

SERVING ST. PAUL MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2: **Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Lori Richards **Acolyte:** Zachary Martin **Lector:** Gail Pike **Sound Tech:** Mark Brown **PowerPoint Tech:** Jayden Hegenbarth **Video Tech:** Scott Lichty **Ushers:** Gail Pike, Gerry Seivert, Kathy Seivert, Nathan Zoet **Communion Set-up:** Kari Pedersen, Janice Wielenga **Communion Servers:** Janice Wielenga, Colton Eich, Roger Sauer, Ben Van Beek

SERVING ST. PAUL GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3: **Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Susan Lichty **Acolyte:** Kingsley Kreykes **Lectors:** Barb Sneiderman **Prayer Readers:** Karen Appleton, Lowell Appleton **Sound Tech:** Larry Schnider **PowerPoint Tech:** Rae Lynn Schnider **Video Tech:** Scott Lichty **Ushers:** Nathan Zoet, Gail Pike, Darrell Sneiderman

SERVING ST. PAUL EASTER SUNRISE, APRIL 5 -7:00 AM: **Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Lori Richards **Acolyte:** ___ **Sound Tech:** Mark Brown **PowerPoint Tech:** Heather Honkomp **Video Tech:** Scott Lichty **Ushers:** Gerry Seivert, Kathy Seivert, Mike Vander Berg, Monica Honkomp **Communion Set-up:** Stephanie Wolf, Sue Tokheim **Communion Servers:** Ben Van Beek, Shanelle Matus, Colton Eich, Brian Honkomp

SERVING ST. PAUL EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5 -9:00 AM: **Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Martin **Accompanist:** Susan Lichty **Acolyte:** Kyler Wynja **Sound Tech:** Craig Vander Linden **PowerPoint Tech:** Jeanne Lichty **Video Tech:** Rae Lynn Schnider **Lector:** Gail Pike **Usher Captain:** Dan Matus **Ushers:** Andy Timm, Wayne Woelber, Nancy Woelber **Communion Set-up:** Stephanie Wolf, Sue Tokheim **Communion Servers:** Larry Schnider, Cassie Kruger, Roger Sauer, Janice Wielenga **Receipt Recorders:** Janice Wielenga, Tami Roetman

PRAYER REQUESTS: Dorothy Breuer, Judy Kruse, Carol Luepke, Le O'Brien, Ron Plum, Mary Ellen Reyelts, Teagan Vos, Andrea (friend of Lindsay Martin), Rich Haack (brother of Donna Koepnick), Katie Stavig (sister of Andy Timm), Jen Zeimen (granddaughter of Harold/Jo Eichmann), and Carol Nielsen.

Thank you to Fred and Tami Roetman for sponsoring our Livestream for today's service.

Thank you to everyone who helped this evening with the Maundy Thursday service.

Congratulations to our fifth grade students: Avery Eich, Alice Kanengieter, June Schilling, and Keaton Sneiderman. They have completed their First Communion training with Pastor Christopher Martin. They will receive their First Communion with family during the service.

The Church offices will be **CLOSED on Monday, April 6.**

Maundy Thursday and **Good Friday** offerings will go to the general fund. **Easter Sunrise** offering will go to St. Paul Youth groups unless designated to a specific fund on your offering envelope.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 3	7:00 PM	Good Friday Service Tenebrae Service
April 5	7:00 AM	Easter Sunrise Service-Holy Communion - Lead by Jr./Sr. High Youth
	** 7:45 - 8:45 AM	Easter Breakfast - Served by the Jr./Sr. High Youth
	** 8:15 AM	Easter Egg Hunt **
April 5	9:00 AM	Easter Service-Holy Communion

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC

Maundy Thursday - April 2, 2026, 7:00 PM

The Mission of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all people.



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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.

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In this Great and Holy Week, tonight we enter the Holy Triduum, or Three Holy Days, of our Lord's Passion. We begin where the Lord and His first disciples began, celebrating the fulfillment of the Old Testament Passover with the institution of the Sacrament of the body and blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. It is well that we complete our Lenten discipline this night by examining ourselves, confessing our sins, and receiving forgiveness in the

words of absolution. Therefore, let us implore God our Father, for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess onto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and just deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. 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 suffering 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: Blessed people of God, you have confessed your transgressions to the Lord. He forgives your iniquity and will remember your sin now more. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who call you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in peace. *(1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)*

C: Amen.

