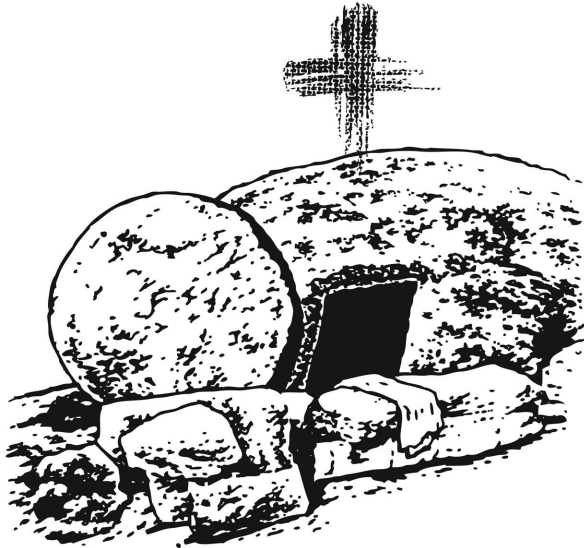


FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT ~ APRIL 6, 2025



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in
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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.**

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Opening Hymn

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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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.....**Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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Reading

Isaiah 43:16 - 21

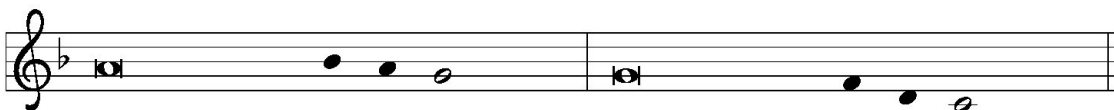
¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sung Response

Psalm 126



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¹ When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.

² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great | things for them.”

³ The LORD has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.

⁴ **Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.**

⁵ Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.

⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.**

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Gospel Acclamation

"We Are Turning"

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Gospel

John 12:1 - 8

The Holy Gospel according to John the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

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Hymn of the Day

"Oh, Love, How Deep"
(to the tune of Woodworth)

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Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

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

please be seated

Offering

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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.

You call us 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.

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

At the Altar

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

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

#685

“Jesus, The Very Thought of You”

#754

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

#803

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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

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

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Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God!

"AN INVITATION TO FOLLOW"



Welcome: God makes paths through the sea and rivers in the desert (Isaiah 43:16, 19). Whatever obstacle you face, God will open the way of life for you. Welcome to worship.

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.



Ashley Campbell, Susan Canfield, Les Bruns, 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 Eckhoff, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eckhoff), 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*.

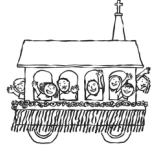
Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (son of Matt & Isabel Hamilton and grandson of Judie VonHolten), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in-law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col.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





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

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



One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group is back at it again. They will meet on Monday, **April 7th** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Everyone is welcome to join the sewing group.

Lenten Breakfast: St. Paul's will co-host the Lenten Breakfast on Wednesday, **April 9th**. If you are able to bring a breakfast dish please let the office know. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.



Simple Supper

Simple Supper: "Simple" Supper will be held prior to each Lenten Service. Serving will begin at 6:00 p.m. The menu for the **April 9th** "simple" supper is chicken noodle soup and chili with juicy burgers. Come join your church family for supper in the Fellowship Hall.

Choir: Anyone interested in singing in the choir on Easter morning there will be practice on Wednesday, **April 9th** after worship service. Come and join your voices.



CHURCH COUNCIL Meeting: Council will meet on Wednesday, **April 9th** at 7:45pm.

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





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?

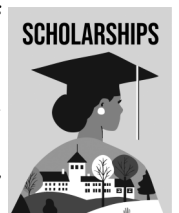
Reach out to Anne Goosen, Stephanie Randall, or Kim Knowle-Zeller.

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**.



Little Blessings: Little Blessings Preschool is reaching out to church and community members regarding enrollment for the upcoming school year (25-26). Our preschool is designed for three and four-year-olds and is held on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings throughout the school year. Those wishing more information or wishing to enroll their child/children, please contact Rhonda Schlesselman (660-668-3823) or Janice Gerken (660-281-7380).

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).



Holy Week Virtual Devotions: Join Pastor Stephen at noon each day (Monday – Saturday) during Holy Week on Facebook Live for a short reflection.



