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PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

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As We Gather—

Palms and passion hardly seem to fit together, but in Jesus they do. The palms welcomed Jesus to the triumph of suffering that paid the full price of our sin, and the hosannas cried out to Him who exchanged His life for death so that we might live. There are no palms and hosannas that do not end in the cross, and there is no passion that does not lead us to faith and to rejoice in what His suffering has accomplished. Our Lord came to the cross not as an unwilling victim, but as the One who alone surrendered His life into death. We do not come to the Lord under coercion or as people compelled, but at the bidding of the Gospel and by the power of the Holy Spirit! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Prelude: Choir Anthem: “Hosanna in the Highest” – David W. Music

Pastoral Greeting

Processional Hymn: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (*verses 1 & 2 only*) #442

*ref All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

Now in the Lord’s name coming,
Our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

2 The company of angels
Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply. *Refrain*

1 You are the King of Israel
And David’s royal Son,

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ✠

C Amen.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

P Let us pray together.

C Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King, and when He comes again, may meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Processional Gospel

John 12:12-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

The Triumphal Entry

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

P Let us go forth in peace

C in the name of the Lord.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest.

Hymn “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (*verses 3-5 only*)

#442

ref All glory, laud, and honor

To You, Redeemer, King,

To whom the lips of children

Made sweet hosannas ring.

4 To You before Your passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. *Refrain*

3 The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present. *Refrain*

5 As You received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev’ry blessing,
Our good and gracious King. *Refrain*

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A Call to Praise

P All hail to Jesus, the King of our lives! Lift up your hearts and rejoice in Him!

C He came from the very throne of God, but He gave that up to suffer a criminal’s death on a cross.

P But God raised Him up, that the ends of the earth may bow before Him as their King!

C Jesus Christ is Lord! Hosanna!

P In Him is forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

C Have mercy on us, Lord! Bless us with Your peace! Hosanna! Hosanna!

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

P Today is the beginning of Holy Week. During this time, we recall how our Savior gave His life so that our sins may all be forgiven, and heaven opened to us.

C But even during worship, our minds wander to other concerns.

P These concerns are already known to God. Give them into His loving hands for resolution, but turn your hearts and minds to focus on our Lord’s step-by-step determination to free us from every sin. Confident of the forgiveness He won through His glorious death and resurrection, let us then

admit our sinful condition to Him and to one another.

C I confess to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in my thinking, speaking and acting. I am mired in sin and incapable of saving myself. Heavenly Father, for Jesus' sake and because of His sacrifice for us fallen creatures, we beg You to forgive, strengthen, and turn us to Your will so that we may follow our Savior in loving service to You and to one another.

P As a called and ordained servant of Christ, who gave Himself over to death that we might have eternal life, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Psalter – Psalm 24 (*read responsively*) Our King Comes in Glory

P The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof;

C The world and they and they that dwell therein.

P For He hath founded it upon the seas,

C and established it upon the floods.

P Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?

C or who shall stand in His holy place?

P He that hath clean hands and pure heart;

C who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully,

P He shall receive the blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

C This is the generation of them that seek Him, that seek thy face, O Jacob.

P Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors;

C and the King of glory shall come in.

P Who is the King of glory?

C The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

P Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up ye everlasting doors;

C and the King of glory shall come in.

P Who is the King of glory?

C The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of the Day

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

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 32:36-39

³⁶The LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free.

³⁷Then he will say, "Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge,

³⁸who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering?

Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection!

³⁹ "See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me;

I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem *"He Comes" – N. Sleeth*

Epistle

Philippians 2: 5-11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Passion Reading: Part 1

Luke 23:1-5

Jesus Before Pilate

¹Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. ²And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." ³And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "**You have said so.**" ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." ⁵But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

Passion Hymn: "Jesus, I will Ponder Now" (verse 1)

#440

1 Jesus, I will ponder now
On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death
That I may not perish.

Passion Reading: Part 2

Luke 23:6-16

Jesus Before Herod

⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that

time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. ⁹So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. ¹²And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. ¹⁶I will therefore punish and release him."

Passion Hymn: "Jesus, I will Ponder Now" (*verse 2*) #440

2 Make me see Your great distress,
Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
And Your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod,
Spear and nails did wound You,
How for them You died, O God,
Who with thorns had crowned You.

