

TONIGHT'S SERVICE

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell/Call to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting One Another With God's Peace

Hymn "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" LSB 618

Invocation

Prayer of the Day

✻ WORD ✻

Old Testament Reading *EXODUS 12:1-14*

New Testament Lesson *1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-29*

Anthem "The Table" CHRIS TOMLIN

✻ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✻

Prayer of the Church

Communion Address

Confessing Our Sinfulness

Announcing God's Forgiveness

Statement of Faith

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Peace

Communion Canticle "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

LSB 637, vs. 1 & 3

Communion Hymn "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

LSB 636

Communion Hymn "Lord, Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

LSB 622, vss. 1-7

Blessing of Communicants

Post-Communion Canticle "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

LSB 622 vs. 8

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts to God

Offertory

The Gospel Reading *MATTHEW 27:11-26*

Hymn "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" LSB 437

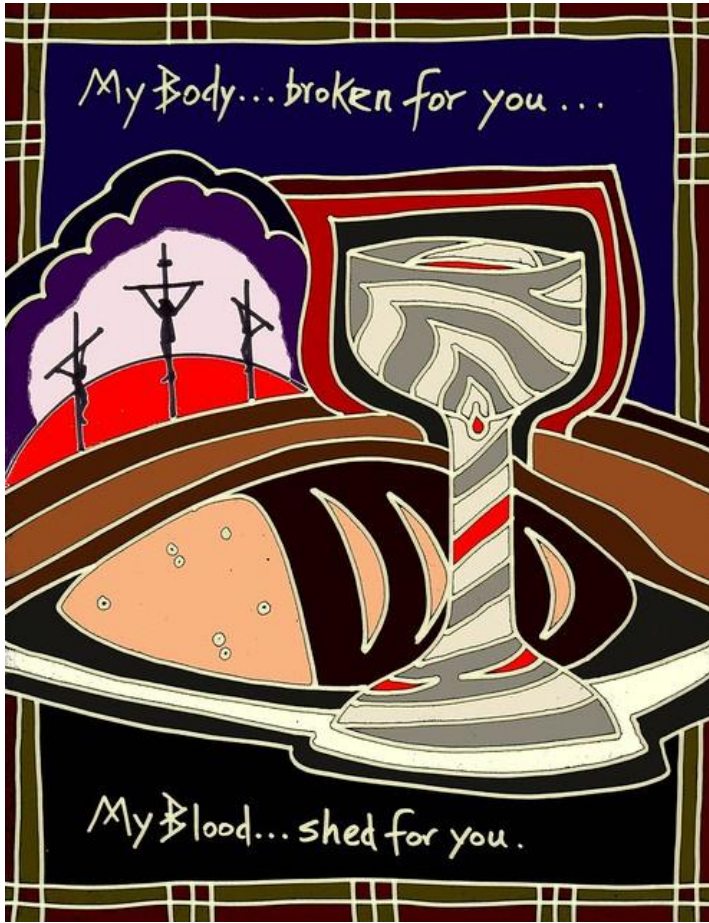
Sermon "7 DEADLY SINS: *ENVY*

✻ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR ✻

The Blessing

Silent Prayer

Postlude ALL LEAVE THE CHURCH IN SILENCE



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Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023, 7:00 PM

AN ANCIENT CUSTOM OF THE EARLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

considers the evening worship on Maundy Thursday, through Good Friday, to Easter Sunday as one long, continuous worship service. Even though people go home to rest and carry out their necessary responsibilities, they are encouraged to remember that at least in spirit, they are still “worshipping” and remembering the events of Holy Week. There is no benediction at the end of the service, which indicates the thought that the service continues for two more days.

WHY “MAUNDY” THURSDAY? No, it is not a misspelling of *Monday*. “*Maundy*” comes from the Latin word, “*mandatum*.” Today we use the word *mandate*, which is a *command*. “*Maundy*” refers to the new command Christ gave on this night to ***“love one another as I have loved you.”***



ON THIS NIGHT CHRIST GAVE US THE LORD’S SUPPER and so we celebrate The Lord’s Supper tonight firmly believing that Jesus’ words, “*This is My Body, ... This is My Blood*” mean what they say, namely that with the bread and wine of Holy Communion is really given Jesus’ body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and strengthening of faith. All confirmed members of St. Paul and guests who are truly sorry for their sins, firmly believe that Jesus gives His body and blood in this sacrament, and humbly expect God’s gifts of forgiveness and strength to live a new God-pleasing life, are welcome to receive Communion. Please register to receive Holy Communion on the Communication Card. Children are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Ushers are standing by to assist you in locating a seat, directing you to restrooms, coat racks, and any other help you might need.

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.

WORSHIP WITH US @ ST. PAUL'S ON-LINE -- St. Paul's 8:30 AM and 10 AM worship services are live-streamed on Sunday mornings. Go to the church website (www.stpaulamherst.com) and click on the Live-Stream banner on the home page. Recordings of the 8:30AM worship services remain on-line after the livestream for viewing anytime.

Thank You to everyone who volunteered in any way to make last Saturday's Easter Party and Egg Hunt such a success. So many people donated candy, stuffed Easter eggs, set up, greeted guests, ran a craft station, hid eggs, baked cookies, served coffee, painted children's faces Wow! Your serving with willing and loving hearts sure makes a difference.

Portals of Prayer daily devotion guides for April – June are available in the narthex for you to take home and use.

Happy Times magazine is for families with preschool children to learn about Jesus at home. April – May issues are available free in the narthex to take home.

A beautiful welcome gift basket is ready for *you* to give to your new neighbor! All you need to do is write down the address on an entry form in the narthex. Do it today!

Holy Week Schedule

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 SOMEONE TO CELEBRATE EASTER WITH YOU AT ST. PAUL

Invitations are available for you to pick up today!

Beautiful invitations are waiting for you to pick up today in the church lobby. Share them with Friends, co-workers, family, or neighbors. Most Americans attend church on Easter, and 2 out of 3 Americans have no church home. They would like to attend church on Easter, but don't have one of their own. Your invitation is what they are waiting for! Studies show that 70% of people would say "yes" when you invite them to join you for Easter.



Tuesday evenings
6:45 PM to 8:18 PM
beginning Wednesday,
May 3, 2023

NEW LIFE WITH GOD is a seminar which offers adults a great foundation for faith and living. This is for adults who want to find out more about our beliefs before committing to getting involved in St. Paul. This is a great seminar for couples who have different Church backgrounds to find out the differences between Lutherans and other church groups. *New Life With God* is also a great seminar for anyone to gain a renewed Faith foundation if you haven't investigated our beliefs since being a young man or woman getting confirmed. There's no obligation to St. Paul by participating in *New Life With God*, however, the door to church membership is open to anyone who completes this seminar. There is no memorization, no cost -- just come, ask questions, and let's discuss faith and life. There are seven sessions. Pastor Paul is leading the discussions. Join Us!

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Organist	Oziah Wales
Elders	Chuck Draga, John Kirschner
Readers	Sue Werner
Altar Guild	Donna Kemmerle & All Altar Guild Members
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Dan Streza, Chuck Draga, Danny Kemery, Bob Kemmerle

