

Sunday, March 28, 2021

8:00 a.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

147 West Forest Street

Clyde, OH



Places of the Passion
Palm Sunday:

Bethphage (House of Unripe Figs)

Order of Service

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me."

Matthew 21:1-2

Invocation and Call to Worship

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us ever walk with Jesus.

C: To see the depths of his love.

P: To behold the gift of his forgiveness!

C: To gaze upon the heights of his grace.

P: To marvel at the magnitude of his mercy.

C: We walk with Jesus as he rides a donkey.

P: He begins in Bethphage and makes his way to Jerusalem.

C: He does it for us and for our salvation!

P: Faithful Lord, with me abide.

C: I shall follow where you guide!

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed amid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving and chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing;
 For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav’n our King.
 Oh, may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
 And in God’s joyful presence eternally rejoice!

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Merciful and mighty Father, you know us well. We are quick to speak of faith, but slow to live it out. We shout “hosanna” as Jesus approaches, as did the people of Jerusalem, but we do not want him coming too close to us, not close enough to really see—

C: Our greed and our grasping.

P: Our pride and our pretense.

C: Our envy and our strife.

P: Our hard hearts and lackluster prayers.

C: Our willful disobedience and ongoing sin.

P: Our harsh words and condemning judgments.

C: Our backbiting and badmouthing.

P: Our lame excuses.

C: Our fickle faith. Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ’s love is greater.)

P: Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane, Gabbatha and Golgotha—for you. That’s why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide!

C: I shall follow where you guide!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you have sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all of humanity should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading ... Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Epistle Reading ... Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Reading ... Matthew 21:1-11

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark!
All the tribes hosanna cry!
O Savior meek, pursue thy road,
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die!
O Christ, thy triumph now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice!

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son!

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy pow'r and reign.

Sermon

Places of the Passion: "Bethphage"

Matthew 21:1-11

Pastor Kurt E. Luebke

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into Hell
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

- P: Onward in Christ's footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above. Full of faith and hope and love, let us do the Father's bidding. And so we pray: Lord Jesus, you are the King of Zechariah's vision, and on this Palm Sunday, we worship, honor, and bless you, saying—
- C: Hosanna in the highest!**
- P: Lord Jesus, no other king would show up to conquer his enemies, humbly riding on the foal of a donkey. No other king would break the power of death and rob the grave by the brokenness of the cross. No other king could defeat evil and tyranny by shedding his blood. That's why we say—
- C: Hosanna in the highest!**
- P: Lord Jesus, no other king would come not to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many—a group of rebels and sinners like us. No other king would come so humbly, so lovingly, so kindly. That's why we shout it out—
- C: Hosanna in the highest!**

P: Lord Jesus, you are our King, the King of glory, the King of kings and the Lord of lords. You are our Monarch of mercy, our Governor of grace and our the Prince of Peace. Great is our rejoicing, for you have come to us, righteous and victorious, loving and sovereign. That's why we celebrate—

C: Hosanna in the highest!

P: Lord Jesus, by the riches of your grace, continue to free us from sin, selfishness and worthless idols. By the power of the Gospel, enable us to live with hope and as agents of redemption until the Day you return to finish making all things new.

C: Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. Amen.

***PRAYERS**

Each prayer ends, P: Lord, in Your mercy
C: **Hear our prayer.**

Ron Campbell
Dick Farrar
Caren Goerke
Bobby Gray
Carol Jones
DeAnn Krauss
Norbert Mayer
Mary Parkhurst
Lillian Sackrider
Jim & Sue Shull
Laurie Smith
Larry Sumner
Joanne Wise
John Wott
Bob Young

Kayle Carroll
Dylan Kimmet
Michael Styczynski

THE HOLY COMMUNION

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(ELW pg. 108)

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the Banquet, for all is now ready.

THE PARTAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(ELW pg. 114)

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

Benediction

P: Jesus invites us to walk with him to Bethphage and then into Jerusalem, places of great suffering and places of great love! We will walk with Jesus all the way to the empty tomb—and resurrection victory!

C: **Let us ever walk with Jesus.**

*(ELW 323)

God Loved the World

God loved the world so that he gave
his only Son the lost to save,
that all who would in him believe
should everlasting life receive.

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
who was made flesh and suffered death;
all who confide in Christ alone
are built on this chief cornerstone.

If you are ill, if death draws near,
this truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus rescues us from death;
that is the firmest ground of faith.

Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
forgives all sins that you have done,
and justified by Jesus' blood,
your baptism grants the highest good.



Welcome to worship, whether in person or online! May zeal for God’s house consume us, as it did Jesus (John 2:17), but remember that the Holy Spirit lives in every human heart.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God for a Happy Birthday to **Pastor Kurt** and thanksgiving for a loyal husband, father & dedicated servant of Christ given by Krystal.





WE EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Blayze & Christine (Goolsby) Behney on the birth of a son, **Emmett Mark Behney**, born on Monday, March 22, 2021. Proud grandparents are Ed & Kelly (Wott)) Baker and proud great grandparents are William & Jill Wott.

