



BREAD  
OF LIFE

BREAD FOR THE ROAD

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

9:00 A.M.

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# Order of Worship

Palm Sunday  
April 13, 2025 † 9:00 a.m.

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## Prelude

*(Children gather in the narthex to ready for the processional hymn)*

## A Palm Sunday Musical Invocation

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!”

*Combined Choirs*

## Processional Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

<sup>28</sup> After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” <sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

## Procession of Palms and Opening Hymn

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

*(hymn) 344*

### *Refrain*

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

<sup>1</sup> You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

<sup>2</sup> The company of angels are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. *Refrain*

## Call To Worship

Pastor: People of God, the road has brought us here, together, in this place, for this moment. Jesus is coming approaching. Bring your palm branches and your hopes.

**All: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. May all who hunger be filled.**

Pastor: He comes not with force, but in gentleness. Not with domination, but with peace.

**All: Hosanna! Our Redeemer draws near to show us a new way.**

Pastor: So let us welcome Christ with open hearts and lifted voices.

**All: Hosanna in the highest! The Bread of Life walks beside us. Let us worship with joy.**

Pastor: Gracious God, on this Palm Sunday, we join the crowd once again, lifting our voices, waving our branches, and longing for hope. You know the cries of our hearts: for healing, for justice, for peace, for love. And still, you come, humble and steady, ready to walk the road with us. As we step into this holy week, remind us that you have already given us what we need for the journey: You have fed us with compassion, nourished us with your Word, and strengthened us with community. Let the spirit of “Hosanna” take root in us—not only as a cry for help, but as a song of trust. Sustain us in the days to come. Let each shared meal, each act of love, and each quiet moment remind us that you are near— our Bread for the Road, our Hope on the journey, and our Joy at the end.

**All: Amen.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds shouted “Hosanna!”—a cry for salvation, a hope for something new. We too long for healing, for justice, for peace. Yet so often, we look for these things in the wrong places. Let us take a moment to confess the ways we have trusted in the promises of this world, rather than the promise of Christ. Merciful and loving God ...

**All: we confess that we do not always follow in the way of Jesus. We seek safety in what is familiar—power, privilege, comfort—forgetting that Christ came in humility and peace. We are quick to speak words of praise, but slow to live lives of compassion. We turn away from cries for justice, and fail to recognize your presence in those who are hurting. We neglect the care of your creation and the well-being of our neighbors. Forgive us, Lord. Turn us again toward you. Nourish us with your grace, and guide our feet along your road of love.**

Pastor: Hear the good news: Jesus does not come to condemn, but to heal, and to meet us on the road—with love, with forgiveness, with grace, and with open arms. In the name of the One who brings peace, you are forgiven and set free. Let us walk together in the way of love on the road of love.

**All: Amen.**

## Passion Gospel: Luke 23:1-49

### Song

“You Are My King (Amazing Love)”

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken. I'm accepted. You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me. because You died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be, that You my King would die for me?  
Amazing love I know it's true. It's my joy to honor You in all I do, I honor You.

You are my King. You are my King. Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King.

## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

“Bread of Life”

<sup>1</sup>If you're hungry, come. Tired and undone. There's a place for you, a place for you at the table.  
If you're lonely, come. Fill your empty cup. There's a drink for you, a drink for you at the table

#### *Chorus*

Bread of life. Jesus with us. Healing our hearts with love.  
Bread of life. Broken for you. Share with another too.  
There is enough. Oh there will always be.  
So take this bread with me.

<sup>2</sup>Bring your weary mind. Every tear you've cried. There is peace for you. Peace for you at the table.  
Lay your burdens down. Hope is all around. You are welcome here. Welcome here at the table.

#### *Bridge*

Freely given to us, so we might give freely to others.  
Freely given to us, so let us give freely to others.

