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The reading of the triumphal entry narrative shows the humble servanthood of Christ, while the Passion Narrative shows that He is the Suffering Servant. In our text Paul gives the purpose of this letter: “Only let your manner of life be worthy of the Gospel of Christ.”

We welcome everyone to God’s House this morning!

The Lord’s Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. If you are not partaking of the Lord’s Supper but would like to receive a blessing, please come up to the communion rail when sent by an elder, kneel, and cross your arms over your chest. The Pastor will then know that you desire a blessing.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US.

Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in the narthex of the church, near the water fountain.

In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

Children are a vital part of our church family. They learn and grow in their faith by regularly worshipping with us. We welcome all children to be actively participating in the service but if for any reason you want or need to take your little one out, there is a Nursery available for your use. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. A day where celebration and tension sit side by side. The service often begins with palms, processions, and shouts of praise. **Hosanna!** – Hebrew: Hoshia Na **“Save now!”** He came riding on a donkey to shouts of Hosana - fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9. Yet this triumphal entry quickly moves toward betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion. The same city that welcomes Jesus will soon call for His death. “The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.” *Psalm 118:22* Hosanna happened when Jesus came, Hosanna happened at the cross, Hosanna happens at baptism, and Hosanna happens when a believer is called home to eternity in heaven.

“Hosanna to the King!” Jesus – save now!

Bell Choir "Hosanna! Loud Hosanna!

∞ PROCESSION WITH PALMS ∞

**Congregation will stand and face the Cross
at the entrance of the sanctuary.**

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

C **And with your spirit**

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

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

P Let us pray.

ALL: 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; Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

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

The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; 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 were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Processional Hymn 442 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
(John 12:12-15; Ps. 118:26; Ps. 24:7-9)

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

(Hebrews 10:22)

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.** *(Psalm 124:8)*

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *(Psalm 32:5)*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But 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 sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*

C **Amen.**

Adult Choir "Hosanna In the Highest"

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! *(Echo)*

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna! *(Echo)*

Repeat

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit *Psalm 118:19-29*

P Open to me the gates of righteousness,

C that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

P This is the gate of the LORD;

C the righteous shall enter through it.

P I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

C The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

P This is the LORD's doing;

C it is marvelous in our eyes.

P This is the day that the LORD has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

C Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

P We bless you from the house of the LORD.

C The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.

P Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

C You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;

P You are my God; I will extol You.

C Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

P for His steadfast love endures forever!

Kyrie ∞ *Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)*

LSB 186



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C And with thy spirit.

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.

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 50:4–9a

“The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to hear as the learned. The Lord GOD has opened My ear; and I was not rebellious, nor did I turn away. I gave My back to those who struck Me, and My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. “For the Lord GOD will help Me; therefore I will not be disgraced; therefore I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed. He is near who justifies Me; who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me. Surely the Lord GOD will help Me; who is he who will condemn Me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 9:12b, 15a, c ; Psalm 111:9a

P Christ entered once for all into the Holy Places, by means of His own blood,

C thus securing an eternal redemption.

P Therefore He is the Mediator of a new covenant,

C so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

P He sent redemption to His people;

C He has commanded His covenant forever.

The Epistle Lesson

Philippians 2:5–11

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 emptied Himself, by 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.

C Thanks be to God.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" *LSB 443*
(Matt. 21:15; Mark 11:1-11; Ps. 118:25-26)

Sermon "The Mind of Christ" *Philippians 2:5-11*

1. We learn the mind of Christ by what He owned on

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2. We learn the mind of Christ by what He said from the cross on

_____ .

Jesus' mind is on His humble obedience unto death on the cross and on those who need Him to be that Humble King.

Hymn 411 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
(2 Cor. 4:4-6; Heb. 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Rev. 21:23)

Prayers

Lord's Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

C 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.

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



G And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus ∞ *Let Us Bless (Psalm 103:1)*

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.



G Thanks be to God.

Benediction *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you 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.



G A-men, a-men, a - men.

Recessional Hymn 441 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

(John 12:12-16; Ps. 118:25-26; Zech. 9:9)

The flowers that adorn the altar are given by Eric and Kelly Thornton in praise and Thanksgiving for their 30th wedding anniversary. All glory be to Jesus for His many blessings.

Library Cart--Stop by the library chart as we have Holy Week Books from Good Friday to Easter to share with children and adults. Max Lucado has a book entitled, "Six Hours One Friday." We also have the three books written by Katie Shuermann: "The House of Living Stones", "The Choir Immortal", and "The Harvest Raised."

