

St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point

Palm Sunday April 5, 2020

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!

Prayer before the Service-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 Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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Psalm 118:19-29 (responsively whole verse by whole verse)

P: Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, And I will praise the LORD.

C: This is the gate of the LORD, Through which the righteous shall enter.

P: I will praise You, For You have answered me, And have become my salvation.

C: The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.

P: This was the LORD'S doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.

C: This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

P: Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity.

**C: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.**

P: God is the LORD, And He has given us light;
Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

**C: You are my God, and I will praise You;
You are my God, I will exalt You.**

P: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen**

Old Testament Lesson-Isaiah 50:4-9

“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.

Epistle Lesson-Philippians 2:5-11

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Lesson-John 12:12-19

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!”

Hymn.....707

Sermon

Text: John 12

Theme: Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus

- I. An exhortation that will, in time, create struggle in the midst of our lives**
- II. So, how can it possibly be a real way to live in the midst of the world as it is?**

Rite of Confirmation for

Ruby Stuckemeyer-Psalm 84:11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.

Logan Duncan-Josh. 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Prayers

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The following are the themes of the services that comprise Lenten Midweek and Holy Week Services, however, at the present time our ability to gather is on hold, given the pandemic and state mandates. **This week we will be offering Holy Communion to groups of 10 or less throughout the day on Maundy Thursday, April 9th and Good Friday, April 10th by appointment.** Please call the church office. Easter Service will be postponed until the church can gather again. Watch the facebook page, the bulletin and website www.stpaulbluepoint.org for further news. (Presently, the website host is still down, so this information is being linked to facebook. We will also be putting up sermons and links to bulletins on Youtube, link coming). There will also

be **daily sermons** posted with brief bulletins each day on the internet. So the Lenten series will be completed and preached, as will other sermons and lessons during this time.

Lenten Midweek Services —The theme will be **Walking with Paul to the Cross and Beyond**. The lessons will be the Epistle lessons from the previous Sunday;

Palm Sunday, April 4th-Philippians 2:5-11, Theme-The mind of Christ enables us to follow Christ to the Cross humility and faith

Maundy Thursday-1 Corinthians 11:23ff, The Lord richly feeds His children, as they make their way to the Cross

Good Friday-Isaiah 53; John 19, Theme-We have arrived at the Cross and ponder what this means for us!

Easter Sunrise-1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Theme-The Lord is Risen!

ALIS Auction will has been postponed until May 8th.

Ladies Aid has placed **flower order** will be held until we can again gather for service, which will be a celebration of Easter.

Central Illinois District 75th Annual LWML Convention will be held on April 30th – May 2nd at Bethel Lutheran Church, 325 E. Queenwood Rd., Morton, IL 61550. **This event has been cancelled for now**. If there are any questions you can contact Annie Guerrettaz, Jo Ellyn Tappendorf or Elaine Stuckemeyer.

The Ladies of St. John’s, Effingham Lydia Guild is hosting the Joint Spring JOY Shop has been cancelled.

Prayers-For the family of Gene Moeller who died this past week; For the family of Donald Burks, the father of Charles Burks, who died; for the family of W. Wayne Arnold, the grandfather of Spencer Hammer; For Jim Huelskoetter who is recovering from surgery; For Ruby Stuckemeyer and Logan Duncan; for those afflicted with the viruses this year, and those working in health care. For the school closings.

This Week at St Paul

Sunday:	Mark 10-11
Monday:	Mark 12
Tuesday:	Mark 13
Wednesday:	Mark 14
Thursday: Holy Communion	Mark 15
Friday: Holy Communion	Mark 16
Saturday:	Luke 1-2

Those participating-

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