Passion Reading: Part 3 *Luke 23:18-25*

Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified

¹⁸But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"— ¹⁹a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. ²⁰Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, ²¹but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" ²²A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." ²³But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

Passion Hymn: "Jesus, I will Ponder Now" (*verse 3*) #440

3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
Make me see Your passion,
But its cause to me make known
And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin
Wrought Your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been
Of Your crucifixion.

The Crucifixion

²⁶And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, **“Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”**

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, **“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”** And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³And he said to him, **“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”**

Passion Hymn: “Jesus, I will Ponder Now” (*verse 4*) #440

4 Grant that I Your passion view
 With repentant grieving.
 Let me not bring shame to You
 By unholy living.
 How could I refuse to shun
 Ev’ry sinful pleasure
 Since for me God’s only Son
 Suffered without measure?

The Death of Jesus

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun’s light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, **“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!”** And having said this he breathed his last. ⁴⁸Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent!” And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

Passion Hymn: "Jesus, I will Ponder Now" (*verse 5*) #440

5 If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son,
God must have compassion!

Passion Reading: Part 6

Luke 23:50-56

Jesus Is Buried

⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, ⁵¹who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Passion Hymn: "Jesus, I will Ponder Now" (*verse 6*) #440

6 Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.

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Sermon

Hymn: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" (*verses 1, 2 & 5 only*) #437

1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
And did my sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?
2 Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?

Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!
5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away:
'Tis all that I can do.

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✠ Affirmation of Faith ✠

- P** God the Father, created all things, and proclaimed them “good.” Everything was perfect.
- C** Sin slithered into creation, and that which was “good” became evil.
- P** In love, God sent His only Son to rescue creation. Jesus, the eternal light of the Father, left His position in heaven and took on flesh. He emptied Himself, poured Himself out as an offering, and became obedient unto death.
- C** He entered the world, and the world rejected Him. Even those who shouted “Hosanna” would also shout “Crucify Him.”
- P** He died as the payment for sin, and in His death, we are forgiven.
- C** He died as the Lamb, offered for the sins of the world.
- P** He died, rejected by those He had come to save.
- C** He died, surrendered to the will of the Father, silent before His accusers.
- P** He rose as the sign of the sufficiency of His sacrifice, and we live new lives.
- C** His Spirit of life enter us and brings us to faith, enabling us to shout “Hosanna”, and to live as those who bear the image of Christ— those who empty themselves, and take on the form of servant.
- P** Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna to the Son of David.

Announcements

Sharing of God’s Peace

Offering—*may be left in the offering plates near the doors as you leave. Offerings may also be dropped off at the office or mailed, and on-line giving is available to everyone on our website at www.stpauloaklawn.org. For information about regular electronic giving, please call the church office.*

Choir Anthem: “*There is a Redeemer*” – Melody Green

Prayers of the Church

- P** Gracious heavenly Father, You promised to send Your Son as King, triumphant and victorious.
- C** We praise You for Your faithfulness and join our voices with those who acclaimed Him with words, “Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”
- P** You sent your Son not to exalt Himself, but to humble Himself.
- C** Grant us the grace to follow His example, to humble ourselves before You, and to be obedient to Your will.
- P** On our behalf Your Son, deserted by His followers, faced death alone.
- C** Grant us the assurance that by His death, we need not face death alone. At our last hour, give us the comfort of Your presence and the assurance of life in His presence forever.
- P** Your Son gave His life as a ransom for all.
- C** Grant us the will to proclaim His death and resurrection throughout this world. Bless all pastors, teachers, and missionaries who devote themselves to the spread of Your kingdom.
- P** Your Son cared for the sick and the needy.
- C** Grant us opportunities to care for those in need around us. Help us to be generous in sharing

our time, abilities, and treasures in Your name with those whom You love.

- P** Help us as we pray for those with special needs... Provide for their needs according to Your good and gracious will.
- C** Hear our prayers, gracious Father, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Special Petitions

Lord's Prayer

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.

A word about the Sacrament of the Altar...

