



**PALM SUNDAY**  
**LOVE**  
**LOVE SEES IT THROUGH**  
March 24 and 25, 2018



**BELLS AND WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN 238**

**Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul**

**M** The grace of our Lord Jesus † Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**M** Dear friends in Christ, for the six weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Savior's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

**C** **Hosanna in the highest!**

**M** Let us pray.

We raise our palms to your Son, heavenly Father,

**C** **shouting praises to our humble King: "Hosanna to the Son of David!"**

**M** We raise our eyes to your Son, heavenly Father,

**C** **watching in horror as he is arrested and tried, beaten and mocked, crucified and killed.**

**M** We raise our voices to your Son, heavenly Father,

**C** **with songs of praises expressing our appreciation — "Thank you, Jesus!"**

**M** For this is why you sent your Son, heavenly Father,

**C** **to forgive us — sinners who know not what we do.**

**M** This is why you sent your Son, heavenly Father,

**C** **to demonstrate your great love for us.**

**M** We raise our hopes to your Son, heavenly Father,

**C** **waiting for his glorious resurrection. Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

Psalm 38

M O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.

C **For your arrows have pierced me, and your hand has come down upon me.**

M My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear.

C **I wait for you, O Lord; you will answer, O Lord my God.**

M I confess my rebellion.

C **I am troubled by my sin.**

M Lord, do not forsake me; be not far from me, O my God.

C **Come quickly to help me, O Lord my Savior.**

M Your Savior has come quickly to help you. Through his life, death, and resurrection Jesus has rescued you. God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

**Zechariah 9:9,10**, Bible page 953

*The coming of Zion's king*

ANTHEM (*Sunday 7:45 am*)

**Palm Sunday Processional**, Lutheran School Grades K-8

RESPONSE HYMN 8, vv. 1, 3 (*Saturday, Sunday 9:15 am*)

**Come, O Precious Ransom, Come**

**Come, O precious Ransom, come, Only Hope for sinful mortals!**

**Come, O Savior of the world! Open are to you all portals.**

**Come, your beauty let us view; Anxiously we wait for you.**

**My hosannas and my palms Graciously receive, I pray you.**

**Evermore, as best I can, Savior, I will homage pay you,**

**And in faith I will embrace, Lord, your merit through your grace.**

SECOND LESSON

**Philippians 2:1-11**, Bible page 1179

*The humility of our King*

VERSE OF THE DAY

M The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified (*John 12:23*).

GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-10, Bible page 1015  
*Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem*

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C Praise be to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY 133

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

SERMON

Mark 11:1-10, Bible page 1015  
John 19:28-30, Bible page 1087  
*Pastor Nate Strobel*

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Sunday*)

Praise Ye the Lord, Brass Ensemble  
*arr. by Don Neufeld*



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth.

C **We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior.**

M Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one of us. We thank you for living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place.

C **We praise you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.**

M Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem. Move us to confess you before others as our Lord. Help us proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations. Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death, and the devil.

C **Move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.**

M Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth. Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government. Let peace prevail. Grant success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve for the common good. Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and all employees to be diligent and faithful. Look with favor on our nation's schools. Be with those who teach and those who learn.

C **Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection. Strengthen the faith of the dying.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation. Hear us for your mercy's sake.

C **Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M Let us give thanks to the Lord.

C **It is good and right so to do.**

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M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

O holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of pow'r and might,  
Your glory, earth and heaven  
In countless ways recite.  
Hosanna! Come and save us,  
Lord God of hosts on high,  
And in your grace and mercy  
Receive our fervent cry.

Hosanna in the highest!  
How truly blest is he  
Who in God's name is coming  
To set his people free!  
He comes to bring salvation  
And with his blood outpoured,  
Deliver us from bondage—  
Hosanna, mighty Lord!

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

*Please see Communion note on page 7.*

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 130 131

**Hosanna, Loud Hosanna  
All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

### CLOSING PRAYER

M Let us pray.

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.

