

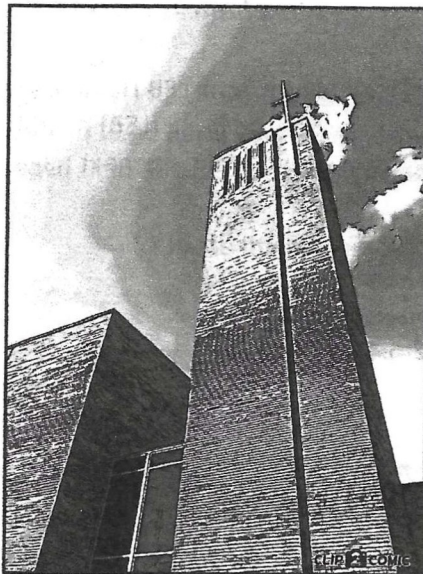
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+Order of Service+

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Palm Sunday

Divine Service Setting Three

LSB p. 184

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Reading from St. John 12:12-19

Processional Hymn: **All Glory, Laud, and Honor**-LSB Hymn #442

Confession and Absolution-Lutheran Service Book (LSB) p. 184

Introit (No Glory be to the Father in Holy Week)-see next page

Kyrie-LSB p. 186-189

Gloria in Excelsis omitted during the season of Lent

Collect of the Day-LSB p. 189

Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Holy Gospel: John 12:20-43

Creed

Hymn of the Day: **A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth**-LSB Hymn #438

Sermon

Offertory

Prayers of the Church

Communion Liturgy-LSB p. 194

Distribution Hymns

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary-LSB Hymn #423

Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed-LSB Hymn #560

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now-LSB Hymn #440

Nunc Dimittis & Concluding Liturgy-LSB p. 199

Closing Hymn: **Ride One, Ride On in Majesty**-LSB Hymn #441

SERVING US TODAY IN GOD'S HOUSE

Musicians: Sylvia Burmeister

Ushers: Larry Hintz, Jeff Hoppe, Lowell Boesch, Ken Urban

Elder of the Month: John Matasovsky



Introit--Psalm 24:7-10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

P: Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*

C: We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

P: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*

C: that the King of glory | may come in.

P: Who is this King of | glory?*

C: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in | battle!

P: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O | ancient doors,*

C: that the King of glory | may come in.

P: Who is this King of | glory?*

C: The LORD of hosts, he is the King of | glory!

P: Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*

C: We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. (10) I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. (11) As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. (12) Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, (6) who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, (7) but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. (8) And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (9) Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, (10) so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, (11) and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel

John 12:20-43

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. (21) So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." (22) Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. (23) And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (24) Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. (25) Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. (26) If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. (27) "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. (28) Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." (29) The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." (30) Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. (31) Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. (32) And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." (33) He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. (34) So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" (35) So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. (36) While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. (37) Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, (38) so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" (39) Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, (40) "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them." (41) Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. (42) Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; (43) for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.



Scripture declares that in the Sacrament of the Altar each communicant receives the body and blood of Christ to eat and to drink with the mouth of their bodies. Communicants who believe this receive forgiveness of sins, those who don't eat and drink judgement unto themselves. Communion also is a confession of oneness of the Faith we are baptized into, is preached in our pulpit, and summarized in the Small Catechism. Sadly, since these clear doctrines of The Holy Bible are not accepted by all Christian denominations, we continue the historic Christian practice of Closed Communion. **We request that anyone who is not a communicant member of the LC-MS please speak with our Pastor or an elder before the service and join our congregation in singing hymns during the distribution. Membership classes are offered.**

Online giving is an easy and reliable method to contribute to St. Paul's Lutheran while you are out of town or if you are interested in eliminating the need to remember your envelope on Sunday morning. You can make a one-time donation or schedule recurring contributions. This option is available through the church's website; spltruman.com or by simply scanning the following QR code.





ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

March 24, 2024

Worship: Sundays @ 9am - Chapel: Wednesdays @ 10am

Midweek Services during Advent & Lent: Wednesdays @ 10am & 7pm

BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Morning Bible Class: 10:15-11:15am
Sunday School: 10:15-11:15am
Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study: 10-11am
Wednesday After-School Confirmation: 4:30-5:30pm

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance Last Sunday: 84
Communion: 50
Offerings Given Last Sunday:

IN OUR PRAYERS

† Ronald Schultz, Candace Doerfler, Mike Barfknecht, Charlotte Dobie, Matthew Sieg, Audrey Becker, Duane Danner, Lois Camelin, DeLaine Krenz, Dick Eckmann, Alania Jans, Pastor Fretham, Terry Bentele, Brandi Stohs, Cliff Dobie, Gloria Drevlow, Marsha Miller, Larye Anderson, and the families of Josephine Rusert, Susan Winegar (mother of Sarah Curtis), and Marilyn Vogt.

