

*Palm Weekend*  
*March 28-29, 2026*



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*St. Paul's Lutheran Church*

*March 28: 5:00 pm: Amherst Campus*

*March 29: 10:00 am: Eggertsville Campus*



*Welcome to St. Paul's!*

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**“Triumph and Tragedy”**

*The Passion of Jesus based on  
Matthew's Gospel*

Players: Narrator, Jesus, Peter, Judas, Servant, Pilate, High Priest, Witness, and Disciples (The congregation reads portions labeled **People** in bold print)

*Order of Service*

*Prelude*

*Welcome: Choir Anthem (Sunday Service)*

*“The Entry into Jerusalem”*

Narrator: When they had come near Jerusalem, and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,

Jesus: Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately, you will find a donkey and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.”

Narrator: The disciples went and did as Jesus directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks over them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting:

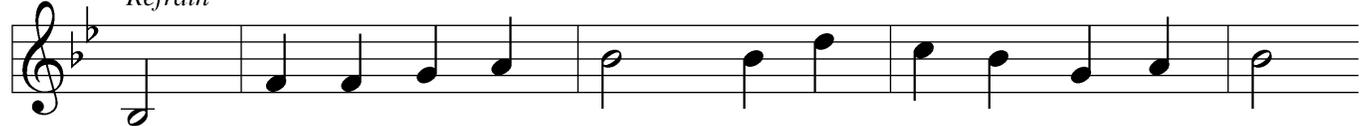
People: **Hosanna to the Son of David!**  
**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**  
**Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

*(Sunday Service: The Sunday School children will process the cross in. Please throw your palms as they come near.)*

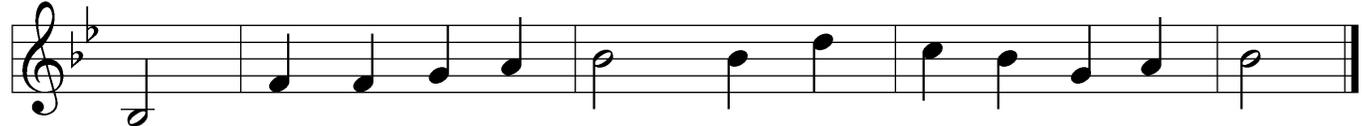
Opening Hymn: *LBW 108*

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

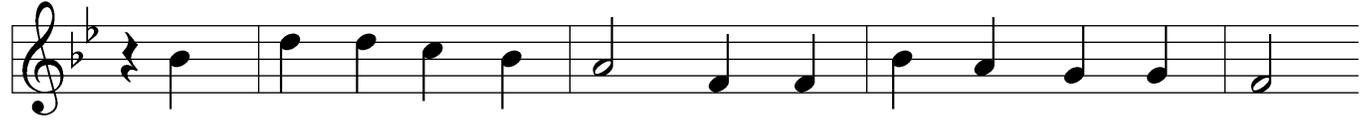
*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing you on high;  
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went.  
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
Our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

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

- Narrator:** When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples,  
**Jesus:** You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.  
**Narrator:** Then the chief priests and elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and they conspired to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said,  
**People:** Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.

Narrator: Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said,

**Disciples: Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor.**

Narrator: But Jesus, aware of this, said to them,

Jesus: Why do you trouble this woman? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. Truly I tell you wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.

Narrator: Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief of priests and said,

Judas: What will you give me if I betray him to you?

Narrator: They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

**Disciples: Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?**

Narrator: He said,

Jesus: 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."

Narrator: So the disciples did as Jesus directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve, and while they were eating, he said,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.

Narrator: And they became greatly stressed and began to say to him one after another,

**Disciples: Surely not I Lord!**

Narrator: He answered,

Jesus: The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. 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.

Narrator: Judas, who betrayed him, said,

Judas: Surely not I, Rabbi?

