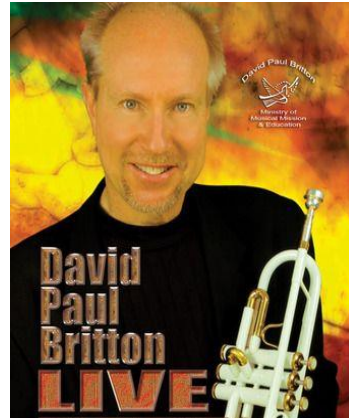




DAVID PAUL BRITTON

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
CHURCH, AMHERST

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023
8:30 AM & 10 AM



David Paul Britton shares the Message of Christ in Word and song. He has served the body of Christ as a worship leader, musician/songwriter/producer, radio show host, university consultant, Praise Team and Choral Clinician, Lutheran High School educator, and Gospel messenger for over 44 years throughout the US. Having produced 9 CDs of original songs, hymns, and spiritual songs, he has been a regular presenter throughout The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod for scores of conferences, conventions, and Gatherings.

In a sight-and-sound world, the sight and sound of God's Love and Truth brings hope and healing. From sanctuaries to lake-side parks, from convention halls to classrooms, a retirement center or a pub ... in hundreds of engagements yearly, David touches hearts for the sake of Jesus' Love and Truth.

Be Sure to Join Us for this Special Sunday Worship Service

INVITE FRIENDS!

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM

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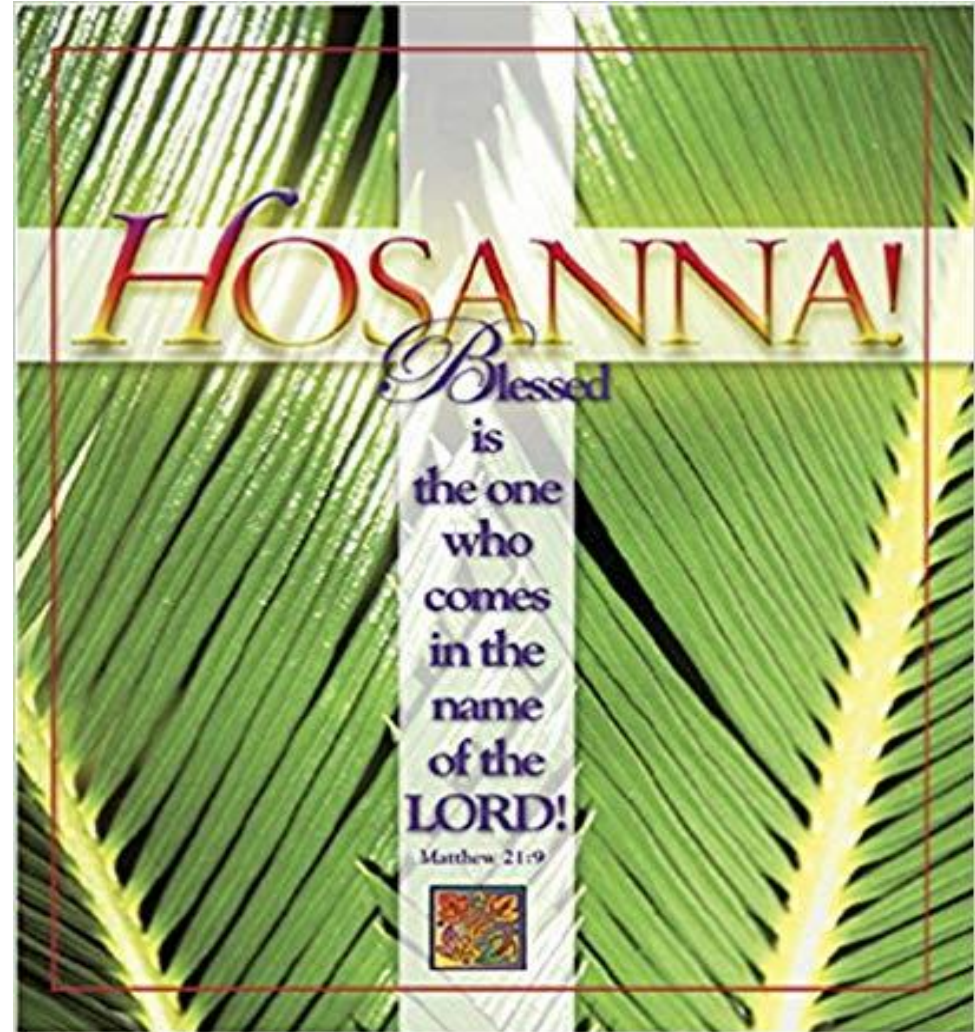
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Sunday, April 2, 2023

WELCOME! We're glad you're here!

