

Pastor Roger will consecrate the elements for Holy Communion and all can commune by having bread and wine or juice at home during the service.

SERVING ST. PAUL (7:00 PM) MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 9: Pastor: Rev. Roger Godfredsen
Accompanist: Angie Johnson Sound Tech: Larry Smit Lector: Jeanne Lichty

SERVING ST. PAUL (7:00 PM) GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10: Pastor: Rev. Roger Godfredsen Sound
Tech: Craig Vander Linden Lectors: Dan Klein, David Harris

SERVING ST. PAUL (9:00 AM) EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12: Pastor: Rev. Roger Godfredsen
Accompanist: Angie Johnson Lector: Jeanne Lichty Sound Tech: Craig Vander Linden

PRAYER REQUESTS: Angelique McCoy (Rev. Roger Godfredsen's daughter), Larry Baldwin, Dorothy Breuer, Kevin Roth, Don Koepnick, Hugh Ehlers, Scott Stallmann, Braelynn Tracy, Arlyn Holtrop, Mandi Rodger, Carol Luepke, Emmett Carter (son of Meredith Carter and great-grandson of Melvin Brands), Leslie Vanden Berg (Lyle Vanden Berg's brother), Darwin Winkowitsch (Lew Winkowitsch's father), Jan Moore (daughter of Lillian Green), Chase Hansen (grandson of Mike and Dee Redinius), and Tina Hall (daughter of Denise Hall).

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Maundy Thursday service this evening.

Our Holy Week observance continues tomorrow evening with the Good Friday service at 7:00 p.m. by live stream on St. Paul's Facebook page.

Please note: The church offices will be CLOSED on Monday, April 13.

The Maundy Thursday offering and Good Friday offering will go to the general fund. If you use your Easter Sunrise offering envelope, your offering will go to the youth. If you use your Sunday weekly offering envelope, your offering will go to the general fund, unless otherwise designated.

We are grateful for your continued generosity in support of our congregation's mission and ministry. Even though we will not be gathering face to face, would you please continue to give at your normal level of support or beyond? Give in one of the following ways: 1) You can mail in your checks to our church office, 2) You can give online by going to our website stpaulsheldon.org 3) Use the "Bill Pay" option from your online banking, or 4) We can work with you and your personal bank to set up a bank to bank transfer (which could be discontinued any time you desire). Call Tami at the church office if you need help in your method of giving. (712-324-3049) Thank you for continuing to generously give to St. Paul!

Our church office will be closed to the public, but will be staffed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday. Feel free to phone or e-mail the church office, a member of our staff will be happy to assist you.

Can Collection Notice: We are NOT ACCEPTING CANS until further notice. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Please Note: St. Paul Sunday bulletins, monthly calendars, and monthly newsletters are on our stpaulsheldon.org website.

ST. PAUL HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 9 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship/HC - by live stream on St. Paul's Facebook page
April 10 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship - by live stream on St. Paul's Facebook page
April 12 9:00 a.m. Easter Worship/HC - live broadcast on KIWA radio FM 100.7 or AM 1550 and by live stream on St. Paul's Facebook page

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, NALC **Maundy Thursday, April 9, 2020** **7:00 P.M.**

*"Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks
a participation in the blood of Christ?
And is not the bread that we break
a participation in the body of Christ?"
(1 Corinthians 10:16)*

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you.

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who believe the Lord Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God, who was sent from God to redeem all those whom God has called into the faith and confess him as their Lord and Savior are welcome at the Lord's table with this congregation.

GOSPEL READING: John 13:1-17, 31-35

Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet, his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you!" For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

HERE THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen, I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

(John 10:11-18)

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me." Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

(John 14:1, 6-7)

PRAYER

Lord, tonight we come to hear your word and remember your sacrament in the night in which you were betrayed. Lord, we open our hearts to your love that your Holy Spirit may anoint us with your grace. Be present with us Lord that this remembrance of you may transform our hearts and minds into the one true will of God our Father. **Amen.**

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his word has no place in our lives.

(1 John 1:5-10)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We pray. Lord Jesus I believe and confess, you are my Lord and Savior. I was born into this sinful world and sin against you in my thoughts, with my deeds, and by my words, both in what I do, and by what I do not do, but it was the Father's will to redeem me to be your disciple. By your suffering and death on the cross my redemption was gained. It is nothing I do, but is you alone who has accomplished this salvation for me, and to all who believe in you. By your grace I have been saved. Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, in order that righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

(Romans 8:1-4)

Nothing can separate us from the love of God we have in Jesus Christ—this is the peace of God that we share—The Peace of God be with you -

PRAYER

We pray. Holy Father, what wondrous love that you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for our trespasses. May my love for you and your Word grow more and more in me. This night may I draw closer to you through this gift of my Lord Jesus' holy flesh and blood, the New Covenant. May I forever be in you and you in me. To you Lord Jesus be glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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Lord hear this our confession.

**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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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.

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

O Lord, Holy Father hear our confession and know our heart.
Through the waters of baptism we are joined with Christ Jesus. We were buried
therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from
the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have
been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a
resurrection like his. Lord Jesus, open now our hearts to your presence as we come to
this your table and partake of this remembrance of your death.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and said, *“This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”*

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, *“This cup is the new covenant in
my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For whenever you eat
this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”*

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

DISTRIBUTION

We receive the bread and the wine. We eat the body and blood of our Lord Jesus.

LORD’S PRAYER

We pray. Holy Father we pray send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we who have
eaten this Holy Communion may receive our Lord Jesus with a living faith.

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.

ALTAR IS STRIPPED

HYMN “Go To Dark Gethsemane”

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.

Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh the wormwood and the gall!
Oh the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering shame or loss;
Learn from Him to bear the cross.

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.

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CLOSING PRAYER

Holy Father, in love you sent your beloved Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly
life. Pour out upon us your Holy Spirit, and in your mercy strengthen us through this most holy
sacrament, in faith towards you and in fervent love towards one another for the sake of Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