Narrator: Jesus replied,

Jesus: You have said so.  
Narrator: While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,  
Jesus: Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.  
People: **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,**  
Narrator: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them saying,  
Jesus: Drink from it all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.  
People: **and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**  
Narrator: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives and communed with Jesus.



*Communion Hymn: Come Let us Eat, LBW #214*

Pastor sings lines 1 & 3, congregation sings lines 2 & 4

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,

**Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.**

Our Lord's body let us take together,

**Our Lord's body let us take together.**

Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,

**Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.**

Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,

**Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.**

In His presence now we meet and rest,

**In His presence now we meet and rest.**

In the presence of our Lord we gather,

**In the presence of our Lord we gather.**

Narrator: Come, the feast is offered!

People: Thank you for this meal, Father in heaven; Holy is your name. We await your kingdom coming and your will being done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

Narrator: Today, God gives you this bread and forgives your trespasses.

People: Better than we forgive the sins of others? Thank you Lord! Lead us away from temptations and deliver us. Deliver us!

*( The Pastors will provide directions for Communion.  
As you come forward for Communion,  
please bring your offering with you, and place it in the Offering Plate.)*

### ***Ways to Give to St. Paul's:***

Options you can use to continue tithing to St. Paul's:

- **In-Person Worship:** Continue to put your envelopes and cash in the plate
- **Giving by Mail:** Please mail your donations payable to St. Paul's, 4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, NY 14226
- **Online:** The St. Paul's website contains a link to Online Giving. The website is: <https://stpaulseggertsville.com/online-giving/>

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Last Week's Service Offerings: \$4,639.00

Budgeted Weekly Service Offering: \$7,488.00

Jesus: You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered. But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.

Narrator: Peter said to him,

Peter: Even if the rest of them desert you Lord, I surely won't.

Jesus: Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

Narrator: Peter said to him,

Peter: Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

Narrator: And all of the disciples said the same thing. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

Jesus: Sit here while I go over there and pray.

Narrator: He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee with him, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

Jesus: I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.

Narrator: And going a little farther, he threw himself to the ground and prayed.

*Hymn: ELW 752*

## Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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### Community Prayer Petition

**A** Lord, listen to your children praying. Your heart breaks open as we are reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

O God, you announce words of grace and truth. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church both globally and locally. Open our hearts to encounter the infinite life you offer in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

**A** Your heart breaks open as You hold the whole universe. Gather sun and moon, clouds and stars, land and sea, and plants and animals around the cross, so that all creation bears witness to your saving love. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

Jesus: My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want, but what you want be done.

Narrator: Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter,

Jesus: So, could you not stay awake with me for one hour? Stay awake with me and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Narrator: Again he went away for the second time and prayed.

**People Sing: Lord, listen to your children praying  
Lord, send your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

### *Community Prayer Petition*

**A** Your heart breaks open at our pain. Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus, know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Be with those experiencing pain or loss this day. We pray especially for the people on our Prayer Lists and Prayer Chain, and those we name before you now, either silently or aloud. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

**A** Your ways show compassion. Let this same mind be in us as we enter Holy Week. Bless those here who will lead worship and tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

Jesus: My Father, if it cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.

Narrator: Again, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words.

**People Sing: Lord, listen to your children praying  
Lord, send your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

## Community Prayer Petition

A Lord, listen to your children praying. We thank you for all the saints who cried "Hosanna" to the Lord in life and now rest in everlasting light. Bless us with their memory, and sustain us by your Word. Hear us, O God.,

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Now is the acceptable time to offer our prayers to you, God of grace and truth. Receive them in your mercy, and grant us all that we need, in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**



Narrator: Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

Jesus: Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See my betrayer is at hand.

Narrator: While he was 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. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas: The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.

Narrator: And at once he came up to Jesus and said,

Judas: Greetings Rabbi!

Narrator: Then Judas kissed him. Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Friend, do what you are here to do.

Narrator: Then they came and laid their hands on Jesus and arrested him.

