



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Church Office Hours (Mon-Fri): 9am-1pm Email: stpaulwa@hickorytech.net

Mission Statement

“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”

Vision Statement

*“We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members,
community,
and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching
and
teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”*

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY)

✠ Divine Service w/Holy Communion:

○ 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

✠ Sunday School: 10:15 am and Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Rich Carter (Vacancy Pastor)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:



- **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
- **Individual or Family Pastoral Care:** *Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.*
- **Live Streaming on Facebook:** The 9:00 worship service will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook.
- **The Church office will be CLOSED Friday April 15th, 2022 in observation of Good Friday.**
- **Secret Sisters:** Please remember to send your new Secret Brother or Sister a card this month and continue to pray for him/her.
- **We are looking for volunteers** to assist some of our members by driving to appointments in Waseca but especially out of town such as Rochester and the Cities. This could also include running small errands for the member. IF you feel this is a way you can give back to our Lord for all blessings, He has given you personally, please contact the church office to find out more details. Thank you. The Board of Stewardship
- **TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS:** A sincere thank you goes out to each and every one of you. Volunteering is a gift one person gives to another. Whether you gave of yourself once or many times over, your time, talents and energy have and continue to make a difference. Thank you again for sharing your gifts. The Board of Stewardship.
- **A huge THANK YOU** for everyone who participated in the door offering for Ukraine last Sunday. We raised \$900.00 and will be sending it to Lutheran World Relief who will double our donation.
- **The Quilters** would like to remind everyone that any of the quilts on display in the sanctuary are for sale and if you are interested in purchasing, please contact Donna Hildebrandt or Judie Waters.
- Cotta Guild is hosting a **Collection for Paper Goods** for 2 area food shelves until April 27th AND also **YARN** for the Waseca Federal Prison Recreation Department until April 30th. You can find boxes at both the North Entrance and by the elevator. Thanks for your help.
- **Mark your calendars for Easter Sunday.** We will have Sunrise service at 6:30 am with No Holy Communion, **DINE IN EASTER BREAKFAST** hosted by Board of Ed from 7:30 to 8:45am and Service at 9am **WITH** Holy Communion.
- **Mother Daughter Luncheon May 7th, 2022.** Tickets go on sale April 1st thru April 24th at the Front and Back of church. \$10 per ticket. Social hour at 11:30am, lunch at noon, entertainment provided by "Trinity's Own Church Ladies" will follow lunch.
- **Bible Readings by Members:** Most often the Gospel reading for a service is the text for the sermon; for centuries it has been common, then, that the pastor reads the third, the Gospel lesson, in a service. Other readings can be read by members of the congregation; as with other parts of services marked L (Leader) or A (Assisting Minister). We thank those members of St. Paul, including Elders and new confirmands, who have agreed to serve in this way, reading the first and second lessons during services in the Easter season.

Good Friday

April 15, 2022

Please remember that at the end of service there will be a loud “bang” symbolizing Jesus being shut inside the tomb. All worshippers are asked to leave in silence as they depart the church this evening, as we continue to think upon all that Christ Jesus went through (in His suffering and death) on account of, and for, us. And we look forward to the joy of His resurrection on Sunday morning

OPENING HYMN: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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ORDER OF SERVICE: VESPERS, Spoken

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PSALMODY

Psalm 22: (Read Responsively)

P: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

C: Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

P: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,

C: and by night, but I find no rest.

P: Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

C: In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

P: To you they cried and were rescued;

C: in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

P: But I am a worm and not a man,

C: scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

P: All who see me mock me;

they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

C: “He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;

let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

P: Yet you are he who took me from the womb;

you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.

C: On you was I cast from my birth,

and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

P: Be not far from me, for trouble is near,

and there is none to help.

C: Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

P: they open wide their mouths at me,

like a ravening and roaring lion.

C: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;

P: my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

C: my strength is dried up like a potsherd,

P: and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

C: For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me;

P: they have pierced my hands and feet I can count all my bones

C: they stare and gloat over me;

P: they divide my garments among them,

C: and for my clothing they cast lots.

P: But you, O LORD, do not be far off!

C: O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

P: Deliver my soul from the sword,

C: my precious life from the power of the dog!

P: Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

C: I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

P: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

C: For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

P: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

C: my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

P: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;

C: those who seek him shall praise the LORD!

P: May your hearts live forever!

C: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

P: For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

C: All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

P: before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

C: Posterity shall serve him;

P: it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Calvary"

Senior Choir & Hannah LaCroix on Flute

READINGS

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12*

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. ⁵³Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: *Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9*

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: *John 19:17-30*

17 and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." ²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴ so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. ²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY FOR LENT:

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SPECIAL MUSIC: "You Were on the Cross"

Soloist Bill Kuschel

SERMON: Forsaken

HYMN: "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

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OFFERING (*offering plates are located at each entrance*)

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CLOSING HYMN: "Were You There"

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BANG! The tomb is closed. All worshippers are asked to leave in silence as they depart the church this evening, as we continue to think upon all that Christ Jesus went through (in His suffering and death) on account of, and for, us

IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Called Home:** Shirley Tetzloff
- **Hospitalized:** Anita Risto, Mother of Barb Denn and Debbie Roemhildt
- **Illness:** Pastor Zimmer, Inez Meyer
- **Recovery and testing:**
- **Up – Coming medical procedures:** Susan Swenson had hip surgery on April 8th, Jacob Lemmen for upcoming surgery
- **Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery:** Margaret Schwarz
- **Treatment:** Tim Andree (friend of Matt Klinger)
- **For those with Covid-19**
- **Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.**
- **All the service men & women who are serving in the military:** Noah Berg, Matthew Gilmore, Jordan Labiack, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson
- **Waseca Circuit Missionaries:** Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John Wolff (Kenya)
- **Our Confirmands**
- **Ukraine**

APRIL 24TH AT 10:30AM WITH LUNCH FOLLOWING THE MEETING TO WELCOME
OUR NEW MEMEBERS



Special Thank You to **Hannah LaCroix** who is sharing her musical talents with us today as our flautist and to **Bill Kuschel** as our Soloist today.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: April 10th - April 17th, 2022

Sunday (10th):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service and Confirmation w/No Communion (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3FM)

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

Monday (11th):

10:00 am Prayer team

Tuesday (12th):

1:00 pm Quilters

Wednesday (13th):

3:30 pm- 5:00pm **NO CONFIRMATION TODAY**

7:00 pm Senior Choir followed by Contemporary Ensemble practice

Thursday (14th):

6:00 am Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Beans

6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service w/ Communion and First Communion for Confirmands

Acolyte: Wyatt Schroeder

Friday (15th): OFFICE CLOSED

6:00 pm Good Friday Service

Acolyte: Alex Welander

Sunday (17th):

6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service (w/no Communion)

7:30am to 8:45 am **DINE IN** Easter Breakfast

9:00 am Divine Service w/Holy Communion (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: April 15th:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Alexa Welander

ELDER/DEACON: Dick Arnold/ Kraig Deling

RADIO MONITOR:

FACEBOOK LIVE:

NEXT WEEK: April 17th @ 9am

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Derek Hammer

ELDER/DEACON: Dick Arnold/ Kraig Deling

RADIO MONITOR: Ben Hill

FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on March 30th: 68 April 3rd: 131 Bible Study: 49 Sunday School: 8

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): Mar. 30th, 2022: \$443.00 April 3rd: \$4353.00

Dedicated Funds: Mar. 30th: \$00.00 April 3rd: \$27.10