

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

+**For a swift end to COVID-19**; for those infected and those who have been exposed; For loved ones and caretakers; For those leading nations; For physicians, nurses, technicians, researchers, administrators, and all other healthcare employees around the world; For those who must work, despite the threat of sickness; For those who have become unemployed or under employed during this pandemic; For Churches and all ministers of the Word; For parents and children; For Wyneken and all places of learning; For those who are alone; For all navigating decisions during this time of uncertainty and fear; For all other petitions we would ask of the Lord:

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

+**For the Sick and Recovering at St. Paul**: Anita Spiegel; Bonnie Gallmeyer; Ken Schueler; Dick and Ruth Bultemeier.

+**For the Homebound & Infirm**: Delores Rumble, Edna Mesing, Irene Bieberich, Faye Keuneke, Marge Merriman (at Woodcrest); Anita Spiegel.

A Collect for Plagues

Almighty God, heavenly Father, give us grace to trust you during this time of illness and distress. In mercy, put an end to the plague that afflicts us. Grant relief to those who suffer, and comfort all who mourn. Sustain all medical personnel in their labors, and cause your people ever to serve you in righteousness and holiness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

<u>Today:</u>	9am	Palm Sunday—Office of Matins
<u>Wednesday:</u>	7pm	Lent Midweek 5—Vespers
<u>Next Sun:</u>	9am	The Resurrection of Our Lord—Matins

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At St. Paul, Preble.

Palm Sunday marks our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem the Sunday before his death and resurrection. Scripture records this event in all four Gospels: Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, and John 12. This day takes its name from the fact that the huge crowd that met Jesus as he arrived from Bethany strew his way with palm branches as they praised him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the LORD!" Their shouts of praise acclaimed Jesus as the Messiah, the King of Israel.

Our Palm Sunday observance strikes the same joyful note of praise. In normal times, the children of our congregation lead us in joyful procession with palms, singing, "*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*" to mark our Lord's jubilant entry into the Holy City. The hymns, prayers, and readings also reflect a joyful attitude of celebration and gladness.

But Palm Sunday is also bittersweet. Crowds can be fickle, we know. On Sunday, they praise him. On Friday, they cry for his blood. As the hymn "*My Song Is Love Unknown*" has it, "sometimes they strew his way/and his sweet praises sing/resounding all the day hosannas to their king/then "crucify!" is all their breath/and for his death they thirst and cry." Jesus enters Jerusalem, but we know what the Governor, Pontius Pilate, and the Jewish leaders, the Sanhedrin (the Jewish governing Council) will do: they will put him to death.

Therefore, Palm Sunday strikes a counterpoint: as we praise our coming King, we also meditate on our Lord's Passion. That is why in normal years) we read the entire Passion narrative from one of the Gospels on Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week. As we now practice it, Holy Week is the last week of the forty-day season of Lent. In this time, we give special attention to the last week of Christ's life, with the events of his passion, death, and resurrection central to our observance.

It is my intention to record abbreviated services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, and have them available to the congregation before these services would normally be held. See our Church's page on both YouTube and Facebook.

The (Temporary) Suspension of Corporate Worship and all Business of the Church. Due to the Governor's edict all services at St. Paul are, for the time being, suspended. Services will be recorded and broadcast on Facebook Live and immediately uploaded to YouTube and sent out to the membership via email. If you are reading this here are a couple things you can do to get started watching the services:

+Go to www.facebook.com/StPaulPreble, like and follow us. You will see recorded services and announcements on our page.

+Go to www.youtube.com, search St. Paul Lutheran Church Preble, and you will find our Church's page with previously recorded services. Like and subscribe to these videos as well—if we get 100 subscribers we will be able to start broadcasting live on YouTube.

+Think of family members who are members of St. Paul who do not currently receive our emails. Ask them if they would send their email address to andrewtyeager@gmail.com to be added to the list.

Hearing the Word of God. As you watch these services, participate by gathering your family around the computer, opening your LSB Hymnal to the proper page (if you do not have a Hymnal, we will kindly bring you one), hear the Word, pray the prayers and sing the hymns as you would in Church. Of course this is no perfect substitute for the Corporate Worship of Word and Sacrament that happens as we gather together as a congregation in the Lord's house, but it is a good, right, and salutary means for receiving the Word within the context of personal and family prayer.

Confirmation. A study guide has been emailed to all confirmands with questions and answers for them to learn and put to memory. As of now, I plan to examine each student individually and remotely, with parents and perhaps an elder of the Church present. We have to postpone Confirmation Sunday until we can all gather corporately as a congregation—God willing it will be soon. For now, we rejoice with the confirmands of our congregation: Hilton Bluhm, Beau David, Aiden Faurote, Madison Fisher, Kord Fuelling, Jack Hamilton, Amanda Rabel, and Madelyn Reinhart, who soon will confess their faith publicly and be admitted to the Sacrament of the Altar to receive the Lord's benefits of forgiveness, life, and salvation which are richly bestowed to the Church through the gift of his body and blood.

Loving Our Neighbor in the Nursing Home. All of the homebound members listed above are not getting visitors. Because we cannot visit with them we are encouraging all members to send cards of greeting and

encouragement. If any homebound member is critically sick, we will do our best to work with the nursing homes to see them, as pastoral care is also primary care. Please call Pr. Yeager with the information. He will see to it.

E-Giving. Go to splutheranpreble.org/online-giving/ to establish an automatic offering to the Church through the software of GivePlus+. Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church, and others wishing to support our mission may now provide their contributions through a secure, and Synod-approved online website, titled Vanco GivePlus. To view this opportunity, simply go to the Congregation's website, www.splutheranpreble.org, click the Online Giving tab, then click the Donation Link provided, set up your online giving profile, and follow the simple instructions. More details will be coming over the next several months. Please contact Tim Ehlerding.

Wyneken has suspended in-class learning but is continuing with home-based remote learning over the next several weeks. Temporary office hours are 8-11:30am or by appointment if anyone needs to visit the school.

Childcare needs. Childcare services at Wyneken will be temporarily unavailable while the in-school instruction is suspended. Understanding that this suspension of services may place an unexpected burden on your family, we have several employees who are willing to offer in-home services for babysitting if needed. You may directly contact any of the following individuals to check availability and make possible arrangements (including compensation for services, as these arrangements would be made independently of Wyneken childcare):

Kaylyn Cornett—431-3943

Bethany Fuhrmann—273-7231

Colleen Fuhrmann—417-5893

Dakota Miller—701-1084

Kali Roe—223-0468

Ashton Schlemmer—223-5343

Amy Schultz—602-3687

Adult Catechism is scheduled to start April 26th at 11:30-12:30 and will proceed all Sunday mornings thereafter. Talk to Pr. Yeager if interested. We have a good group of individuals already preparing to take this class, and it is open to all members that are confirmed. Our book is "Lutheran Catechesis" by Pastor Peter Bender of Sussex, Wisconsin.

Gently Used Sale Postponed. Due to the corona virus we will not be having our Gently Used Sale on the normal dates (April 17 & 18) this Spring. If possible, we will try to reschedule the Gently Used Sale for sometime during the summer. More information will be made available at a later date.