Suddenly, one of those with his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

Jesus: Enough! Put your sword back into its place; for all who live by the sword will die by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen this way?

Narrator: At that hour, Jesus said to the crowds,

Jesus: Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as if I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the Temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.

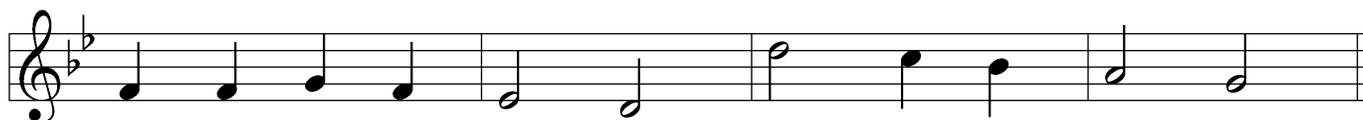
## Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that man to  
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for man's a - tone - ment,  
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.  
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.  
Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

**Narrator:** Then all of the disciples deserted him and fled. Those who arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. 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 to see how this would end up. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

Witness: This fellow said, “I am able to destroy the temple of God and build it in three days.”

High Priest: Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

Narrator: But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

High Priest: I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus: You have said it is so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.

Narrator: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

High Priest: He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your verdict?

Narrator: They answered together,

**People: He deserves death!**

Narrator: They spat in his face and struck him and some slapped him, saying,

**People: Explain this to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?**

Narrator: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant girl came to him and said,

Servant: You were also with Jesus, the Galilean.

Narrator: But he denied it before all of them, saying,

Peter: I do not know what you are talking about.

Narrator: When he went out to the porch, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

Servant: This man was with Jesus of Nazareth!

Narrator: Again, Peter denied it.

Peter: I do not know that man.

Narrator: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

**People: Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.**

Narrator: Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter: I do not know the man!

Narrator: At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

## Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended



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sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.  
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.  
Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Narrator: Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Jesus: You say so.

Narrator: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate: Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

Narrator: But Jesus gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So after they gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Whom do you want me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Narrator: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, he remembered that his wife sent word to him reminding him to have nothing to do with that innocent man. For that day she suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

Narrator: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

Pilate: People, which of the two do you want me to release for you?

People: **Barabbas. Release Barabbas!**

Pilate: Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

People: *(yelling)* **Crucify him! Crucify him!**

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

Narrator: But they shouted all the more,

People: **It doesn't matter! Crucify him!**

Narrator: 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,

Pilate: I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

Narrator: Then the people as a whole answered,

People: **His blood is on us and on our children!**

Narrator: So they released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, 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,

People: **Hail, King of the Jews! What kind of King dies like this?**

Narrator: They spat on him, and took the reed, and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene, named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull) they offered him wine to drink mixed with gall; but when he tasted it he would not drink it.

Narrator: And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him which read,

“This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

**People:** 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.

**Narrator:** In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

**High Priest:** He saved others; he cannot save himself! If he is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’

**Narrator:** The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

*Hymn: LBW 107*

## Beneath the Cross of Jesus



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

**Narrator:** From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,  
**Jesus:** Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?  
**Narrator:** That is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,  
**People:** **This man is calling for Elijah.**  
**Narrator:** 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. But the others said,  
**People:** **Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.**  
**Narrator:** Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

***Hymn: Were You There; LBW 92, Verse 2***

**Solo:** Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh....., sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

**People Sing:** Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh....., sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

**Narrator:** At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After Jesus' resurrection, those saints came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. 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,

**Men:** **Truly this man was God's Son!**

**Narrator:** Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

**Women:** **We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

Narrator: Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

Men: Sir, we remember what that imposter said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’

Women: On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

Men: Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead.’

Women: He rose again!

Men: And the last deception would be worse than the first.

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.

Narrator: So, they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone. Or was it?

