

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Palm Sunday ~ Sunday March 29, 2026

GATHERING

Gather at the door with our palms. We will all enter together and then do a little lap around the church from the side up the center aisle.

Acclamation

Repeat one or more times.

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

C: Hosanna in the highest.

Processional Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied 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.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he 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, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Blessing of Palms

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, with you.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Procession

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the name of Christ. Amen.

The assembly follows the pastors, acolytes, and kids into the church while singing.

Processional Hymn: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Screen or ELW #344

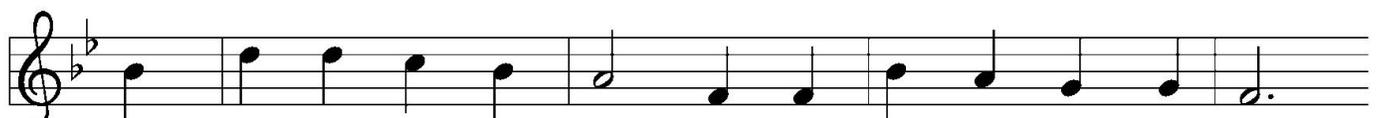
Refrain



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 are 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 Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635
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Children's Message

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Sovereign God,

C: 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.

The assembly is invited to be seated.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A: A reading from Isaiah.

A: 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?

A: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16

A: We will read Psalm 31: 9-16 responsively by whole verse.

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

C: For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

A: 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.

C: Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;

A: For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;

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

A: My times are in your hand;

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

C: Let your face shine upon your servant;

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

A: A reading from Philippians.

A: 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,
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.

A: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Assembly is invited to rise in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 19th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: After he had said this, he 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."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Assembly is invited to be seated

Sermon

Assembly is invited to rise in body or spirit

Hymn of the Day:

“Lamb of God Most High”

Screen



1 *San - to Cor - de - ro, en cruz cla - va - do,*
 1 Lamb of God most ho - ly, up - on the cross ex - tend - ed,
 2 Mine is the trans - gres - sion that caus - es you to suf - fer.
 3 Lamb of God most ho - ly, up - on the cross for - sak - en,



mue - res car - ga - do con mi mal - dad.
 all my sin you car - ry, the bur - den of my soul.
 Mine is the re - bel - lion, but you re - ceive the blame.
 for our sin you suf - fered, so far from God on high.



¡A - mor ex - cel - so! Mis pe - nas pa - gas,
 What love a - maz - ing! What price un - bound - ed!
 My guilt be - fore me, I come be - fore you;
 Your life sur - ren - dered in mer - cy frees us;



y por tus lla - gas sa - lud me das.
 Your bod - y, wound - ed, will make me whole.
 Lord, I im - plore you, re - move my shame.
 your name, O Je - sus, we glo - ri - fy.

*2 Por mis pecados sé que has sufrido,
 y que te ha herido mi rebelión;
 lo reconozco, mis culpas lloro,
 y triste imploro, Señor, perdón.*

*3 Del Padre eterno desamparado,
 por mi pecado sufres la cruz;
 por eso el alma de amor vencida,
 queda rendida, a ti, Jesús.*

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Prayers of Intercession

P: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

A: 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.

P: 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.

A: Your power is sure. Destroy inequity and division in every place, and build your beloved community among all people. Guide judges, attorneys, and juries so that they act with justice and fairness. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: 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, especially Deanna Wilson, Eva Cowley, Deb Liebrecht, Connie Laidig, Chase Flynn, La Donna Groshans, Peg Miller, David Weaver, Judy Hallquist, Joyce Snyder, Jim & Carolyn Marshall, and those we name aloud or in our heart hearts... *brief silence*... 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.

P: O God, your embrace is eternal. Praise and thanks to you for all the faithful departed who rest in your mercy. Deliver us all from death's power and raise us to life in you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Assembly may greet one another for sharing the peace, and then are invited to be seated.