New Portals of Prayer and Hope-Full Living devotionals for April-June as well as the Spring LWML Quarterlies are available in the tract rack in the Narthex.

Worship Anew can be viewed on Sunday mornings at 11:30 am on: the local CW station-channel WCWW-TV 25 out of South Bend, Dish Channel 266 or Direct TV channel 377. For you travelers, you can view anytime at <worshipanew.org>

Meals on Wheels Door Offering Today after the service. We would like to keep our prices low so that meals can be affordable for all seniors. If you are interested in helping, we will have a door offering today. Checks may be made payable to St Paul’s Lutheran Church with Meals on Wheels noted in the memo section. If you have questions about the program, you may contact Joanna Fox at.

Calendar of Events

TODAY..... ∞ Palm Sunday ∞March 29th, 2026
 Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
 Worship Service..... 9:30 am
 Lending Library CartAfter Service
 Meals on Wheels Door Offering.....After Service
 Bell and Adult Choir.....After Service

MON:

Parish Fellowship Meeting..... 3:30 pm

TUES:

WED:

Men’s Bible Study Breakfast 6:30 am
 Day School Chapel 11:00 am

THURS:

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study 9:30 am
 Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Communion 7:00 pm

FRI: Spring Break Begins.....

Good Friday Worship Service..... 7:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY..... ∞ Easter Sunday ∞April 5th, 2026

Easter Sunrise Service at the Bremen Cemetery..... 7:00 pm
 Easter Breakfast – Bethany Room 8:00 am
 Easter Festival Worship Service 9:30 am

The high school Sunday School class, led by Mark Wildauer, meets in the Emmaus Room on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. We are studying “Digital Citizenship” using the book *Faithfully Connected – Integrating Biblical Principles in a Digital World*. Please join us as we discuss and learn the appropriate and responsible use of technology as Christians navigating in a fallen world. (Adults are also welcome!)

Please join us for our Holy Week Worship Services:

Maundy Thursday with communion, April 2nd at 7:00 pm

Good Friday – April 3rd at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Sunrise – April 5th, 7:00 am at the Bremen Cemetery

Easter Breakfast – April 5th, 8:00 am in the Bethany Room

Easter Sunday Festival with communion – 9:30 am

There will be no Adult Bible Class and Sunday School on Easter Sunday. Enjoy the celebration and breakfast!

Ladies of St. Paul's: Please join us at our April 6th LWML meeting to hear “live” from our missionary, **Pastor Micah Wildauer**. Pastor serves with his wife, Robin, children Sam, Liza, David and Lydia in Belize. Pastor’s work there as a called LCMS missionary include planting new congregations and assisting in forming a new national church. Most of his work involves home visitations, Bible studies, catechesis and conversations about Jesus with whomever will listen. We’d love to see you there, **starting at 6:30 pm**, in the Bethany Room. **Don’t forget we serve snacks!**

The next “Playground Committee” meeting will be Thursday, April 16th at 6:00 pm in the Principal’s Office. Please note that while this has been called a “Playground Committee”, **the project is being designed to incorporate space for congregational, school, and possible community involved events and not just a play space for the children.** The goal is to make an outdoor space for learning, worshipping, Bible study, praying, and playing. We welcome input as plans are finalized to present to the congregation, school families, and ultimately the voters. Please pray that God’s hand will guide the committee to present a design pleasing to Him.

The Board of Evangelism thanks you for your very generous donations. On March 16th we delivered 337 pounds of usable, unexpired food. The food pantry and the families that utilize it are truly grateful.

The annual Plymouth, IN Legacy of Life Banquet will be Monday, April 27, 2026. Doors open at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Ryan Bomberger is the banquet speaker. Ryan is an Emmy® Award-winning creative professional, international public speaker, columnist, and factivist. The banquet will be held at the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, 11203 Michigan Rd., Plymouth. For more information and to get your tickets, please see Jim and Linda Tinkey, 551-5626. This promises to be a great evening, supporting life!

Please note that Pastor and his family will be on vacation April 6-9 and that the church secretary will be gone for most of Spring Break as well. The best way to contact the church office for bulletin announcements would be through email.

"**Spring is coming**, are you working on your swing? Registration is now open for the highly anticipated **Phil's Friends Annual Golf Outing**. Join us on Monday, May 18th at the beautiful Sandy Pines Golf Club in DeMotte, Indiana. Start time is 10 am. Register today at philsfriends.org." See the church bulletin board for more info.

