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NOTATIONS

COMING TOGETHER TO LEARN, LIVE, AND SHARE THE TRUTH OF CHRIST

Holy Week Schedule



Maundy Thursday
Holy Communion Worship
7:00 p.m. at Grace



Good Friday
Tenebrae Service
7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's



Easter Sunday

Festive Worship - 8:00 a.m.

St. Paul's, breakfast at 7:00 a.m.



No Family Bible Hour

Festive Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Grace, breakfast at 9:30 a.m.



All glory, laud, and honor
To you, Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the king of Israel
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
Our King and blessed one.

CW131:1

April

St. Paul's Greeters - Grace Ushers

April 2 – Palm Sunday

DuWayne Zamzow G Pagel, M Blaubach

April 6 – Maundy Thursday

C Neumann, J Neumann

April 7 – Good Friday

Mark & Joline Bartelt

April 9 – Easter Sunday

Dan & Rita Pittsley J Levich, K Christian

April 16

Gene & Sharon Bartelt S Christian, Bryce Blaubach

April 23

Joy Taylor D Blaubach, D Neumann

April 30

DuWayne Zamzow M Levich, D Prazuch

Lilies



are available for purchase for our Easter services. Please sign up on the back table if you wish to place a lily.

Meditations are available on the back table for your personal home devotional life. Pick up one of these fine booklets today, and gain renewed strength in God's word every day.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Grace will celebrate her 140th anniversary next year! Could you help on a planning committee? Please speak to someone on church council.



Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School will be held July 24-28, 9:00-11:30 am at the Berlin Center.



Welcome

to Shane & Colleen Beilke and daughter Brooklyn, new members at St. Paul's! We are so glad you are part of our family in the faith. May God bless you richly among us.



Grace Financial Update

February Income:	\$ 7,864.84
February Disbursements:	\$10,697.40
2023 Mission Goal:	\$ 5,500.00
YTD Mission Offering:	\$ 1,201.00
Percentage of Goal:	21.84%
Parsonage Garage:	\$ 4,255.00
Garage Goal:	\$20,000.00
Christian Ed Fund:	\$ 5,430.32
NLHS:	\$ 0.00

St. Paul's Financial Update

February Income:	\$ 6,858.25
February Disbursements:	\$ 5,292.08
Christian Ed Fund:	\$ 1,798.00
(2023-2024, begun 7/1/22)	
YTD NLHS Offerings:	\$ 720.00
2023 NLHS Commitment:	\$ 4,750.00
NLHS Debt Reduction:	\$ 3,939.70
YTD Mission Offerings:	\$ 881.00
2023 Mission Goal:	\$ 4,000.00
Good Samaritan Fund:	\$ 1,340.00

JESUS: OUR HOLY, HEAVENLY KING

Dear members and friends of St. Paul's and Grace,

In ancient times when a city was attacked by an enemy army, hopefully the king of the land would come to the rescue. The king leading his army would ride out against the enemy, defeat them and save the city. Then he would ride back into the city where the people would joyfully welcome him in a victory parade.

So Jesus, our holy, heavenly King, rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Crowds of people joyfully went out to welcome him. They cut palm branches from the trees and strewed them in his path, making a leafy carpet for their King. They joyfully praised God in loud voices, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" [Luke 19:38]

But Jesus rode humbly on a lowly donkey, for he did not come to establish a mighty, earthly kingdom. Our holy, heavenly King had a more glorious purpose. He was riding toward a cross to fight and defeat our greater enemies: sin, death, the devil, and hell.

Looking only for an earthly king, the Jewish leaders and many of the people rejected the holy, heavenly King, condemned him, and delivered him to the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, to be executed.

When Pilate questioned Jesus about his kingdom, Jesus assured him, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place." [John 18:36] Jesus appealed to Pilate and to every person who has ever lived: "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." [John 18:37]

It appears that Pilate never understood or believed in Jesus' kingdom. But after condemning him to crucifixion, whatever his reasons, Pilate did place a notice on the cross above Jesus which read in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek: "JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS." God saw to it that the truth was clearly presented for all.

On that cross Jesus our holy, heavenly king won the victory and delivered us from all unholiness, from sin, death, and the devil. He established his kingdom of holiness where now he rules in our hearts with his word of perfect forgiveness and peace, granting us holiness in his kingdom already now and forever in heaven. He is "King of kings and Lord of lords," our holy, heavenly King.

God bless us with his word of truth as we travel through holy week to his cross and then to his empty tomb.

Your friend in Christ,

Pastor Willitz



"Welcome, happy morning!"

CW163:1

Age to age shall say:

"H̄ell today is vanquished:

H̄eaven is won today!"

Lo, the Dead is living,

God forevermore!

H̄im, their true Creator,

All his works adore.

"Welcome, happy morning!"

Age to age shall say:

"H̄ell today is vanquished:

H̄eaven is won today!"

BLESSED EASTER TO YOU ALL!

