St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



Palm Sunday March 24, 2024

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

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Jesus calls us to be a Lutheran community gathered around Word and Sacrament and sends us to reach the lost, disciple the saved, and care for our neighbors everywhere.

Welcome to worship in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you are a guest with us today, we



would like to extend a special greeting from our family. We invite you to worship with us; sing with us; pray with us; believe with us; for God has sent His Son to bring life and salvation. The ushers will be glad to answer any questions you have. If you have special prayer requests or would like a visit, they will also be able to assist you. Make worship and Bible study the center of your weekly life. Be here each Sunday, that we may rejoice in the Lord together! May God bless us!

Please enter your information using the QR code or sign our guest book before you depart today.

For Those Who Desire to Receive The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. Paul in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Cor. 11:17–34. (Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the communion trays.)

ABOUT PALM SUNDAY: Today we make a journey ... from the outside of the church to the inside where we meet Christ in his Word and Supper.

Jesus too made a journey on Palm Sunday from outside Jerusalem to his death. Christ made another journey from the death of the cross to the victory of Easter and onto heaven and resurrection where ascending to heaven he met God with the angels rejoicing.

We one day will make the same heavenly journey through death into the presence of God with the angels rejoicing over our entrance into the heavenly kingdom.

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The Liturgy begins outside (weather permitting).

Be sure to obtain a palm branch from an usher.

Please face the Pastor and join in the responses as printed below.

Procession of Palms

Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord T Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C Amen.
- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C Hosanna to the Son of David.

Collect

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Holy Gospel Mark 11:1-10

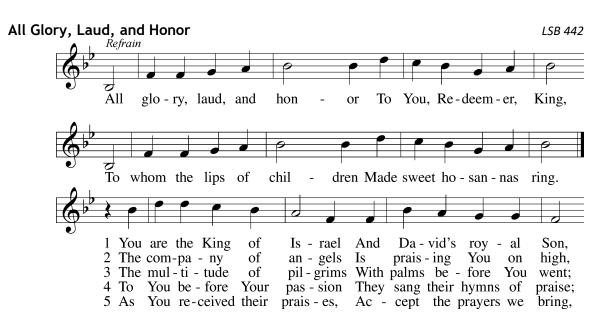
- The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

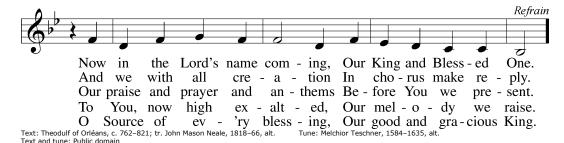
¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴ And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵ And some of those

standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.
- P Let us go forth in peace,
- C in the name of the Lord.

The Procession into the church begins with the congregation, following the Cross as we sing "All Glory, Laud, and Honor". We continue singing this hymn until all are at their places.





Greeting

- Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ρ
- C Hosanna in the highest.

Collect of the Day

- Let us pray.
- Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious:

I turned not backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;

I hid not my face

from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a 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 is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.

9Behold, the Lord God helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Sing Hosanna to the Son of David Bartholomäus Gesius (c. 1555 - 1613)

Sing Hosanna, sing we now to the Son of David! Now praise we Him, who is come, the Savior of all men. Sing Hosanna in the highest!

Epistle Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

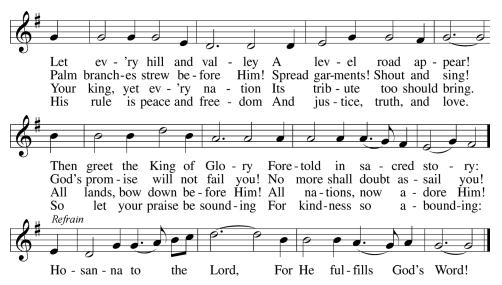
- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Prepare the Royal Highway

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- 1 Pre pare the roy al high way; The King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo-ple, see Him com ing: Your own e ter nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o pen To greet your prom-ised king!
- 4 His is no earth ly king dom; It comes from heav'n a bove.



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Sermon

Stand Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ⊤ of the world to come. Amen.