***HYMN “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”**

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, Who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy’s perfect deed: We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; Consecrating to your

purpose ev’ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, By your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, Till your love’s revealing light In its height and depth and greatness Dawns upon our quickened sight, Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear, Stirring us to ardent service, Your abundant life to share.

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

FIRST LESSON READING: Exodus 24:3-11

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON READING: Hebrews 9:11-22

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

***HOLY GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 26:17-30

C: Glory to you, O Lord

(Holy Gospel is read)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“If They Only Knew”

RITE OF FIRST COMMUNION (*See Insert*)

***HYMN OF THE DAY: “In the Hour of Trial”**

**In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me, Lest by base denial,
I depart from Thee; When Thou seest me waver,
With a look recall, Nor for fear or favor Suffer me to fall.**

**With forbidden pleasures Would this vain world charm, Or its sordid
treasures Spread to work me harm, Bring to my remembrance Sad
Gethsemane, Or, in darker semblance, Cross-crowned Calvary.**

**Should Thy mercy send me Sorrow, toil and woe, Or should
pain attend me On my path below, Grant that I may never Fail
Thy hand to see; Grant that I may ever Cast my care on Thee.**

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***NICENE CREED**

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe
in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally
begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true
God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the
Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our
salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the
Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and
was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he
rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended
into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He
will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and
his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and
the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in**

**one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one
Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the
resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for
all people according to their needs...

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY HYMN “Let the Vineyards”**

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes
and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer
now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a
foretaste of the feast to come.**

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Blessed are you,

**C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your
goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them
we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to
the care and redemption of all that you have made, For the
sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 for the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times....
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

**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.**

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*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

*All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and
wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the
promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's table.
Grape juice and gluten free bread are available upon request.*

COMMUNION HYMN: “Lamb of God”

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.

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SPECIAL MUSIC ~ Susan Lichty - “Weeping Over Jerusalem”

COMMUNION HYMN: “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

I want Jesus to walk with me; (walk with me;)

I want Jesus to walk with me; (walk with me;)

All along my pilgrim journey, Lord,

I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me.)

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; (walk with me;)

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; (walk with me;)

When my heart is almost breaking, Lord,

I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me.)

When I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me; (walk with me;)

When I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me; (walk with me;)

When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord,

I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me.)

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*BLESSING

P: Lord Jesus, You have given us this bread and cup to eat and
drink. May we, who have received Your body and blood for the
forgiveness of our sins, proclaim Your death until you come
again; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

PSALM 22

DEPART IN PEACE

(Depart in silence as you reflect on these Holy days.)

Rite of First Communion

P: Beloved in the Lord, as a gift of His love for us, on this night of His passion, our Lord Jesus Christ gave His Church the Sacrament of the Altar and invites His children to receive this Sacrament in faith for the forgiveness of their sins. The apostle Paul reminds us, "Let a person examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup" and "as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Avery Eich, Alice Kanengieter, June Schilling, and Keaton Sneiderman have received instruction and have been examined by the Pastor regarding their sin and their understanding of the Sacrament of the Altar. I invite them to come forward at this time.

P: Avery, Alice, June, and Keaton, you are about to be admitted to the Lord's Table for the first time. Holy Scripture describes the life of the Church and every baptized Christian with these words: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers." You are invited by our Lord to come regularly to hear His Word and receive His Sacrament. You will continue to be instructed and nurtured in the Christian faith and life. You are invited to confess your sins and receive the comfort of God's word of forgiveness. All this will help you live as the child of God you have been made. In testimony of this faith and confession, I now ask you the following:

P: Do you intend to continue to hear and receive the instruction of your Lord, confess your sins, and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully throughout your life?

Candidates: Yes, with the help of God.

P: I therefore invite you to the Lord's Supper to receive Christ's precious body and blood for the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Candidates: Amen.

P: Parents, sponsors, and members of this congregation, the whole Church shares with you the responsibility and concern for Avery, Alice, June, and Keaton's ongoing instruction and spiritual care. I now ask you, will you intercede for them in prayer and as much as you are able, give them your counsel and aid that, in communion with the Church, they may grow up to lead godly lives to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ? If so, then answer, "We will with the help of God."

C: We will with the help of God.

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, your Son, Jesus Christ, loved the young and called them to Himself. We ask You to bless Avery, Alice, June, and Keaton. Strengthen them in the faith through the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood, that they may grow spiritually and bring forth the fruits of faith in a life of love toward others, to the praise and honor of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: We rejoice with thankful hearts in your confession of faith this day. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His holy Supper, may He who has begun a good work in you bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. His peace + be with you.

C: Amen.