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Deuteronomy 32:36**

*The God Who Kills and Wounds*

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025



St. Paul Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod

Columbus, Indiana

## Welcome to St. Paul!

We are glad that you have come to God's house to be fed and strengthened by His holy Word. The order of service for today is printed on the **insert** in this bulletin. Guests, we extend a special welcome to you this morning. We are privileged to have you as our guest today and encourage you to worship with us again soon.

**The Family Quiet Room and Restroom** are located outside the doors of the sanctuary and to the left. In the Family Quiet Room, you can hear and see the service. **Assisted hearing devices** are available for the service. Please contact an usher.

Do you need prayer support? Please call Bonnie England at **812-447-7895** to activate our **Prayer Chain**. Your fellow church members will pray for you.

**Our Communion Practice:** We invite and encourage those who have been instructed, confirmed, and confess the faith of this congregation and other congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to receive the Sacrament. Communicants at this altar acknowledge their sins, believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, and desire the Spirit's help to turn from their sins.

Those who are not communing are invited to come forward and receive a blessing by placing their arms across their chest.

If you have questions regarding our Communion teaching and practice, please speak to a pastor.

**Communion Preparation:** To prepare for the Lord's Supper, you may wish to pray the prayer on the inside cover of the hymnal or review the Christian Questions and Answers on pages 329-330.

### Today's Christian Education Opportunities

First Steps of Faith (Infants and Toddlers with a parent)

Sunday School classes for ages three-fourth grade

**Confirmands Confession of Faith** is today during the Sunday School hour in the fellowship room. Fifth graders-adults will attend. *Please plan to attend and support our confirmands as they offer their Confession of Faith.*

### Serving Today

Organist: Kantor Dan Mau

Acolytes: 8 AM Service Addy Arnholt

10:45 AM Service Ellis Sperry

## Church Calendar

Today

### Palm Sunday

*Children Process with Palms*

#### 8:00 AM Divine Service

9:10 AM Fellowship

9:30 AM Sunday School

#### Confirmands Confession of Faith

9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

#### 10:45 AM Divine Service—English and Spanish

Noon Easter Egg Hunt

12:15 PM Lunch

12:30 PM 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

12:30 PM Spanish Bible Study

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

Monday

May Newsletter Deadline

9:30 AM Homeschool Religion Class

10:00 AM Small Group Handbells

Wednesday

9:00 AM Bible Study

#### 10:15 AM Matins Service

6:00 PM Sr. Handbells

7:00 PM Sr. Choir

Thursday

### Maundy Thursday

#### 6:45 PM Divine Service

concluding with Stripping of the Altar

Friday

### Good Friday

Church Office Open until 9:30 AM

*School in Session—Make-up Day*

#### 10:00 AM Morning Service

ECM and Children's Choir sing

10:45-11:30 AM Together as Family Event

10:45 AM-3 PM SPY and C4Life Event

#### 6:45 PM Service of Darkness—English and Spanish

Saturday

Church Reserved

Next Sunday

### Easter Sunday

*Children process with Alleluia Banners*

#### 7:00 AM Festival Communion Service

7:30-9:45 AM Easter Breakfast Served

#### 9:00 AM Festival Communion Service

9:30 AM Radio Service WYGS 91.1 FM

#### 10:45 AM Festival Communion Service English and Spanish

7:00 PM Lutheran Hour WYGS 91.1 FM

# Palm Sunday

## Prelude

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna—J. Kerr*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please sign the Record of Fellowship*

## Ringling of the Bell

## Procession with Palms

*Please stand and turn to face the back of the church.*

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C Amen.**

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C Hosanna to the Son of David.**

**P** Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts, and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

**P** The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel." And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised Him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the whole world has gone after Him."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Processional Hymn

*please remain standing 443*

*Jr. Choir sings stanza one; congregation sings stanzas two and three*

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C Hosanna in the highest.**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*please be seated*

## Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 32:36-39

For the LORD will vindicate His people and have compassion on His servants, when He sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. Then He will say, "Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection! "See now that I, even I, am He, and there is no god beside Me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of My hand."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

[Paul writes:] Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 23:1-56

*The Gospel will be read as a narration. The congregation will speak those sections indicated in bold type. Due to the length of the Gospel, please remain seated.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Narrator: Then the whole company of them arose and brought Him before Pilate. And they began to accuse Him, saying,

**Congregation: "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a king."**

Narrator: And Pilate asked Him,

Pilate: "Are You the King of the Jews?"

Narrator: And He answered him,

Jesus: "You have said so."

Narrator: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: "I find no guilt in this man."