March 28, 2021 – April 4, 2021

<i>Sunday the 28th</i>	<p>8:00 a.m. ~ Holy Communion Service 9:15 a.m. ~ Sunday School 10:30 a.m. ~ Holy Communion Service</p>	 <p>Palm Sunday</p>
<i>Monday the 29th</i>		
<i>Tuesday the 30th</i>	<p>9:30 a.m. ~ Zoom / pastor</p>	
<i>Wednesday the 31st</i>		
<i>Thursday the 1st</i>	<p>7:00 p.m. ~ Maundy Thursday Worship Service</p>	
<i>Friday the 2nd</i>	<p>7:00 p.m. ~ Good Friday Worship Service</p>	
<i>Saturday the 3rd</i>	<p>8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. ~ Men’s Bible Study 5:00 p.m. ~ Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Worship Service</p>	
<i>Sunday the 4th</i>	<p>8:00 a.m. ~ Holy Communion Worship Service 9:15 a.m. ~ Sunday School 9:15 a.m. ~ Women’s Board Meeting 10:30 a.m. ~ Holy Communion Worship Service</p>	 <p>EASTER</p>

STRIPPING THE ALTAR

Anyone interested helping to “Strip the Altar” during the 7:00 p.m. service on Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021, please contact Tammy Baker, 419-603-0698.



The Church Pictorial Directories will be distributed after each of the three-services Easter weekend.

God uses money to enable us to give to others.

“As for the rich in this present age,
charge them . . . to do good,
to be rich in good works,
to be generous and ready to share”
(1 Tim. 6:17-18).

HELP NEEDED

Ushers & Counters

are needed for the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service (Contemporary Worship). This would be a commitment of one Sunday, monthly, for 3 months: April, May and June. You can sign up in Parish Hall . . . choose which weekend is best for you. A job description is available. ‘Join the Team! Questions? contact Sandy Kessler (419) 639-3187.

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS

AND SOUP MAKERS!

St. Paul Women will be having a frozen soup and bake sale on **Easter Sunday on April 3 & 4, 2021**. We need your baked goods and soups! You can leave your baked goods on the kitchen island and soups can be put in the freezer off of the kitchen. Someone will be at the church at **3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 3, 2021** setting up if you would like to deliver your items then. Bev Albright has soup containers, so give her a call at 419-547-0155 and she will make sure you get what you need.

FROZEN SOUP AND BAKE SALE

St. Paul Women will be having a **Frozen Soup and Bake Sale on Easter Sunday on April 3 & 4, 2021**. It will be donation only and will raise funds for the missions we support. The frozen soup will be placed in coolers. Just choose your items and place your donation in the provided container. Thank you for helping us support our missions!

Special Church Bulletin Sponsorships

Your 150th Anniversary Committee has decided to re-start the Church Bulletin Sponsorship program that was canceled last year due to the COVID-19 shut-down and related protocols. There will be a new sign-up sheet posted in the Parish Hall for those interested in this program. Please sign up for your chosen month (or re-sign if you were on the list last year) & advise Stephanie in the church office of the wording you want to be used in the bulletin. The cost of sponsorship is still **\$15.00**. Please make checks out to the **St. Paul Women** and **give to Stephanie**. We will be starting with the month of April with an Easter Bulletin cover. Thanks to all who were interested in this project last year!!

Your 150th Anniversary Committee



St. Paul's 150th Anniversary committee still has t-shirts, both men's and women's, in various sizes for \$10/\$12 each, and St. Paul Cat's Meow wooden replicas for \$15 each. Both will be available for purchase in the Parish Hall after services beginning Easter weekend, **April 3 & 4**. Checks should be made out to "St. Paul Women".



COLLECTING FOR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

Please remember we are still collecting food and paper products for the Clyde Food Pantry. The cart is located by the elevator entrance.

We are also collecting School Supplies. That box is located by the elevator upstairs. All items are needed. Bev Albright's front porch is always open for donations too. Bev Albright, 419-547-0155. Just drop off.

Thanks,
Bev Albright



8:00 a.m. Service

10:30 a.m. Service

USHERS:

Gege Smith
 Tim Billings
 DeAnn Krauss
 Tony Paradiso

Duane Kimmet
 Tammy Baker
 Steve Jess
 Kent Mestrey
 Liz Wasson
 Ray Wasson

COUNTERS:

John Glass
 Jane Hilton

Ken Avers
 Jenny McCoy

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 Linda Thorbahn*

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*Bev Mendoza – Chancel-Chime
 Carol Jones – Youth*

Song Leader/Reader

Tom Thorbahn

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OUR STEWARDSHIP March 20 & 21, 2021

<u>Worship Service Attendance</u>	112
General Fund Offering	\$4,235.75
<u>Lenten Wednesday Midweek Worship Attendance (3/24/2021)</u>	27
Offering	\$ 150.00

Weekly amount needed to achieve budget is \$5,225.00