

The Chimes

April 2023



Sunday Worship

9:00 am Sunday school for Children and Adults

*10:00 am Worship service
(also livestreamed)*

Live stream:

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Services will be livestreamed

Palm Sunday, April 2

10:00 am (One service only)

The Blessing of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday, April 6

7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 7

7:00 pm

Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Sunday, April 9

9:00 & 10:45 am

(Only the 10:45 service will be livestreamed)

(Reception between services)

**Chimes publication
information**

The Chimes, the newsletter of Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, is published for the inspiration, education and entertainment of its members and friends. Comments and suggestions are welcome. Just mail, e-mail or deliver them to the church office.

The next issue of The Chimes will be published on Thursday, April 27. Your articles are due to carisa@stpaulsardmore.org no later than Friday, April 21.

Pastor's Letter



Dear Siblings in Christ,

As we approach Holy Week this year, I am drawn to a story from John's gospel. It comes on the heels of the Gospel for the final Sunday in Lent, which was the raising of Lazarus. John's gospel is split into two distinct parts: the book of signs and the book of glory. The first half tells the story of Jesus' ministry, and it recounts seven signs, or miracles, that he performs which help explain who he is as the Messiah. The second half, the book of glory, tells the story of Holy Week, beginning with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and ending with his arrest, crucifixion, and ultimately resurrection.

The raising of Lazarus is the final sign that Jesus performs before entering Jerusalem. It is this act that leads those who oppose him, namely some of the religious leaders, to begin conspiring to kill Jesus. Raising someone from the dead is just too much. Jesus is too powerful and presents a threat to the uneasy peace with the Roman authorities. Jesus knows this. He knows that his hour is coming, and yet he heads into Jerusalem anyway.

But as we linger in this week *before* Holy Week, I am drawn to what Jesus does before that final week. After he raises Lazarus, but before he ultimately turns towards the cross. Knowing that the end is approaching, how does he spend his time? Is it with one more healing, one more sermon, one more lesson for the disciples? When he knows that there's a limited time left, does Jesus try to cram as much ministry in as possible?

No. After this ultimate sign, knowing that those opposed to him are conspiring for his arrest and death, Jesus spends time with his friends. The Gospel of John tells us that Mary, Martha, and Lazarus gave a dinner for Jesus. Martha served, Lazarus reclined at the table, and Mary takes a jar of costly perfume, made of pure nard, and anoints Jesus' feet, filling the whole house with its scent.

Knowing he has a limited time before he is swept up in the drama of Jerusalem, Jesus uses it to simply be. To spend time with those who are close to him. To be present, fully, with his disciples and his friends. To let them love him—with their presence, their serving, their care.

Perhaps, in this week before Holy Week (or Holy Week itself—while it's a busy time for church professionals, I know it's often spring break for others) we might follow Jesus' example. Even if the to do list is long—perhaps *because* the to do list is long—we might take time, even just a few moments, to simply be. To be present with the people that

God has put in our lives. To be present with God. Without an agenda or goal, save for the goal of being.

May this time, before and during Holy Week, be a time of blessing for you.

In Christ,

Laura M. Tancredi

Pastor Laura

Prayers

Please pray for our men and women in the armed services, Shane Boston, Army, (son of Kim Boston); and Sean Hopkins (son of Terry Hopkins).

Prayers are also requested for: Michael Anuszewski (brother-in-law of Daniel Dry); Miranda Bagnet (friend of Beth McElvenney); Joy Baxter, Tina Brady (friend of Dottie Buchanan); Dottie Buchanan, Charlotte Conybear, Liza Smiles DeBlis (friend of Claudia Muller); Carl DellaBadia (brother-in-law of Judi DellaBadia); Mary Devereaux (niece of Boofie Younkin); Diane Duane (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Theresa Dry (sister of Dan Dry); Jo Fenstermacher (cousin of Bob Burns); Pat Fenstermacher (cousin of Bob Burns); Sandy Foote (friend of Sandy Farina); Salvatore Giafaglione (brother-in-law of Evelyn Reider); Gunda Grabowski (aunt of Mark Muller); Carolyn & Dan Joseph, Kathy Joy (sister of Jennifer Curtis); Jim Kamerdze (cousin of Bob Burns); Tom Keyser, Virginia Maroun (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Kathleen Martini (friend of Laurie DeWarf); Stephanie McClay (friend of Belle Miller); Lynda McNab, Russell Isaac Miller (grandson of the Miller's); Irma Payan, Kris Peterson, Walter Proschinger (brother of Christa Scheidly); Johnathan Richards (friend of Pastor Tim); Claire Robinson; Bob Rogers (brother of Lynda McNab); Dorothy Schulz (sister of Carol Hammarberg); Skylar Seeley (friend of Spencer Schumacher); Bill Stoll (friend of Melissa Krissingner); Lily Walker (friend of Sarah Krissingner); Alyson (cousin of Jane Downing); Bart (brother of Gail Feustel); Jenn Phelps and Betty (aunt of Liz Cassidy)

Baptism

Emery Scott Tripple, daughter of Ingrid and Scott Tripple was baptized on March 12.

Births

Congratulations to Erik and Elissa Iverson on the birth of their son, Beau Nicholas, on March 6. We rejoice with Erik and Elissa and pray for God's blessings on their family.

Attention Parents of Second Graders

First Holy Communion class will be held on Saturday, April 1 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm for second graders and at least one parent per student.
Lunch is included.



The second graders will receive their first Holy Communion on Sunday, April 16.

First Garden Planting of the Year
Sunday, April 2
Following worship
All volunteers welcome!



Decorating the church for Easter

Saturday, April 8

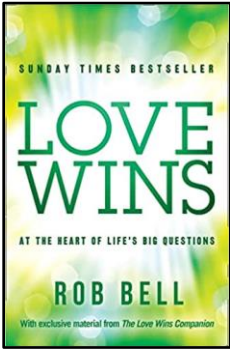
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All volunteers welcome!

April Birthdays

- 1 Julia Carstens, Madison DeLar, Sandy Farina, Justin Kolb
- 2 Merissa D'Antonio, Lynda McNab
- 4 Barbara Henderson, Michael Sack
- 5 James Denman, Michael Kelly
- 6 Jane Downing
- 8 Roman Ciarllo, Oakley Riggs
- 10 Coop Cooper, Dan Kunsu
- 12 Sara Denman
- 13 Elena Isenberg
- 14 Eryn Cronin, Maxwell Koerner, Herbert Wendelken
- 16 Steven DeWarf, Grace Welden
- 18 Melissa Kaufman, Stephanie Schommer
- 19 Evelyn Reider
- 22 Diane Pringle
- 23 Katelyn Lieb
- 24 Sonya Jacobsen
- 25 Kimberly Dieter, Todd Hart
- 28 Paul Denman
- 29 Amy Horn Dylan McGuire





April Book Club Monday, April 24

Kugler Room
7:30 pm

"There are a growing number of us who have become acutely aware that Jesus's story has been hijacked by a number of other stories, stories Jesus isn't interested in telling, because they have nothing to do with what he came to do. The plot has been lost, and it's time to reclaim it.

"I've written this book because the kind of faith Jesus invites us into doesn't skirt the big questions about topics like God and Jesus and salvation and judgment and heaven and hell, but takes us deep into the heart of them." —from *Love Wins* --

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