

PALM / PASSION SUNDAY ~ APRIL 13, 2025



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Prelude

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.**

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome of New Members

Address and Questions

Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place? *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Welcome

Let us welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ to this community of faith. **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Gathering

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

Hosanna in the highest! *(repeat 3x)*

Jesus' Triumphal Entry

Luke 19: 28b-40

²⁸After Jesus had said this, Jesus 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.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As 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, ³⁸saying, "**Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!**" ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

please stand in body or spirit

Blessing of the Palms

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. 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**

Procession

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen**

Processional Hymn

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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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 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...

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

please be seated

Children's Sermon

Joyce Schlesselmann

The Preparation of the Passover

Luke 22: 1-13

¹Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. ²The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. ³Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; ⁴he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. ⁵They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. ⁶So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present. ⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." ⁹They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" ¹⁰Listen, he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters ¹¹and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" ' ¹²He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." ¹³So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

Song

"As the Grains of Wheat"

#465

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

Luke 22:14-23

¹⁴When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²²For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" ²³Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

please stand in body or spirit

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.

Words of Institution

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 ever. Amen.

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

By Stations

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

"Christ, the Life of All the Living"	#339
"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"	#488
"Eat This Bread" (sung repeatedly)	#472

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice,
our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dispute, Prediction & Prayer

Luke 22: 24-46

²⁴A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸You are those who have stood by me in my trials; ²⁹and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, ³⁰so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ³¹Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, ³²but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." ³³And he said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!" ³⁴Jesus said, "I tell you,

Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me." ³⁵He said to them, "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "No, not a thing." ³⁶He said to them, "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. ³⁷For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled." ³⁸They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." He replied, "It is enough." ³⁹He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." ⁴¹Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴²Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done. ⁴³Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. ⁴⁴In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. ⁴⁵When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

Song

"Stay with Me"

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Prayers of Intercession

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

Betrayal, Arrest & Denial

Luke 22: 47-71

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; ⁴⁸but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" ⁴⁹When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" ⁵⁰Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? ⁵³When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

⁵⁴Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." ⁵⁸A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" ⁵⁹Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." ⁶⁰But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. ⁶¹The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶²And he went out and wept bitterly. ⁶³Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; ⁶⁴they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" ⁶⁵They kept heaping many other insults on him. ⁶⁶When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. ⁶⁷They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; ⁶⁸and if I question you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." ⁷⁰All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He said to them, "You say that I am." ⁷¹Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

Song

"Go To Dark Gethsemane"

#347 vs. 1 & 2

Jesus' Trial

Luke 23: 1-31

¹Then 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." ⁵But they were insistent and said, **"He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."** ⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he was

under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When 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. ⁹He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Even 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. ¹²That 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, ¹⁴and 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. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶I will therefore have him flogged and release him." ¹⁸Then 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.) ²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹but they kept shouting, **"Crucify, crucify him!"** ²²A 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." ²³But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He 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. ²⁷A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For 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.' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

⁹Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, “You are my God.**

¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”**

The Crucifixion of Jesus

Luke 23: 32-43

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.”

The Death of Jesus

Luke 23: 44-49

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.

Song

"Were You There"

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The Burial of Jesus

Luke 23: 50-56

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.

Silence and Reflection

Blessing

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, in Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Our journey continues.

Thanks be to God.

"AN INVITATION TO FOLLOW"



Welcome: Welcome to worship this Palm and Passion Sunday. As we follow Jesus into Jerusalem, the city of his death but also his resurrection, may we experience the wonder of his love.

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Ron Eickhoff, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, Renee Weller and Kyle Luetjen.



Kathy Bruner, Jim Wisktrom, 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 Eickhoff, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eickhoff), 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.

New Members: We are thrilled to receive so many new members this morning. We welcome into our fellowship all of the following people: Jacob & Alyssa Fowler, LaDonna Logan, Penny Marriott, Matt, Alexis, Lena & Mason Smith. We pray that our partnership in the gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen both you and us.



Sisterhood Scribbles: A Card Making and Letter Writing event for girls and women of all ages meets **today** 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.

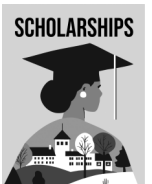
We'll bring the supplies, you just need to bring yourself and a friend!