## Lenten Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in Jesus Christ, who entered Jerusalem not with force, but with humility, riding a donkey, bringing peace where the world expected power.**

**We believe in the way of servant love, where true strength is found not in domination, but in compassion, courage, and care.**

**We believe in walking gently and living justly, choosing grace over fear, and faithfulness over fame.**

**We believe God’s kingdom is not built by might, but by mercy, a holy table where all are welcomed, and where bread is broken to nourish the world.**

**We believe salvation is not secured by the strong, but offered freely through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, who meets us on the road and leads us toward new life.**

**We believe in shouting “Hosanna!” not only with our lips, but with our lives, as we trust in the One who brings true peace. Amen.**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: Jesus, our Bread for the Road, nourishes us not only with grace, but with the gift of community, offering peace that comforts, connects, and heals. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us take a moment to share signs of Christ’s peace, a peace that binds us together and calls us to care for one another in love.

### **Offering**

#### **Offering Music**

#### **Offering Prayer**

Leader: Gracious God, we offer these gifts as a sign of our gratitude for the bread of life that sustains us. May these offerings be used to feed the hungry, welcome our neighbors, and spread your love and justice throughout the world. Bless both the giver and the gift, that they may bear fruit for your kingdom.

**All: Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy ... **All: Hear our prayer.**

### **Great Thanksgiving & Words of Institution**

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

**All: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

Pastor: And so, we remember that night when our Lord Jesus was betrayed... Brothers and sisters in Christ, we gather at this table, prepared for you, in remembrance of Christ. Here, we join with disciples—past and present, from every walk of life—trusting that through Jesus Christ, we are nourished and made whole, and with whom together, our voices pray as Jesus taught us ...

**All: 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.**

Pastor: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus to feed us all. God freely gives us love and life so that we may freely share love and life with others. If you are hungry, tired, weary, or worn, there is space for you here. Come. The bread of life and the cup of blessing await you.

*A member of our prayer team will be available during communion distribution for individual and private prayer. Please meet them at the prayer room to the right of the sanctuary.*

## **Communion Music**

## **Communion Blessing**

## **Prayer after Communion**

Leader: Holy God, at this table, we have been nourished by the Bread of Life. In Christ, there is always enough—grace that sustains and love that overflows. Renewed by this meal, send us out to share your joy and love with the world. **Amen.**

## **Announcements & Prayer Concerns**

## **A Palm/Passion Sunday Benediction**

Pastor: We remember the joy of Jesus, welcomed with palm branches and open hearts.

**All: We go from this place carrying that joy, O God, ready to share hope and kindness wherever we go.**

Pastor: We remember the sorrow of Jesus—misunderstood, rejected, and led to the cross.

**All: We go from this place holding that sorrow, O God, ready to notice pain and offer comfort where it is needed.**

Pastor: And we remember the trust of Jesus, who prayed, *“Into your hands I commend my spirit.”*

**All: We go from this place with trust and with hope, O God—ready to share that trust and hope with others.**

Pastor: Now may the God who formed you with joy, who renews you in your pain, and who fills you with hope, ✠ bless you this day and always.

**All: Amen!**

## Sending Song

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

(hymn) 347

<sup>1</sup> Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

<sup>3</sup> Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,  
mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

## Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

# Thank You To Those Involved in Worship Leading!

**Pastors:** Dale & Carrie Stiles  
**Worship Assistant:** Arlie Post  
**Usher:** Bruce Spangler  
**Greeter:** Ron & Lori Fraley  
**Prayer Corner:** Rosie Quale  
**Organist:** Jeanne Richards  
**Accompanist:** Kim Clark  
**Tech Team:** Chris Timmons  
**Altar Guild:** Brandy Timmons  
**Counters:** Jan Taylor, Will & Katie Fetterly

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# Welcome & Thank You!

Thank you for worshipping with us at St. Paul Lutheran today,  
where it is our mission *"To Share Christ's Love, With Joy!"*

We aim for your time with us to be both enriching and spiritually fulfilling. If you're new, please feel free to introduce yourself to the pastors and fellow worshippers. We value the opportunity to connect with you and hope to see you again soon. At St. Paul Lutheran, everyone is sincerely welcome to partake in Holy Communion. Should you require a gluten-free option, simply inform the pastor when you approach. Worshipers are encouraged to bring a bible to worship. If one is needed there are bibles available at the prayer station in the rear corner of the sanctuary by the soundboard. Additionally, gender-neutral restrooms are accessible in our education/preschool wing, ensuring a comfortable experience for all. We look forward to seeing you again!

