



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO St. Paul's Lutheran Church: We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you have not already done so, we ask that you would sign the guest book at the entrance to the church. If you do not have a church home and are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, or if you are interested in becoming a member here at St. Paul's, please contact the church office.

The Sacrament of the Altar is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink, instituted by Christ Himself. As we receive the Lord's Supper together, witness is also given that we are united in the faith we confess (one in doctrine). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, St. Paul's follows the Biblical and historic practice of closed communion.

ALL GUESTS must visit with our pastor or an elder before coming to the altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our pastor or an elder prior to the service, they are more than willing to visit with you during the week.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: We pray for ...

- We celebrate with Olga Franzen in honor of her 95th Birthday on April 13th.
 - We celebrate with Rev. Dr. J. Dirk Reek as he is installed at St. Paul's today.
 - Norman McConnell, Ruth Poppe
 - Continuing prayers: Judy Braun, Lodeen Clausen, Dawn Crosier, Leonard Esch, Dottie Jurgens, June Martin, Loretta Mohling and Ann Kelley.
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In His Service

Preacher: Rev. Richard Snow (District President)

Organist: Angie Zulauf

8:00am Service

Acolytes: Aaron Meyer, Kamree Weishahn, Jenna Junker

Elders: Eric Klaus, Rod Aden

Greeters: Carlyn Koenig, Floice Meyer

Ushers: Terry Brethouwer, Jeff Junker, Vern Rogge, David Trout

10:30am Service

Acolytes: Billy Kelley, Connor Kelley, Faith Kelley

Elders: Duane Delozier, Ron Buss

Greeters: Thelma Loemker, Loretta Mohling

Ushers: Dave Taylor, LaVerne Malchow, Roger Mohling

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored in memory of Herman E. Neumann, by Joyce Neumann. Herman & Joyce Neumann's Anniversary would have been April 10th.

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Palm Sunday
April 4, 2017
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE

Hymn

#442

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Confession and Absolution

Pg. 186

In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

O almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Introit

Ps. 22:1, 7-8, 11; antiphon: Ps. 22:19,21

But you, O Lord, do not be far off!

O you my help, come quickly to my aid

Save me from the mouth of the lion!

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

All who see me mock me;

they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;

let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

Be not far from me, for trouble is near,

and there is none to help.

But you, O LORD, do not be far off!

O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

Save me from the mouth of the lion!

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

Glory be to the Father and to the son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect

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.

Old Testament Lesson

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 73:23b-24, 1

You hold my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.

Truly God is good to Israel,

to those who are pure in heart.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 27:11-54

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

Glory to You O Lord

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, **"You have said so."** ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. ¹⁵Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" ²⁴So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. ²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him. ³²As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴²"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. ⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, **"Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"** that is, **"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"** ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸And one of them at once ran and took a

sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. ⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You O Christ

Nicene Creed

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.

Hymn of the Day

#443

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Sermon

"Glory"

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with in me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Offering

Installation of Rev. Dr. J. Dirk Reek

Prayer of Church

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.

Words of Institution

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world; grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

“Your Table I Approach”	#628
“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”	#637
“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”	#643

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

Amen.

Let us pray.
..... now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and ☩ give you peace.

Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn

#441

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

The Lord's Week

Today	8:00	Divine Service Installation of Rev. Dr. J. Dirk Reek
	9:15	Sunday School & Youth Bible Class No Adult Bible Class
	9:15	Reception for Rev. Dr. J. Dirk Reek
	10:30	Divine Service Installation of Rev. Dr. J. Dirk Reek
Monday	7:00	Weekday Service of Holy Communion
Tuesday	12:00	Ladies Quilting/Tying
Wednesday	1:30	Naomi Circle
	2:30	Catechism (8 th Grade Only)
Thursday	10:00	Maundy Thursday Divine Service
	12:00	Ladies Quilting
	2:00	Lydia/Mary Circle
	7:00	Maundy Thursday Divine Service
Friday	10:00	Good Friday Service
	7:00	Tenebrae Service
Saturday	10:00	Altar Guild
Sunday	8:00	Easter Divine Service
	9:00	Easter Breakfast No Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
	10:30	Easter Divine Service

Church office hours are 8:30am-1:30pm, Monday thru Friday.