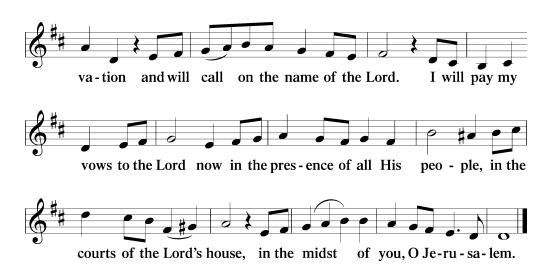
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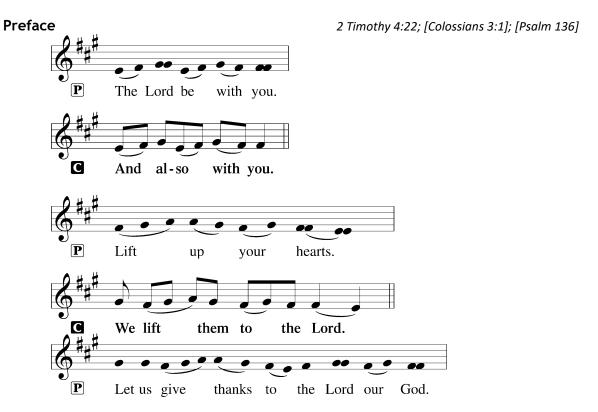
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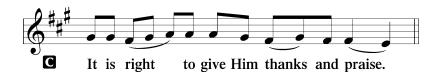






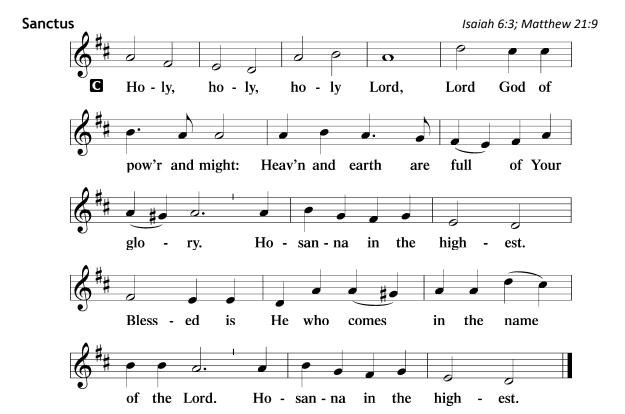
Service of the Sacrament





Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to

forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us

together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

C

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9–13

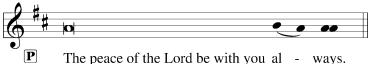
- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
 - Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and 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.

The Words of Our Lord

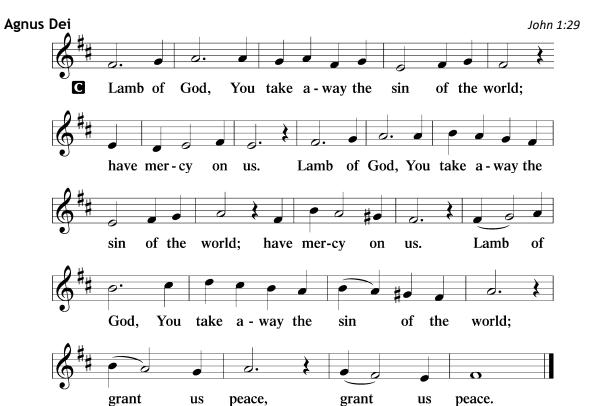
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini John 20:19