Narrator: But they were urgent, saying,

**Congregation: "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."**

Narrator: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see Him, because he had heard about Him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by Him. So he questioned Him at some length, but He made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing Him. And Herod with his soldiers treated Him with contempt and mocked Him. Then, arraying Him in splendid clothing, he sent Him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them.

Pilate: "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining Him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against Him. Neither did Herod, for he sent Him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by Him. I will therefore punish and release Him."

Narrator: But they all cried out together,

**Congregation: "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"**

Narrator: a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they kept shouting,

**Congregation: (loudly) "Crucify, crucify Him!"**

Narrator: A third time he said to them,

Pilate: "Why, what evil has He done? I have found in Him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release Him."

Narrator: But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that He should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

And as they led Him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed Him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. But turning to them Jesus said,

Jesus: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Narrator: Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said,

Jesus: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Narrator: And they cast lots to divide His garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying,

**Congregation: "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!"**

Narrator: The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying,

**Congregation: "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!"**

Narrator: There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying,

Criminal 1: "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!"

Narrator: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2: "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."

Narrator: And he said,

Criminal 2: "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

Narrator: And He said to him,

Jesus: "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

*Out of deep respect and gratitude, please stand for the words that record the death of Christ.*

Narrator: It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said,

Jesus: "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!"

Narrator: And having said this He breathed His last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying,

Centurion: "Certainly this man was innocent!"

Narrator: And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all His acquaintances and the women who had followed Him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things. Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid Him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with Him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how His body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

*confessed together*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*please be seated*

## Little Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

**454 stanzas 1-4**

### Sermon

*The God Who Kills and Wounds*

Deuteronomy 32:36-39

### Reception of New Members 10:45 AM Service

Jerrod Wray  
Donita Barringer  
Jeremy, Kirsten, Grant, and Lane Gilmore  
Rachel Wagoner

### Prayer of the Church

*please stand*

### Offering

**441**

## Service of the Sacrament

*please stand*

**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 to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross, that where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name evermore praising You and saying:

**All sing: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.** (LSB 195)

**C** **Our Father, who art in heaven...**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ...

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

**All sing: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(LSB 198) *please be seated*

## Distribution

**442, 444, 543, 559, 350**

## Post-Communion Collect and Benediction

*please stand*

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You, that of Your mercy, You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The Lord bless and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

**454 stanza 5**

## Postlude

*Ride On, Ride On In Majesty—M. Archer*

*The Easter Egg Hunt follows the 10:45 AM Service. Please gather in the fellowship room.*

*Today is the last day to sign up for Easter lilies. Please complete the form included in this bulletin.*

*Flyers that list our Holy Week services and information about our Early Childhood Ministry are on the table in the gathering space. Please take and invite others!*

# *The God Who Kills and Wounds*

## Deuteronomy 32:36-39

Why is it difficult for parents to discipline their children? Why must it be done?

Why must our heavenly Father discipline His children? Why must it be done?

Our heavenly Father's a\_\_\_\_\_ or foreign work: Judgment and punishment because of sin.

Our heavenly Father's p\_\_\_\_\_ work: Gracious, compassionate, forgiving

The ultimate example of God's foreign work: Sending His only-begotten Son to be w\_\_\_\_\_ and

k\_\_\_\_\_ to heal and make us alive.

Since your heavenly Father graciously gave His own Son to die for you, you can be confident that He will give you

e\_\_\_\_\_ you need. Romans 8:32

**LIVING THE SERMON...** Our heavenly Father is always working to serve and bless us His children. What difficult work did our Father and His only-begotten Son Jesus do for us that first Holy Week? Why did they need to do this difficult work? Pray that you would always trust that God is at work for your eternal good and that He who did not spare His own Son will graciously give you all that you need.

**PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH...** Give thanks to your heavenly Father who sent His only-begotten Son Jesus to be wounded and killed for you. Pray that many would come to know and trust in our gracious and compassion heavenly Father and in His only-begotten Son Jesus as their Savior. Pray that you would have a blessed observance of your Lord's suffering and death and a glorious celebration of His resurrection.

**MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK...** *For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.* Job 19:25-27

### ***Readings for Maundy Thursday at 6:45 PM***

*Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 10:15-25; Luke 22:7-20; Psalm 22*

### ***Readings for Good Friday Morning Service at 10 AM***

*1 Peter 1:18-21; Matthew 27:32-54*

### ***Readings for Good Friday Service of Darkness at 6:45 PM***

*Isaiah 52:13-53:12; John 18:1-19:42*

### ***Readings for Easter Festival Services at 7, 9, and 10:45 AM***

*Job 19:23-27; 1 Corinthians 15:51-57; John 20:1-18*



# Extending Christ's Love Update

On March 26-28, the Visitation Team assigned to our early childhood ministry from National Lutheran Schools Accreditation was on site to evaluate our school and determine our accreditation status. The Visitation Team enthusiastically recommended "Accreditation in Good Standing". The Accreditation Team identified the following as outstanding strengths of our school:

- It is clear that Jesus is the center of the ministry.
- The entire staff demonstrates servant leadership.
- There is a united effort between the church and school.
- There is a vision for growth for the entire ministry which is evidenced through the building campaign.
- Curriculum and instruction are developmentally appropriate and clearly meets the needs of the children.



Thanks for your ongoing prayers and support for our early childhood ministry. We are blessed through your faithful support of this outreach.

When a school is recommended for accreditation, the Visitation Team creates a five-year School Action Plan of areas that need to be improved or corrected by 2030. The Visitation Team identified 11 Action Items that must be addressed in the next five years. As you might imagine, many of these are related to our facilities and also playground safety, all of which are already addressed in the design of our Christian Education Center!

Your support of Extending Christ's Love will make our outstanding early childhood ministry even better, where we can serve more children, all children can learn and grow, and most importantly, continue to be taught about Jesus and led to His waiting arms.

## Youth Events

### KfC (Kids for Christ—fifth graders and younger)

**Today, April 13<sup>th</sup>: Easter Egg Hunt** Our annual Easter Egg Hunt follows the 10:45 AM service, beginning with devotions in the fellowship room.

**Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday School Children first grade and younger and early childhood ministry students will sing at the 10 AM morning service. The service will be followed by Together as Family in the fellowship room concluding around 11:30 AM.

**Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>:** Join us from noon-1:15 PM for lunch, devotions, fellowship, and fun as we celebrate the end of the school year!

### SPY (high schoolers) and C4Life (sixth-eighth grade)

**Today, April 13<sup>th</sup> Servant Event:** SPY and C4Life Youth that attend the 8 AM service are encouraged to help hide Easter eggs during the 10:45 AM service.

**Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> Servant Event, Lunch, and a Movie:** Youth are encouraged to attend the 10 AM Morning Service. Following the service, youth will assist with Together as Family and help set-up and prepare for the Easter breakfast. We will enjoy lunch together and then watch *The Passion of the Christ*. Pick-up is at 3 PM.

**Sundays, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>:** Youth in grades 7-12 will meet together to watch and discuss the *Luther* movie during the Sunday School hour.

**Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>:** Youth and their parents will enjoy pizza after second service and then make the sauce for our walking tacos at the county fair. Pick-up time is 2 PM. From 2-3 PM, there will be a meeting and Bible study for youth and chaperones attending the National Youth Gathering.

### All Youth and Youth Families

**Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>:** Youth families are sponsoring the Easter breakfast. Please sign-up in the gathering space to bring food. SPY and C4Life Youth should plan to serve at the breakfast.

*Friends are always welcome. If you have any questions, please contact a youth counselor or Pastor Bauman.*

**IN OUR PRAYERS... Sick and Recovering:** Warren Scheidt, James Neawedde, Callan Jones, Gloria Schultz, Amy Yeley, Dennis Peters, Pastor Stache, Ray Cline, Sandy Lagneau, Karen Hendershot, Phyllis Fox, Nancy Lipka, Lynn Hoeltke, Bob Runge, Jill Scheidt, Pam Jenkins, Austyn Gordon (Gonsior's nephew), Jean Joyner (Nancy Dyer's sister), Candice Rominger (Clearys' friend), Amy Coombs (Darlene Bower's friend), Judy Parker (Gayla Alesandro's friend), Angela Vennemann (Elizabeth Tucker/Daniel Wint's cousin), Margaret Osman (Nancy Dyer's sister), Paul Schultz (Gloria's son; Sandy Banister's brother); Edward Arnold (Amanda Kruger Arnold's brother-in-law), Mike Alesandro (Gayla's husband), Cassie Murray (Jason and Laurie Schroer's friend), Tiffany Wilson (Karen Hendershot's cousin), Connie Ball (Jan Voelz's friend), Dave Jensen (Krugers' friend), Moe Humphrey (Ray and Pat Hall's friend) Ozzy Hentges (Kallis' friend), Kristina Hargitt (Kim Chandler's friend), Amy Cockburn (South Decatur principal), Dale Christophel (Ray and Pat Hall's friend), Ed Vogel (Eddie Vogel's father), Annie Walton (Holly Wischmeier's coworker's daughter), William Leitshuh (Clearys' friend), Naomi Gillespie (Haaks' great-niece); **Active Military:** Garrett McGaha, Noah Hoeltke, Evan Rickus, Shane McGowen (Sally Haak's nephew), Michael Mullins (Sperrys' friend), Sam Studler (Kallis' friend), Ty Chamberlain (Taffy Schroer's relative)

**WE WELCOME...** Donita Barringer, Jeremy, Kirsten, Grant and Lane Gilmore, Rachel Wagoner, and Jerrod Wray into our family of faith today. May God richly bless them as they worship and serve the crucified and risen Christ with us.