C **Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of his great humility and patience, and be made partakers of his resurrection;**

M through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## BLESSING

M The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**POSTLUDE (Sunday) Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, Brass Ensemble**  
*arr. by Douglas Smith*

**PRESIDING MINISTER (Sunday) Pastor David Kuehl**

**ORGANIST Darik Mischke**

## OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

*The Lord's Supper is a fellowship meal. In this meal Jesus expresses his fellowship with us by giving us his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. In this meal we also express our fellowship with each other, that is, that we are united in a common confession of faith.*

*We at St. Paul's want everyone to enjoy this fellowship meal. However, we cannot ask someone to express agreement with us until we give that person an opportunity to discover what we teach. That is why we schedule frequent membership classes to provide an overview of our teachings. Following the Promise is currently being held on Tuesday evenings in the Faith Room. Contact Pastor Nate Strobel at [nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrobel@stpaulmuskego.org) to register.*

*If you are a member of St. Paul's or a member of a WELS or ELS congregation, we invite you to express our common confession by communing with us. You may wish to use the "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" on page 156 of Christian Worship to examine yourself. Please register your intent to commune as a member or guest by filling out the Connection Card and placing it in the offering plate.*

*The light colored cups in the center of the individual cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine. Gluten-free wafers are located in the trays on the Communion rail. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please inform an usher as you approach the rail. The first pew in the left center section is reserved for those who have difficulty approaching the Communion rail, and we kindly ask those who desire to be communed privately to use these pews.*



Our vision is that by every possible means we bring every person in our area of influence closer to Christ through regular worship, small groups, and serving together.

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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of March 26, 2018

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Woodwind Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
<b>TUE</b>	9:30 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Ministerial Growth Team Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room) Walking Club (Trinity Gym) Ministerial Team Meeting <i>DivorceCare</i> Ministry (School Classroom 9) Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony) <i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room) Easter Festival Choir Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
<b>WED</b>	9:30 am 4:30 pm 6:30 pm 8:00 pm	<i>Mommy and Me</i> (Faith Room) Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes Easter Orchestra and Choir Rehearsal (Main Church) Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
<b>THURS</b>		<b>Maundy Thursday</b> 6:30 am Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room) 10:00 am Walking Club (Trinity Gym) 3:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Holy Communion 6:30 pm Easter Food Basket Distribution (Trinity Café) 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>FRI</b>		<b>Good Friday</b> 1:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service 3:30 pm Good Friday Worship Service 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room) Easter Vigil Worship Service
<b>SUN</b>		<b>Easter Sunday</b> 6:00 pm Easter Sunrise Worship Service 7:45 am Easter Festival Worship Service 9:15 am Easter Festival Worship Service 9:45 am The Bridge Communion 10:15 am Easter at The Bridge 10:45 am Easter Festival Worship Service



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# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## WHO WILL YOU INVITE THIS EASTER?

Social media can help you share our posts and emails with others.

- Our website just for Easter services is [www.stpaulmuskego.org/easter-services-at-st-pauls](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org/easter-services-at-st-pauls).
- Text or email this address to friends and family.
- Like and share our Facebook page: St. Paul's Lutheran Church – Muskego, Wisconsin.

## SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY

If you have small children, you might appreciate being able to focus on the sermon without interruption. We have a staffed nursery every Sunday during the 9:15 and 10:45 am services in the east wing of the church. A silent pager system allows childcare providers to alert you to any need your child has. Ask a worship host for directions.

## HOSPITALIZED

Norman Boye is at Froedtert. Margaret Kujath and Brittany Michaels have been discharged from the rehab center/hospital.

## ATTENDANCE

1138 attended last weekend's worship services. 359 attended midweek Lenten services.