SECOND QUARTER VOTER'S MEETING: Has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 23rd at 1:30pm in the church basement. At this meeting, the Board for Parish Education will be presenting a proposal to open a Child Care Center and Before & After School Care in August 2017.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

April 13th - Maundy Thursday Divine Service:

10:00am & 7:00pm

April 14th - Good Friday Service: 10:00am

April 14th - Tenebrae: 7:00pm

Note the time: 7:00pm is the correct time. It was listed incorrectly in a few places.

April 16th - Easter Divine Service: 8:00am & 10:30am

April 16th - Easter Breakfast: 9:00-10:30am

Easter Breakfast

Please join us in celebrating our risen Lord on Easter with an Easter Breakfast served by the Lutheran Youth Fellowship between services from 9-10:30.

The menu will be egg casseroles, fresh fruit, rolls, drinks and gluten free casseroles. If you would like to donate any ingredients/food/drinks toward the breakfast, a signup sheet is available on the bulletin board in the narthex. It is a free will donation meal with proceeds going toward upcoming LYF activities. We look forward to celebrating and serving our church family on April 16th.

Please have your donations delivered to the church kitchen on Palm Sunday (April 9) for LYF families to pick up and prepare for Easter.

Current Financial Status

Financial Update as of April 4, 2017

Current Checkbook Balance as of 3/31/17	\$18,785.02
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Balance due on Line of Credit is \$15,000.00.

Work Comp & Property Insurance from 2016 is \$7,236.05.

School Operations & Personnel Fund has \$1,332.51 available.

DID YOU KNOW:

You may give directly towards the school to help with operations and personnel salaries. If you would like to give towards the school, simply mark your contribution "School Operations and Personnel".

Contributions may be placed in the offering plate or dropped by the church office.

Gifts Of Time And Treasure

Attendance & Contributions Last Week

8:00 AM Service	71	\$2,982.00
10:30 AM Service	93	\$3,444.00
Monday Night Service	20	\$426.00
Lenten Matins	15	\$83.00
Lenten Vespers	76	\$394.00

Offering Campaign

Contributions Last Week	Total Amount Contributed
\$457.50	\$35,091.50

COINS FOR CHRIST: All loose coins in Sunday offerings during the 2nd quarter are designated to the Orphan Grain Train. Total amount collected so far \$3.99.

OFFERING CAMPAIGN: A campaign has been organized by the Stewardship Committee to move our church forward and to meet our financial goals. You may make your special offering to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and put Offering Campaign in the memo line. This is an ongoing campaign, so feel free to make your contributions in increments. Thank you!!

CAR WASH: The LYF are selling Super Wash car wash tokens--5 for \$20!! They are available in the church office.

THANK YOU to everyone who generously contributed items for the Community Food Pantry. This will help them with their summer shortfall. Thanks for sharing! LYF

CAMP LUTHER ~ Information about summer camps at Camp Luther and registration forms can be found at www.camluther.org. If you are interested in enrolling, it is good to do so early as some camps fill up quickly. The St. Paul's Dorcas Society is offering scholarships to Camp Luther. The scholarships are given on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested in a scholarship or Camp Luther information, contact the school office.

LADIES: You are invited to attend the annual Mother/Daughter Salad Supper sponsored by the LWML on Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30pm in the church basement. Come for a "RAZZLE DAZZLE" evening of food, fun, and fellowship. Join us as we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the LWML. If you'd like, come dressed in your vintage wear, sparkling jewelry and/or purple. Entertainment will be provided by the Kramer Sisters. Bring a friend! For more information, contact Kelly in the church office.