† Our Shut-Ins: RoseMary Kasten, Carol Ritz, June Mausling, Mary Breitbarth

† Our Servicemen: Mike Hintz, Lance Halverson, Josh Rusert, Duane Cox, Andrew Reed, Cade Hotzler

LUTHERAN HOUR

March 31st - "Eucatastrophe" (Mark 16:6-7)
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
The top three best-selling books all present visions of hope, but how they hope to achieve it is a much different story. Listen on WCCO (830) at 6:05 AM and KSUM (1370) at 11:00 AM.

CHURCH NEWS

Ladies Aid: Join us for Ladies Aid on April 4th from 1:30-3 p.m. You will be blessed by Pastor's Bible Study and rewarding fellowship! Did you know all of our funds are sent to missions?

Easter Breakfast: Youth Sponsored Easter Breakfast will be held immediately after the 7:30 a.m. service on March 31st. Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Milk, Juice, Coffee. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, please see the details on the desk in the narthex.

Easter Lilies: St. Paul's Lutheran is again planning for bulk delivery of Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday. You can pre-arrange your request with Scott or Dawn Halverson or the church office. The cost is \$18.00. Please submit your payment along with who the flower is in memory of to the church office as soon as possible. You're also welcome to bring your own lily but make sure the office has your information well in advance so it can be included in the bulletin insert for Easter Sunday. Please see the church entry or narthex for bulletin slips to record your information.

History Bricks: All History Brick orders are due by April 1st.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY

Worship with Holy Communion.....9 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study.....10:15 a.m.

MONDAY (Pastor's Day Off)

TUESDAY

Women's Bible Study.....10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Chapel.....10 a.m.
Bulletin Announcements Due.....3 p.m.
Confirmation.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday Worship Service.....10 a.m.
Maundy Thursday Worship Service.....7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Good Friday Worship Service.....10 a.m.
Good Friday Worship Service.....7 p.m.

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

Easter Worship with Holy Communion.....7:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast (following worship).....8:30 a.m.
No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study this morning

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

--Mission Gathering for Men & Women at St. Paul's, Blue Earth will be held Tuesday, April 16th. A light meal will be served at 5 p.m. with the program at 6 p.m. Cost: \$5.00. Rev. Dr. A. S. Boehme will speak on "the church and the millennials, the spiritual but not religious, and the new perspective on religion in our time." Bring Gifts from the Heart for the Food Shelf.

--Options Pregnancy Center's Annual Banquet will be held at the Best Western in Fairmont on Thursday, April 11th, at 6:00 PM. Complimentary tickets for this Fundraising Dinner are available by calling Options Pregnancy Center at 507-238-2330. An opportunity to make a financial gift to the ministry of Options Pregnancy Center will be extended during the evening. Bill Arnold will be our guest speaker for the evening. Reservations are required and seating is limited.

--S.A.G.E.S. (Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving) will hold their 2024 event "Finishing Strong" on May 6-7 at Country Inn and Suites in Mankato. The event begins at 1 p.m. on Monday and concludes at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The featured speaker is Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, former district president (2012-18) and a published author. There will be breakout sessions of topical interest, music, fellowship and joyful activities. The Monday evening banquet will feature The Benson Family Singers from Faribault as well as a closing devotion with Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford, district president. More details in the narthex and registration at mnsdistrict.org/sages.

MLHS NEWS

Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for details.

--The OH! What a KNIGHT Dinner Auction celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop will be held on Saturday, April 20th. Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

--The Spring Rummage and Bake Sale will be held on April 11-13 at Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop. Set-up will be on Saturday, April 6. Volunteer help is most appreciated for set-up and sorting pre-sale, operation during the sale, and with take-down. Come when you can and enjoy the fun! Donations of spring and summer clothing in good condition, shoes, furniture, household items, books, toys, miscellaneous items and baked goods are welcome. Hours are Thursday: 4-8 p.m. Friday: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday: 8 a.m. - noon.

Amazing Grace

For by grace, you have been saved
through faith.

SPL School's Mission Statement:

To work together with families and area congregations
to provide a quality education in a Christian
environment, leading students to lives of service.

Our Goals: Nurture faith, Celebrate learning,
Pursue excellence.

