

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY (Apr 7) Sunday School.....	8:00 am
WORSHIP (Adult Bible Study after worship)....	9:00 am
MON (Apr 8) Choir Practice.....	6:30 pm
TUES (Apr 9) Pastor teaches at Bethlehem.....	8:15 am
Gr7-8 Catechism Class.....	5:00 pm
WED (Apr 10) MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP	6:30 pm
(Spkr: Pastor Kesting, Zion; Fellowship follows)	
THUR (Apr 11) Pastor teaches at Bethlehem.....	8:15 am
Teen & 20something Bible Class.....	7:00 pm
NEXT SUNDAY (Apr 14) Sunday School.....	8:00 am
WORSHIP (HC) Sunday School & Choir sing	9:00 am
PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH follows worship!	



A MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Mar 27 & 31 - Plate Offerings: \$1,891.00
Electronic Offerings last week: \$100.00
Total Offerings last week: \$1,991.00
OFFERINGS RECEIVED YTD (13 weeks) \$24,074.00
OFFERINGS NEEDED YTD: \$29,549.00; YTD Shortfall: \$5,475.00
Weekly Budgetary Needs: \$2,273.00.
(Visit stpauldale.com to give electronically or scan Q-R code above)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIDWEEK WORSHIP THIS WEDNESDAY (APR.10) Rev. Peter Kesting (Zion, Readfield) Theme: "What Is Truth?"—John 18:33-40

DIVINE CALL RECEIVED: "Dear members of St Paul, I invite your prayers and input and I deliberate on the divine call I received this week to Grace Lutheran Church, Tecumseh, MI. I invite you to share in this opportunity to take a fresh look at my call to serve you and our partnership together in the high calling we all have received to be a part of God's saving work here at St Paul." ~ *Pastor Finn*

SERVING THE FELLOWSHIP THIS WED: See Sign-Up sheet in entryway for servers this week). Thank you to all the servers!

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome Paul & Kim Calmes & their children who are in the process of transferring in together into membership here at St Paul, Dale from Mount Olive, Appleton (Children: Morgan, Mason, Kianna).



The Fifth Sunday In Lent

April 7th, 2019

AS WE GATHER

How beautiful is our journey to the cross and empty tomb of Christ. In this Lenten and Easter season we see the Son, Jesus carrying out the plan of God the Father to rescue us from sin and death and to bring us into his divine family, even at the time his own family line, the Jews, had rejected him! (Gospel Lesson). The sermon today reminds us of the way we were "grafted" (Second Lesson) into God's family through faith in the saving work of Jesus. In these final days before Holy Week, even as we rejoice in these things done for us already in salvation history, we look forward to the things he's preparing for us in heaven, putting away our sinful ways, and acting like the people He says, "I formed for myself that they might declare my praise." (First Lesson)

WELCOME VISITORS

If you have any needs or questions during your visit with us this morning, let us try to help. Ask an usher or the person next to you. If the Lord has given you children to raise for Him, we're glad you brought them to His house today! If at any point your little one gets overly restless and you need a moment or two alone with them, there is a quiet area downstairs just past the fellowship hall near the restrooms (There are changing stations in both restrooms).

ORDER OF SERVICE

LITURGY: Christian Worship, page 15 The Common Service

HYMNS: #779 "I Sing As I Arise Today"

Psalm 73, page 94 (Sing in Unison)

#342 "Amid This World's Bleak Wilderness"

#528 "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

#323 "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Spoken by Pastor) Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.. (Sing: "Amen")

GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 43:16-21 “Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”

Psalm of the Day: Ps. 73, page 94 (*Sing in Unison*)

THE SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 11:11-21 “Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. ¹² But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their full inclusion bring! ¹³ I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry ¹⁴ in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? ¹⁶ If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches. ¹⁷ If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, ¹⁸ do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. ¹⁹ You will say then, “Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in.” ²⁰ Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble. ²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.”

VERSE OF THE DAY: "The Son of Man did not come to served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (**Mark 10:45**)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 20:9-19 - ⁹ He went on to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. ¹⁰ At harvest time he sent a servant to the

tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. ¹² He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out. ¹³ “Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴ “But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ ¹⁵ So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. “What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When the people heard this, they said, “God forbid!” ¹⁷ Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written: “‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’? ¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.” ¹⁹ The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

THE APOSTLES' CREED, page 19 in the front of the hymnal.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #342 "Amid This World's Bleak Wilderness"

TODAY'S MESSAGE: Romans 11:11-21

"Your Place in God's Family Tree"