### *Stripping of the Altar*

*(As Psalm 22 is read, the Altar will be stripped in preparation for Good Friday.)*

#### *Reflections: Pastor Steve - For the Sake of Tiny Resurrections*

*We took the kids to the beach, a herd of children lathered in sunscreen. We spent most of the day building sandcastles, swimming in the shallows, wiping sand off their eyelashes and noses.*

*Things changed when a small fish washed up on shore. The children saw it first— a little body gasping to survive. They cried out—Quick! We have to save it!*

*We grabbed our buckets. We sprinted to the waterline. We scooped up the dying fish and returned it to the waves. The kids sagged with relief as the fish jolted to life, a tiny resurrection in front of our very eyes.*

*Full of pride, I said to them—You did something good. Today, you saved a life. A seven-year-old with sun-kissed cheeks took the bucket from my hands and said, I’d like to save some more.*

*He spent the afternoon patrolling the waves, hoping to dole out mercy to any shore-washed fish. He carried his bucket around all day, because love inspires love.*

*Love will make you want to patrol the shoreline, sing Hosanna, witness a resurrection, save some more— one bucket of water at a time.*

*Poem by: Rev. Sarah Speed*

## Sharing of God's Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

## Benediction:

P As you leave this place, when you meet anger, speak with love. When you meet fear, speak with hope. When you meet pain, speak with gentleness. But no matter what, speak this good news. For the good news of the gospel is love and justice for all. It is joy that surprises, and grace that transforms. The good news of the gospel is alive in the world, so go forth speaking. For if we won't, then who will? Thanks be to God for this good, good news. And all God's children' said:

C Amen!

## Closing Hymn: ELW 660

### Lift High the Cross



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

## Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### What's Happening This Week at St. Paul's: March 29- April 5, 2026

\*Unless otherwise noted, all activities will take place at the Eggertsville Campus\*

- Sunday: Palm Weekend**  
9:00-9:45 am: Adult Forum  
9:30 am-1:00 pm: Western New York Church at AC  
10:00 am: Church Unleashed: YouTube, Facebook, and MeTV  
10:00 am: Worship, Communion, and Sunday School  
1:00 pm: Ray of Hope at AC
- Monday:** 4:15 pm: Daily Bread Food Truck Meal Share  
5:30-9:00 pm: Straight Pepper Diet Meeting at AC
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study  
5:00-6:30 pm: We Can No Longer Blame Others (NA)
- Wednesday:** 1:00 pm: Pinochle Group  
6:30-8:30 pm: Ray of Hope Prayer Group at AC  
8:00 pm: AA Meeting
- Thursday: Maundy Thursday**  
3:00-6:30 pm: Tiger's Den Food Pantry Open  
6:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Worship Meal  
7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal
- Friday: Good Friday**  
12:00 pm: Good Friday Tenebrae Service  
7:00 pm: Good Friday Tenebrae Service
- Saturday: Easter Vigil**  
9:00 am-3:00 pm: Peniel Haitian Church at AC  
5:00 pm: Easter Vigil Worship and Communion at AC
- Sunday: Easter**  
8:00 am: Easter Worship and Communion followed by Easter Egg Hunt  
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**Deacons:** 3/29: Nancy Bartels-Holiman; 4/5: Barbara Walter, John Schunak

**Ushers:** 3/29: Todd Vahue, Vanessa Solomon, & Marissa Vahue; 4/5: 8:00 am: Todd Vahue; 4/5: 10:00 am: Lonny Walter, Jerry Keppel, Geri Horton, Helen Gibson

**Prayer List: In our congregational and extended family:** Amy (Mary Bashore's friend); Martha Szczerbinski; Sondra Howe; Claudia Staines; Maurice Saxton; Norma Hornung; Christine Vranich; Barbara Fisher; Cheryl Shepker; David Wiczorek; Cindy Milazzo Schwartz; Sylvia McLaughlin; Sue Epstein

**Prayer List: Shut-Ins (\* indicates new names or changes added this week)**

Joyce Chace: Brookdale, 6076 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221

