

Holy Week Schedule

GOOD FRIDAY

"SERVICE OF THE CROSS"

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025, 12:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE

"SERVICE OF SHADOWS"

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025, 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

CELEBRATION SERVICES, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

**INVITE SOMEONE TO CELEBRATE EASTER
WITH YOU AT ST. PAUL**

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

115 Central Drive, Amherst, Ohio 44001

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM

In-Person or Live Stream @ www.stpaulamherst.com

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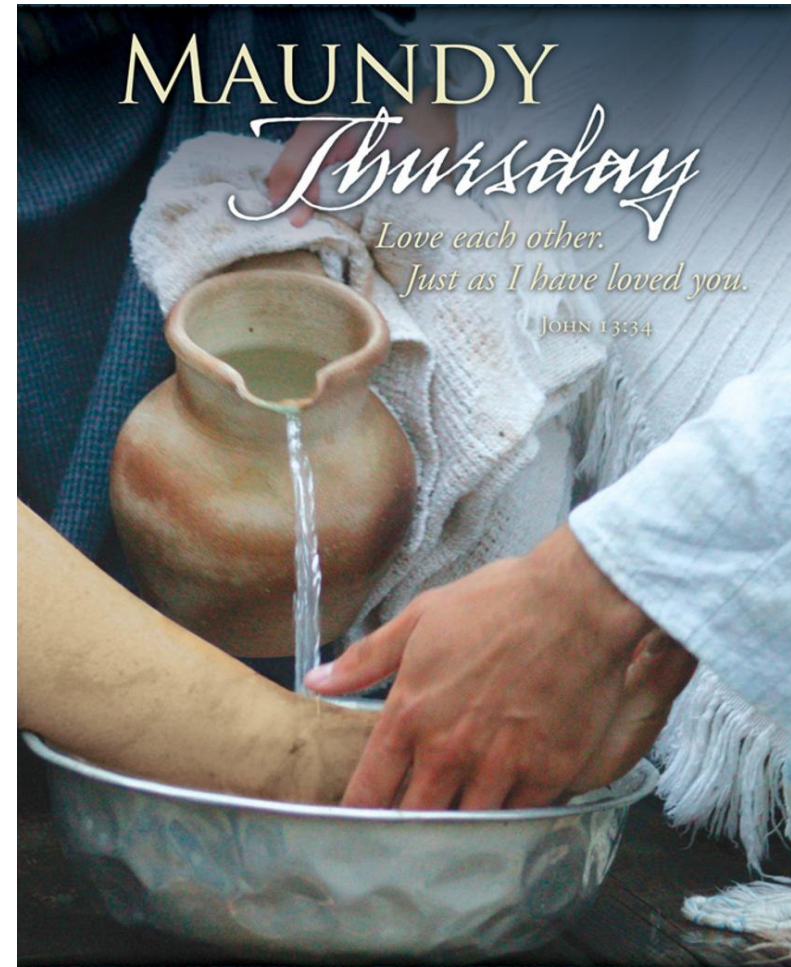
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ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN
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MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025
7:00 PM

Welcome to St. Paul!

We're glad you're here! Whether this is your first visit or you're a St. Paul veteran, we hope you sense our "welcome mat" is out and you'll consider joining us again soon any Sunday at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM, right here. Please fill out a white "Communication Card" found in front of you in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate later. And about the offering ... don't feel obligated to participate in giving because we – and God – are really glad you are here as our guest!

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.

Worshippers who wish to receive Holy Communion are encourage to thoroughly read the announcement in this bulletin explaining what Communion reception is all about.

MAUNDY THURSDAY GAINS ITS NAME from the Latin word, "mandatum," referring to the new command Christ gave on this night to "love one another as I have loved you." Several events take place on this night which reflect the nature of the love Jesus commanded. ***First, Jesus acted out His call to love*** by displaying His servanthood through the washing of the disciples' feet. ***Second, Jesus set apart bread and wine to be His body and blood***, vehicles of His forgiving love. Finally, Jesus goes to the Garden where He will be betrayed and led away to suffer and die-all out of love for us.

Tonight begins the three day liturgy of Holy Week called the "Triduum". What we begin tonight will be continued through Good Friday and Holy Saturday until Easter Sunday. This is one story, even though it is told over several days. It's the story of The Basin and Towel—The Bread and the Wine—The Cup—The Crown. The Blessing is omitted until the Easter Resurrection is announced.

