

Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Organ Prelude (8:00)	“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”	D. Wood
Youth Bell Choir (10:30)	“Fanfare”	Susato/Roth

OPENING PROCLAMATION

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna to the Son of David.

PRAYER

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL Luke 19:28-40

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁸After [Jesus] had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord

needs it.”³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”³⁴ They said, “The Lord needs it.”³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen,³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.”⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

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

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was acclaimed Son of David and King of Kings by those who scattered their garment and branches of palm in his path.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him in perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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CLOSING PROCLAMATION

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

A Reading from Isaiah

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. (Isaiah 50:4-9a)

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

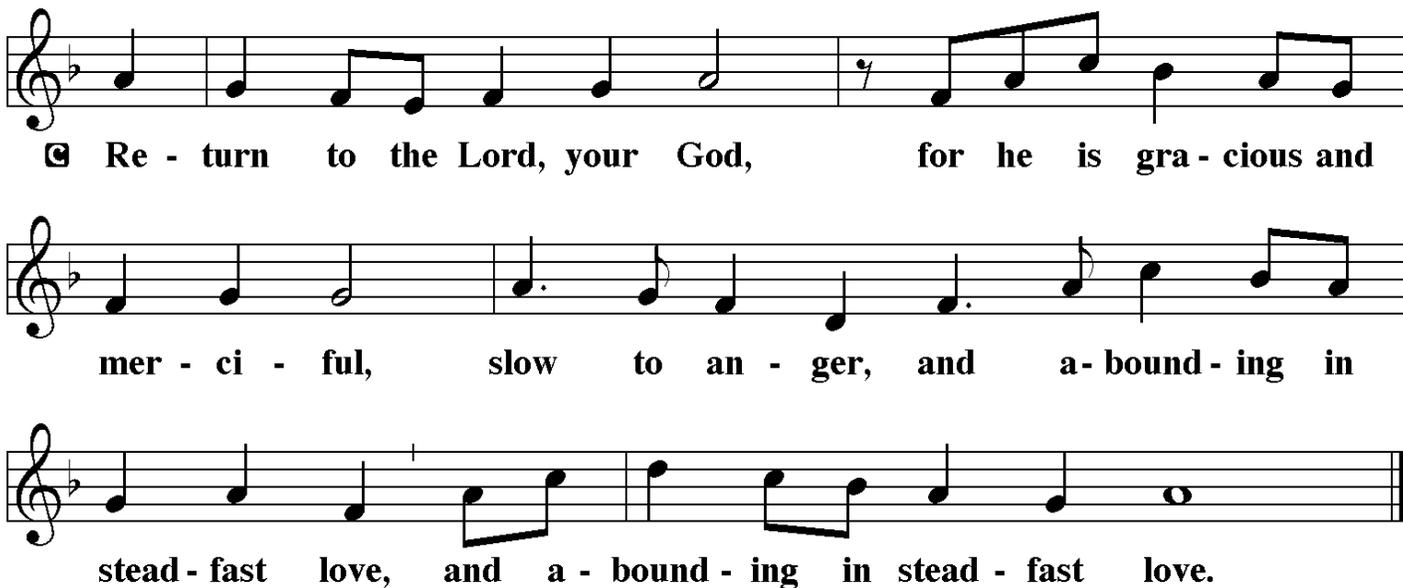
Youth Bell Choir (10:30) “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” M. Thompson

A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:5-11)

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL

The Passion of our Lord according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*The congregation is invited to say aloud the words indicated by **boldface**.*

^{23:1}Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.” ³Then Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He answered, “You say so.” ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for an

accusation against this man.”⁵ But they were insistent and said, “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”⁶ When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean.⁷ And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign.⁹ He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer.¹⁰ The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him.¹¹ Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate.¹² That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people,¹⁴ and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him.¹⁵ Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death.¹⁶ I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”¹⁸ Then they all shouted out together, “**Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!**”¹⁹ (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.)²⁰ Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again;²¹ but they kept shouting, “**Crucify, crucify him!**”²² A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.”²³ But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed.²⁴ So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted.²⁵ He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

²⁶As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus.²⁷ A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him.²⁸ But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.²⁹ For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’³¹ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

SILENCE

⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.” ⁴⁸And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

⁵⁰Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, ⁵¹had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment. (Luke 23:1-56)

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” #351

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in Christ's passover from death to life, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

God, most holy and humble, plant Christ's spirit of humility into your church. Remove any barriers that prevent us from seeing his saving work on the cross. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You reveal your will for all creation through stones, seas, mountains, and meadows. In the splendor of what you have made, show us your care for all things, both great and small. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rescue those who suffer torture and free those unjustly held captive by others. Reveal those things that perpetuate injustice among your people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring courage and renew hope among those who feel like they are wasting away in distress and grief. Restore their trust in you as you meet their every need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Keep before us the needs and concerns of those who are sick in body or in spirit (*especially...*). Give us words to encourage the weary and sustain those who labor. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gather your saints into that new covenant that Christ has established for all creation. When we fall into sin, renew us until Christ fully dwells with us and in us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Attend to the needs of the whole world with your saving grace, and lead us all into new life; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory (8:00)

Anthem (10:30)

*"Lamb of God"
Chancel Choir

T. Paris/L. Larson

OFFERTORY HYMN



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-e-fits to me? I will



of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.