We believe Jesus' own words that the bread and wine we receive in Holy Communion are indeed His true Body and Blood and not just a representation of them. We also acknowledge St. Paul's instruction to the Church at Corinth that it is harmful for anyone to receive the Sacrament without recognizing the real presence of His Body and Blood. Because of this, in Christian love we ask anyone who does not understand these truths to please refrain from receiving the Sacrament until you've spoken with the pastor. (*Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-30*)

✠ The Sacrament of the Altar ✠

The Words of Institution

- P** The gifts of God for the people of God, refreshing us on the journey.
- C** We have the attitude of Jesus, who became a servant, and offered Himself into death.
- P** We profess the mystery of the faith.
- C** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is present. Christ will come again.
- P** The peace of the Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

✠ Distribution of the Sacrament ✠

Sit

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

#443

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
The lovely anthem rang.

To Jesus, who had blessed them,
Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed
Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving
And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children
Should on His bidding wait.

3 "Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heav'n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice!

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"My Song is Love Unknown"

#430

1 My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?

2 He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend,
My friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!

3 Sometimes they strew His way
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!"
Is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry.

4 Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!

Yet they at these
Themselves displease
And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

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Closing Sentences

P We have tasted the grace of God in the mystery of the Sacrament, receiving the gift of life and forgiveness.

C We continue our Lenten journey, refreshed by the love of God, empowered to have the attitude of Jesus, taking on the form of servants. Hosanna.

Palm Sunday Blessing

P The Streets are noisy, the world is busy, and a man passes by on a donkey.

C Blessed is He.

P The crowds watch the parade; they acclaim the current hero.

C Blessed is He who comes.

P Christ comes into our lives, a humble King, and the world watches only for a moment.

C Blessed is He who comes in the name.

P But we know Him. He is Christ Jesus, our Savior, and we follow Him into Jerusalem.

C Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

P We follow to the upper room. We follow to Gethsemane. We follow to Golgotha and the tomb.

C Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

P Blessed is Jesus, the Savior of all. Follow Him this week and learn of His quiet suffering and anguished joy of triumph.

C Blessed are we as we follow Him to the foot of the cross. Amen.

Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Recessional Hymn

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

#441

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.

O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,

With palms and scattered garments
strowed.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die.

O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin

O'er captive death and conquered sin.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

The angel armies of the sky

Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes

To see the approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.

The Father on His sapphire throne

Awaits His own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die.

Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,

Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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Announcements:

Bible Class and Sunday School continue this morning following the service.

Sunday School meets in Room 8.

****Bible Class is now meeting in Room 6 (a change from the Timothy Room).***

From the new, larger location down the Hall, grab something to eat & drink – then please join us!

Please keep Rev. David Lindenberg in your prayers, as he prayerfully considers our Call to be our Pastor at here St. Paul.

Our Celebration Ringers Bell Choir will rehearse this SUNDAY after the service.

St. Paul Adult Choir rehearses this WEDNESDAY at 7pm in the Timothy Room.

Our Elders' Dinner Reservation Deadline is this FRIDAY, April 18th! The Dinner will be held on FRIDAY, May 2nd. Please see attached flyer for additional details.

LWML Zone 13 Spring Rally will be on SATURDAY, April 26th at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Burbank, IL. Registration and refreshments are from 9:30 am to 10 am. The Rally begins at 10 am. The Presentation: "Be a Voice for Life" will be given by the Southside Pregnancy Center. Please see the attached flyer for additional details.

Service Video, Bulletin, and Newsletter can be found on our website, www.stpauloaklawn.org. For more info., please contact the church office.

Remembering our homebound friends is a caring ministry of St. Paul meant to help us stay in touch with our members who aren't able to be with us for worship. Please remember them in your prayers. You may also like to send a note or a card. This week our homebound friend is Sarah Weber, 5258 West 90th Street, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

Please let the church office know when your need for our congregational prayers is over.