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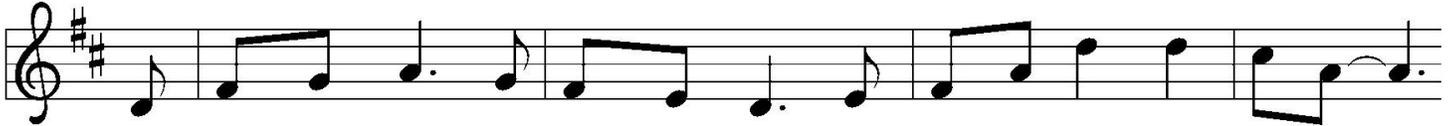
Offering

General and special offerings may be placed in the plates by the doors as we enter or depart. In addition to the offering that supports the ministry of St. Paul, the children of St. Paul receive a weekly Children's Offering.

Their offering this month will support the service projects they will be participating in during the week of vacation Bible school in June. We thank the children and youth for their help collecting the children's offering!

Offering Song

"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring" Screen or ELW #691



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

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Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune
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Assembly is invited to rise in body or spirit.

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth,

C: 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.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

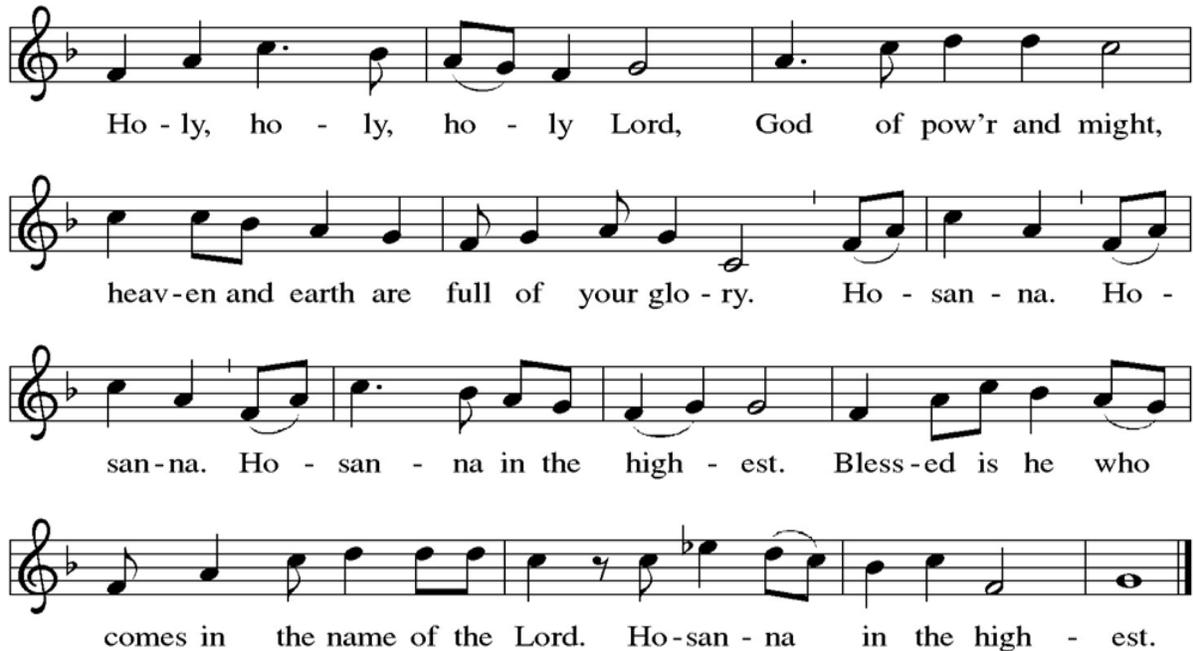
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

C: And also with you.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: 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: Screen or ELW pg. 144



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we

are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

Assembly is invited to be seated.

Celebration of First Communion

P: We celebrate now those we are coming to the Lord's Table for the first time. Having received instruction and knowing in their hearts that God's good gifts of grace, mercy, love, and forgiveness are for them, we welcome them to partake in the sharing of our Lord's Body and Blood in this most holy Sacrament.

*At this time, first communicants and their families are invited to come forward
Applause once the first communicants and their families finish receiving Communion. After
they return to their seats, Communion distribution continues as normal*

Communion Distribution

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for
you. The blood of Christ, shed for you."*

Each person may respond, "amen".