I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.



I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all his peo-ple,



in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, you do not feed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and all that you have given into our care that this feast that we share might be transformed into a bountiful feast that welcomes all, in the name of Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.

Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



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



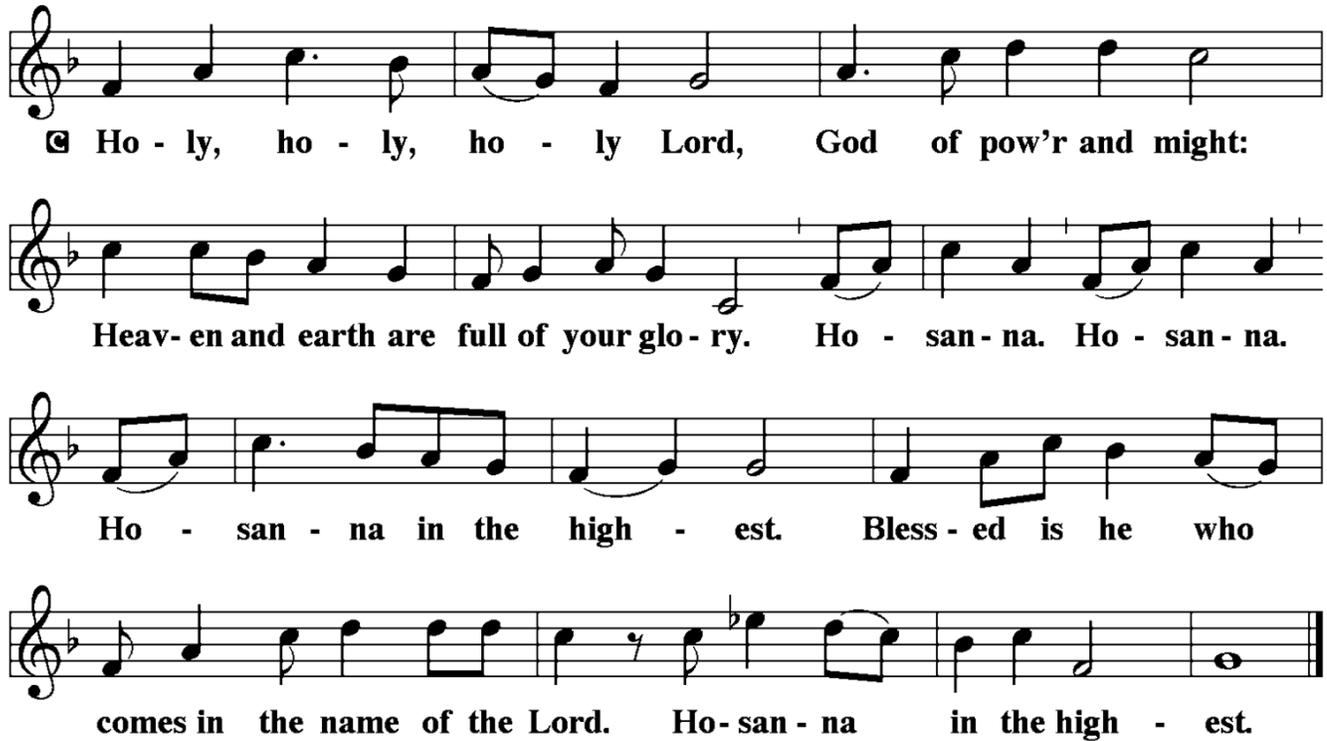
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should in all times and all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE 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 forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

DISTRBUTION

The Sacrament will be distributed by Intinction, pulpit side first. Please move into the center aisle, proceed to the Pastor, and receive the bread in your open hand. Then turn to the assistant, where you may dip the host into the wine and partake, returning to your seat by the side aisle. The lectern side will follow, then the choir. Those unable to come forward will receive the Sacrament in their pews.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Were You There”

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TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Heavenly Father, by his death on the cross your Son freed us from the bondage of sin and death. Watch over your Church and all who celebrate these Holy Mysteries. In this Sacrament, give us food for our journey from death to life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”



1. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho -
2. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride
3. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! The wing - ed squad - rons
4. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and fierc - est
5. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride



san - na cry; Your hum - ble beast pur - sues his way
on to die: O Christ, your tri - umphs now be - gin
of the sky Look down with sad and won - dering eyes
strife is nigh; The Fa - ther on his sap - phire throne
on to die; Bow your meek head to mor - tal pain,



Where crowds the palms and gar - ments lay.
O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
To see th' ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
Ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
Then take, O God, your power, and reign. A - men.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Trust in God. Rest in his faithfulness.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“Behold the King”

D. Paxton

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Today's anthem was presented in memory of all of our loved ones who have passed away by Jennifer Betz and Lindsay Betz Blank. (2019)

Altar flowers are in honor of Clint Rarick's birthday by Gail & Jeff Rarick.

