

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN "BLUE" CHURCH

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**THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY ✦ APRIL 14, 2019**

SILENCE FOR MEDITATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – "ENTER IN" – TERRY WINCH

## PROCESSION WITH PALMS

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

**Hosanna to the Son of David.**

The LORD be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O LORD God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our LORD.

**Amen**

**PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: ST. LUKE 19:28-40**

## THANKSGIVING

*Those in the congregation come forward to get their Palms, return to their seats and raise their branches.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We praise and thank you, O God, for your redemption of the world through your Son, Jesus Christ our LORD. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant that we may ever hail him as our LORD and King and follow him in the way of the cross, so that dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our LORD, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**


## PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace,


**in the name of the LORD.**

### Hymn #344


*Refrain*




All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1. You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing you on high;  
3. The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went.  
4. To you, be - fore your Pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
5. Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
Our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious king.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now enter into contemplation of the Passion of our LORD

Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

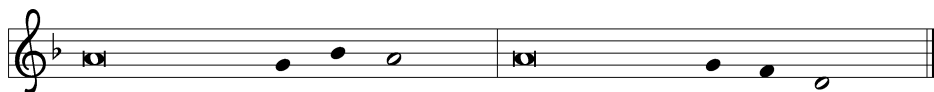
Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our LORD Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,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

**FIRST READING:**

**ISAIAH 50:4-9A**

## PSALM 31:9-16

*Psalm Tone 9*



Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;  
 my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and  
 my belly.  
<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;  
 my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones  
 | are consumed.**  
<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a  
 dismay to | my acquaintances;  
 when they see me in the street | they avoid me.  
<sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;  
 I am as useless as a | broken pot.**  
<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;  
 they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take  
 my life.  
<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.  
 I have said, "You | are my God.**  
<sup>15</sup>My times are | in your hand;  
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who  
 | persecute me.  
<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine up- | on your servant;  
 save me in your | steadfast love."**

## SECOND READING:

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

## VERSE



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer-ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

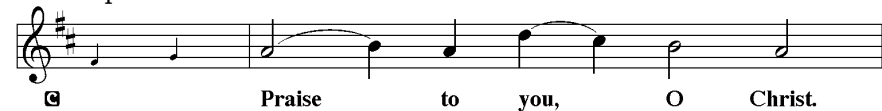


☩ Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

## HOLY GOSPEL:

LUKE 22:14-23:56

The Gospel of the LORD.



Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

## HYMN #351

*O SACRED HEAD NOW WOUNDED*

## PRAYERS

Response: **"Your mercy is great."**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the LORD be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

*Offering is gathered for the poor and those with needs in our community and world.*

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE #884

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
 praise him, all creatures here below;  
 praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray... Heavenly Father,

**your Son offered himself to you on the altar of the cross.**

**Receive and bless these gifts which we bring to your altar**

**here in praise of the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of**

**the world, Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.



☩ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The pastor offers the prayer. The congregation joins in praying the Lord's Prayer.*

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

### LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.

### HOLY COMMUNION #337 "ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED"

#### BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

#### PRAYER

Let us pray...Heavenly Father, by His death on the cross your Son freed us from the bondage to sin and death. Watch over your Church, and all who celebrate his blessed Passion. Give us food for our journey from death to life. We ask this through Jesus Christ our LORD. **Amen.**

#### BENEDICTION

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ✕ peace. **Amen.**

#### HYMN #338 BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS

#### DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the LORD. **Thanks be to God.**

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**WELCOME TO ALL IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

*“God’s purpose for St. Paul’s Lutheran “Blue” Church is to spread the Good News of Christ’s love for all people in the Southern Lehigh community and beyond.”*

We especially welcome those who are visiting. We invite you to sign our guest register in the narthex. Blank envelopes in the pews are for visitors.

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**SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY...**

*The voice of the suffering savior, Jesus, can be heard in the prophet Isaiah’s words and the pleading of the psalm. We are invited into the agony of our Lord in the extended reading of the story of Jesus’ passion. In the second reading, we who have put on Christ in holy baptism are urged to let the mind of Christ be our own. Lent leads us to this holy moment. Embrace it.*

**ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE READINGS.....**

**ISAIAH 50:4-9a:** *This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant’s obedience in the midst of persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.*

**PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11:** *Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus’ humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.*

**LUKE 22:14—23:56:** *Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God’s reign. The leader serves, the empty disciples are able to fill others, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus—the innocent bringer of life—is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.*

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**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** Though he was in the form of God, Jesus became obedient to death, death on the cross. (*Philippians 2:6, 8*)

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:** Merciful God, send your Spirit upon us and prepare our hearts to celebrate Christ’s Passover from death to eternal life with you. Amen.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** - For those people wishing to take Holy Communion without wine, there are four cups in the center of the Communion tray with grape juice.