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 **today**.



One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group is back at it again. They will meet on Monday, **April 14th** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Everyone is welcome to join the sewing group.

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).



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **April 17th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.



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.



Maundy Thursday: Join us for worship service on Thursday, **April 17th** at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. The service will include holy communion and stripping of the altar.

Good Friday: Join us for worship service on Friday, **April 18th** at 7:00pm in the sanctuary for a service of darkness.



Easter Vigil: Join us for worship service on Saturday, **April 19th** at 5:30pm for the Easter vigil.

Easter: At 7:00am on Sunday, **April 20th** there will be Sunrise worship service outside followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. At 9:00am, the children will enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt with worship service to follow at 10:00am. Join us for this most glorious time of year when we can again say "Hallelujah"!



Esther Circle: Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **April 21st** at 7:00pm at the home of Janice Gerken.

Newsletter: The Sunbeam committee will meet on Wednesday, **April 23rd** at 3:00pm.



Planning: The Worship & Music committee will meet on Wednesday, **April 23rd** at 3:30pm.

Worship: There will be no Casual Worship Service on Saturday, **April 26th.**



Attention ladies of St. Paul's! On Saturday, April 26, the ladies from nine congregations in the Mid-Missouri area will meet for their Spring Gathering. The ladies of St. Paul's will be hosting the gathering beginning at 9:00 a.m. with registration (\$5.00) and light breakfast.

Agenda items for the morning include devotions, hymn sing, and an **excellent** Bible study given by Pastor Stephen based on Galatians 5: 6b - "... faith expressing itself through love." Our synod president, Gloria Sharp will provide updates of events in our synod. All followed by our guest speaker (also, excellent) - Connie McCray.

Connie McCray is the director of Hope5One, a faith-based ministry dedicated to bring hope and assistance for victims of human trafficking. Yes, human trafficking is occurring in Central Missouri and in the Lake of Ozarks area.

All women are invited to gain insight, to worship, and pray together as a body of Lutheran women.

Holy Humor: Soon we will be celebrating the joy of the **Heavenly Humor** resurrection through our Easter worship. That joy is nearly tangible as we all live in the hope of new life! Tradition holds that the days following Easter were reserved for partying, feasting, and even playing some practical jokes. Some would say that this is because God played the biggest joke on the devil by beating death forever. We continue in this joyous tradition through the use of Holy Humor in worship the weekend after Easter, **April 27th.**



Congregational Meeting: The Church Council of St. Paul's is calling a special Congregational Meeting for Sunday, **April 27**, immediately following the worship service in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to consider a recommendation of the Council for the purchase of property that has been offered to us. For this type of business we must have 50% of voting members in attendance to constitute a quorum. If you have any questions, please speak with a member of Council.



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).

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.



~ * ~ **EVENTS COMING UP** ~ * ~



Calling All Fishermen! We're in need of fish for our upcoming Fish Fry on Sunday, **June 1st!** If you're a fisherman or know someone who can help, we'd love to have your catch to make this event successful. Your support will help us serve delicious meals and raise funds for the mission. Please contact Krista Poe or Debbie Eckhoff if you're able to contribute. We appreciate your generosity and willingness to help! Thank you and God bless!

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 **today**, 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 13:	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
	AW	Sisterhood Scribbles
Monday, April 14:	9:00am	Sewing
Wednesday, April 16:	6:30pm	Kid's Holy Week Event
Thursday, April 17:	8:00am	BCHD
	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, April 18:	7:00pm	Good Friday Service
Saturday, April 19:	5:30pm	Easter Vigil Service
Sunday, April 20:	7:00am	Sunrise Service
	AW	Breakfast
	9:00am	Easter Egg Hunt
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

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
April 20.....	Sunrise Service
April 20.....	Easter Service
April 27.....	Congregational Meeting

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



Palm/Passion Sunday ~ April 13, 2025

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



Easter Sunday ~ April 20, 2025

Assisting Minister	.....Janice Gerken
Communion Assistants	.....Luther League
Reader	.....Bill Viebrock
Children's Sermon	.....Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes	.....Grady Elliott & Hudson Kullman
Flowers	.....Easter Lilies