Chancel flowers are in memory of Charles A. Pitts Jr. by the Withers family.

Today's bulletins are in memory of Boris Sklar by his family.

SERVING TODAY, PALM SUNDAY (4/14/19)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Ruth Ann Withers; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Gail Rarick;

USHERS: Ruth Ann Withers & Wayne Withers; GREETER: Robin Zimmerman

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Jason Swick; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Doug Travor; USHERS:

Madelyn Knecht & Wayne Lutsey; ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: Emily Heydt &

Maddie Swick; GREETERS: Gwen Wehr & Bob Schuld II; COUNTERS: Joyce

O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter & Dana Jenkins; ALTAR GUILD: Barbara Lafko & Fern Moyer

Passion Dialogue Readers: Jesus: Scott Butler; Pontius Pilate: Jeff Ritschel; First Criminal: Carl Heintzeman; Second Criminal: Steve Zimmerman; The Centurion: Bob Schuld II; Soldiers: Choir men; Chief Priests: Choir women

SERVING MAUNDY THURSDAY

Lector: Gwen Wehr; Communion Assistant: Sue Schenck; Ushers: Sandy

Freeman & Brian Miller; Greeter: Ron Rozansky; Altar Guild: Barbara Lafko & Fern Moyer

SERVING GOOD FRIDAY

Greeters: Steve Couch & Hope Clarke; Altar Guild: Madelyn Knecht & Hope Clarke

SERVING EASTER SUNDAY (4/21/19)

8:00 AM

**LECTOR: Kay Weidensaul; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kay Weidensaul;
USHERS: Kay Weidensaul & Nevin Zehner; GREETER: Robin Zimmerman**

10:30 AM

**LECTOR: Steve Couch; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Scott Butler & Chris Long;
USHERS: Carl Heintzelman, Cindy Sklar, Connie Teter & Trisha Teter;
ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: Danika Bolinsky & Nora Goessel; GREETERS: Karen
Shoener & Robin Zimmerman; COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Jean Premich &
Barb Sterner; ALTAR GUILD: Hope Clarke & Madelyn Knecht**

CALENDAR

Saturday, April 13	5:30 PM	Worship with Communion
Palm Sunday, April 14	8:00 AM	Worship with Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum & Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship with Communion
Wednesday, April 17	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Lenten Midweek Service
	After service	Chancel Choir
Maundy Thursday, April 18	7:00 PM	Worship
Good Friday, April 19	7:00 PM	Service of Tenebrae
Saturday, April 20	7:00 PM–	Sanctuary open
	9:00 PM	
Easter Sunday, April 21	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum & Sunday School
	10:00 AM	Easter Egg & Scavenger Hunt
	10:30 AM	Worship

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES



WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM

Pastor Mike will preach his final lesson on the 23rd Psalm this coming Wednesday at the midweek Lenten service at 7:00 PM.

Learn more about “the Good Shepherd” psalm and consider how daily trusting in a Loving God can radically change your life!

BOOKS FOR KIDS DRIVE

Our Service Ministry Committee is holding a book drive for the Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry, which offers books to families with children. A reading teacher from the Blue Mountain School District has volunteered to help families choose donated books appropriate for their children.

Your new or gently used books are needed to help children up to the age of 10. Books for toddlers and preschool children are especially helpful now. A container is located in the narthex, where children’s books can be placed at any time through Easter Sunday, April 21.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL

Council has established a Parsonage Fund to help defray the costs of the parsonage renovation. Anyone who would like to contribute to this fund need just include their contribution in an envelope marked **Parsonage Fund**. Any items purchased through this fund will stay with the Parsonage.

Thank you.

Click. Like. Share.

Facebook events have been created for all of our Holy Week Worship Services.

- ❖ Palm Sunday (includes information about all 3 worship services offered)
- ❖ Wednesday Midweek Lenten Service of the Word
- ❖ Maundy Thursday
- ❖ Good Friday Service of Tenebrae
- ❖ Easter Sunday & Easter Egg Hunt for kids of all ages

Please remember to share with your Facebook friends and respond to these events online. Help to spread the news that there is a place for everyone at St. Paul’s during Holy Week, as we journey together from the cross to the glorious resurrection of our Lord.

A Note from Barb

I would like to thank the anonymous person or persons for the beautiful and colorful flowers that were in church on March 23 and 24 in my honor.

I am deeply touched by your thoughtfulness.

Barb Sterner

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Friendship Pads. Please sign the friendship pads in the pews. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book in the narthex.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY...

If you or someone you know needs immediate pastoral care,
please call 717-649-3532.