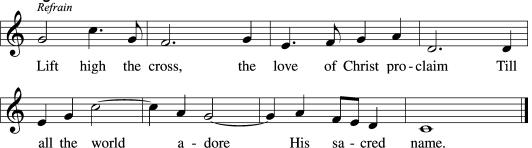


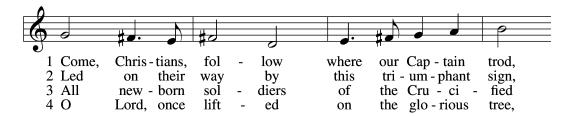


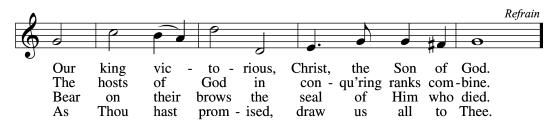








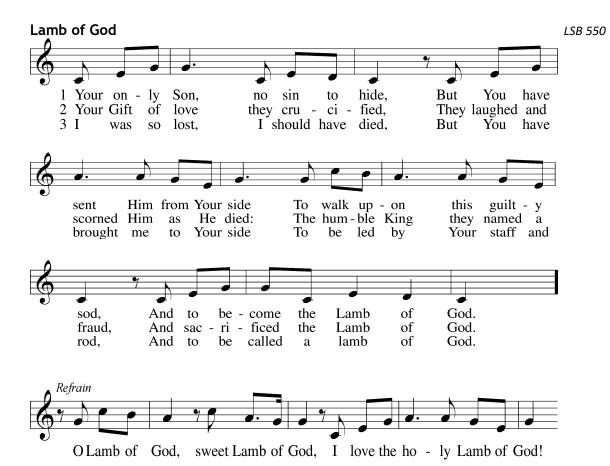




- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
 Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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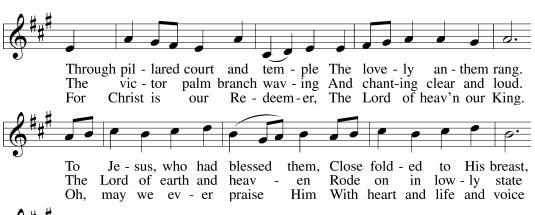
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The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim-plest and the best. Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid-ding wait. And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re-joice!

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love 1 Je - sus! Name of won-drous love, Name all oth - er names a - bove, 2 Je - sus! Name de - creed of old, To the maid-en moth-er told, price - less worth To 3 Je - sus! Name of the fall - en of the earth 4 Je - sus! Name of mer - cv mild. Giv - en to the ho - ly Child in deep hu - mil - i - ty. Un - to which must ev - 'ry knee Bow

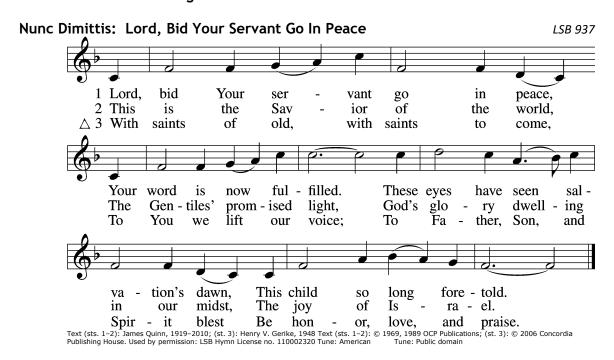
Kneel-ing cell, By the an - gel Ga - bri - el. in her low - ly that it gave, "Je - sus shall His peo-ple save." For the prom - ise hu-man woe First He tast - ed here be - low. When the cup of

Jesus! Only name that's giv'n Under all the mighty heav'n Whereby those to sin enslaved Burst their fetters and are saved. 6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Human name of God above; Pleading only this, we flee Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

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Post-Communion Blessing



Post-Communion Collect





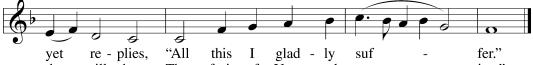
and be gracious to you.

Sit

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth, v. 1-2 LSB 438 plain - ing The 1 A Lamb goes un com forth, 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The guilt of And. lad - en with sin ners bear ing the Lamb of God, our Sav ior, Whom God the Fa - ther sins of earth, shar - ing; None else the bur den Goes gain for chose to send To His "Go us fa - vor. on, grows weak and pa - tient faint, To slaugh - ter led with forth, My Son," the "And free said, Fa - ther Mvchil - dren

com-plaint, That spot-less life to of fer. He bears the out from their dread Of guilt and con-dem - na tion. The wrath and





fruit of they will share The Your sal - va tion."

THE READING OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD St. Mark 15:1-47

The story of Christ's suffering and death will be read by a variety of readers in a dramatic style.

The congregation may simply listen or read along below.

Before the death of Jesus is read the people will be asked to rise.

After the proclamation of His death a time of silence for meditation will be observed.

And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. ²And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." ³And the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." ⁵But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. ⁷And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. ⁸And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. ⁹And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. ¹²And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³And they cried out again, "Crucify him." ¹⁴And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

¹⁶And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. ²⁰And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

²¹And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. ²²And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. ²⁵And it was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him

they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in

three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

(The congregation stands.)

³³And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last.

(A moment of silence is kept.)

³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

⁴⁰There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

⁴²And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. ⁴⁵And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. ⁴⁶And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.