**THE FLOWERS IN CHURCH...** are given by Mike and Wilma Yeley in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**TODAY'S RADIO MINISTRY...** is sponsored by Mike and Wilma Yeley in honor of the confirmation of their grandson Adam Arnholt.

#### **IN THE GATHERING SPACE...**

- + April Newsletter
- + New edition of *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*

**CONFIRMAND RECEPTION AND CONFESSION OF FAITH...** This morning during fellowship hour, we will recognize and celebrate our 11 confirmands with a reception. During Sunday School, our confirmands will

offer the Confession of Faith, answering questions about the teachings of Holy Scripture.

On **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** during the Sunday School hour, our confirmands will give their Confession of Faith Presentations. At the 10:45 AM service that day, they will be confirmed and receive their first Communion. Please plan to attend and support our confirmands and pray that they would always remain faithful to the Lord.

**EASTER EGG HUNT...** is **today** at noon. The Easter Egg Hunt is for children fifth grade and younger. Bags will be provided for the children.

**EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN-UP...** Please sign up in the gathering space to provide food for the Easter breakfast. Also, help is needed to serve the breakfast, especially from SPY and C4Life youth. Youth attending the 7 AM service should plan to serve after the worship service through clean-up. Those attending the 9 AM service should plan to arrive by 7:30 AM to serve until 9 AM. Those attending the 10:45 AM service should plan to serve from 9 AM-10:45 AM.

**MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE...** is **tomorrow, April 14<sup>th</sup>**.

**GOOD FRIDAY...** We will offer two services on **Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**. The 10 AM Morning Service is designed for families. The early childhood ministry and Sunday School children first grade and younger will sing at this service. The 6:45 PM evening service will include Communion and conclude with the Service of Darkness.

**Together as Family:** Families attending the 10 AM service are encouraged to remain for Together as Family in the fellowship room, for activities that reinforce the importance of the day, concluding around 11:30 AM.

**SPY and C4Life Servant Event and Movie:** SPY and C4Life youth will remain after the morning service to assist with Together as Family, set-up and prepare for the Easter breakfast, enjoy lunch together, and watch *The Passion of the Christ*. Pick-up is at 3 PM.

**EASTER SERVICES AND BREAKFAST...** We will celebrate Christ's resurrection **next Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** with three festival Communion services at 7, 9, and 10:45 AM as we conclude our Lenten Wilderness Sermon Series with the theme: *From the Wilderness to the Promised Land*. Children are invited to process with Alleluia Banners at all three services.

The Easter breakfast will be served by youth families from 7:30-9:45 AM. The menu includes sausage and ham casseroles (gluten free/dairy free options available), biscuits and gravy, pastries, fruit, and drinks. The freewill offering will benefit youth ministry.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY RESUMES...** You are invited to join us for Bible study every Wednesday at 6 PM beginning on **Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** as we continue our study of the Epistle to the Hebrews.

**ECM EASTER CHAPELS...** Please join our early childhood ministry students and families as they celebrate our Lord's resurrection. The Doves and Kindergarten classes will worship on **Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** and the Lambs classes will worship on **Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**. Both chapels begin at 8:20 AM.

**ORGAN RECITAL AND BAYAN DEMONSTRATION...** You and your friends are invited to an Organ Concert and Bayan Demonstration on **Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** at 7 PM featuring Dr. Marko Petricic of Ball State University as organist.

The bayan, invented in Russia in 1870, is similar to the accordion. Instead of the piano-like keys for the right hand, there are five rows of buttons. The left hand plays 120 buttons.

Please plan to attend this unique concert.

**BASKET BINGO...** White Creek Lutheran School Bingo Night is **Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets for this FUN (adults only) event are \$25 each and can be purchased online at [www.whitecreek.org/page/bingo](http://www.whitecreek.org/page/bingo) or by calling the school office at 812-342-6832. Doors open at 5 PM and play begins at 6 PM. Proceeds benefit the Middle School trip to Washington, DC! Please see the flyer in the gathering space for more details.