Neal DeLeo: Greenfield Manor, #D127, 5958 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086

Jack Gallagher: Amberleigh, 2330 Maple Road, #183, Williamsville, NY 14221

John Hornung: Brothers of Mercy, 10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence, NY 14031  
Jan Isaacs: 6 Bush Gardens, Three Rod Road, Alden, NY 14004  
Joan Maefs: Solstice, 6363 Transit Road, #136, East Amherst, NY 14051  
Elaine Masman: Heathwood Assisted Living, 815 Hopkins, Room 251, Williamsville, NY 14221  
Sylvia McLaughlin: 44 Sherwin Drive, Tonawanda, NY 14150  
Wilma Nantka: Fredonia Place, 201 Reist Street, #238, Williamsville, NY 14221  
Charles Scofield: Fredonia Place, 201 Reist Street, #228, Williamsville, NY 14221  
David Wolf: Solstice, 6363 Transit Road, #244, East Amherst, NY 14051

### ***PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS***

***In-Person Worship:*** St. Paul's has two in-person worship services: Saturday evening at 5:00 pm at the Amherst Campus, 5125 Main Street, Williamsville, 14221, and Sunday morning at 10:00 am at the Eggertsville Campus, 4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, 14226. The Sunday 10:00 am worship service is also livestreamed on St. Paul's YouTube page.

***Church Unleashed:*** If you cannot join us for in-person worship, please continue to worship with us as Church Unleashed on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am on WBBZ, YouTube, or Facebook.

***Prayer Team Ministry:*** Once a week you will receive an email with a list of people to pray for and specific requests for that person. We ask that you commit to praying for the names on the email. If you'd like to join us, please contact Cody at: [Cody@stpaulseggertsville.com](mailto:Cody@stpaulseggertsville.com)

***Daily Bread Food Truck:*** The 2026 Monday Meal Share is underway each Monday from 4:15-5:15 pm. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, contact the office at 716-835-0407 or [dailybread4007@gmail.com](mailto:dailybread4007@gmail.com).

### ***NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS***

***Tigers Den Food Pantry:*** The Food Pantry is open to anyone in need in zip code 14226, is associated with St. Paul's Amherst Campus, or by referral. The pantry hours for April are: Thursdays 4/2, 4/16, and 4/30 from 3:00-6:30 pm; and Saturdays 4/11 and 4/25 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Donations for April: .

***Easter Egg Hunt:*** Sunday School invites children to participate in our annual Easter Egg Hunt following the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Easter Worship Services at the Eggertsville Campus.



## **Holy Week**

***April 2, 6:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Worship Meal***

***April 3, 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm: Good Friday Services***

***April 4, 5:00 pm: Easter Vigil Service at Amherst Campus***

***April 5, 8:00 am and 10:00 am: Easter Worship Services***



# THANK YOU!

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**Your ooodles of support is almost better than Steve D's spaghetti sauce!**

Truly, a HUGE thanks to Steve & Kris DiPasquale for heading up the kitchen and recruiting such awesome kitchen helpers. As well as everyone who brought in baskets and desserts to make this dinner such a success for our young people year after year.

## NEW MISSIONARY *Orientation*

**APRIL 12**



**Interested in becoming part of the family at St. Paul's Lutheran Church?**

**Join us for our New Missionary Orientation on April 12 immediately following worship.**

**This relaxed and welcoming gathering is a chance to learn more about the life and ministry of St. Paul's. We'll talk about our mission, and the many ways you can grow in faith, serve the community, and connect with others in the congregation.**

**Whether you are new to the church or have been attending for a while and are ready to take the next step, we would love to have you join us. Come discover what it means to be part of the St. Paul's community!**

**Please RSVP to Pastor Steve at [steve@stpaulseggertsville.com](mailto:steve@stpaulseggertsville.com) by 4/6 if you are able to attend!**