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## HIS PAIN OUR GAIN

### HIS JUSTICE

April 6 and 7, 2019

*Who was controlling the events of the first Good Friday? Who is in charge of this world? Of our lives? From our vantage point, the answer is not always so clear. And that can be frightening. Yet the story of Jesus' passion teaches us in no uncertain terms who's really in control.*

#### PRESERVICE HYMN SING

#### BELLS AND WELCOME

#### OPENING HYMN 110, vv. 1-6

#### My Song Is Love Unknown

M In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

#### Confession of Sins

M Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,

C **whose sins are covered.**

M Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him

C **and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

M When I kept silent, my bones wasted away

C **through my groaning all day long.**

M For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

C **my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

M Then I acknowledged my sin to you

C **and did not cover up my iniquity.**

M I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD" —

C **and you forgave the guilt of my sin** (*Psalms 32:1-5*).

#### Prayer and Praise

M Lord God, because it was for our sin that Jesus endured the mind-numbing anguish of the passion, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, our reluctance to bear the cross.



C: Lord, have mer - - cy.

M Forgive the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and your Word and Sacrament, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibility in your service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M Forgive us that so little of your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in our condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

M The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

SONG OF PRAISE 110, v. 7

My Song Is Love Unknown

**Here might I stay and sing; No story so divine,  
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise  
I all my days Could gladly spend!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

God of heaven, Lord of our salvation, you came into a hostile world to bring peace and comfort. You came to seek and to save all who are lost.

C **Thank you for the comforting assurance that your forgiving love embraces all.**

M Help us to drink deeply today from your living water, that our thirst for you and your forgiving love may be thoroughly quenched

C **and that our zeal to share your love may grow.**

M We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

FIRST LESSON

**Micah 6:6-8**, Bible page 932

*The Lord is not pleased with merely outward acts of obedience. He looks for a heart driven by love, mercy, and a desire for justice.*

PSALM OF THE DAY

**Psalm 34**, Hymnal page 80

*The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them.*

SECOND LESSON

**2 Corinthians 5:16-21**, Bible page 1160

*In Christ we are a new creation, ambassadors of God's message of reconciliation through the cross.*

HYMN OF THE DAY 109

**When O'er My Sins I Sorrow**

SERMON

**Luke 22:66-71**, Bible page 1058

*Pastor David Kuehl*

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Sunday 9:15 am*)

**His Mercy Is More**, *Children's Choir*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M** Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

**C** **We confess that without your love we are lost.**

**M** Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**C** **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

M We pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C **By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

M We pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C **Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

M We pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C **Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

M Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.**

#### CLOSING HYMN 120

#### What Wondrous Love Is This

#### BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

For the week of April 8, 2019

<b>MON</b>	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	Woodwind Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
<b>TUE</b>	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study (Grace Room)
	9:30 am	Ministerial Growth Team Meeting
	10:00 am	Walking Group (Trinity Gym)
	10:30 am	Ministerial Team Meeting
	12:00 pm	Organization of Wisconsin Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) (Grace Room)
	6:00 pm	<i>DivorceCare</i> Ministry (School Classroom 9)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
	7:00 pm	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (Faith Room)
	7:30 pm	Easter Festival Choir Rehearsal (Church Balcony)
<b>WED</b>	9:30 am	<i>Mommy and Me</i> (Faith Room)
	3:30 pm	Lenten Worship Service
	4:30 pm	Soup Supper hosted by St. Paul's Dorcas Society (Grace Room)
	4:30 pm	Public School Confirmation Instruction Classes
	7:00 pm	Lenten Worship Service
	8:00 pm	Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
<b>THURS</b>	6:30 am	Sunrise Bible Study (Faith Room)
	10:00 am	Walking Club (Trinity Gym)
	7:00 pm	The Bridge and Contemporary Band Practice
	7:00 pm	Lutheran School Musical—Shrek Jr. (Centennial Gym)
<b>FRI</b>	9:00 am	Spring Circuit Pastors and District Council Meetings (Faith/ Grace Rooms)
	7:00 pm	Lutheran School Musical—Shrek Jr. (Centennial Gym)
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Grace Room)
	9:00 am	<b>Easter For Kids</b> (Trinity Café and Gym)
	5:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	7:00 pm	Lutheran School Musical—Shrek Jr. (Centennial Gym)
<b>SUN</b>	7:45 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	8:00 am	Easter Festival Choir Rehearsal (Faith Room)
	8:30 am	<i>Following the Promise</i> Bible Study (School Classroom 8)
	9:15 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Grace Room Bible Study
	9:15 am	Kids Club and Boost Youth Ministries
	9:45 am	The Bridge Holy Communion
	10:15 am	The Bridge
10:45 am	Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion	

# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

## **BAPTISM**

Eloise Mae Dragotta, born January 9, 2019, is the daughter of Dustin and Tanya (nee Lightcap) Dragotta and will be baptized at the 10:45 am service on Sunday, April 7. God be praised for the gift of faith given to Eloise through the power of God's Word in Holy Baptism.

