

March 29, 2026

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'Family'

"You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what He is building."

Ephesians 2:19 MSG

Palm Sunday

Realities: *'When Darkness Came'*

Welcome to St. Paul!

We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. ~ 1-Thessalonians 1:2

John 12:13 (NIV)

¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet Him, shouting, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the King of Israel!”

Opening Song “Holy Forever”

Children’s Message **Laurie Lentz**

Psalms 107:13-15 New International Version

¹³ Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and He saved them from their distress.

¹⁴ He brought them out of darkness, the utter darkness,
and broke away their chains.

¹⁵ Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love
and His wonderful deeds for mankind,

Isaiah 50:3-7 New International Version

³ I clothe the heavens with darkness
and make sackcloth its covering.”

⁴ The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue,
to know the word that sustains the weary.
He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

⁵ The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears;
I have not been rebellious,
I have not turned away.

⁶ I offered my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;
I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.

⁷ Because the Sovereign Lord helps me,
I will not be disgraced.
Therefore have I set my face like flint,
and I know I will not be put to shame.

Matthew 27:45-54 English Standard Version

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?” ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” ⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him.” ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up His spirit.

⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Message **“When Darkness Came”**

Worship Song **“Nothing But The Blood”**

Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Confession & Words of Assurance

P: Most Merciful God,

C: I confess my sins to You. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbor as myself. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

Holy Communion (*Communion is a time of quiet reflection and prayer.*)

Communion is by continuous table for those who want to come up. Others may take communion at their seat by individual cup available at the entrance. We welcome all believers in Jesus Christ who are baptized into Him. We usually commune children from fifth grade on. Other children will receive a blessing.

Distribution Music:

..... **“All Hail King Jesus”**
..... **“In Christ Alone”**

Announcements

Closing Song **Doxology**

Benediction

A: Choose this day whom you will serve.

C: As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Postlude

Serving Today

Minister Pastor Beverly Kelling
Ushers Pam Westbrook & Jenny Lessing
Lector Will Winchester
Acolytes Kinslee Anderwald & Easton Hennessey
Music Team Jeanette Rath, Lauren Guenther, Clayton Nickols,
Easton Hennessey & Ayelet Reus

*Altar flowers are given by Tammy Reus in loving memory
of her husband Mark Reus.*

*The Sanctuary Lamp shines brightly in remembrance of Mark Reus by his
loving wife Tammy Reus.*

RESPONSIBILITIES –

Resurrection Sunday, April 5th

Flowers: Lillies **Sanctuary Lamp:** OPEN

Ushers

7am - Pam Westbrook, Johnette Dixon, Derlin Hennig

9am – Jenny Lessing, Lynda Halbardier & TBD

Lectors

7am – Becky Burton **9am** – Audrey Moncada

Acolytes

7am – Holden Halbardier & Patrick Weimer

9am – Bella Contreras & Adele Cortez



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“And never stop praying.” ~ 1Thessalonians 5:17

Healing & Comfort:

Julie Tarelton, Fred Graff, Margaret Reus, Bill Reus, Buffie Rogge,
Mike Thompson, Larry Stewart, Dylan Nicoll, Claude Cosgrove,
Sherri Grell, Helen Ann Jones, John Baxter & Emiliano Mireles.

Homebound and Nursing Homes:

Brian Boehle, Gladys Feller, Kathy Feller,
“Pye” Haass, Elaine Eccles, Mario Salazar & Henry Nietenhoefler.

Active Military:

Ben Rath, Ethan Kammer, Will Winchester, Riley Lynch,
Larry & Teresa Sullivan, Heath Runnels, Madelyn Acosta, Sean Constante,
Jimmy Rhodes, Les Armstrong, & Collin Bezely.

This Week’s Birthdays:

Laurie Lentz, Janice Wright, Margie Mayne,
Laura Denman & Michael Williams.

Looking Ahead

TODAY, March 29th - Palm Sunday (Palm procession, Family Picnic & Egg Hunt)

April 2nd – Maundy Thursday Seder Meal 6pm (Please RSVP by March 22nd)

April 3rd – Good Friday 6pm Service

April 5th – Resurrection Sunday

April 8th – 12th – KAIROS

April 19th – Confirmation Sunday

May 5th – Scholarship Applications Due

May 7th – National Day of Prayer

May 25th – Memorial Day (Office Closed)

June 2nd – June 6th - Camp Eagle



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The Red Brick Church Digital Tithing

TODAY, Palm Sunday

8:50 am – Meet in the Annex for
Palm Processional

10:30 am – Sunday School

11:45 am – Scavenger Hunt

Bring your own Easter Basket but no need to bring eggs. There will be crafts and activities on each table for your family to complete together. Each family is asked to bring their own lunch.



“COME AS YOU ARE”

6pm Worship Services

April 1st – David Hershberger

April 8th – Kairos

April 15th - Open

April 22nd – Pastor Beverly – Islam

April 29th – Open Mic



To Those who RSVP'd for the Seder Dinner Experience:

Thank you! We have 92 who have signed-up! The evening will start at 6:00p in the Activity Center & is expected to last around 2 ½ hours. Rabbi Baruch will lead the Seder. You will be provided Matzoh Ball Soup (a traditional favorite) and chicken quarters for the dinner & everything for the Seder. We ask YOU to bring a potluck side or dessert to share. All food items are to be made WITHOUT LEAVEN (yeast or baking powder) and WITHOUT PORK (no bacon) or SHELLFISH. Simple sides are vegetables, potatoes & rice. Deserts are fruits, macaroons, cheesecake, puddings, & candies. There are recipes online if you search Seder or Passover foods. We'll seat 6 to a table & have specific 'Gluten-free' tables. Looking forward to it!!

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Sunday, March 29th

PALM SUNDAY

9am Worship Service

10:00 Fellowship

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Family Picnic

11:45 Scavenger Hunt

Monday, March 30th

7pm Bible Journaling

Tuesday, March 31st

7am Prayer Warriors

Wednesday, April 1st

Tacking Quilters

Women's BSF

Highschool BSF Lunch

No Bible Study

6pm CAYA

Youth following Worship

7pm Bible Study (A/C)

Thursday, April 2nd

6pm-8:30pm Seder for participants
who RSVP'd

Friday, April 3rd

Office Closed

6pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 4th

Sunday, April 5th

Resurrection Sunday

7am Sunrise Service

8am Breakfast

9am Worship Service

REALITIES: 'WHEN DARKNESS CAME'

Will your faith stand up to the deepest questions?

In the darkness God covered His Son's nakedness & pain as He bore the full weight of sin & the eternal justice of God. It quieted the crowd, warned the proud & invited the soul to weep & seek.

The Covering: The Darkness

By quoting Psalm 22:1, Jesus magnifies the entire passage that moves

from _____;

from _____

Jesus knew the _____

but _____

Notes: _____

The Commotion: The sky, curtain, earthquake, rocks & opened tombs:

Sky- _____; earthquake & rocks – _____

curtain – _____; tombs – _____

Evidences: _____

Evidence dates Jesus' crucifixion most likely as: _____

Notes: _____

The Conclusion: The Centurion

Notes: _____

Jesus can break through the darkness, _____

My lesson: _____