

A person wearing a white robe is shown from the chest up, holding a large palm frond. The background is bright and sunlit, with rays of light visible. The text "HOSANNA TO OUR KING!" is overlaid in large, gold, textured letters.

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# Welcome to St. Paul's!

A special welcome to our guests and visitors and thank you for joining us!

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We at St. Paul's share a common belief that Jesus is our Savior from sin and is the Lord of our lives. Our faith is based on God's Word, which is revealed in the Bible. We want to share this great news with as many people as possible, because we know that Jesus lived, died, and rose from death to save all people!

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## COMMUNION

We offer Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays/Mondays of each month. God says that Communion is an expression of unity (1 Cor.10:16-17), so we practice close communion. Those who have explored and established unity with us on the basis of God's Word are invited up to the Lord's Table. Please speak to a pastor if you have questions about our practice.

## FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

There are changing tables located in BOTH the women's and men's school bathrooms near the school. There are children's quiet bags in the narthex. If you use one, please make sure to put it back. Please reserve the back few pews for families with small children. We have a nursery room located just off the narthex. There is a speaker in there so you can still hear and take part in the worship service. Please feel free to use this room for your child(ren), including a place to nurse.

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (The WELS) and was founded in 1862. We have our Lutheran elementary school (3K-grade 8) on site and are part of a federation of churches to support our own high school, Manitowoc Lutheran High School.



**Worship Focus:** *With March Madness this weekend, many people are cheering for their favorite team. As that team takes the court, there is so much hope in the initial rounds. Will they go all the way? Will they upset the higher seed? The bottom seeds might have a win or two. But there was no one as lowly as Jesus. He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. So humble. He came to endure the cross. So shameful. The crowds cheered him on. And he would win the greatest upset victory in history. Satan sent away. Death defeated. Our sin overturned. So today we join the people of Jerusalem to sing, "Hosanna to our King!"*

**Communion Preparation:** *Christian Questions to prepare our hearts for communion are found on pp. 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayers for worship and Communion are found on the inside cover of the hymnals.*

## **Anthem**

*Hosanna*

*St. Paul's Sunday School*

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Lord, we lift up your name with hearts full of praise. Be exalted, O Lord my God;  
hosanna in the highest!

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

Lord, we lift up your name with hearts full of praise. Be exalted, O Lord my God;  
glory to the King of kings!

*Stand*

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

**Amen.**

## **Confession**

*CW 172*

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son,  
Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole

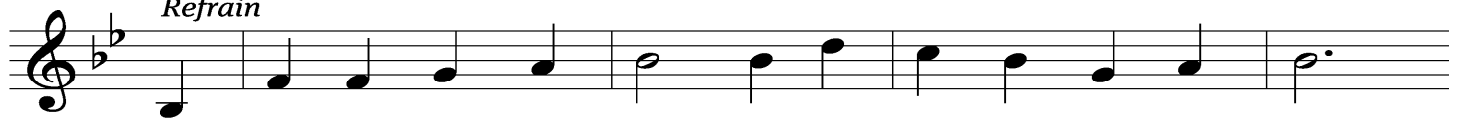
world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.


## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*CW 412 sts. Ref, 4-5*


*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, Re - deem - er, King,

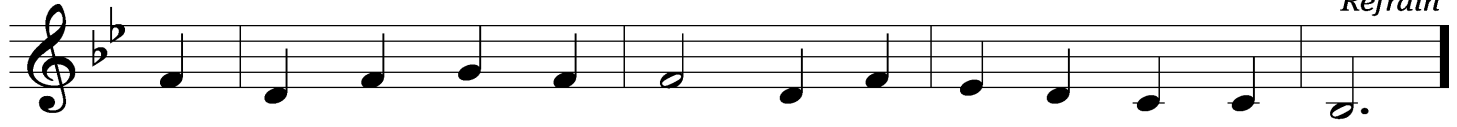


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



4 To you be - fore your pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
5 As you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*



to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, our good and gra - cious King.

## THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

# **Baptism** [Monday 6:00pm]

*Abigail Jean Dekanich  
daughter of Tim and Tabitha*

## **First Reading**

*Zechariah 9:9–12*

*Rejoice, for your King comes to you with peace for all.*

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,

righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>I will take away the chariots from Ephraim

and the warhorses from Jerusalem,

and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

His rule will extend from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope;

even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

*Hebrews 12:1–3*

*Be encouraged in weary times by fixing your eyes on Jesus, who endured the cross and sat down at God's right hand.*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup>fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel

Mark 11:1–10

*Join the crowds to shout hosanna to our King, who comes in the name of the Lord.*

<sup>1</sup>As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

<sup>4</sup>They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, <sup>5</sup>some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” <sup>6</sup>They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. <sup>7</sup>When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

**Ride On, Ride On in Majesty**

CW 411

**Sermon**

Mark 11

*Blessed is the Coming King!*

*Coming to use our service • Coming to receive our praise • Coming to save his people*

*Stand*

**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 truly 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.

### **Special Prayers and 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.

## **THE SACRAMENT**

### **Preface**

*CW 183*

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

*CW 184*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -  
san - na in the high - est!

## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my  $\dagger$  body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my  $\dagger$  blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**



## Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

*Be seated*

## Distribution

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: *St. Paul's invites up to Communion instructed and confirmed members of this congregation and the Wisconsin Synod (WELS). If you are visiting us and are not a member of either, we would love to have you join us - just after we have established a shared faith in Jesus with you on the basis of God's Word. Please speak with one of our pastors after the service so we can make this happen.*

## I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

*CW 670 sts. 1, Ref, 2, 4-6, 8-10*

*Stand*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding

supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

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.

**Amen.**

## Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

CW 413



- 1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil-dren sang;
- 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
- 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an-cient song we sing,



thro' pil-lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.  
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing and chant-ing clear and loud.  
for Christ is our Re - deem-er, the Lord of heav'n, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,  
The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state  
Oh, may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim-plest and the best.  
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid-ding wait.  
and in his roy - al pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

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## *SERVING JESUS WITH HEARTS OF LOVE:*

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**PRESIDING MINISTER AND PREACHER:** Pastor Adam Bode

**SERVICE ACCOMPANIST:** Deb Doletzky

**MUSICIANS:** Rev. Adam Bode, Paschal Curia, Stan Grzonka, Greg Johnson, Nikki Leahy, Nick Schmidt, Jim Van Alstine, and Sue Vant Hul

**COMMUNION HELPERS:** 8:00 a.m. - Tim Klapperich, Dave Wehrmann.

10:30 a.m. - Steve Schueler, Larry Jaeger.

**ALTAR GUILD:** Kathy Nack, Lisa Specht, Lori Wehrmann.

**USHERS:** 8:00a.m.- Peter Hahn, Ray Nasgovitz, Gary Bauer, Dan Kuether, Robert Gumm, Tim Doro. 10:30a.m. – Dennis Eirich, Wally Gierach, Bill Mass, Aaron Mass, Dan Stange.

6:00 p.m. – Tom Ehrenberg.

*Online giving options available*

In thanks to our gracious Lord and his gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to him a generous portion of all we have received from him. Offerings for the Lord's work may be placed in one of the designated boxes in the narthex today. They may also be mailed in, dropped off in the office, or given online.



**OFFERINGS: 3/16 & 3/17 - \$13,700 (NEEDED EACH WEEK \$19,200). \$1,000 MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY. \$5,900 GROWING FORWARD.**

**ATTENDANCE: 3/16 & 3/17 – 8:00 A.M. – 225. 10:30 A.M. – 143. 6:30 P.M. – 37. MIDWEEK – 165.**


**In our prayers this week...**

1. Abigail Dekanich to be baptized on Monday.

<b>This Week at a Glance:</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Service, Bible Study, and Class Times</b>
<b>Sunday, March 24</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>8:00 &amp; 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sunday School sings in both)</b>
	<b>9:15 a.m. Family Bible Hour</b>
	<b>1:00 p.m. Pine Car Derby Races</b>
<b>Monday, March 25</b>	<b>4:30 p.m. Trustees</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m. Monday Night Worship</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 27</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. Mindful Moms Bible Study</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Bible Study</b>
	<b>9:45 a.m. Mindful Moms Music &amp; Movement</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m. Elders</b>
<b>Thursday, March 28</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship</b>
<b>Friday, March 29th</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship</b> <b>1st-8th Sing</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship</b>
<b>Saturday, March 30th</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt</b>
<b>Sunday, March 31</b>	<b>6:30 a.m. Easter Dawn Worship</b>
	<b>8:00 a.m. Easter Festival Worship</b> <b>(choir and instrumentalists)</b>
	<b>9:30 a.m. Easter Festival Worship</b> <b>(choir and instrumentalists)</b>
<b>Monday, April 1</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. NO Monday worship</b>