## **PRAYERS REQUESTED**

Please pray for the following individuals in their time of need: Carol Beyer, David Burkowitz, Carol Gosseck, Connie Hikade, Bruce Marggraf, Mary Schauwitzer, Carol Smith, Jeanne Steinbrecher, and Dick and Jane Sternberg.

## **HOSPITALIZED**

Cheryl Ehlke is at West Allis Memorial, Lois Guhr at The View at Pine Ridge in Oconomowoc, Glenn Hubrich at Ascension All Saints Hospital in Racine, Gary Ives, Brittany Michaels, and Robert Siekert at Froedtert, Theresa Raduege at Autumn Leaves in Franklin, and Marlene Sobczak at Linden Grove Mukwonago. Joanne Moths has transferred to the Village at Manor Park, and Bill Graumann, Donald Kirst, Paul Lindemann, and Richard Sobczak have been discharged from the hospital.

## **ATTENDANCE**

1087 attended last weekend's worship services. 393 attended midweek Lenten services.

## **SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY**

We have a staffed nursery every Sunday during the 9:15 and 10:45 am services in the east wing of the church equipped with a silent pager system to alert parents if any need arises. A worship host will be happy to direct you to the nursery if needed.

## **A PLACE TO START**

Are you looking for a place to start in studying the Bible? Pastor Nate would love for you to join him while he walks through the basics of what the Bible teaches and how it relates to God's promises for you on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm or Sundays at 8:30 am. Register on the back of your Connection Card or at [nstrobels@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:nstrobels@stpaulmuskego.org).

## **NEEDED: LEADERS FOR THE HOME, THE CHURCH, YOUR BUSINESS**

Save the dates of Thursday, August 8, and Friday, August 9, for some of the best leadership training available anywhere. Best of all, it will be right here on St. Paul's campus. Watch for more information next week.

## **THE ST. PAUL'S NURSERY TEAM IS HIRING**

Do you love kids and find joy in the thought of improving the worship experience for our guests at St. Paul's? We are currently hiring a part-time childcare provider to cover the 9:15 am Sunday service. Hours are 9:00 –10:30 am, two Sundays per month. For more information contact Outreach Coordinator Sally Wallner at [swallner@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:swallner@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 218-5197.

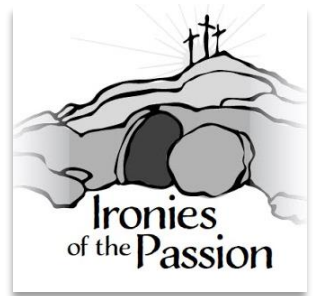
## **HEARING AID FOUND**

An inner ear hearing aid was found on the floor at church last week. For more information, please call the church office at 414-422-0320.

# LENT AT ST. PAUL'S

## WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES—3:30 AND 7:00 PM

Join us as we continue to walk with Jesus through the critical hours leading up to his suffering and death. We will look at one more statement spoken during Jesus' passion that was full of irony, "Don't You Fear God?" Pastor Jim Kleist, retired pastor and former superintendent at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, will be our final guest preacher. We thank all of our guest preachers who graciously served us with wonderful faith-building messages this Lenten season.



## SOUP SUPPER HOSTED BY ST. PAUL'S DORCAS SOCIETY

St. Paul's Dorcas Society will be hosting our final soup supper this Lenten season on Wednesday, April 10, 4:30 to 6:30 pm, in the Grace Room. The Dorcas Society is a wonderful mission-minded organization of women at St. Paul's. The ladies would love to see new faces attend! The Dorcas Society meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the Grace Room at 7:00 pm. Talk to any of the hosts at the soup supper to fill you in more about the group or contact Carolyn Bourdo at (262) 679-1136 for more information.

## EASTER FLOWERS

Sign-up sheets are available in the lobby if you would like to purchase one or more of the flowers that will beautify the altar on Easter Sunday. The flowers will be beautify the church for all Easter services and may be picked up after the 10:45 am Easter worship service. Payment should be made out to St. Paul's, placed in a provided envelope marked, "Easter Flowers," and placed in the lock box provided.