## **Please keep in your prayers this week:**

Our partners in Tanzania, the Migoli and Mtera parishes, Ruth Koehly, Jeremy, Griff and all other women and men serving in the military, Shelby and all law enforcement, Jerome (brother-in-law of Doug & Pat Miska), Donald Morency (brother of Lisa Fashner), Marvin (Jen Rauner's Father), Jean Reed, Janice (friend of Darlene Petrey), Shirley (aunt of Elodee Hudon), Cynthia (Elodee Hudon's cousin), Jean Enrooth, Jim Rauner (father of Matt Rauner), Laurie (Pam Heaton's mom), Sharon Petit, Zella Oswald.

**Flowers** today are provided by The Rauner Family in honor of Abbie's 16th birthday and by Cindy Gruett in memory of her son Fred. The flower sign up form is on the wall in the narthex. Thank you for signing up!

**Refreshments** today are provided by Arlie Post. The sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Thank you for signing up!

**Communion Bread** today is provided by the Nova Kroschel. Thank you for signing up!

**Adopt-a-Highway Roadside Clean-Up.** As part of our Creation Care Sunday celebration on **Sunday, April 27**, you and your family are invited **help clean up the mile stretch of the road on Wyoming Trail** in front of the church, immediately following our worship service.



**Pack Food With Us on April 23!** Make plans to join us again for the **Annual Lakes Area Mobile Feed My Starving Children food packing event** at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Forest Lake on **Wednesday, April 23 from 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.** There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex. Contact one of the pastors with any questions. Sign up today!

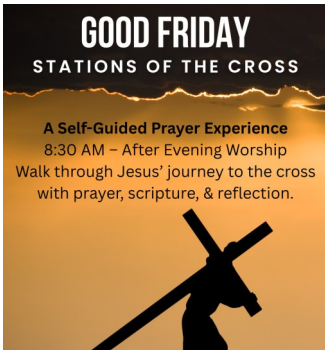
**Holy Week Schedule Update.** Please note that due to Holy Week observances, there will be **no Tuesday Adult Bible Study** and **no Wednesday evening Soup Supper or Worship Service** this week. We encourage everyone to join us for our special Holy Week services on Thursday and Friday as we journey toward Easter.

**New Member Reception—April 27.** Are you interested in officially joining St. Paul Lutheran Church? **So far there are fourteen new friends that have decided to join.** If you, or someone you know, would be interested in being a part of this group, it's not too late. We look forward to welcoming new members into our church family. **Contact Pastor Carrie or Pastor Dale to find out more.**

**Help Get Our Church Ready for Easter!** Spring is here, and it's time to spruce up our church grounds just in time to welcome all our guests on Easter Sunday! Join us for our **Annual Outdoor Spring Cleanup on Monday, April 14, Tuesday, April 15, and Wednesday, April 16 from 5:30 p.m. until dusk.** Bring rakes, gloves, wheelbarrows, leaf blowers, and any other tools that might be helpful. Many hands make light work, so come enjoy the fresh air, fellowship, and the joy of preparing our church grounds for this special season. **We appreciate your help!**

**First Communion Training & Celebration—**At St. Paul Lutheran, we believe that the decision of when a child receives their First Communion is up to the child and their parents. If your child is ready to take this important step in their faith journey and would like to receive their First Communion during our **Maundy Thursday worship on April 17,** please contact Pastor Carrie to be added to the group. She is also happy to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to celebrating this meaningful moment together!

