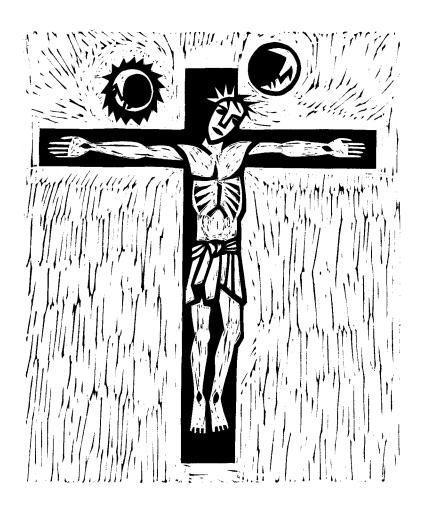
PALM SUNDAY



April 13, 2025
SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:15am | Service with Holy Communion in

Nave

9:00am | Choir Practice

9:30am | Education Hour with Sunday School,

Confirmation and Adult Forum

10:30am | Service with Holy Communion in

Nave and Online

11:30am | Coffee Hour

LIVESTREAMING

Worship is streamed on the St. Paul Lutheran Facebook page. A Facebook account is not necessary to stream, however, without a Facebook account the stream works on a computer browser only and not on a phone.

WEEKLY UPDATE NEWSLETTER

Sign up for Weekly Update newsletter by going to our website at <u>www.stpaularlington.org</u> and clicking on SUBSCRIBE.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY TODAY ARE:

Geneva Carter and Lydia Zuehsow, Altar Guild

Emily H, and Ainsley S., Acolytes

Taryn Walsh, Lector

Kathleen Kean, Deacon

Sarah Simeone, Cantor

Andy Airasian and Dan Ries, Ushers

Hollie Schmidt, Livestream Broadcast

Peter and Hollie Schmidt and Lisa Chiulli Lay, Coffee Guild

When the instruction for standing * appears, please stand as you are able and as seems comfortable. At the \pm , you may make the sign of the cross, which reminds us of our baptism. The congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on St. Theodulph (All glory, laud, and honor)

Simon Sechter (1788-1867)

WELCOME

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

A fter he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "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. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was 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, saying,

"Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

* BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Amen.

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

ELW 344



Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

*GREETING

Amen.

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

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4—9a

WORD

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

The Lord God has given me a trained tongue, 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.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward.

I 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.

The 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;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand in court together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (at 8:15 the Psalm is read responsively)

Psalm 31:9-16



Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I | am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.

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

I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to ' my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street 1 they avoid me.

Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;

I am as useless as a broken pot.

For 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.

But as for me, I have trusted in 'you, O Lord.

I have said, "You | are my God.

My times are | in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.

Let your face shine up- on your servant;

save me in your | steadfast love."

SECOND READING Philippians 2:5—11

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

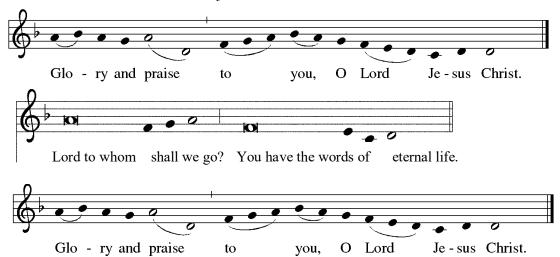
And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (10:30 only)



READING OF THE PASSION

Luke 22:14—23:56 see insert

SERMON Pastor Ross Goodman

* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ is the Life" ACS 927





Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: COE FEN, Kenneth Naylor, 1931-1991

APOSTLE'S CREED

In response to the gospel, let us confess the faith of the church:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The leader will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read aloud the other prayers as they feel called.

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. Send your Spirit upon all who cry to you, especially in Myanmar, Syria, Israel, Palestine,

Ukraine, Sudan, and Haiti. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering, especially Dan, Lynn, Meredith, Norma, Paul, and Susan. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

* PEACE Keep your hands close together or make the peace sign if you'd rather not pass the peace with touch.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

ANTHEM

"Ride On, King Jesus"

Ride on, King Jesus; no man can hinder me. Ride on, King Jesus; no man can hinder me. Ride on, King Jesus; no man can a-hinder me.

King, Lord, Jesus Christ, the first and Last; no man a-works like him. King, Lord, Jesus Christ, the first and Last; no man a-works like him.