Dismissal

Postlude: Ride On! Ride On In Majesty!

John Prindle Scott (1877-1932)

Ed. Douglas J. Walczak (b. 1970)

News & Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers today are given by Brian Erwin in celebration of Brian and Lynette's Anniversary.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 24, 10 a.m. Maundy Thursday March 28, 7 p.m. with Lord's Supper Good Friday, March 29, 7 p.m. Easter Sunrise, March 31, 7 a.m. Resurrection of Our Lord Festival Worship, March 31, 10 a.m. with Lord's Supper

Easter Invite Cards are available in the Narthex. Invite someone to Easter at St. Paul!

Food Drive for Catonsville Emergency Assistance (CEA) During March we are collecting nonperishable food items for CEA. Current needs: Jelly, Dry Soup, Rice, Baking Mixes, Oatmeal, Canned Meats, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, Pasta/Rice Side Dishes.

Adult Education in April

April 7 – "Ask the Pastor (Almost) Anything" – Pastor Alms April 14 -- "Dana and Stan Missionary Presentation" April 21 through May 26th -- "Christian Perspectives on War" -- Bill Oldhouser --April 21 through May 26: "Meant for Good – A Study of Joseph" Women's Bible study resumes.

Special Mission Presentation April 14th at 8:45, missionaries Stan and Dana Stigdon will give an overview of LCMS Missions and specifically a presentation on the work of the Lord in Latin America and the Caribbean. They will share about being missionaries in the Dominican Republic.

Easter Egg Hunt Thank you for all the candy donations! We have filled over 2,000 eggs!! The hunt is this Saturday, March 30th. Please use and share the QR code for info and registration. We still need more youth to hide eggs and assist at the Resurrection Trunks. You can sign-up today!! And thank you to everyone else who has volunteered to help. We can't wait to share this day of Easter fun and Good News with our St. Paul neighbors and friends!



Contact Karyn Borth.

Memorial Service for Pat Chinn is Tuesday March 26th at 11 a.m.

VBS is June 24th - 28th from 9am to 12pm. Your help and support are needed with this exciting experience to help kids praise God and learn about the fin-tastic things He does. If you are willing to serve this year, follow the QR code to fill out Volunteer Registration or call Kirsten Hall.



Museum of the Bible - Save the date for our congregation trip on Saturday, April 20th. Our group ticket price is \$22/person, which includes all general admission exhibits plus one private group tour. Sign up sheet coming soon! Visit the MOTB website to learn more about this amazing experience. (museumofthebible.org)

April Newsletter Articles are due on Tuesday the 26th.

Grace: An Introduction to Lutheranism is starting again! Due to popular demand this class focusing on the Small Catechism will begin another round Monday April 8th at 7 p.m. All are welcome. Contact Pastor Alms for more details.

New Member Sunday is April 14th. We will welcome new members to our congregation. It will be a great day!

Prayer List

CHURCH MEMBERS

John Gay (Hospise care at home)
Norm Giguere (recovering from heart attack)
Bill Beggs and family for the loss of Pat Chinn
Merilyn Blomster (recovering)
Laurie Dungey (concussion)
David Nguyen (recovering from back surgery)
Lindsey Gay
Janice Gay (caretaker)
Debbie Frech (cancer, chemotherapy treatments)
Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)



SHUT-INS

Mildred Klein, Betty Blackburn, and Janet Conklin.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Connie L., friend of Bill & Karen Eichelman, (health challenges and upcoming medical/surgical treatment). 3/24

Tom Adler, father of Doreen McDonald (hospitalized) 3/17

Billie Jean, friend of Rich and Sally Foks (recovering from surgery) 3/10

Bille Schrott, friend of the Kynes (hospitalized) 3/3

Joe Byer, future father-in-law of Rachel Krakat (healing after car accident) 2/25

Walt O'Reilly, husband of Renata (cancer, recovering from radiation therapy) 2/21

Steve Schafer, father of Alicia Dreessen (skin cancer) 2/21

Prayer is a great gift and privilege for Christians. To add people to the prayer list printed in the bulletin, please email pastoralms@stpaulcatonsville.org or linda.jones@splscatonsville.org or call the church office at 410-747-1897. Family and friends will automatically be removed after one month. If you want your request to stay on for another month, just contact the office.