SCHOOL CORNER

This year we have given over \$51,000 in scholarships from the SGO Fund! As Choice only provides for 77%-83% of tuition costs, we use the SGO to “close the gap” between our tuition fee and the Choice Scholarship. This has enabled our families, most of whom have financial concerns, to receive an education at St. Paul’s for nominal cost. ***Please don’t forget to donate to the SGO!*** Donating has several benefits. For more information, see the bulletin insert or the flyer on the school bulletin board in the Narthex. **We also continue to take donations to St. Paul’s tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.**

Enrollment for 2026-27 is OPEN! *Please encourage family and friends to learn more about St. Paul’s!* We offer a Christian alternative to education for Preschool through 8th Grade, not only focusing on core curriculum, but also providing a Biblical, Christ-centered focus. **With our comprehensive scholarship program, a Christian education can cost little or nothing.** *Scholarships are even available for Pre-K!* Word of mouth is the best form of advertisement, so please encourage your family/friends to check us out!

Spring Break is April 3rd- 10th.

Spring Musical practices have started! **Please mark your calendars for the musical “iAM” on May 1st, 7:00pm!** Visit the App Store with students as they learn some different names for God and how He communicates with us! It’s lively and fun- “iAM”!

Please see the note about the Playground Committee in the bulletin. If you have questions, input, or are interested in joining the committee, please contact Beth Miller.

Please note this month's Star Students on the bulletin board! These students, nominated by the staff, have exemplified one or all of the three "Rs"- Respect, Responsibility, and Righteousness. New Star Students will be highlighted each month.

YOUTH NEWS

Easter Breakfast – Youth in grades 6-8, please let us know if you can help with the Easter Breakfast on **April 5th at 8:00 am**. We need help with serving and clean-up!

Look for more Youth Group information via our "St. Paul's Youth" GroupMe chat (*If you'd like to be added, let us know) or contact Youth Board Director **Scott Hundt at 574-209-2084** with any questions

Things to Remember in Prayer This Week

Thanksgiving: For Jesus, our humble King, and His humble obedience unto death on the cross.

Special Concerns:

That we believe more firmly that Jesus had us in mind when He obediently humbled Himself.

For the Pastor Rafael & Deaconess Jamielynn Flores family.

For the Micah Wildauer family as their ministry is temporarily refocused.

That the Lord would bless our offerings that we give today.

For our country and her leaders.

For those who serve in their vocations of soldiers and first responders.

For the Lord's grace, healing, and protection for our Christian brothers and sisters who are displaced, suffering, or being persecuted in America and throughout the world. **We must shine the Gospel light!**

Servants for Today's Worship March 29th, 2026

Pastor Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Dakota Schmeltz & Gio Mejia

Acolyte: Kellan Guse

Crucifer: Greg Oberlin

Elder: Dave Burcham

Video Streamer: Tyler Schmeltz

Servants for Next Week's Worship April 5th, 2026

Pastor Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Dakota Schmeltz & Austin Nielsen

Acolyte: Kellan Guse

Crucifer:

Elder: Terry Miller

Communion Assistant: Dave Burcham

Communion Tender: Jim Russell

Video Streamer: Tyler Schmeltz

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Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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Making the dream of a
Christian education a
reality for families
through scholarships!

Gov. Braun Opt-in to the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit Program!

On July 4, President Trump signed "The One Big Beautiful Bill" into law. One aspect of this bill includes a Federal Scholarship Tax Credit (FSTC) program that is modeled after successful state tax credit scholarship programs throughout our country, including Indiana. On January 22, Gov. Braun opted-in to the FSTC, making it possible for non-public schools in Indiana to participate in the program!

Program Details

- The bill allows for a 100% Federal Tax Credit for donations from individuals to Scholarship Granting Organizations, just like our Lutheran SGO.
- There is a \$1,700 maximum Federal Tax Credit per taxpayer per year.
- Donors can designate their gift to be used for scholarships at the school of their choice.
- Businesses are not allowed to claim this credit.
- There is no sunset date on this legislation. It is permanent.
- There is no aggregate tax cap. The \$1,700 maximum Federal Tax Credit is available to every taxpayer in our country.
- There is a five-year rollover on this tax credit.
- Scholarship recipients must come from families earning under 300% of the Median Local Income.
- The U.S. Treasury Department is working on determining the final rules that will govern the FSTC.
- **The FSTC begins on January 1, 2027. FSTC donations cannot be given prior to this date.**
- Please consider saving money now to include the FSTC in your 2027 giving plan!

The Lutheran SGO will be ready to
manage the FSTC when it goes live
on January 1, 2027!

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