Ride on, King Jesus; no man can hinder me. Ride on, King Jesus; no man can hinder me.

King Jesus rides a milk white horse; No man a-works like him. River of Jordan; no man like Him. Traditional Spiritual arranged by Howard Helvey

King Jesus rides in the middle of the air; no man a-works like Him, He calls the sains from ev'rywhere; no man a-works, no man a-works, no man a-works like him.

Ride on, King Jesus; no man can hinder me. Ride on, King Jesus; no man can hinder me. Ride on, King Jesus; no man can a-hinder me.

Ride on, ride on, ride on. Oh, ride on, King Jesus, ride on, ride on, ride on, ride on, ride, ride, ride on!

MEAL

* OFFERING PRAYER

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.

OFFERING

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* GREAT THANKSGIVING

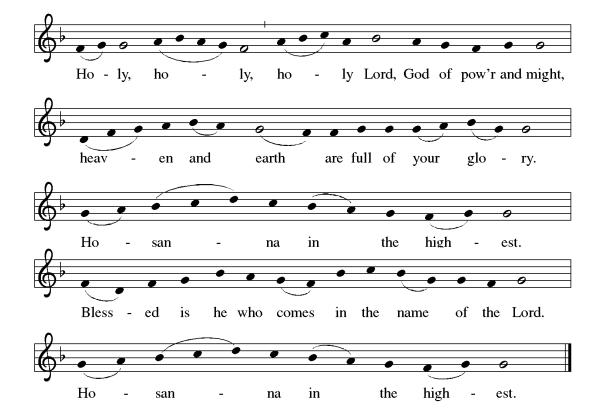
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.
Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light.
Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song: The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection.

Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.

Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:

The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song: The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and amen. **Amen**, and amen.

* LORD'S PRAYER

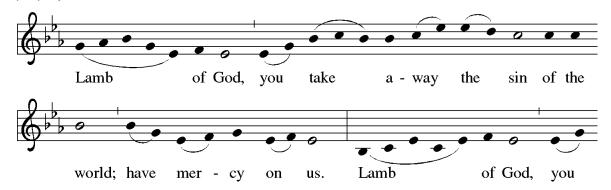
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,

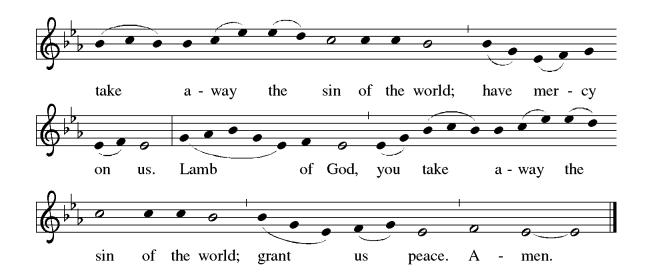
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

COMMUNION

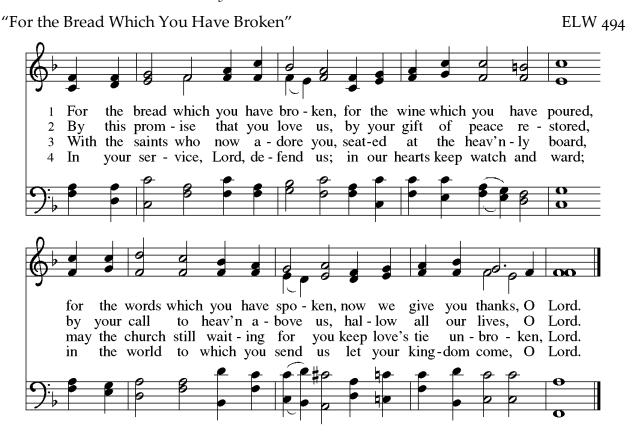
All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers are available on request. Both wine (red) and grape juice (white) are available in each tray.

Come forward in the center aisle starting at the front of the church. The pastors will motion the first people forward.