**INDIANA DISTRICT SPRING RETREAT...** is **Friday-Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>**. We invite you to participate in two in-gatherings for retreat: Clarity in Columbus and Lutheran Child and Family Services in Indianapolis. Clarity requests baby wipes, diapers, butt paste, and baby toiletries (shampoo, baby wash, lotion), and the district will collect monetary donations for LCFS. A donation bin is near the LWML bulletin board for Clarity, and monetary donations can be given to Linda Scheidt anytime. Thanks for your support.

**ECM FOURTH ANNUAL CARNIVAL...** The fourth annual Early Childhood Ministry CARNival is **Saturday,**

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 2-4 PM. This year's CARNival will have a Hawaiian theme. The ECM board is seeking volunteers to host a booth at the event. Booths may include a fun activity or game; prizes will be provided. Please contact Andrea Cotton to sign up for a booth at 812-344-4580 or [amorris1525@gmail.com](mailto:amorris1525@gmail.com).

**Cake Walk:** Tri-W will sponsor a cake walk at the CARNival. Please consider donating a cake for the cake walk. All cakes should be labeled with the name of the cake and list any allergens such as gluten, nuts, dairy, etc. Please put the cake on or in a disposable container. The cakes should be delivered to the church conference room by 1 PM on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact Mary Shaffer at 812-350-3195, if you are willing to donate a cake. Also let Mary know if you need to drop your dessert off earlier.

**RUMMAGE SALE...** Our Rummage Sale to benefit Extending Christ's Love is **June 6-7, and your help is needed!** Please continue to gather items for the sale. Larger items can be stored in the chapel. Donations can be brought to church May 18-June 3. Volunteers are needed to set up for the Rummage Sale on June 4-5, and to serve during the sale on June 6-7. Please sign up in the gathering space. If you have questions, contact Phil Burbrink at 812-344-9946.

#### **MAY EVENTS—MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**

- Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>—ECM Field Day at Camp Lakeview; All classes meet at Camp; Church office closed
- Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>—2-4 PM ECM CARNival
- Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>—Noon-2 PM SPY and C4Life Sauce Making Day; 2-3 PM National Youth Gathering Participant Meeting and Bible Study
- Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>—10 AM Moms in the Word
- Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>—Last Day of School for Little Lambs; 8:20 AM Closing Chapel
- Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>—Last Day of School for Little Doves; 8:20 AM Closing Chapel
- Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>—6 PM Euchre and Game Night
- Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>—Last Day for Kindergarten; 6:30 PM Closing Chapel and Reception
- Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>—Recognition Sunday: Recognition of High School and College Graduates during worship; Recognition of Sunday School Teachers and New Members at the beginning of Sunday School
- Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>—Noon-1:15 PM KfC Event
- Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>—Summer Sunday School Begins

**ECM REGISTRATION...** Please continue to promote our fully-accredited early childhood ministry. Currently, there are eight openings in kindergarten, one opening in Little Doves (4-year olds) and five openings in Little Lambs (3-year olds). Flyers are available in the gathering space and registration information is available on the church website. Encourage families to contact Director Jen Probst with questions or to schedule a school tour. Kindergarten tuition is free through the School Choice program and financial assistance is available for preschool families.

**GREETERS NEEDED...** Greeters welcome members and visitors to our worship services. Greeters typically serve at either the 8 or 10:45 AM service for one month. If you are interested in serving as a greeter, please contact Eric Scheidt at 812-371-8810.

**JOINING OUR CHURCH FAMILY...** We would love to have you join our family of faith here at St. Paul. If you would like to find out more about our church or the process to become a member, please contact Pastor Bauman in person, by phone (812-350-4115) or by email (pastorbauman@stpaulcolumbus.org).

**TLHS THANKS...** Trinity Lutheran High School expresses their appreciation for all who donated items and attended the annual action. The event's gross proceeds were \$384,449.

**THANKS TO...** all who served our Lenten suppers and to all who attended so they we could fellowship together!

**THANKS TO...** all who donated candy for today's Easter egg hunt, and to our youth and youth counselors for their servant leadership in hosting this event.

## **The Response of God's People**

**Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Lenten Service Attendance: **103**

**Last Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Divine Service Attendance: **323**; Communion: **228**

Sunday School Attendance: **149**

General Fund: **\$14,005.53** Weekly Need: \$15,933

Extending Christ's Love: \$4,102 including \$475 Kathy Hoover Memorials

Hoover Memorials

Early Childhood Ministry: \$665.34 including \$362 Lenten

Supper proceeds

Radio Ministry: \$210

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