After the Sermon rise to sing, Hymn #319

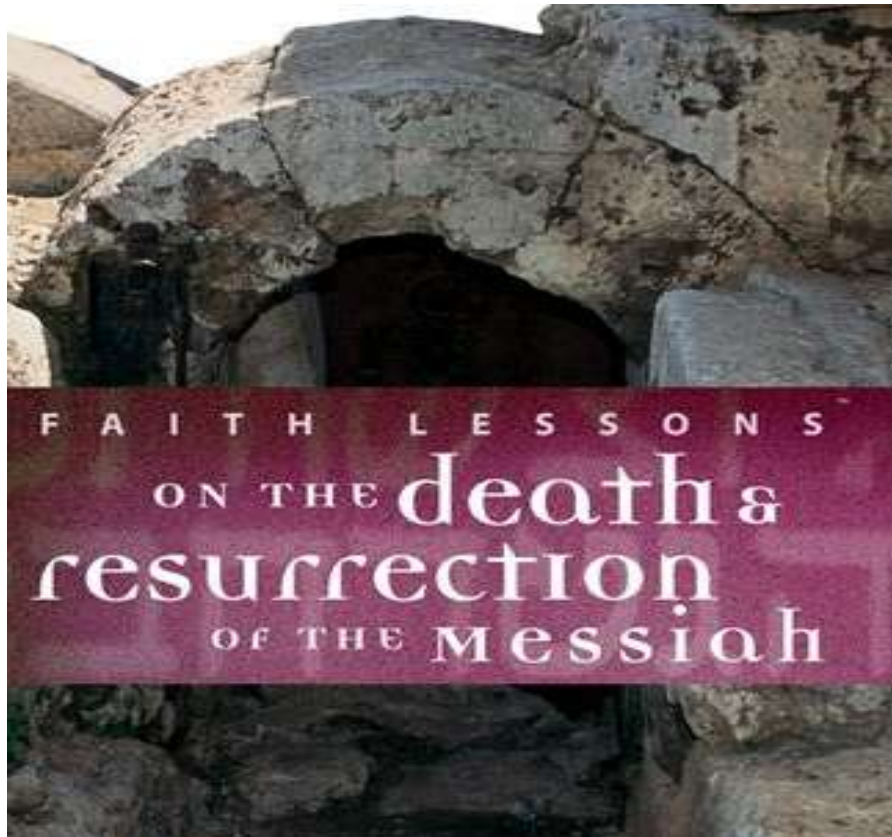
THE OFFERING, PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, LORD'S PRAYER, p.20

HYMN: #528 "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

PRAYER AND BLESSING, p.25

CLOSING HYMN: 323 "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

BIRTHDAYS: If you see the following members today, please wish them a "Happy Birthday": **Apr 8**—Candy Kohler; **Apr 13**—Tim Kohler.



"Faith Lessons on the Death and Resurrection of the Messiah"

This video-based study focuses on the last week of Jesus' life, his death and resurrection, and the Holy Spirit's visit on Pentecost. Filmed on location in Israel, this video series brings God's Word to life by weaving it together with the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical context. These illuminating "faith lessons" afford a fresh understanding of the Bible that will further ground your faith and conviction in Christ's saving work, transforming your life as you see Him and learn from Him anew.

- WEEKLY LESSONS -

LESSON 1. When Storms Come (Sea of Galilee) - Just as Jesus stilled the storm, demonstrating his power over the natural world, so he also takes charge of our raging struggles.

LESSON 2. Piercing the Darkness (Kursi) - Kursi was believed to be the home of demons. There, in a deliberate choice to aggressively confront evil, Jesus healed the demon-possessed man.

LESSON 3. Gates of Hell (Caesarea Philippi) - in the center of this pagan city, Jesus declared, "Upon this rock I will build my church," challenging believers to boldly wage war on evil.

LESSONS 4-5. City of the Great King (Jerusalem) - When seen in the urban setting of Herod's first century Jerusalem, Jesus' actions and teachings come alive, sparking a deeper understanding of our faith's Jewish roots.

LESSON 6. The Lamb of God (Mount of Olives) - The significance of Passover celebrations and Passover Week events intertwine with Jesus' choice of time, place, and message.

LESSON 7. The Weight of the World (Capernum/ Gethsemane) - Manufacturing olive oil involves intense pressure. This process exposes a fresh perspective from which we can fully appreciate Jesus' sacrifice, which is our anointing.

LESSON 8. Roll Away the Stone (Garden Tomb) - Understanding the significance of Jesus' burial in a Jewish-style tomb and his resurrection during the Feast of First Fruits reveals the magnitude of his love and the new life he brings.

LESSON 9. Power to the People (Southern Stairs) - The day of Pentecost fulfilled prophecy through Joel when God's Spirit would dwell among his followers, empowering them to witness to Christ in a powerful way.

LESSON 10. Total Commitment (Caesarea) - Herod's palace fortresses were elaborate. But Peter's Confession about Christ reminds us that what matters most is not what we build, but on whom our life is built.



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