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**These members of our
St. Paul family *urgently*
need our prayers**

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Julie King
Debbie Kleeman
Herb Kleeman
Zech Kleeman
Evelyn & Ron Konieski
Christopher Kosary
Jerome "Jerry" Kreten
Glen Krietsch
Dorothy Kroll
The Lamberth Family
Carol Loecherbach
Margaret Lundgreen
Ron Lunt
Adrian Martinez

Iris McCoy
Carol Jean & Tim McPhillips
Audrey Metes
Carol Milazzo
Marie Miller
Daniel Musser
Roberta & Carlos Owens
Pam Palhegyi
Patricia Paulsen
Jorene Pierzga
Sandy Plath
Jackie Plichta
Barb Potter
Doris Potts
Fred Raddatz
Guillermo Ramirez
Raquel Rameriz
Kimberly Rooney
Sophia Salus
Elmo Schultz
Rhonda Scott
Allyson Seehofer
Linda Shuman
Al Silinski
Kim & Shawn Skelton, Sr.
Sarah Skelton
Anna Stendic
Marian Strassner
Janet Trierweiler
Bernadette & Rich Trusk
Jose Urena
Wayne Volk
Vicki Warren
Michael Watkins
Gene Wawrzyniowski
Cindy (Joens) Wendel
Katherine Zeleny
Jean & Al Zirbel

**Please also pray for
these members of our
St. Paul family**

Betty Beegle
Vic & Marty Both
Jan Briede
Delphine Cherry
Doris Cyga
Loretta Frank
Louis Frank
Jennifer Garcia
Arthur Gerth
Amanda Greene
June Hagberg
Katherine Hice
Kevin Hickey
Roy Hodgeman
Herta Iversen
Graham Jackson
Janice Janiszewski
Flora Jones
Ron Klingensmith
Betty Kruckow
Jan Leise
Ingrid Lesko
Gloria Meyer
Rich & Jan Przybycien

**Please pray for these
friends and family of
our members:**

Lisa Anglin
Barbara Apt
Devon Abt
Carrie Aspan
Lance Barrientos
Cathy Becker
Sue Berg
LeRoy Bitner
Henry Bonder
Sharon Bryant
Selma Carmichel
Frank Coglina
Judy Collins
Steve Czerniejewski
John Darge
Dana DeAngelis
Rudy DeAngelis
Bridget & Nick DeAngelo
Shirley Demyres
George Dodaro, Sr.
Shirley Fairchild
Justin & Ashley Fasel
Diane Fauser

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays at 9AM

THERE IS NO WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE ON April 16

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday: April 13 Communion Service at 9AM

Maundy Thursday: April 17 Communion Services at
11AM & 7PM

Good Friday: April 18 Tenebrae Service at 11AM and 7PM

Easter Sunday: April 20 Festival Communion Service 9AM

ALL WOMEN INVITED!
LWML ZONE 13 SPRING 2025 RALLY

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 8659 S. Sayre, Burbank, IL 60459

Saturday, April 26, 2025 – 10 AM

Registration & Fellowship with “Coffee and.....” 9:30 AM to 10 AM

Presentation: “Be a Voice for Life” from the Southside Pregnancy Center, Evergreen Park, IL, a Christ-centered ministry for crisis pregnancies and their families

The Center is currently stocked with baby clothes, but rally participants are encouraged to be generous and bring an ingathering of the following items urgently needed at the center:

- 1) Diapers in sizes 4, 5, and 6
- 2) Pullups – all sizes
- 3) Grocery gift cards
- 4) Gas gift cards
- 5) Transit cards (Ventra, Pace, etc.)

An opening devotion and a short business meeting will also be a part of the rally. For more information, contact Deb Cousineau, vice-president (708)790-1954; Ruth Sievers, secretary (708)952-9902 or Mary Lewis, treasurer (708)785-2634.

COME! BE INSPIRED TO SERVE! BRING A FRIEND!

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139: 13-14)

ELDERS' SPRING DINNER

Friday, May 2nd

(6pm to 10pm)

At

The Worth American Legion Hall

110th and Depot

Worth, IL

Reservations required

By Friday, April 18th

\$30.00 per person

to be paid by April 21st

Make checks payable to St Paul Lutheran Church
and on the Memo line, please put Dinner.

Reservations are limited to 80.

Buffet Menu

Italian Roasted Chicken

Italian Sausage w/Onions, Peppers, and Garlic Potatoes

Polish Sausage w/Sauerkraut

Tossed Green Salad

Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy

Green Beans

Dinner Rolls

Desserts

Cash Bar

Additional parking is available in the METRA parking lot across the street.