



I was glad when they said to me,
LET US GO TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD!



FIRST DAY OF TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026

Hymns

- O Lord, We Praise Thee.....LSB 617
- Our Father, Who Art in Heaven..... LSB 957
- Here, O Lord, I See Thee Face to Face.....LSB 631
- Now the Light Has Gone Away.....LSB 887

Readings

- Old Testament Reading.....Exodus 24:3-11
- Epistle.....1 Corinthians 11:23-26
- Holy Gospel.....St. John 13:1-15

Servants

- Pastor Rev. Daniel Carlson
- Elder of the Month..... Jason Theisen
- MusicianJane Marquardsen
- ReaderBonnie Giese
- Usher
- AcolytesGrace M./Brayden T.
- Altar Guild Sue Drury

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The Lord's Supper

St. Paul's Lutheran Church believes and teaches that the Lord gives us His true body and blood in the bread and wine served in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, "This is My body, this is My blood, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins," who repent of all sin, and who set aside any refusal to forgive and love others as He forgives.

Individuals who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a belief differing from this congregation and The Lutheran Church —Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to first speak with the Pastor, so as to refrain from eating and drinking in an unworthy manner causing harm to themselves.

For further reading, please take a copy of "A Simple Explanation of Fellowship in the Lord's Supper" from the information rack in the Narthex. You can find the information rack near the pastor's office by the front door. Members should use the questions on the back of this bulletin to help prepare to receive. St. Paul's is a Closed Communion congregation.



A Word of Christian Welcome

St. Paul's is "Growing together as God's family!"

What does this mean? It means that we are growing, not only in numbers, but in faith toward God. It means that we are more than a bunch of individuals, but that we are a heavenly family brought together under Christ and making the bold confession of faith to the world.

We are therefore delighted that you have joined us today to hear and receive the blessings of the Word of God in the Divine Service where God comes to us by the means of grace to give us mercy, forgiveness, and His Spirit. The Lutheran liturgy might be hard for first-time visitors to our church or to the historic Lutheran church, but don't worry! We are here to help you so that you can take part in the liturgy and hymns without reservation or fear.

The Lord's Supper will most likely be served today. This is also called Holy Communion. We follow our Lord's instructions alone here, and not the opinions of men. Please be sure to read The Lord's Supper statement on the previous page. Visitors, if you did not have a chance to speak to the pastor prior to the service, please take no offence if the pastor does not serve you should you come up to the rail. He will certainly offer a blessing and prayer over you. You should speak to him as quickly as possible after the service.

Regarding children, we LOVE when children attend the service and hope your children participate in the singing and reading of Scripture. If they're a little noisy, it's okay and they're welcome to stay. If you wish, you may take them to the Cry Room at the back of the sanctuary, or to the Nursery room, provided they are supervised. You may also provide them with a children's bag and bulletin, found just outside the sanctuary on the left.

Finally, all are welcome to fellowship after the service to drink some coffee and eat some delicious breakfast treats. Bible Study and Sunday School follow at 10:30.

Today's Theme

Triduum, or "The Three Days," is a single worship service beginning with Maundy (Holy) Thursday and finally culminating at either the Easter Vigil on Saturday or the Easter Sunrise service early Sunday. For these services, there is only one Invocation on Thursday night, and one Benediction at either the Vigil or the end of the Sunrise service. Since we are doing the Vigil this year, the Triduum concludes Saturday night.

Triduum celebrates our Lord's betrayal and passion, His crucifixion, and finally His resurrection early Sunday morning.

Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution

Invocation

Exhortation

- P** I will go to the altar of God,
C to God my exceeding joy.
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

Confessional Address

Confession of Sins

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
C Amen.
P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?
C Yes.
P Let it be done for you as you believe.

Absolution & Blessing

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:3–11

³Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has

and said, **“This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”** ²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”** ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

John 13:1b

C Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

Holy Gospel

John 13:1–15

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” ⁷Jesus answered him, **“What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.”** ⁸Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, **“If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.”** ⁹Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, **“The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.”** ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, **“Not all of you are clean.”**

¹²When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, **“Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.”**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

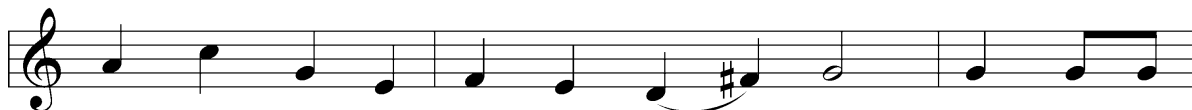
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

Sanctus

LSB 161

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
P O Lord Jesus Christ...and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

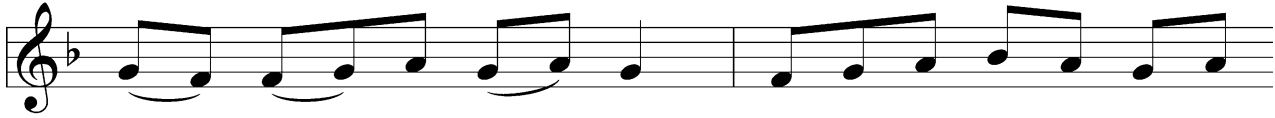
957 *Our Father Who Art in Heaven — I*



Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as



it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly



bread; and for-give us our tres-pass - es as we for-give



those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -



to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -



ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns

631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face



1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,
3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;
This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;
An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.



Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,
Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.
Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;

Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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887 Now the Light Has Gone Away sts. 1–5

- 1 Now the light has gone away; Father, listen while I pray,
Asking Thee to watch and keep And to send me quiet sleep.
- 2 Jesus, Savior, wash away All that has been wrong today;
Help me ev'ry day to be Good and gentle, more like Thee.
- 3 Let my near and dear ones be Always near and dear to Thee;
O bring me and all I love To Thy happy home above.
- 4 Now my evening praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live.
All my blessings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!
- 5 Thou, my best and kindest Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.
Let me love Thee more and more, Always better than before.

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Post-Communion Collect

Stripping of the Altar

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Lord's Supper Preparation

Communicant Members, before receiving the Lord's Supper, please take some time to consider the following questions. According to Scripture, you are to examine yourself first, before receiving this most holy meal. The LCMS is a Closed Communion church body.

- Am I baptized in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit?
- Am I repentant, acknowledging my sins, trusting in the forgiveness of Christ and seeking to amend my sinful ways?
- Do I believe Jesus' true body and true blood are really present in the bread and wine?
- Do I confess the Holy Bible, in its entirety, is the Word of God?
- Do I agree with Luther's Questions and Answers found on page 329 of the hymnal?

If you are struggling with any sins or with the guilt that comes from sin, and if you need to speak to the pastor before you commune, please make an appointment to come for private confession and absolution. Confessed sins cannot be divulged, and private confession and absolution can be a great comfort for the soul in certain situations.

Prayer Requests

Chuck VanDonsel

Susan Lorenz

Please update prayer requests by leaving a note in the office or using the church app.

The beginning of wisdom is this: Get Wisdom,
Give up everything you have
to gain understanding.

Proverbs 4:7 (ESV/EHV)

“Everyone who hears
these words of mine and
does them will be like a
wise man who built his
house on bedrock.”
Matthew 7:24 (EHV)