Whether this is your first time at St. Paul, or you're a "regular," we hope you see that our welcome mat is out for you. If you're a guest with us for the first time, we hope you'll find today's experience helpful to you, and you are invited back any Sunday at 8:30 AM or 11:00 AM.

Ushers are standing by to assist you in locating a seat, directing you to restrooms, coat racks, and to our nursery.

Nursery is available for children ages 3 and under. An usher will be happy to direct you to our Nursery where parents may care for infants, and rambunctious toddlers will find a place to be ... themselves.

Kids' Activity Bags are filled with crayons and coloring booklets, and other quiet things to keep kids' attention. They are in the back of the worship center, or see an usher for these.

Worshippers who wish to receive Holy Communion are encouraged to thoroughly read the announcement on the following page regarding Communion reception.



IN TODAY'S WORSHIP The 7 Greatest Words of Love. The weeks leading up to Easter we are listening again to Jesus' final words that He spoke while giving His life for us on the cross. Today we hear His cry of victory, "It is Finished!" So much of our lives is unfinished business and unfinished projects. Jesus, however, completed the mission given to Him by God the Father. Winning your forgiveness and the way to heaven - its finished. The power of the Evil One over you - it finished.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Dear Jesus, as you entered Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday with shouts of "Hosanna!" enable me to praise You today. Yet, as You went on to die on the cross, help me to confess my sin and rejoice in Your saving love. Amen.

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New Neighbors are looking for where they will go Easter morning. You can easily invite your new neighbor to St. Paul with a beautiful Easter-themed gift basket that says "*welcome to the neighborhood.*" It's full of seasonal decorations, snack foods, community information, and an invitation to join us at St. Paul. New neighbors love these gifts! All you have to do to give a basket to your new neighbor is fill out the form by the gift basket in the narthex and stuff it in the box.

Portals of Prayer daily devotions are free booklets available in the lobby area at St. Paul. Issues for the months of April - June are available now. Pick one up today.

Happy Times is a simple, easy-to-use resource to help families with preschool school-aged children share faith in Christ at home. **Happy Times** is full of age-appropriate stories, games, puzzles, and activities. Booklets are free, and April - May editions are available today on the resource wall in the lower narthex/lobby.

The Week That Changed The World - This week Tuesday, April 4th at 10 AM. You'll be fascinated by the real history of what happened Jesus' final week before His death on the cross. Pastor Werner is the leader. Please join us!

The Community Care Team would like to thank everyone for donating new and used blankets!! Fifty blankets were collected!! We are working on scheduling dates in April to make no sew blankets. Please watch the bulletin for updates and volunteer opportunities.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
4/2 Food Collection Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship 10 AM 4/4 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM 4/6 Maundy Thursday 7 PM 4/7 Good Friday 7 PM	4/9 Easter Sunday Holy Communion 8:30 & 10 AM 4/11 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM

Serving in God's House:

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Greeters

Altar Guild

Head Usher

Ushers

Rev. Paul Werner

Oziah Wales

Chuck Draga, John Kirschner (E) Darren Conley (L)

Christine Krupp (E) Bob Steindl (L)

Chuck & Fran Draga (E) Karen Anderson (L)

Wanda Aschenbach, Karla Staylon

Ron Fisher

Harold Gibson, Jeffrey Krupp, Steve Warnock (E) Brad Draga (L)

Prayer Requests this Week: ***“The Lord is Near to all who Call on HIM.”*** Psalm 148:18