## LAST WEEKEND TO REGISTER FOR EASTER FOR KIDS!

St. Paul's annual Easter For Kids will be Saturday, April 13, 9:00-11:45 am, at the school. This event is for children ages 3-12. The morning will feature singing, games, crafts, a puppet show, the Easter story, and more. Register on the back of your Connection Card or at [www.stpaulmuskego.org](http://www.stpaulmuskego.org). If you'd like to help, contact Dr. Joel Nelson at [jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:jnelson@stpaulmuskego.org) or mark the Connection Card.



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

<b>April 18</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion</b>	<b>3:30 and 7:00 pm</b>
<b>April 19</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>1:00, 3:30, and 7:00 pm</b>
<b>April 20</b>	<b>Easter Vigil *</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>April 21</b>	<b>Easter Sunrise *</b>	<b>6:00 am</b>
	<b>Easter Festival</b>	<b>7:45, 9:15, and 10:45 am</b>
	<b>Easter at The Bridge</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>

\* The Easter Vigil an Easter Sunrise services will be identical.

# LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

## **ANTICIPATION OF A LARGE KINDERGARTEN CLASS!**

We are blessed to have 30 children enrolled in next year's kindergarten class and, because of that, we will have two kindergarten classrooms next school year. With that decision we will be working together with our synod leaders to call a local kindergarten teacher for one year. If you know of a Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod teacher who may be a great fit for this call, please contact Principal Fitzsimmons by April 8 at [sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org](mailto:sfitzsimmons@stpaulmuskego.org) or (414) 422-0320, ext. 118, in preparation for our April 16 call meeting.

## **MRS. CHRISTEL STRUTZ IS OUR NEW THIRD GRADE TEACHER!**

Mrs. Christel Strutz has accepted the call to teach third grade in our school, beginning the fall of 2019. Mrs. Strutz currently serves as a third and fourth grade teacher at St. Paul's in Cudahy. We look forward to introducing Mrs. Strutz to you all in July. Mrs. Strutz wrote the following letter to the congregation:

March 29, 2019

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Through you, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, I have received a divine call to teach third grade beginning next school year. With this letter, I am happy to announce that I am accepting the call that you have extended to me. I greatly appreciate the many people who reached out to me, and for the prayers for my husband and I from St. Paul's School and congregation as I deliberated this call.

I also thank you for the trust and confidence you have shown in extending this call. I am excited to be joining the St. Paul's team and I look forward to the upcoming school year. May God continue to bless the ministry at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School.

*Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*  
– 1 Corinthians 15:58

Blessings,  
Christel Strutz



# MISSION PARTNER NEWS

## BE A MISSION TRIP PARTNER

St. Paul's member, Kara Darling, has been asked to spend three weeks in Malawi, Africa as part of a WELS Kingdom Workers mission trip. "I will be using my knowledge in the area of speech and language pathology. I will provide local volunteers support and education as they work with children with speech and language impairments. I am very excited for this and looking forward to seeing how God will use me through this trip!" The cost of the trip is \$3000. If you would like to partner with Kara and receive real-time email updates on her trip, give a gift of any amount, clearly marked, "Malawi Mission Trip." Include your email address on the envelope. Thanks in advance for helping share the love of Christ to the people of Malawi!



## IGNITE A PASSION FOR MISSIONS

This is the theme of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Milwaukee spring rally. Hear mission speaker, Karen Geotzinger, speak on how the LWMS society can grow in its efforts to share the love of Jesus to more people. The rally is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 8:00 am – 12:00pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Waukesha. For more information pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center or contact May Neubauer at [maysiedaisie83@gmail.com](mailto:maysiedaisie83@gmail.com) or (414) 712-2101.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SOLES FOR JESUS!

Thank you for the over 200 shoes that have been donated over the last 2 weeks! Combine these with the shoes the kids have donated at school and we will have a full van load of shoes to donate to the people living in extreme poverty in sub-Saharan Africa. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus in this way and helping individuals take steps to a better quality of life.



## THANKS FOR THE SUPPERS!

St. Paul's thanks the following groups for making Friday Night Suppers this year for the Lighthouse Youth Center at Garden Homes. Lighthouse is an extension of the ministry of our mission partner Garden Homes Lutheran Church. Thank you to Kim Neubauer and the Early Childhood Center staff, Mike and Amy Grimes Family, "God's Guys" Saturday Morning Bible Study Group, Neal and Sally Wallner's small group, and the Kids Club families and staff. You can learn more about Garden Homes Lutheran Church, school, and Lighthouse at [stpaulmuskego.org/about-us/local-ministry-partners/](http://stpaulmuskego.org/about-us/local-ministry-partners/).