Holy Week Children's Event: Join Pastor Kim on Wednesday, **April 16th**, at 6:30 pm for a special Holy Week activity. This will be geared towards children and their families. A light supper will be served starting at 6:30, so an RSVP would be appreciated.

Graduates: We have students graduating from pre-school all the way through college. We are very proud of you and would like to share your achievements. If you are going to graduate soon, please call or email the church office.



Ladies of St. Paul's: The Central States Women of the ELCA will be holding their **Bi-Annual Synodical Convention in Independence, MO at the Hilton Garden Inn on June 20-22, 2025.**

The theme of the convention is Vessels of Grace. The convention will open with an evening meal at 5:00 on Friday, June 20 and conclude with closing worship on Sunday, June 22.

The board has been hard at work to make this an inspiring convention with keynote speaker, worship led by Bishop Candea, informative breakout sessions, Sing-a-longs, Bingo and our Saturday night musical highlight with the "Potter's Wheel". Our own praise band will be part of our worship on Friday evening.

Registration forms can be found at each usher's stand. See Janice for questions. **ALL women are invited to relax, shop, be inspired/informed, and worship with other Lutheran women from Kansas and Missouri!**

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.**



~ * ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~ * ~

Benefit Dinner: There will be a benefit dinner for Ashley Campbell on Sunday, **April 13th**, from 5:00-8:00pm at WAM-Wine Bar in Cole Camp. Ashley graduated from Cole Camp High School in 2023 and is currently a sophomore at Missouri State University. She was recently diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma and has started treatments in Springfield. Ashley is the daughter of Kristy Campbell who is a long-time elementary teacher at Cole Camp R-1 and Shawn Campbell who is a Missouri State Highway Patrolman. The free-will donation dinner will begin at 5 pm with entertainment by Cedar Creek Band. In case of rain, the benefit will be held in The Loft at RiOak in Cole Camp.



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, April 6:	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion at the Altar
	AW	Fair Float Meeting
Monday, April 7:	9:00am	Sewing
Wednesday, April 9:	7:30am	Lenten Breakfast
	6:00pm	Simple Supper
	7:00pm	Lent Worship Service
	AW	Choir Practice
	7:45pm	Council
Thursday, April 10:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, April 12:	5:30pm	Casual Worship
Sunday, March 16:	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
	AW	Sisterhood Scribbles

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE
“A Journey to Easter”

5th week in 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:

April 9th St. Paul’s Lutheran and Sts. Peter and Paul’s Catholic



LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPER

Each Wednesday prior to the weekly Lenten service, a “simple supper” will be served in the fellowship hall. These suppers will consist of soup, sandwiches or hot dogs, coffee, water, and, of course, fellowship. Serving will begin at 6:00 pm and ending at approximately 6:45, to allow the volunteers time for clean-up. Volunteers are needed to prepare the soups, prepare the sandwich spread, and to assist with the serving and clean-up. Contact Janice for any questions. Come and enjoy a “simple supper” with your church family!

AFTER LENTEN SERVICE

There will be the traditional fellowship time (cookies, coffee, and hot chocolate) following each Lenten midweek service. To insure that there are enough cookies each week, each family is asked to provide cookies according to the following schedule (based on the first letter of your last name). Additionally, please note the organizations asked to serve for each of the Lenten services.

April 9thV - Z Esther Circle



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

April 9 Breakfast, Simple Supper & Lenten Worship
April 9 Choir Practice
April 13 Sisterhood Scribbles
April 16 Kid's Holy Week Event
April 17 Maundy Thursday Service
April 18 Good Friday Service
April 19 Easter Vigil

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 Victoria Fox, Assistant Head Usher
..... Scott Gerken, Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs & Braden Poe



Fifth Sunday in Lent ~ April 6, 2025

Assisting Minister Anne Goosen
Communion Assistants At the Altar
Reader Lesa Warden
Children's Sermon Pastor Stephen Zeller
Acolytes Miranda Gerken & Lexi Goyette
Flowers Tammie Heimsoth



Palm/Passion Sunday ~ April 13, 2025

Assisting Minister Melinda Strathman
Communion Assistants Tara Anderson & Erin Oelrichs
Reader Children
Children's Sermon Joyce Schlesselmann
Acolytes Ben Goosen & Kale Kruep
Flowers Suzanne Lutjen