and may indicate this preference by coming forward with your hands folded.

COMMUNION

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

+OUR MISSION

Our mission statement reminds us of our collective calling as St. Paul Lutheran Church in light of the gospel of Jesus Christ. What is the mission we share together?

Our mission is to GATHER as God’s people; to GROW in faith, love, and service; and to GO into the community and world as disciples of Jesus.

+BLESSING

God, the giver of love,

✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

+SENDING SONG

“On Our Way Rejoicing” ELW #537

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sunday School and LYO:** Today we thank you for sharing the message with us and for assisting in worship. We love seeing your smiling faces!
- **Palm Sunday Caramel Rolls:** served at fellowship. Free will donation for an LYO fundraiser. Come get some SWEET rolls!
- **Office Hours:** are from 9a.m.-12 noon Mondays-Tuesdays-Wednesdays
- **Lent:** *Join us this Thursday and Friday for Holy Week Worship.*
- **Fellowship Hosts:** We need hosts for April..
- **Readers:** are needed for April. A sign-up sheet and a copy of the readings is on a table in the gathering space outside of the sanctuary.
- **Update our Living Wall:** People are encouraged to send updated pictures to the church to put up on the Living Wall. Bring a picture to the office or email your picture to the church, stpaul@restel.com. Faye Seidler will then put them on the wall.
- **Directory:** We are going to update the church directory. Loree would like everyone's phone numbers and addresses updated before she runs the new directory. Please email, text or write a note and leave on Loree's desk. She will be using the information that is listed in Breeze, our church management system.
- **St. Paul will be hosting a community Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 8th.** Registration will be at 1:15 p.m. at Walleye Park or the auditorium.
- **Camp of the Cross:** We celebrated the Camp last Sunday and raised \$685 for their general fund. The Camp is having a **“Chair”ing is Caring!** fundraiser to buy new chairs for the fellowship hall. See the new chair, in the gathering space, that they are planning to purchase. Each chair is \$25. There are Camp envelopes for the donations.
- **Live Facebook:** each week at St. Paul's. The 4 Ministers are also on FB and Instagram each week.
- **Equal Exchange:** a variety of coffee and chocolate are for sale, at cost, on a cart in the fellowship hall. This supports the small coffee farmers.
- **Get your St. Paul Gear!** Spread our mission with custom shirts! Check them out in the Fellowship Hall.



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Thank you for being a part of what God is doing at St. Paul!



In Our Prayers...

Clarence Behles, Glen Blanchard, Darrin Huston, Stuart Bennett, Mike Gackle, Mona Reinisch, Claryce Johnson, Steve Seidler, Travis Kolden, Heidi Smith, Lorinda Johnson, Doug Steinmetz, Jeff Wretling, Randy Mautz, Alton Krebsbach, Terry Metz. The family of Ruby Boger at her death.

In Thanksgiving: for our children and their beautiful message today!

Please submit prayer requests to Loree, Holly, or Pastor Janis. Those for whom prayers have been requested will remain on our prayer lists and named in worship for four weeks, unless requested otherwise.

Birthday wishes this week to:

Vickie Lindquist	April 02
McKenzie Ruhland	April 02
Randy Essler	April 03
Hayes Steele	April 03
Levi Tomlinson	April 03
Rick Gienger	April 04
Jack Bright	April 05
Roland Frothinger	April 05
Jesse Carter	April 07





THIS WEEK ^{at} GLANCE



Today, April 2nd Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. 1st Communion Instruction
 9:45 a.m. Worship- Sunday School Easter Message and Holy Communion
 10:45 a.m. Fellowship- Caramel Rolls
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School
 First Communion Instruction
 11:15 a.m. Choir Practice

Mon. 9:00 a.m. -12 Noon Office Hours
 6:00 p.m. MOPS

Tues. 9:00 a.m. -12 Noon Office Hours
 10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Wed. 9:00 a.m. -12 Noon Office Hours
 9:30 a.m. Women's Circle
 3:00 p.m. Easter Party Sunshine Friends -both groups
 No Lent Activities

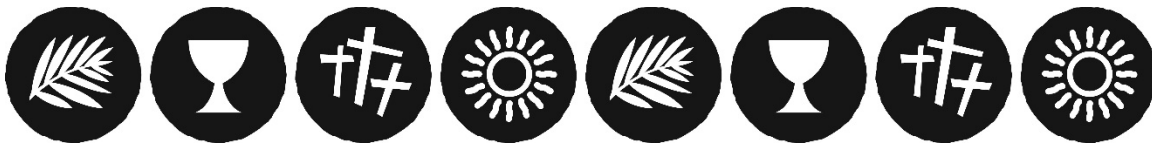
Thurs. 10:00 p.m. Community Bible Study at The Meadows
 7:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Worship w/1st Communion

Fri. 7:15 p.m. Good Friday Worship – Choir Sings

Sat. 11:30 a.m. Lunch w/ Easter Bunny
 1:15 p.m. Egg Hunt in City Park/Auditorium by St. Paul & CCM

Next Sunday, April 9th Easter

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Holy Communion Easter Worship
 8:00-9:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast by the LYO
 9:45 a.m. Holy Communion Easter Worship - Choir



**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**

Thursday, April 6th
7:15 p.m.
Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 7th
7:15 p.m.

EASTER

Sunday, April 9th
7:00 a.m. worship,
Holy Communion breakfast
8:00-9:15 a.m. and 9:45
a.m. worship
Holy Communion

PERMANENT PROJECTOR

AND RETRACTABLE SCREEN IN THE SANCTUARY

The Church Council after many years of discussion made the decision to put in the sanctuary a permanent projector and retractable projection screen. They believe it will enhance our worship experience and be helpful for children and youth ministries. After receiving a bid, they would like to move forward with your support. However, they will not install them until the monies are raised. So, we need your help! The cost is \$20,000 for the equipment, installation, and the work of an electrician. Please prayerfully consider helping make this possible! Please see a council member if you have questions.

Retractable not permanent



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Sunday School – 11:00 a.m.

SERVING IN THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH

<i>Ministers</i>	The People of St. Paul Lutheran
<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Janis Sloka, III
<i>Faith Formation Director</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Church Council President</i>	Keith Thelen
<i>Treasurer</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Financial & Church Secretary</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Custodian</i>	Pam Kolden
<i>Sunday School Coordinator</i>	Lisa Maki
<i>Missionaries</i>	Anne & Willie Langdji; Katie Narum Miyamoto
<i>Choir Director</i>	Lisa Haugen
<i>Organist</i>	Kim Gehring
<i>Reader</i>	Jayden Diffely
<i>Ushers</i>	TJ Syvertson, Kadin Kolden
<i>Greeters</i>	Alyssa Torno, Aspyn Thelen
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	AJ Fuller, Emmit Lagge
<i>Communion Set-up and Clean-up</i>	Joleen and Dan Splichal
<i>Acolytes</i>	Jersie Olson, Finley Hudgen
<i>Door Attendants</i>	Jan & Stu Merry
<i>Fellowship Hosts</i>	The Smith Family and Youth Group
<i>Technology</i>	Mark Torno

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