IMPORTANT SPL DATES

March 28th-April 1st: NO SCHOOL-Easter Break Celebration

April 7th: Piano Recital-1:00 p.m.

April 20th: Spelling Bee

April 21st: Sing at Salem Church

May 3rd: School Musical-6:30 p.m.

May 10th: Track & Field Day

May 16th: Softball Tournament

May 19th: Sing at St. Paul's Truman Church

May 21st: 8th Grade Graduation at SPL Fairmont

May 22nd: Praise Banquet & Amazing Race

May 23rd: School Picnic

May 24th: Last Day of School-1/2 Day

THIS WEEK'S LUNCH MENU

March 25-27

Monday: "New" Crisпитos, Lettuce, Seasoned Rice, Baby Carrots, Peaches

Tuesday: Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Green Beans, Rosy Applesauce

Wednesday: Dorito Bandito, Lettuce/Cheese, Refried Beans, Corn, Mandarin Oranges

Thursday: No School

Friday: No School

SCHOOL REMINDERS

Spring Break is from March 28th - April 1st.

We presently have 40 students enrolled for next fall. Please return your re-enrollment papers to your child's teacher or the church office as we plan ahead for the 2024-25 school year. If a form didn't make it home, let us know and we can get another one for you.

Parent Conference paperwork went home this week. Please fill it out and return it to school at your earliest convenience.

Thank you to all who attended Monday's PTL Meeting.

Join us for Holy Week and Easter worship services. Make them an important part of your celebration during this time of year with your family.

A HUGE thank you to all who purchased items off of the Wish Tree. All of the teachers appreciate everything you do for them!

SCHOOL NEEDS

The 5th & 6th grade classroom continues to collect clean, plastic caps of all shapes, sizes, and colors. Please make sure that they are clean and dry. Please, no metal caps or lids.

Do you have any old phones? Preschool would like some old phones to play with. The styles that have buttons not smartphones such as slider or flip phones.

FROM OUR CLASSROOMS

Preschool: This week we learned about Tasmanian devils. The body part of the week was the humerus bone again. We learned about the poor widow giving 2 coins in Jesus time. We worked on puzzles and also pattern matching. Kid quote of the week: "why do I have to lay here (during quiet time)?" Teacher: "where do you want to be?" Kid: "by you!" They can definitely melt my heart. Thank you to all that purchased items off of the Wish Tree. Everything is greatly appreciated!

Kindergarten: In Jesus Time we reviewed Jesus' miracles & started talking about Holy Week. This week's 2 Secret Stories/diagraphs we are reviewing are th & sh. Extra practice on shapes was needed along with learning the octagon. We have started working on our addresses starting with our house number; if you have a house number on your house or mailbox take a moment to point that out.

1st & 2nd: What an awesome class! No Memory or Spelling next week! In Social Studies we have been traveling around the world - this week we finished our journey! We visited Australia and tried "icy poles" (juice bars)! The Spelling Bee participants from our classroom are Aurora and Olivia! Our alternates are Aleigha and Henry. Lutheran Schools Week: Thank you to all of you that granted our wishes from the Wish Tree! We really appreciate all of them! Have a Blessed Easter!

3rd & 4th: Thank you to all who gave the gifts from the Wish Tree. They were needed and appreciated! Thank you to Mrs. Flohrs for subbing for me on Friday, March 22nd. I appreciated the time to take Mary on a college visit. Looking ahead to next week; we have our AR party on Wednesday, March 27th in the afternoon. Students need 30 points to go and 32 points to bring a drink of their choice that is parent approved. Please make sure the drink has a screw top lid. Remember no school on Thursday, March 28th, Friday, March 29th, and Monday, April 1st. May you have a wonderful Easter break and I pray you can worship together as a family to celebrate Christ's Resurrection.

5th & 6th: We've had a busy week. AR points are due Friday, March 22. Keep working hard through the end of this quarter, which is Wednesday, March 27. Next week there is no school on Thursday, Friday and then the following Monday. Enjoy your Easter Break and worship with your family!

7th & 8th: Wow!! The end of the Third Quarter! Time is flying by. We made it through the Math Test from Wednesday and the Science Test that was due Thursday. The To Kick a Mockingbird test was due today along with the History Test. Next week are the Book Reports for To Kill a Mockingbird and the March Book Report. With Easter Break happening Thursday through Monday, I want everyone to relax over the vacation. There will be enough time to work when we get back. Let Mom and Dad know about your brackets. How have you done so far? Happy Easter!!!