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Dawn Brown, David Burkowitz, Sharon Dreyer, Namine Eiche, Brittany Gillespie, Tom Goodman, Janelle Gray, Daniel Holtz, Dawn Jahns, Judith Lauber, Sandra Merfeld, Sonia Neuberger, Cheri Sorensen, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

## EASTER MEALS PICK UP TIME

Our Food Pantry Team will be distributing the Easter food baskets on Thursday, March 29, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, in the Trinity Café. If you or a family member or friend have requested an Easter food basket, please pick it up at this time.

## PUERTO RICO HURRICANE AID FINAL REPORT

Thank you to everyone who donated to provide help to our “extended family” in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria last fall. You generously gave \$9,124.79! The team used \$6,732.52 of that amount to help the family and friends of St. Paul's member, Diane Ludwig, whose homes and livelihoods were destroyed in the hurricane. This week we sent the remaining \$2,392.27 to our synod's Christian Aid and Relief Fund to help rebuild one of our churches in Puerto Rico. This closes the Puerto Rico project. Any additional gifts labeled for Puerto Rico will be placed in our Friends in Need fund.

## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars have until March 31 to direct them. Go to [www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoid](http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoid) to learn more or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” after the prompt. Thank you to all who have used this opportunity to increase your support of the ministry of St. Paul's Church and School.

## MRS. SALLY WALLNER – MUSKEGO VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR!



St. Paul's Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner has received the Muskego Chamber of Commerce 2017 Volunteer of the Year award! We congratulate Sally and are so thankful for her light that shines with the love of Christ in our community and at St. Paul's. As an ambassador for St. Paul's, Sally is a shining example to our community of the love of Christ that also flows through St. Paul's. If you would like to speak with Sally about future outreach volunteer opportunities, she can be reached at (414) 422-0320, ext. 294, or [swallner@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:swallner@stpaulmuskego.org).

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

Mark your Connection Card to receive more information or call the church office at (414) 422-0320.

## AN OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW JESUS BETTER

Anyone and everyone is invited to *Following the Promise*, a Bible study tracing the promise of the Savior through the Bible all the way into your own life. This study also serves as St. Paul's pre-membership study. Pastor Nate Strobel is leading these studies in the Faith Room on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm beginning May 8. A second class begins Sunday, April 15, 8:30-9:30 am, in school classroom 9.

## DAVE RAMSEY FINANCIAL PEACE COURSE FOR TEENS AND PARENTS

St. Paul's member and father of teens, Erich Gunther, has offered to present *Generation Change*—a course for teens and parents. *Generation Change* was created by Dave Ramsey and his daughter to lead teens to a better understanding of God, themselves and their money—and how it all works together. Mark the back of your Connection Card or email Dr. Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org) if you are interested.

## TUG TALK



The next TUG Talk is Sunday, March 25, at 6:30 pm in Trinity Café. We will continue our look at Joseph: *Abandoned, Tested, Trapped, Promoted*. How did the God-guided choices Joseph made help him overcome every overwhelming obstacle life threw at him?

## CLASS OF 2018 – LET US KNOW YOUR PLANS

St. Paul's will be celebrating our teens graduating from junior and senior high school this spring. Contact Dr. Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 145 with the following:

CLASS  
of  
2018

- What school are you graduating from?
- What are your plans for fall 2017? 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates - what high school? 12<sup>th</sup> grade graduates - what college, branch of military, or work area?

## UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

Join Pastor John Brug, Ph.D., retired professor at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, in studying the beliefs and religious practices of Islam: political history, jihad, terrorism, and the role of women. The final lesson will offer suggestions for outreach to Muslims. As part of his doctoral studies, Professor Brug lived in the Middle East for a year. Attend in the Grace Room, Sundays at 9:15 am, April 8-May 6.

## MOMMY & ME

Mommy & Me is a group for moms of young children — infant through age five. The group meets at St. Paul's on Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:00 am, in the Faith Room. Contact Sam Lindner at [sam.lindner2323@gmail.com](mailto:sam.lindner2323@gmail.com) or (989) 284-2854 for more information.

## DIVORCECARE

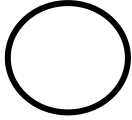
DivorceCare meets Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, in school classroom 9. Contact Kristen Miller at [kmiller@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:kmiller@stpaulmuskego.org) for more information.

## MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

St. Lucas Lutheran Church in Bay View is looking for 4-5 men to fill out their roster for their Tuesday night softball league. The league runs May 1 – mid-August. Games are played at 6:30, 7:30, and 8:30 pm at Sijan Field in Bay View. If you are interested, please contact Mike Westendorf at [mike@mikewestendorf.com](mailto:mike@mikewestendorf.com) or text (414) 507-8250.

## STONEY CREEK ADULT COMMUNITY JOB OPENING

Stoney Creek Adult Community is looking for a creative, energetic, and compassionate person who has a heart for seniors. The part-time position available has many facets with the main duties being coordinating a balanced variety of activities for their community of residents. Contact Cindy at (414) 414-4686 to apply. More information about Stoney Creek may be found at [www.stoneycreekmuskego.com](http://www.stoneycreekmuskego.com)



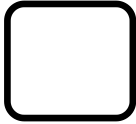
## GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

*Life application materials for us in Connector Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.*

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1. Where have you seen God active in your life this past week? Any confusion? Any struggle seeing his love?
  
2. Is "love" in the details...or in the doing...? What *trips* you up in your efforts to love?
  
3. This week's message is *Love Sees it Through*. Have you ever experienced a time where you felt like you gave and gave (and gave) and never seemed to get anything back? Describe the situation.
  
4. Read Mark 11:1-10. Discuss how each of these groups uniquely show their definition of love in this account:
  - a. The two disciples
  
  - b. The crowds of people
  
  - c. Jesus
  
5. How would you respond if someone said to you "*human love is always tainted by selfish motivations*"? Read the second text for this week's message, John 19:28-30, and discuss how *amazing* is Jesus' love "in the moment."
  
6. Read Philippians 2:5-11. What verse or phrase best reminds you that Jesus's love sees *it through*? Why?
  
7. What could you do this week that would help someone in your life better understand the faithful kind of love Jesus shows us?
  
8. What could you do this week that would help strengthen your ability to love even in the times where you feel you have nothing left to give?



# NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points

## TRUE LOVE SEES IT THROUGH

Mark 11:1-10, John 19:28-30

Is TRUE love in the \_\_\_\_\_, or is true love in the \_\_\_\_\_?

### 1. With Attention to Detail So That We \_\_\_\_\_ Him

A. He Had a Date with \_\_\_\_\_

“not on a horse to \_\_\_\_\_, but on a donkey to bring \_\_\_\_\_”

B. He Had a Date with \_\_\_\_\_

“He rode in as a \_\_\_\_\_, and accepted the \_\_\_\_\_!”

- “Hosanna!” = \_\_\_\_\_!
- “Blessed is he who comes in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_!”
- “Blessed is the coming \_\_\_\_\_ of our father \_\_\_\_\_.”

But, he was a bit of a \_\_\_\_\_ king!

**APPLICATION** Do we always see God’s \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives?

### 2. With Attention to Doing So That We \_\_\_\_\_

A. He Never Flinched in His Quest to Be \_\_\_\_\_

He earned his title: “\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_”

- Crucified with \_\_\_\_\_
- Condemned for being the \_\_\_\_\_
- Clothes divided by the casting of \_\_\_\_\_
- A care plan for his \_\_\_\_\_

B. He Never Balked in \_\_\_\_\_ to Save

One last detail: “I am \_\_\_\_\_.”

**APPLICATION** There is \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus’ attention to details!

### Next Steps

- **Look It Up:** 2 Kings 6:8-23. Read the amazing account of God being strong for us even when we cannot see.
- **Look Back:** Think back on your own life when you couldn’t see the loving hand of God, but time has helped to make things clearer. Pray in praise and thanksgiving!
- **Look Ahead:** Anticipate what God might bring into your life before you reach heaven. Can you pray for his strength to trust his “love in the details” ahead of time?