



8:00 AM WORSHIP

MARCH 24, 2024

PASTOR ROB GOODWIN
PASTOR MARK GEARIG
PASTOR BILL GRUENINGER

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN IS A CHURCH WHERE
THOSE LONGING FOR A DIFFERENT LIFE
FIND A *GRACE-FILLED* LIFE IN JESUS.



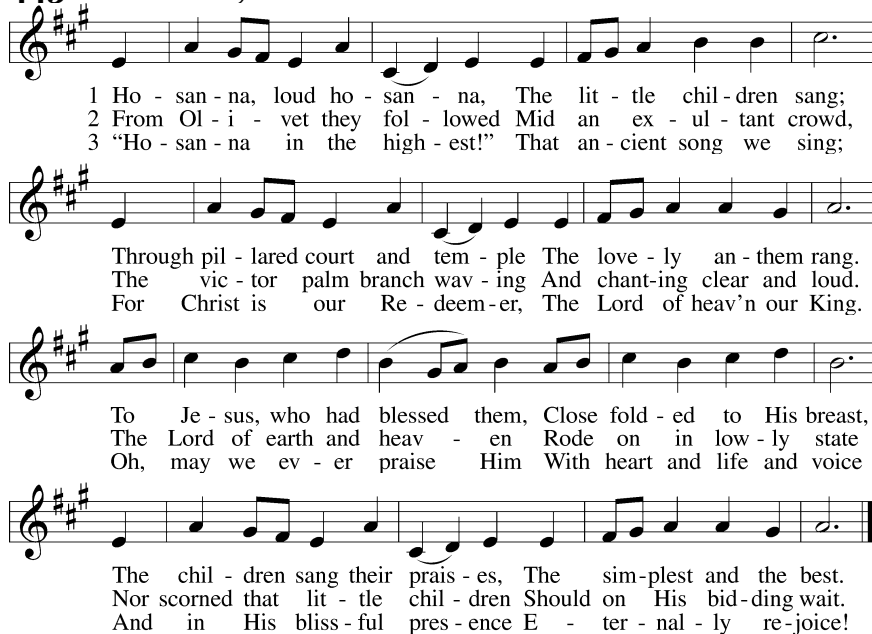
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

443 HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA



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 - ul - tant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;
Through 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 bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

Text: Jeannette Threlfall, 1821-80, alt.
Tune: Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Hofkapelle, 1784, Württemberg
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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation **Amen.**

EXHORTATION

LSB 151

Pastor If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
Congregation **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 151

Pastor Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
Congregation **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

Pastor Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE

LSB 152

Assistant In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Assistant For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



Assistant For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



Assistant For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



Assistant Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

Assistant This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Acts 2:14-24,36-41

Assistant This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL READING

Mark 11:1-11

442 ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

Refrain



1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.

Text: Theodulf of Orleans, c. 762-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.
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SPL KIDS WORD

SERMON

FORGIVING CHALLENGE: Sanctification

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OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

LSB 160

Pastor The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE (FULL)

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

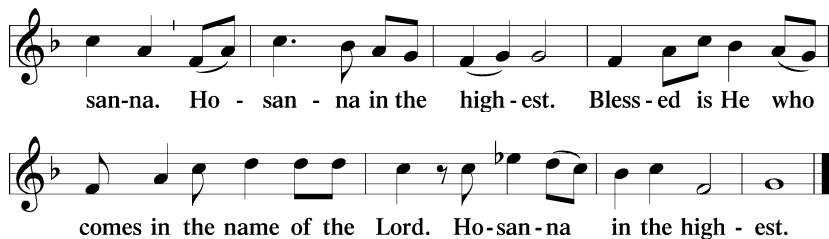
LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