# ST. PAUL'S LOVES KIDS

## LUTHERAN SCHOOL MUSICAL IS NEXT WEEK!

The school kids have been working very hard over the last few months in preparation for this year's school musical—the ever-loved musical of all ages—Shrek Jr.!

Performances will be at the following times in the Centennial Gym:

**Thursday, April 11, at 7:00 pm**

**Friday, April 12, at 7:00 pm**

**Saturday, April 13, at 7:00 pm**



Tickets are 5 dollars for adults and 3 dollars for students. Come and support our kids and the arts at our school!

## TUG TO MEET

Teens Under God (TUG) will meet Sunday, April 14, at 6:30 pm in the Trinity Café. Part of the evening will involve reviewing and discussing the findings of interviews done with Muskego area non-WELS churches on what they are doing to minister to their teens. We'll also kick around some ideas for spring/summer activities and learn more about St. Paul's new leader of teen ministry, Mr. Mike Westendorf.

## SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH MINISTRIES

Our 3K to grade 8 ministries begin at 9:15 on Sunday mornings in the school. Enter the school through the Trinity Cafe. Clearly marked signage will direct you to your child's check-in and room location. Join the over 2000 kids in total that have attended since our kick-off last fall!



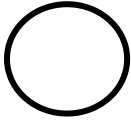
### Kids Club (Grades 3K-6)

Large and Small Groups  
Bible Lessons and Applications  
Upbeat, Interactive, Fun!



### Boost (Grades 7-8)

Teacher-Led, Student-Centered  
Current Events, and Life Topics  
Engaging, Meaningful, Fun!



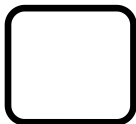
## GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

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

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1. Start your time together by sharing your highs and lows from the past week and praying together.
2. Have you ever experienced an injustice in your life? What kind of reaction did you have in that moment? Did your reaction change once you had time to reflect on it more?
3. Read I Peter 3:23. How does Jesus' handling of injustice "inform" our handling of the same? When *would* or *should* a Christian handle injustice in a proactive way? (Matthew 22:39 is helpful) What factor(s) determines how we handle injustice "in the moment"?
4. When we talk about Jesus' life and, more specifically his death, we can't ignore the topic of injustice. Which part(s) of Jesus' trial (Luke 22:66-23:25) seem the most back-handed or unjust?
5. What might the headlines or social media feeds look and sound like if Jesus' trial happened in our world today?
6. Take a moment to reflect on the fact that everything Jesus experienced in this trial was supposed to be *our* punishment to bear. What kinds of thoughts, emotions or words come to mind when you consider this? (Guilt? Awe? Reassurance? Sadness? Gratitude?)
7. Read Matthew 5:1-12 and Mark 10:45. This is Jesus' brand of justice. What can you say or do in your day-to-day life this following week that reflects this kind of justice in the face of a world filled with injustice?



## NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

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

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### ***His Pain – Our Gain*** ***In Jesus God’s Justice Is Served***

**Luke 22:66-71**, Bible page 1058

- I. Jesus is found guilty of our blasphemy.
  - A. Jesus’ trial is merely p\_\_\_\_\_. It’s a k\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Jesus is s\_\_\_\_\_ throughout his trial.
  - C. When Jesus is asked for his identity, God’s h\_\_\_\_\_ is at stake.
  - D. Blasphemy = to declare oneself an e\_\_\_\_\_ with God
  - E. Blasphemy deserves d\_\_\_\_\_.
  - F. Why didn’t Jesus appeal the verdict?
  - G. In Jesus’ i\_\_\_\_\_ God’s divine j\_\_\_\_\_ was served.
  
- II. Jesus is subjected to our indignity.
  - A. Jesus’ assertion to be the Son of God causes an explosion of s\_\_\_\_\_ conduct.
  - B. Jesus’ b\_\_\_\_\_ reminds us of the Beatitude: “*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the kingdom of God*” (Matthew 5:5).
  - C. Jesus truly was led like a lamb s\_\_\_\_\_ to his slaughter (Isaiah 53:7).
  - D. Jesus suffered all as our sin-b\_\_\_\_\_.
  - E. Because of the disgrace Jesus endured, we are healed of our s\_\_\_\_\_ and at p\_\_\_\_\_ with God.

### **My Next Steps**

- **Read** Luke 19:28-40 (along with Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, and John 12:12-19) in preparation for Palm Sunday’s message on *His Pain – Our Gain: Joy*.
- **Memorize** 2 Corinthians 5:19 – “*God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting peoples’ sins against them.*”
- **Determine** whom you might invite to Holy Week and Easter Sunday services.