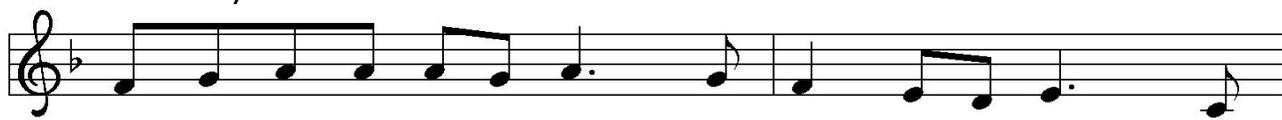
St. Paul Lutheran Church and the ELCA practice "open table" communion.

*This is Christ's table; Jesus is our host. Everyone is invited and welcome to receive Holy
Communion!*

Communion Hymns:

Lamb of God

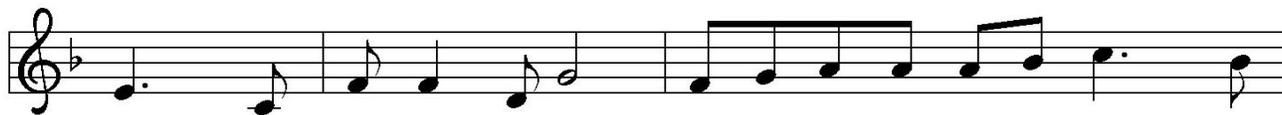
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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Screen or ELW #338



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.

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Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER. Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927
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Post Communion Blessing

P: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray. God of our salvation,

C: we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:

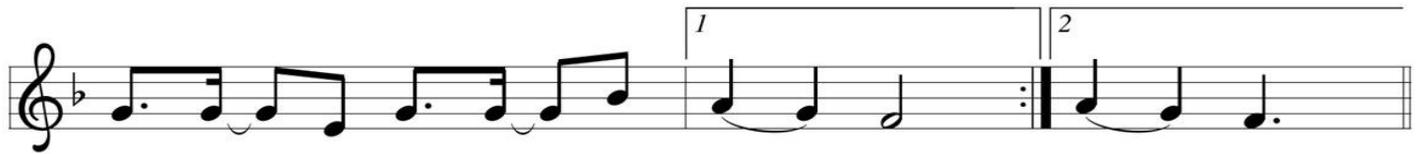
God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ☩ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Song: "Pave the Way with Branches" Screen



*Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.



Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na.



Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -



san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace.

**Additional verses ad lib.:*

Release for the captives . . .

Hope for the downtrod . . .

Land for the landless . . .

Debts are forgiven . . .

Text: Bret Hesla, b. 1957

Music: PAVE THE WAY, Bret Hesla

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Leading Worship

President: Pastor Riley **Preacher:** Pastor Anthony

Musician: Kathy Sheridan

Worship Assistant: Joyce Craney

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St. Paul Announcements

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 3/29:	Palm Sunday Breakfast/ Faith Lab 8:00 am - 10:30 am Worship Service 11:00 am worship assistant: Joyce Craney DACMA Lenten service 6 pm Hymn Sing at Church of the Brethren
Monday, 3/30:	Prayer Group 10:00 am
Tuesday, 3/31:	Join Staff Meeting 9:00 am at St. Paul Line Dancing 9:00 am
Wednesday, 4/1:	Worship & Music committee meeting 1:00 pm Christian Ed/Faith Formation meeting 3:00 pm
Thursday, 4/2:	Chair Yoga 11:00 am Praise Band rehearsal 1:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship 5:30 pm at ILC
Friday, 4/3:	Good Friday 5:30 pm at St. Paul worship assistant: Robin Colglazier
Saturday, 4/4:	Eater Vigil 8:00 pm at St. Paul worship assistant: Lester Hallquist
Sunday, 4/5:	Easter Egg / Scavenger Hunt 10:00 am Easter Worship Service 11:00 am worship assistant: Joyce Craney

Today's worship is livestreamed on Facebook and archived on YouTube. If ever you miss a service, you can join us online.

EASTER EGG HUNT
&
"LIFE-OF-JESUS" SCAVENGER HUNT

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5 *He is RISEN!*

- Scavenger hunt 10am
- Egg hunt 10:30am

The poster features five illustrations of Jesus: 1. Jesus with a sheep, 2. Jesus with a cross, 3. Jesus with a scroll, 4. Jesus in prayer, 5. A wooden cross with a purple shroud.

WELCA Coffee

Wednesday, April 8th

9:00 am



The St. Paul Church Office will be closed on Monday April 6th