COMMUNION HYMN (10:30 only)



Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855-1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823–1895

* TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

SENDING

* BLESSING

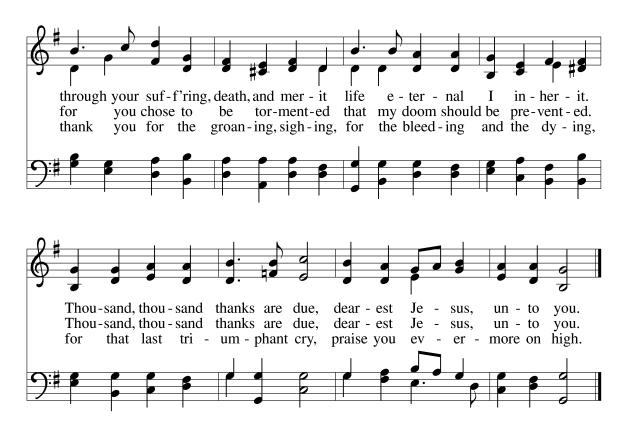
The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in + Christ Jesus.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* SENDING HYMN

"Christ, the Life of All the Living" **ELW 339** Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe, You have suf-fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it Then, for all that bought my par-don, for the sor-rows deep and sore, Christ, your-self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe: - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me; an-guish in the gar-den, will thank you ev - er - more; the



Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

* DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on *Sing Hosanna!* (Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising)

Christopher Tambling (1964-2015)

Announcements & Upcoming Happenings at SAINT PAUL

PASTOR ROSS'S RETIREMENT PARTY | May 17, 5-8pm

New time for May 17 gathering will be from 5-8pm. Evites are going out Thursday night, April 3. If you have not gotten and invitation via email by Friday, April 4 it may be because we don't have your correct email or you don't subscribe to the weekly news. Call or email by Jen at parishadmin@stpaularlington.org to be included on the list.

ST. PAUL SUMMER RETREAT WEEKEND AT CAMP CALUMET

Calumet Retreat! St. Paul Calumet Retreat. Weekend of August 22-24. This is an annual tradition to relax, reflect, and reconnect with each other in the beautiful environment of Camp Calumet on Lake Ossipee in New Hampshire. All are welcome to join us for this weekend! Register using this form: https://rb.gy/mi7doh

FAMILY FRIENDLY GOOD FRIDAY | April 18, 12:30-1:30pm

Join us for a Family Friendly Good Friday Lesson and Activity, April 18 12:30-1:30. This activity is open to our whole community, with a focus on our youngest members to learn about this part of the Easter Story.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday (April 17) – 7:30 service

Good Friday (April 18) – 7:30 service

<u>Easter Vigil</u> (April 19) – 7:00 service. Chocolate fountain and champagne after service. <u>Easter Sunday</u> (April 20) – 8:15 and 10:30 services. Fellowship Hall Breakfast potluck from 9:00-10:30. Pick up Hallelujah Chorus Choir for 10:30 service will practice at 10:00.

ARLINGTON EATS | More people visiting every week, and April needs

In these uncertain times, Arlington Eats reports that their numbers continue to rise, with record-breaking visits per week. The support and partnership of community helps keeps their shelves filled and is greatly appreciated. As you shop this week, please keep them in mind... April food requests: **No sugar added applesauce or fruit cups, Salad dressing, Coffee (ground and instant), Tea (all kinds), Dish soap**.

ST. PAUL'S TRANSITION COMMITTEE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP

As our congregation prepares for Pastor Goodman's retirement and the transition and preparation for the future, St. Paul's Transition Committee is launching several short-term projects to gather information and prepare a Ministry Site Profile – a critical tool for the eventual Call Process for a new pastor.

Please review the project activities below and if you have experience and/or interest in helping, we'd appreciate you volunteering. Each project has a team leader who can answer your questions and get you connected to the work. Whether you have a few hours of more time, your involvement is welcome and appreciated. Please reach out to the leader of your area of interest to get started.

Pastor Celebration May 17th -

Maile and Peter Hedlund

This will be a celebration gathering to honor Pastor Goodman and enjoy time and reminiscing together.

<u>Church/Congregation Assessment – Nicole Rura</u>

This project will be administering an electronic survey and then reviewing and sharing the summary results.

<u>History of our Church –</u>

Dan Ries and Norma Ofsthun

We will be gathering and sharing memories and highlights from our congregation's history. There will be a specific gathering day that culminates this process.

<u>Community Needs Assessment – TBD</u>

We will also be reviewing existing community needs and assessments from our service area towns and incorporate several interview/focus methods to inform our planning for the future.

Once we have our teams populated with members of our congregation, we will publish our calendar for events and planning sessions. Thanks for considering helping with this important work of our church as we look to the future.

Sandy Walker and Peter Hedlund
Co-Chairs



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