**Save the Date! “True North” Vacation Bible School 2025** is coming to **St. Paul Lutheran from June 23–27!** This exciting week will help kids discover what it means to **trust Jesus in a wild world** through fun activities, engaging lessons, and meaningful connections. **Want to help support VBS at SPLC?** We have a Vacation Bible School donation list available on the bulletin board in the narthex. Each needed donation is listed on **a cutout of a pine tree—**just take a tree, return it with the listed items, and place donations beneath the bulletin board. Thank you, as always, for helping make VBS **an amazing experience for our kids!** For more information, contact **Pastor Carrie.**



Our confirmation students have been working on a special project to help our congregation reflect on Jesus’ journey to the cross. As part of their learning about Holy Week, they have created a set of **prayer stations** that will be available for self-guided reflection on **Good Friday, April 18, from 8:30 a.m. through the conclusion of the evening worship service.**

These **10 stations** will lead you through key moments in Jesus’ passion, culminating at the tomb where he was laid. Each station offers **images, scripture, prayers, and hands-on activities** to deepen your experience. Whether you take a **brief 15-minute visit or set aside a longer time for prayer**, we invite you to walk this journey at your own pace. The Stations of the Cross have their origins in Catholic tradition, but they offer a **meaningful way for all Christians** to engage with the heart of our faith. This experience is an opportunity to step away from the busyness of life and reflect on Christ’s love and sacrifice. A **special thank-you** to our confirmation students for their creativity and dedication in shaping this powerful experience for our congregation. We hope you will join us in prayer and reflection this **Good Friday, April 18.**

## Weekly Financial Stewardship Update

	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under) Budgeted Giving
<b>2025 General Fund Offering Received</b>			
YTD Totals	\$58,867.41	\$67,958.31	\$(9,090.90)
<b>2025 Total Revenue Received</b>			Over/(Under) Budgeted Revenue
YTD Totals	\$110,168.52	\$89,956.72	\$20,211.80

*The Total Revenue Received includes ALL revenue received by SPLC .*

*General Fund Revenue is the portion of Total Revenue Received through undesignated offerings from members and guests. Please contact our Church Treasurer, Andy Buccanero or our Church Bookkeeper, Chris Timmons, with any questions.*

Mortgage Reduction Gifts	Received/Committed	Goal	Percent of Goal
YTD Totals	\$62,475	\$100,000	62%

# The Week Ahead

## at St. Paul Lutheran



### Remaining Holy Week Schedule

**Week Six, Palm Sunday, April 13**

*Bread for the Road*

**Maundy Thursday, April 17**

*Bread for Remembrance*

**Good Friday, April 18**

*Bread for Uncertainty*

**Easter Sunday, April 20**

*Bread for Feasting*

### **Palm Sunday, April 13**

Worship, 9:00 a.m.

Bell Choir Rehearsal (after worship)  
Creation Care Team Mtg. (after worship)  
Vocal Choir Rehearsal (after worship)

### **Monday, April 14**

Humble Bees, 12:30 p.m.  
Spring Clean Up, 5:30 p.m.  
Boy Scouts, 6:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, April 15**

Church Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
Spring Clean Up, 5:30 p.m.  
Cub Scouts, 6:00 p.m.

### **Thursday, April 17**

Maundy Thursday Worship, 6:30 p.m.

### **Friday, April 18**

Stations of the Cross, 8:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m.  
Good Friday Worship, 6:30 p.m.

### **Easter Sunday, April 20**

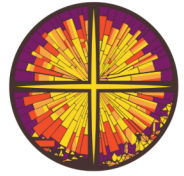
Worship, 9:00 a.m.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

April 20—Easter Sunday  
April 23—FMSC Mobile Pack  
April 27—Creation Care Sunday &  
Reception of New Members  
May 4—Holy Baptism  
May 15—Blood Drive  
May 18—Rite of Confirmation  
June 1—First Outdoor Worship!



# SPECIAL MORTGAGE PAYOFF APPEAL



Gift	#Needed	Total	Running Total
\$5000	3	\$15,000	\$15,000
\$2500	4	\$10,000	\$25,000
\$1000	5	\$5,000	\$30,000
\$500	6	\$3,000	\$33,000
\$100	30	\$3000	\$36,000
\$50	24	\$1,200	\$37,200

Join in paying off our mortgage early! A one time gift of any amount will help.

- Refer to this giving chart to determine your gift. This chart is also available on our website and in the weekly *ReFresh & ReNews* e-newsletter.
- You can give now by check, online (above QR code), or by pledging a future gift. If you plan to pledge a gift for later in 2025, please inform one of the pastors so we can track our progress.