THE PASSION STORY CONTINUES tomorrow at our Good Friday 12:00pm Service of the Cross, our Good Friday 7:00pm Service of Darkness and climaxes with our Easter Celebrations on Sunday at 8:30am and 11:00am worship services. Join your fellow believers in worship this Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

The Church Office will be Closed on Easter Monday, April 21st.

PART-TIME JOB OPENING – St. Paul is seeking a person to assist the church custodian. Specific duties are moving light furniture and wet mopping floors. Hours are as needed in afternoons and evenings, with a maximum of 5 hrs./week, beginning immediately. Pay begins at \$15./hr. If interested, contact St. Paul's church office (440)/988-4157, churchoffice@stpaulamherst.com) or Pastor Paul.

Easter Flowers - The Altar Guild is looking for donations for the purchase of Easter Flowers this year. There will not be an order form in the bulletin. Make checks payable to "St. Paul Lutheran Church" in the memo line please add "Altar Guild-Easter Flowers" and place it in an envelope with your church envelope number on it. Envelopes may be placed in the offering plate or in the secretary mailbox in the narthex. You are welcome to take flowers after the Easter Sunday service at 11 am. Only change is you will not be preordering a certain flower & you will be able to choose first to come, first serve on what is available. We hope this saves us from having to throw away flowers that no one takes. Thank you!

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
4/18 Good Friday Service of the Cross 12:00 NOON Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7:00 PM	4/27 Worship 8:30 AM G.I.F.T. Bible Study 9:45 AM Holy Communion / Kids Church 11 AM
4/20 Holy Communion 8:30 AM & 11 AM	
4/21 Church Office Closed	4/29 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM
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4/24 Preschool Board 1 PM	

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Organist	Owen Reyda
Flautist	Aurelia Lawson
Elders	Ron Fisher
Readers	Sandy Long
Greeters	John & Brenda Cartmell
Altar Guild	Wanda Aschenbach
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Jeff Krupp, Steve Warnock
Sound	Mike Warnock, Judy Bloom

TONIGHT’S SERVICE

Prelude “*A Communion Prelude*” (composer: Charles Callahan)

Ring 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

Confessing Our Sinfulness

Announcing God’s Forgiveness

✠ WORD ✠

New Testament Lesson 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-29

Anthem “*Just As I Am*” ARR: Christiana Harmon

The Gospel Reading JOHN 13:1-17, 34-35

Statement of Faith

Prayers of The Church

Lord’s Prayer

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Hymn “*Jesus, Greatest at the Table*” LSB 446 Alt. Tune: LAUDA ANIMA, LSB 417

Sermon “*LOVE IS THE GREATEST*”

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

The Words of Our Lord

The Peace

Communion Cantic “*Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*” LSB 637, vs. 1 & 3

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn “*The Lamb*” LSB 547

Blessing of Communicants

Post-Communion Cantic “*Lord Jesus Christ, Your Have Prepared*” LSB 622 vs. 8

✠ STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR ✠

The Blessing

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Since scripture instructs us to examine ourselves before receiving Holy Communion, please sincerely reflect on these questions before receiving Communion:

- Am I so sorry for my sins that I don’t want to go back and repeat them?
- Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my personal Savior from sin because He gave His life on the cross for me? Am I depending on Him, and not my own goodness, as the way to Heaven?
- Do I believe that Jesus gives His Body and Blood and His gift of forgiveness in the eating and drinking of the bread and wine of Communion?
- Do I sincerely intend, with the help of God, not to return to a life of sin but to live for God and love others deeper?

All who have been instructed in what the Bible teaches about Communion, who are in agreement and unity with the beliefs of St. Paul and congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and who believe the statements of belief above are welcome to receive communion. If you have not investigated our beliefs in our “*New Life With God*” class, we ask that you do so before receiving Communion.

WE CELEBRATE GOD’S GIFT OF HOLY COMMUNION in our worship today. We ask everyone who wishes to receive Communion to do this thoughtfully and prayerfully. 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. Holy Communion is more than a “memorial” or a “representation” of Jesus. God’s promise to us in the Bible is that Jesus is really present to forgive your sins and strengthen your faith. Furthermore, receiving Holy Communion is not a good work we perform and offer up to God. Rather, Communion is Jesus coming to you personally to give and work in you His forgiveness won on the cross.