Pastor Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Congregation **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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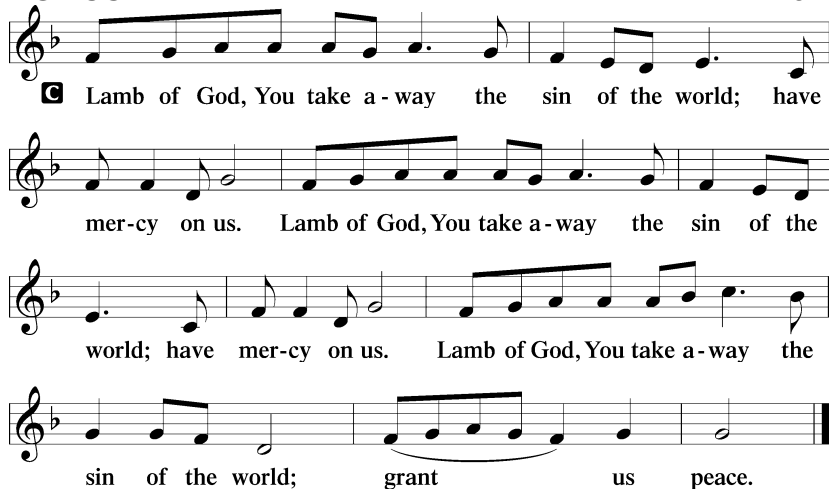
LSB 163

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI

LSB 163



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441 RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY

THE DISMISSAL

Congregation Amen.


525 CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

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BENEDICTION

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and  give you peace.

C A - men.

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP

March 28	6:30 PM - Maundy Thursday
March 29	1:00 & 7:00 PM - Good Friday 12:30 & 6:30 PM - Communion Service
March 31	6:30 AM - Easter Sunrise with Communion 8:00 & 10:30 AM - Easter Freedom Celebration

EASTER FLOWERS FOR SPL & YOU · Sign up now!

Help beautify St. Paul's Sanctuary - and your home - this Easter! Visit the sign-up chart in the Fellowship Area, choose your flowers (lilies, tulips, daffodils, or hyacinths), and place \$9/pot (cash or check) in the envelope provided. After the 10:30 AM worship on Easter Sunday, take your flowers home for your table or to plant in your garden.

THE ROOTED EXPERIENCE · Begins April 7

Find a fresh encounter with Jesus and His purpose for your life. In your Rooted group you will gather once a week for 10 weeks and talk about what God has been revealing to you and others through weekly readings, journal entries, and prayer. The next session begins the week of April 7. Sign up in the Fellowship area or visit spldecatour.org/forms now.

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST · April 6

Hosted at Unity on April 6th from 8:00-10:30 AM. Open to all - this is an opportunity to connect with one another and enjoy breakfast together. There will also be tours available and conversation for anyone visiting for the first time, or the first time in a while. Enter on the west side of the building (Elementary entrance). Come and invite others along to see what's happening at Unity!

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God by Everett & Judy Lawrence in memory of their 40th wedding anniversary.

OPERATIONS

Last weekend attendance in person:	528
Last weekend attendance online:	140
Average attendance for the last 4 weeks:	628
Last Week's Offering:	\$ 34,337
2024 Budget Goal:	\$2,170,000
YTD Giving:	\$ 436,358 (20.11% of budget goal)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY 3/24 PALM SUNDAY

8:00 AM Traditional Worship (In-Person & Online)
9:15 AM FX Family Experience (Great Room)
9:15 AM Sunday Education Time (Adults, Parents, Youth, Kids)
10:30 AM Contemporary Worship (In-Person & Online), SPL Littles
12:30 PM Easter Rehearsal - Praise Team & Choir (Worship Center)

MONDAY 3/25

9:00 AM SPL Play Date (Field House)

TUESDAY 3/26

11:30 AM G.A. Meeting (Room 122)
6:30 PM Good Friday Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY 3/28 MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study with Jack Barr (Conference Room)
5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal
6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Worship

FRIDAY 3/29 GOOD FRIDAY - ELC Closed

12:30 PM Communion Service
1:00 PM Good Friday Worship
6:30 PM Communion Service
7:00 PM Good Friday Worship

SATURDAY 3/30

7:00 AM SPL Men Bible Study (Conference Room)
9:30 AM Easter Rehearsal

SUNDAY 3/31 EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Worship
8:00 AM Easter Freedom Celebration (In-Person & Online)
10:30 AM Easter Freedom Celebration (In-Person & Online), SPL Littles

MONDAY 4/1 Church Office Closed