

PALM / PASSION SUNDAY ~ MARCH 29, 2026



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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

Children's Sermon

Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller

Gathering (*repeat 3x*)

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

Hosanna in the highest!

Processional Gospel

Jesus' Triumphal Entry

Matthew 21: 1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter **Glory to You, O Lord**

Reading from the Stark Story Bible

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

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”

#344

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

First Reading

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

⁴ 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. ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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;

⁸ 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. ^{9a} It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsive Reading

Psalm 31: 9-16

⁹ Have 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.**

¹¹ 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 they avoid me.

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

¹³ 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.

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

¹⁵ My 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."**

Second Reading

Phillippians 2: 5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on

earth and under the earth, ¹¹ 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

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

please stand in body or spirit

Offertory

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

#188

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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.

Words of Institution

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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

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

#335

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.**

Passion Hymn

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

#345 (vs. 1-3)

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 26:14 - 27:54

The Preparation of the Passover

Matthew 26: 14-25

¹⁴ One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, “**What will you give me if I betray him to you?**” They paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. ¹⁷ On the first day of Unleavened Bread

the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹⁸ He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.' " ¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. ²⁰ When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve disciples, ²¹ and while they were eating he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." ²² And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "**Surely not I, Lord?**" ²³ He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." ²⁵ Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

Matthew 26: 26-29

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Song

"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

#468 (vs. 1 & 2)

Dispute, Prediction & Prayer

Matthew 26: 30-46

³⁰ When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ³¹ Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' ³² "But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." ³³ Peter said to him, "Even if all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." ³⁴ Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." ³⁵ Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples. ³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane,

and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." ³⁹ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not what I want but what you want." ⁴⁰ Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹ Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴² Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ⁴³ Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Now the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

Song

"Stay with Me"

#348

Betrayal, Arrest & Denial

Matthew 26: 47-75

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." ⁴⁹ At once he came up to Jesus and said, "**Greetings, Rabbi!**" and kissed him. ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹ Suddenly one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place, for all who take the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" ⁵⁵ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a rebel? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest

me. ⁵⁶ But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. ⁵⁷ Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸ But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. ⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹ and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’ ” ⁶² The high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” ⁶³ But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, “I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.” ⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” ⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What do you think?” They answered, **“He deserves death.”** ⁶⁷ Then they spat in his face and struck him, and some slapped him, ⁶⁸ saying, “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?” ⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A female servant came to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” ⁷⁰ But he denied it before all of them, saying, **“I do not know what you are talking about.”** ⁷¹ When he went out to the porch, another female servant saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus the Nazarene.” ⁷² Again he denied it with an oath, **“I do not know the man.”** ⁷³ After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.” ⁷⁴ Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, **“I do not know the man!”** At that moment the cock crowed. ⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

Judas' Regret

Matthew 27: 1-10

² ^{7:1} When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. ² They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. ³ When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. ⁴ He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." ⁵ Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. ⁶ But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." ⁷ After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. ⁸ For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price," ¹⁰ and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

The Trial of Jesus

Matthew 27: 11-31

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. ¹⁵ Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷ So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" ¹⁸ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹ The governor again said to them, "Which of

the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "**Barabbas.**" ²² Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "**Let him be crucified!**" ²³ Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "**Let him be crucified!**" ²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵ Then the people as a whole answered, "**His blood be on us and on our children!**" ²⁶ So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified. ²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "**Hail, King of the Jews!**" ³⁰ They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Song "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" #351 (vs. 1 & 2)

The Crucifixion of Jesus

Matthew 27: 32-44

³² As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶ then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷ Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸ Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "**You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.**" ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴² "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him

come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, 'I am God's Son.' " ⁴⁴ The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

Song

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

#337 (vs. 1-3)

The Death of Jesus

Matthew 27: 45-54

⁴⁵ From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶ And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." ⁴⁸ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³ After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Silence and Reflection

Blessing

God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten Journey. Amen

Sending Hymn

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

#338

Dismissal

Go in peace. Our journey continues.

Thanks be to God.

“THE CROSS FOR US”



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”, Vickie Fox, Mary Haluptzok, Kevin Tatum, Dennis & Claudia Moellman, Gene Beckman, Jerome Goosen, Nathan Vanderlinden, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.



