



# **St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point Lenten Service Thursday, April 2, 2020**

**Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!**

**Prayer before the Service-**Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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**

**Open to me the gates of righteousness;**

**I will go through them, And I will praise the LORD.**

**This is the gate of the LORD,**

**Through which the righteous shall enter.**

**I will praise You, For You have answered me,**

**And have become my salvation.**

**The stone which the builders rejected**

**Has become the chief cornerstone.**

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

**This is the day the LORD has made;**

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Save now, I pray, O LORD;**

**O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity.**

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

**We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.**

**God is the LORD, And He has given us light;**

**Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.**

**You are my God, and I will praise You;**

**You are my God, I will exalt You.**

**Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!**

**For His mercy endures forever.**

**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**

### **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!”

## **Sermon**

**Text: John 12:12-19**

**Theme: Fear Not, Your King is Coming**

**I. We human beings have troubles considering anyone else as our ruler...**

**II. But there has been, since the fall, those who are looking for the One True King**

**III. He comes lowly and humble**

## **Prayers**

### **Benediction**

**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. **The elders met Sunday, and we are not having services this week, March 29-April 4th.**

**Confirmation and examination, will be private. We will again reevaluate the schedule for Holy Week, next Sunday, but for right now, if the state limits on gatherings remain at 10, 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. Watch the facebook page, the bulletin and website

[www.stpaulbluepoint.org](http://www.stpaulbluepoint.org) for further news. (Presently, the website host is down, so this information is being linked to facebook. We will also be putting up sermons and links to bulletins on Youtube, link coming). More information will be coming in a pastoral letter the week of March 29th. If you would like a physical copy of the bulletin, please call the pastor and he will put it in your mailbox. If you have prayer requests please call the pastor and he will put it in the bulletin for services. 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** forms in your mailbox. They have to be returned to the Ladies Aid mailbox, with a check made out to the Ladies Aid, by March 22.

**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 for all ladies has been cancelled.

**Arrangements for the funeral** of Gene Moeller-The family of Gene Moeller will be having a funeral/memorial service sometime in the future, when conditions allow.

**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 had surgery yesterday; for those afflicted with the viruses this year, and those working in health care. For the school closings.

**Those participating-**

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