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WHAT'S AHEAD @SPL

Midweek Lenten Worship Wednesdays 12:15 & 6:30pm thru 4/10

April 6th Register & Get Your Ticket at spldecat.org/women

SPL Women "Going Beyond" with Priscilla Shirer Simulcast
 LSA Annual Dinner Auction (Mt. Zion Convention Center)

April 9th

LCMS Youth Gathering Fundraising Night @Panda Express (4-9pm)

April 13th

THE HUNT Family Easter Event & Annual Egg Hunt (10am-12pm)

April 18th-19th

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal Tasting (6:30pm)

Good Friday Worship (1:00pm & 7:00pm)

April 21st

Easter Sunday Worship (6:30am, 8:00am, 10:30am)

April 28th

Confirmation Sunday (10:30am)

May 4th

Healing Service with Pastor Paul Teske at SPL (6:00pm)

May 6th

LCMS Youth Gathering Fundraising Night @Buffalo Wild Wings (5-9pm)

May 9th

St. Paul's Early Learning Center Preschool Graduation (6:30pm)

SPL Women-LWML Friends in Faith Salad Supper (5:30-8:00pm)

May 16th

LSA 8th Grade Graduation (@SPL)

May 19th

LSA High School Graduation 2:00pm (@LSA)

June 1st-8th

Mission: Texas - SPL Mission Team serving in Rockport, TX

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6:30 PM LENTEN WORSHIP

APRIL 3, 2019

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG

PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER

436

Go to Dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb: There, a - dor - ing
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His

Preparing for Worship

As we settle into the season of Lent, our worship naturally takes on a more reflective nature. Lent is a time of reflection about our lives, a time of repentance and preparation for the remembrance of Christ's passion -- and music meets us in these places in profound ways.

There are probably more hymns written about the cross than about any other single aspect of the Christian faith --not only because it is at the very core of the Christian gospel, but also because when we sit in brokenness before the cross, our hearts cry out with particular wonder, love and praise.

Each week throughout these 40 days of Lent, we will be focusing on one of the classic Lenten hymns that express the heart-cry of brothers and sisters through time -- hymns through which our voices and souls can worship alongside saints through the ages, joined together with the depth of their faith, their wonder, and their surrender. For some of us, these are treasures we remember from year to year, for others these are new expressions in song to learn. For all of us, we will join our voices together to sing of the life, suffering and surrender of Jesus for us. Let these hymns lead you, in the deepest places of your heart, to the foot of the cross.

Welcome

Invocation

Opening Praise

Jesus Messiah



LOVE GOD. BUILD THE HOME. CHANGE THE WORLD.

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Gospel Reading

Mark 15:6-21

Confession and Absolution

Message Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane
LSB #436 v. 1-3

Message

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"
Pastor Mark Gearig

Offering

God You're So Good

Our offerings, gifts, and tithes are returned to Jesus in response to His sacrificial love for us. During the Offering time, please complete one of the worship cards found in the pew in front of you and pass it to the center aisle. Our staff will pray over any items you include in the prayer portion located on the back of your card.

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Closing Song

O Praise the Name (v. 1, 2)



GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE
LSB #436

1. 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

2. Follow to the judgment hall
View the Lord of life arraigned
Oh the worm-wood and the gall
Oh the pangs His soul sustained
Shun not suffering shame or loss
Learn from Him to bear the cross

3. 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

4. Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid His breathless clay
All is solitude and gloom
Who has taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes
Savior teach us so to rise

SERMON NOTES

Shun not suffering, shame, or loss

The cross is a beacon of _____ in the face of _____.

- Learn to _____
 - Be _____
 - Luke 22:41-44
 - Be _____
 - _____ & _____
 - Psalm 13
- Learn to _____
 - It's not about _____
 - Galatians 2:20
 - Admit your own _____, rely on God's _____ & _____.
 - Look for _____ at work

Easter Lilies 2019

Celebrate the victory of the Resurrection of Jesus - place an Easter Lily in honor of or in memory of a loved one. They will be on display during Easter worship services. Place your order in the Fellowship Area. The cost is \$10.00 each. Questions? Contact Heidi Sack at 423-6955.

THE HUNT EASTER EVENT @SPL • April 13

SPL will host "THE HUNT" Family Easter Event on Saturday, April 13th from 10am-12pm. This event includes activity stations for all ages, our annual Easter egg hunt, special treats for the adults, and more! Right now, you can pick up bags of 2-dozen plastic eggs to fill, you can sign up to help with activity station project preparation or to serve at the event. You can sign up to donate food items, prizes for giveaways, or additional egg-stuffing items. A great opportunity for our family to serve many families! Contact Pastor Mark Gearig or Andrea Gerhard for more info (217-423-6955).

HOLY WEEK & EASTER @SPL • April 13 - April 21

Mark your calendar and welcome others to these worship experiences at SPL! Plan to be a part of the **Maundy Thursday** Seder Meal Tasting taking place at 6:30pm on April 18th. Invite your family and friends. Registration will be available at SPLDECATUR.ORG

Good Friday worship is April 19th at 1:00pm & 7:00pm.

Easter Worship is April 21 at 6:30am, 8:00am & 10:30am.

There are multiple opportunities for you to lead and serve connected to each of these experiences - pray about how God might be able to use you here - watch for your chance to get plugged in.