Fred John Kreisel and Family (cousin of Ruth Ann Kreisel), Junior Garr, Heidi Hopp (grandmother of Nicole Rice), Mike Wingerter (brother of Susan Goosen), Kathy Harms, Deanna Browning, Debra Eichler, Kylie Simon, Hazel Karstons, Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Larry Haase (brother-in-law of Gene Beckman), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Joe Campbell, Cliff 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 & Homebound: Vern Dean Bohling, Shirley Cash and Larry & Judy Schlesselman: *Anew*. Eugene Beckman, Florence VonHolten & Arlene Schlesselman: *GSCC*. Earl Bauer: *Windsor Nursing Home*.

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



Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (grandson of Dennis Hamilton), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen), J. Phillips Navy Petty Officer E-4 MMN (nephew of Katy Schlesselman), Lt. Col. Ron Poe, SSG Nick Smith and Major Joseph Strathman.



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 \$12:00 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**.

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 1st**, 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 2nd** 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 3rd** at 7:00pm in the sanctuary for a service of darkness.

Easter Vigil: Join us for worship service on Saturday, **April 4th** at 5:30pm for the Easter vigil.





Easter: At 7:00am on Sunday, **April 5th** there will be Sunrise worship service in the Sanctuary 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"!

A fundraiser for "Little Blessings" Daycare will be held **Today** following worship. On the menu is a choice of lasagna or spaghetti with salad and a choice of desserts. All proceeds will be donated to the Little Blessings Daycare. Come and enjoy good fellowship and good food for a good cause!!



Cemetery Mowing Bids: We are requesting per time basis bids for mowing of the St. Paul's Cemetery on U Hwy. If you are interested, please deliver it to the church office and mark it Cemetery Mowing Bid. Any questions, contact Chester Schlesselman, Bill Viebrock or Cory Rice. Bids must be received by **Today**.

Quarterly Meeting: The Women of the ELCA will meet on Wednesday, **April 1 at 7:00 p.m.** for their quarterly meeting. We will be discussing the Mid-Missouri Women of the ELCA Gathering (April 25), possible revamping of our Ice Cream Social, and Ice Cream Social freewill recipients. All women are welcome to attend.



Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **April 2nd** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.

One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group is back at it again. They will meet on Monday, **April 6th** at 9:00am in the Gathering Space. Everyone is welcome to join the sewing group.



Worship: There will be no Casual Worship Service on Saturday, **April 11th**.

APRIL WORSHIP UPDATES: On Sunday, **April 12th**, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, we will have a guest preacher in worship. Rev. Kristen Koch is the DEM (Director for Evangelical Mission) with the Central States Synod. She will join us on the 12th to preach and preside while Pastor Stephen is out of town. There will be **NO** casual worship that weekend, **April 11th**. On the weekend of Sunday, **April 19th**, the 3rd Sunday of Easter, we will celebrate Holy Humor, our annual tradition of recognizing the Easter joy in our midst. There **WILL** be casual worship that weekend, on Saturday, **April 18th**.



Skating Party: Members and friends are invited to an afternoon of fun at the Wheel Thing Skate Center in Sedalia! Join us on **Sunday, April 19th**, from 2:00-4:00 pm. We have the whole rink reserved for ourselves that afternoon. A suggested donation of \$5-10 per skater would help offset the cost. The snack bar will not be open but we can bring our own snacks to share. Please RSVP at church so we know how many to expect! Lace up those skates and we'll see you there!

Circle: Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **April 20th** at 7:00pm at the home of Rhonda Schlesselman.



Worship Team

Planning: The Worship & Music committee will meet on Wednesday, **April 22nd** at 3:30pm.

Save the Date: SAVE THE DATE: Join us after worship on **Sunday, April 26**, for a luncheon to celebrate the music ministry of Lois Viebrock. Lois has retired from playing the organ after 65 years and we want to honor her. This will be a catered luncheon with a short program to give thanks for her service to the church. Please RSVP to the church office by **April 12** if you can attend!



Newsletter: The Sunbeam committee will meet on Wednesday, **April 29th** at 3:00pm.



Thank you, thank you for all who helped with the Lenten Soup Suppers for the past five weeks - preparing soups, and sandwiches, set-up and clean-up. Thank you to all who partook of the suppers and enjoyed good conversation and fellowship!