# Grow with Christ

## Bible Studies, Worship, and more!

1. **NEW Wednesday Bible Study** - Join us Wednesday mornings at 9:00 for an enriching Bible study on 1 Thessalonians beginning Wednesday, April 3. Discover the timeless wisdom and insights of this epistle as we delve into its teachings together. Whether you're a seasoned scholar or new to the Bible, all are welcome to join in this journey of faith and understanding. Come, explore the words of Paul and their relevance to our lives today. See you there!
2. **Holy Week Services:**
  - **Palm Sunday, March 24:** 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. (Sunday School sings)
    - **Monday, March 25:** 6:00 p.m.
  - **Maundy Thursday, March 28:** 6:30 p.m. (Lord's Supper served)
  - **Good Friday, March 29**
    - 1:00 p.m. (School service: students in Gr.1-8 sing)
    - 6:30 p.m. (worship for all; small group sings)
  - **Easter Sunday, March 31**
    - 6:30 a.m. (Easter Dawn worship)
    - 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. (festival worship service with instruments and Adult Choir)
    - coffee and donuts will be served between services (free will offering collected to support the teens attending the Youth Rally this summer)
  - **Monday, April 1:** NO evening service
3. **Holy Week Devotions** - Each year, our WELS college of ministry, Martin Luther College, produces devotions for certain times of the year. This month special devotions for Holy Week, entitled "The Savior We Need" are accessible at [mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions](http://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions).
4. **Women's Retreat:** Registration is now open for the April 20th Women's Retreat. Mel Kreuser will be presenting on the theme Sisters in Christ: God Created Us for Relationship + Great Things. The retreat will run from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM and will cost \$10. You can pick up a registration form in the narthex or scan the QR code to register. An email will be sent out through CCB with the QR code as well. Childcare will be provided. There is more information on the registration form and on posters throughout the building. If you have questions, you can email them to [womens.ministry@stpaulshowardsgrove.org](mailto:womens.ministry@stpaulshowardsgrove.org).
5. **LWMS spring rally** will be held on Saturday, April 20 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Manitowoc. Registration is 8-9 a.m. and the rally program will take place from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. with luncheon to follow. Pastor James Borgwardt will speak about home mission work in our district. Join the ladies of our area to celebrate missions!

## In Other News

1. **NO Adult Choir practice Mondays, April 1 or 8.**
2. **Call Updates:** Please pray for these called workers and encourage them as they consider opportunities for service in God's kingdom:
  - a. On March 19, *Jennifer Hacker accepted our call* to teach 3-4 grades in our school starting in the '24-'25 school year. Jennifer is married to Pastor Jason Hacker, the new president of Manitowoc Lutheran High School. They have 4 children, all in grade school and high school. Her email address is [jjhacker07@yahoo.com](mailto:jjhacker07@yahoo.com). We thank the Lord for providing for our school ministry in this way and ask him to provide for the many other Lutheran schools that are still in need of teachers.
  - b. Our Elders, together with Pastor Bode and Staff Minister Curia, have reviewed our church staffing needs and worked with our district leadership to plan a call meeting for another pastor. Pastor Bode will continue to serve as Associate Pastor but with a focus in the areas of Inreach, Worship, Administration. On April 14 after the 10:30 service we will have a call meeting for a new Lead Pastor with a focus in the areas of Education, Outreach, Integration, and Congregational Direction.
3. **Worship Service Ushers:** Thank you to those who regularly volunteer to serve as ushers for our worship services. As we prepare the usher schedule, please consider serving for at least one month each year. A request for additional ushers in certain months (like July) will soon be sent via Church Community Builder (CCB). Please sign up via a response to this request or by placing your name next to a vacant position on the "Usher List" in the Member Room. Please contact Will Belitz (920-693-8837 or Cellular 920-946-6617) as questions arise. Thank you for serving your congregation.
4. **WELS Youth Rally** – This summer our Youth Group will be attending the WELS International Youth Rally in Fort Collins, Co. This week-long event is an amazing opportunity for teens to get together with other teens from around the world who share the same faith. We have a group of 25 people that will be attending this rally. The cost for our group is over \$19,000 just for registration and travel expenses. Please consider supporting the Youth Group. If you would like to help with costs of the trip, but couldn't attend the meal on March 20<sup>th</sup>, please label any special donations for "Youth Group". If you have any questions, contact Mike Leahy – [mleahy@live.com](mailto:mleahy@live.com)
5. **After School Care Employment Positions:** St. Paul's 3K-Kindergarten After Care from 3:30-5:30 Monday-Wednesday has an open position. See Mrs. Wieting. 1st-8th Grade After Care from 3:30-5:30 Tuesday and Thursday is also available if you prefer older children. See Mr. Wieting. Both positions are playing with and supervising multi-aged children from the end of the school day (3:30 PM) until



children are picked up by their parents (no later than 5:30 PM). While both positions are for the remainder of our current school year; opportunities could carry over into the 24-25 school year.

6. **Office Hours Over Easter Break** - Since there isn't school from Monday, April 1st - Friday, April 5th, there will be limited office hours that week. The office will be open on Wednesday, April 3rd from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. and Friday, April 5th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m..
7. **Easter Flowers** can be picked up AFTER the last worship service on Sunday. Flowers that can not be picked up on Sunday will be put on a table by the window in the Harvest Room during the office hours listed above. They will be watered, if needed, until pick-up.
8. **Open Gym** - A weekly open gym will soon be restarting. (This is intended as a primarily member event.) If there is a certain day that works better for your schedule, please contact Logan Schroeder at [loganschroeder92@gmail.com](mailto:loganschroeder92@gmail.com).