- Pray for the school community in Nashville where six people were shot and killed last Monday. Pray for the grieving families, for the students, and that gun violence in America cease.
- Pray for John Schick who hurt his foot in an accident and is awaiting surgery.
- Pray for Easton Akosi who will be having tonsil surgery. Pray that it goes well and he recovers quickly.
- Pray for Wyatt, a baby, whose heart and breathing stopped last Friday. He was revived and taken to the hospital. Wyatt was born prematurely and had recently gone home after months in NICU.
- Pray for Cindy Werner (pastor’s sister-in-law) who is paralyzed on one side due to a mass in her brain. Doctors are doing testing to figure out what this is.
- Pray for the victims of the tornados in Mississippi. Ask God to comfort the families who lost loved ones in the storm, and for those families whose homes were destroyed.
- Pray for Judy Roehrs (Christine Krupp’s mother) who will be having open heart surgery in April. Pray for successful surgery and that arrangements can be made to watch over Judy’s husband, Norm, during the long recuperation period.
- Pray for Shirley Brumfield who is home recovering.
- Pray for Bob Wiersum who is in the hospital in Florida with pulmonary embolism and circulation problems.
- Please pray for Wade Hubbard who is at Amherst Manor for rehabilitation therapy.
- Pray for Kuno Josupeit who is recovering after a mild heart attack and a blood infection, and recovering from COVID. He is at Amherst Manor for rehab therapy.
- Pray for Betty Heck who fell and broke bones. She is Mill Manor.
- Pray for Therese Strader who is going through a series of heart and lung procedures to help her breathe and have her normal energy.
- Pray for Ron Klein to get stronger at home.
- Pray for Braylon, a child with a brain infection. Praise God he is out of ICU, and pray for continued recovery.
- Pray for Isaac, the great-grandson of Ed & Gerri Deidrick, who broke his leg, is back at school on crutches.
- Pray for Ron Fisher’s mother, Ruby, who is in a rehab facility after a fall in which she broke both arms.
- Pray for Eddie Daniels (friend of Ron & Tina Muska) who suffered serious back injuries in a collision with a deer. Praise God surgery was successful surgery and pray for a positive recovery.
- Praise God that a child, Riley, found out he doesn’t have cancer.
- Please pray for Pam Hundal who is now in hospice care.

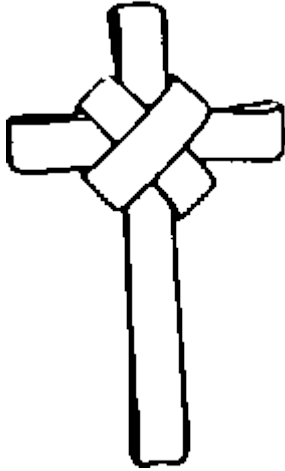
- Please pray for Steven, (Geri Deidrick’s son) whose cancer has returned after 4 years in remission; Heather, a young mother of 3, who has cancer; Laura Stanley, (Ron Muska’s sister) who was just diagnosed with lung cancer; Nelson Paquette (cousin of Laurie Beran) who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; Sarah Perkins who has lung cancer; Brian Holmes who is in a trial treatment for his leukemia – pray that it works and he goes into remission, and pray that he can go back to work; Summer (Katie Steindl’s godmother) in her long battle with cancer; Sherry (Kevin Starbuck’s mother-in-law); Chris (sister-in-law of Virginia Warnock); and pray for Pat Kidder.
- Pray for those who have on-going chronic illnesses or shut-in: Charles Waryu, Don Lamoreaux and Don Gramer, Ruth Murdy, Wade Hubbard, Jack & Marilyn Green, Dorothy Barckert, Phyllis Darakis, Will & Lydia Rice, John Harden, Andy Lasko.
- Pray for college students that they turn to God and find guidance for their decisions, their sense of value and dignity in Him, and hope for times of loneliness, depression, and anxiety.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Jill Mlinarik, Lydia Rice, Giovanna Jiovanazzo, Wayne Northeim, Kevin Kirschner, Don Lamoreaux, Barb Spieker, Virginia Warnock, Judy Armstrong, Bryan Draga,

New Tables in Narthex - We are developing a new look in St. Paul’s lobby (narthex). We are creating an atmosphere for you to stop for a few minutes, linger, and engage in caring conversations with new guests and old friends. There will be more changes and re-arranges to take place in the coming months to build a welcoming atmosphere. One of our church’s Ministry Pillar’s is **LOVE**. The **Target** the congregation has adopted to continually strive for is:

“All St. Paul members will feel known, loved, and celebrated in Christ-centered relationships in the Body of Christ, and our love for one another will draw unbelieving people to the Church and to Christ.”

We thank our Guest Hospitality Team for the work they have been doing to foster these seeds of loving relationships!

HOW TO MAKE A PALM CROSS



1. Take a palm frond about 1/2 inch wide and 13 inches and hold upright
2. Fold the top down, away from you, and the bottom up, away from you, to form the shaft of a cross of desired length
3. Turn the end down and twist around to the right and across the front of the shaft to make a crossbar in proportion to the length.
4. Fold the end around behind the shaft.
5. Bring the end from behind, under the center. Fold from the bottom right to the top left and under again from the bottom left to the top right.
6. Fasten the end through the back loops to lock.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023, 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023, 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023

CELEBRATION SERVICES, 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

INVITE FAMILY, FRIENDS, CO-WORKERS, OR NEIGHBORS to join you

at St. Paul to celebrate Easter with you!