Education Scholarship: The Central States Women of the ELCA are offering the Lynn Starr Education Scholarship to the women of any ELCA congregation who are seeking a post-high school education. The scholarship is a one-year non-renewable scholarship (not exceeding \$1,000). Applications must be **postmarked by April 30, 2026**. The applications (containing additional information) can be found at each usher's stand. The following St. Paul's women have been awarded a scholarship over the past three years: Lauren Bailey, Alyssa Fowler, and Jenna Nash. For questions, please see Janice.



Graduates: As the end of the year approaches, we want to be sure we are remembering and honoring everyone who will be graduating. We will honor our high school seniors in worship on Sunday, **May 3rd**. If you or someone in your family is having a graduation this year, please be sure to let the church office know.

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

Calling All Fishermen! We're in need of fish for our upcoming Fish Fry on Sunday, **May 31st** 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 if you're able to contribute. We appreciate your generosity and willingness to help! Thank you and God bless!



Summer Events: Attention youth and families, please mark your calendar for our summer events! Vacation Bible School: **July 20 - 24** & Mid-MO Bible Camp: **July 12 - 16**.

~ * ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~ * ~



Mark your calendar for **April 12**, it is time for the 2026 Easter Cantata sponsored by Cole Camp Regional Ministry. This beautiful collection of music spotlights the crucified and risen Christ, performed by the Cole Camp Community Choir.

Pre-music at 3:45, the program starts at 4:00 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cole Camp. The cantata is free to attend, yet if you would like to help the choir purchase new music a free-will basket will be available. Come and enjoy!

Can you help? The Cole Camp Food Pantry is in need of 2-3 volunteers who would be able to fill in when regular volunteers cannot be there. The Pantry is open Wednesdays from 10am-12noon, Thursdays from 3pm-5pm, and Saturdays from 10am-12noon. Volunteers must be 18+ years old, out of high school, and not a client of the Food Pantry. If you have questions or interest, please contact Sheila Sabala, Food Pantry Manager, at (816) 559-1111. Thank you!



Pool Fundraiser: Make a splash for a big cause! Join us for a delicious and meaningful community event at the **Annual Cole Camp Swimming Pool Fundraiser Dinner** on **April 19th** from **11:00 am-1:00 pm** in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Gymnasium. The menu will include mouth-watering

pulled pork, a classic bean roll, savory potatoes and homemade dessert. A free will donation will be offered - give what you can to support pool operating expenses and keep this community treasure going strong!

There will also be opportunities to sign up for swim lessons and take advantage of special membership deals for the upcoming season. Bring your family, invite your friends, and come hungry—every bite helps make a difference! Let's work together to keep our pool a place for fun, fitness, and community all summer long. Help keep our local pool open and thriving for everyone to enjoy this summer!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, March 29:	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
	AW	Little Blessing Fundraiser
Monday, March 30	12:00 pm	Holy Week Reflections
Tuesday, March 31:	12:00 pm	Holy Week Reflections
Wednesday, April 1:	12:00 pm	Holy Week Reflections
	6:30pm	Kid's Holy Week Event
Thursday, April 2:	8:00am	BCHD
	12:00 pm	Holy Week Reflections
	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, April 3:	12:00 pm	Holy Week Reflections
	7:00pm	Good Friday Service
Saturday, April 4:	12:00 pm	Holy Week Reflections
	5:30pm	Easter Vigil Service
Sunday, April 5:	7:00am	Sunrise Service
	AW	Breakfast
	9:00am	Easter Egg Hunt
	10:00am	Easter Worship Service
		Holy Communion at the Altar



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April 2	Maundy Thursday Service
April 3	Good Friday Service
April 4	Easter Vigil
April 5	Sunrise Service
April 5	Easter Service

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Sandy Schlesselman
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
AV Technicians Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar Guild Glenalee Dillon & Suzanne Lutjen
Ushers Melinda Strathman - Head Usher
..... Mark Oelrichs, Chad Schlesselman, Randy Schlesselman, Steve Triplett



Palm/Passion Sunday ~ March 29, 2026

Assisting Minister Tom Oelrichs
Communion Assistants Virgil & Diann Holsten
Reader Passion Reading
Children's Sermon Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes Kale Kruep & Evan Randall
Flowers Janice Gerken



Easter Sunday ~ April 5, 2026

Assisting Minister Darin Oelrichs
Communion Assistants At the Altar
Reader Brian Randall
Children's Sermon Pastor Stephen Zeller
Acolytes Mason Randall & Jace Tinney
Flowers Easter Lilies