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**BLUE CHURCH PRAYS FOR.....Sick/Recovering:** Sandy Denora, Karen Frederick, Ann Greensweig, Joel Hammond, John Kupiszewski, Carl Ritter, Myrtle Tracy

*Note: This is a short-term list, for those who are in “acute care” situations—hospitalized or in recovery, dying, facing the recent death of a loved one, or presently facing a severe life crisis. The names of those for whom we pray will be kept on the list for one month. If you wish to have them placed back on the list please contact the church office.*

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**LEADING OUR WORSHIP**

<b>CELEBRANT</b>	The Rev. James Hammond
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Dr. Jennifer Dodd
<b>GREETERS</b>	Richard & Beverly Lerch
<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	Amy Ortwein
<b>LECTOR</b>	Amy Ortwein
<b>CANTOR</b>	Ron Fried
<b>USHERS</b>	Anne Nichols, Diane Wirth
<b>CHURCHTIME NURSERY</b>	Maggie Fried
<b>CHURCH COUNCIL REP</b>	Amy Ortwein

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**CONGREGATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD**

**TODAY:** **9 AM Choir Rehearsal.**  
**9:30 AM Christian Education.**  
**10:30 AM Worship.**

**WED.:** **9 AM Quilting.**

**HOLY WEEK WORSHIP**

**THUR.:** **7 PM Maundy Thursday Worship.**

**FRI.:** **7 PM Good Friday Worship.**

**EASTER SUN.:** **9 AM Choir Rehearsal.**  
**9 AM Easter Breakfast.**  
**10 AM Easter Egg Hunt.**  
**10:30 AM Worship.**

*C O M I N G E V E N T S - mark your calendar!*

**May 5 - 6 PM - Catechism.**  
**May 12 - 10:30 AM Worship - Oleskowitz Baptism.**  
**May 13 -7 PM Church Council**

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**WEEKLY GIFTS, PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD:**

**BULLETINS...**by Mike and Paula Clark.

**SANCTUARY LAMP...**by Bill and Kathy Exner

**COMMUNION BREAD & WINE...**by Irene Frederick

**EASTER BREAKFAST** – Donations of breakfast casseroles, bacon, sausage, waffles, etc. are needed for the Easter breakfast to be held at 9 AM Easter Day. Also needed are persons to help to set up on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex, or contact Deb Stover with any questions – 484-437-3131.

**EASTER EGG HUNT – 10:00 AM Easter Sunday. Ages 1 month to 12 years!**

**Note:** We are asking you to pick up your carton of plastic eggs, take them home and fill them with your favorite sweets (please no peanut products) and bring them back to church.

**Also,** we are asking for hard boiled colored eggs for the egg hunt. Please bring them to church by April 20<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

**Stewardship Snippet**

**April 14, 2019** (Passion/Palm Sunday)

**Luke 22:19, 20** –Then Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

*What has God given us? Everything, holding back nothing. We celebrate this with Eucharist, when we mystically commune with God's very body and blood.*

**BLUE CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	<u>MAR.</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	\$ 6,531.13	\$ 20,543.39
<b>EXPENSES</b>	\$13,492.48	\$ 40,013.06
<b>(DEFICIT)</b>	(\$ 6,961.35)	(\$ 19,469.67)

**ENDOWMENT FUND WITHDRAWN TO COVER EXPENSES**

\$4,500.00                      \$13,500.00

**ENDOWMENT FUND INTEREST/REFUND**                      \$            0

**Critical Conversations: The Nexus of Faith and Life**

This four week series of 90 minute interactive dialogue addresses ways to respond in faith to our life journey events using each of our unique blessings of God's grace. We will address the needs and differences in types of wills, financial planning for ourselves, our loved ones and for charitable giving. We close with a conversation focused on spiritually and preparing for the death of a loved one. Each session is led by a local Lehigh Valley professional with expertise in these areas. It is open to the entire Lehigh Valley community and free to attend. Any questions you may contact [stjames@stjamescoopersburg.org](mailto:stjames@stjamescoopersburg.org) or [Andrew.filler@thrivent.com](mailto:Andrew.filler@thrivent.com).

**Whole Life Planning: Wills, Power of Attorney, Living Wills**

April 25, 2019 7:00 PM— What are the differences? What do I need?

**Life After Work: Social Security Planning**

May 2, 2019 7:00 PM—How do I plan for the retirement I really want?

**You Can't Take It With You: Estate and Endowment Planning**

May 9, 2019 7:00 PM—Planning for your legacy and your heirs with charitable giving

**Hope, Faith and Hospice**

May 16, 2019 7:00 PM—Facing death with eyes of faith

All sessions will be held at St. James, Coopersburg.