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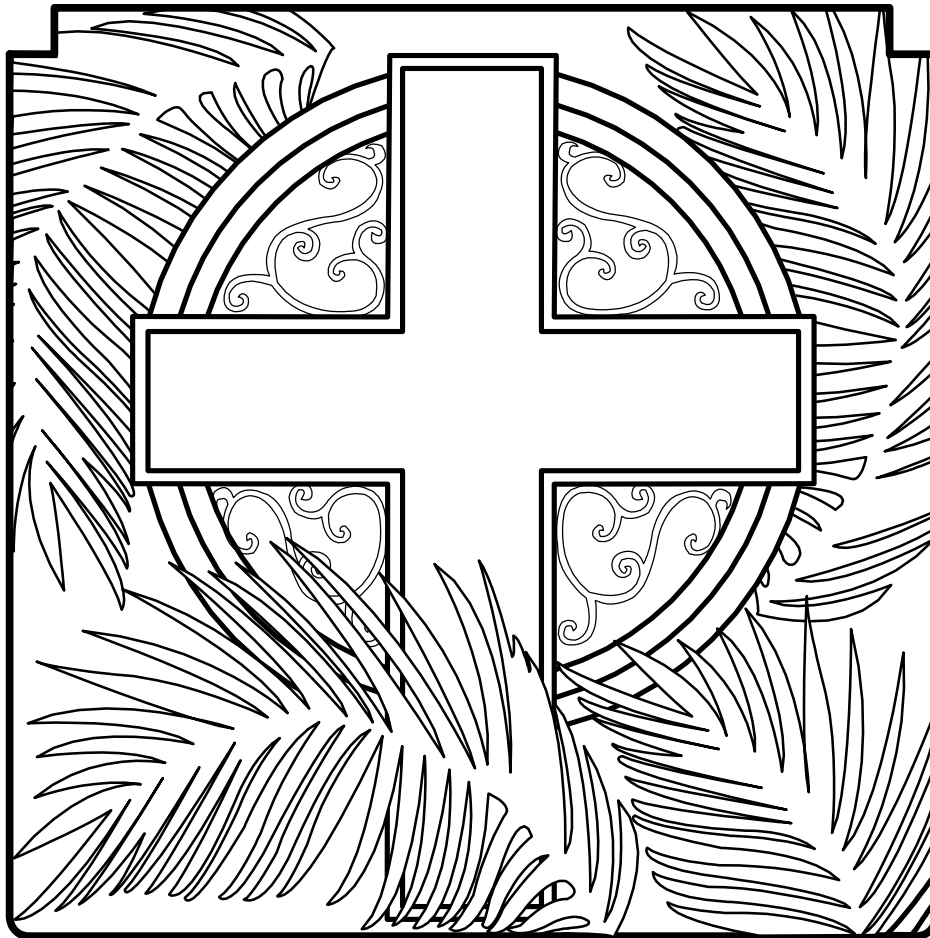
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Palms twisted into crosses.

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 16, 2008

8:00 am & 10:00 am

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS AND THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The people gather at the outdoor altar in the church yard (weather permitting) or Parish Hall.

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: *Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.*

Celebrant: Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: *Amen.*

THE LESSON: Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead 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, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant:

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: *Hosanna in the highest.*

THE PROCESSION

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: *In the name of Christ. Amen*

The Celebrant and People process into the church, palms in hand, singing the following hymn

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1	Thou art the King of	Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al	Son,
2	The com - pa - ny of	an - gels is prais - ing thee on	high;
3	The peo - ple of the	He - brews with palms be - fore thee	went;
4	To thee be - fore thy	pas - sion they sang their hymns of	praise;
5	Thou didst ac - cept their	prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we	bring,

Repeat Refrain

1	who in the Lord's Name com - est, the	King and Bless - ed	One.
2	and we with all cre - a - tion in	cho - rus make re -	ply.
3	our praise and prayers and an -	them be - fore thee we pre -	sent.
4	to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our	mel - o - dy we	raise.
5	who in all good de - light - est, thou	good and gra - cious	King.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Psalm 31:9-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *

- my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gradual Hymn: "Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended" Herzliebster Jesu Hymnal 158 verses 1-3

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST according to Matthew (No Response)

Use insert; the people are seated until where indicated to stand.

The Sermon - *A period of silence is kept after the sermon.*

The Prayers of the People (Form III)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Especially for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit including Bill, Ed, Dana, Carole, Taylor, Ben, Wayne, Gideon, Martha Therese, Carol, Peggy, Debbie, Angie, and Maribeth.

For all of those celebrating anniversaries of special times in their lives.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace *(All stand.)*

The Celebrant says to the people The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome & Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Choral Anthem: "He Is Coming" C. Lawrence/Edwin T. Childs

Presentation Of Offerings: "Lord, I Want You To Touch Me" LEVAS 140 verse 1

The Great Thanksgiving—*Eucharistic Prayer A*

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord Hymnal S 125

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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,
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

The Fraction Anthem: *Jesus, Lamb of God*—Hymnal S 165

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

The Invitation to Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians of any age or denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion

Post Communion Hymn: "Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace" verses 1,4

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: "When I survey the wondrous cross" Rockingham Hymnal 474

Postlude: Aria "Break, my heart" from "The Passion" G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

The Sanctuary Candle is dedicated to the glory of Almighty God in thanksgiving by Beverly & Bill Cushner.

This Morning's Ministers

Celebrant / Preacher	The Reverend James P Stevenson
Deacon	The Reverend Mary Lou Divis
Organist	Jacqueline Sheehan
Acolytes	Jim Monk, Tara Gwilliam, Ryan Monk,
Lector	Chris Sutton
Intercessor	Liz Plashinski
Eucharistic Minister	Jim Monk
Ushers / Oblationers	Hugh Kelley, Bonnie Hiscox
Altar Guild	Everyone
Vestry Counter	Chris Sutton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Palm Sunday ✦ March 16, 2008

WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

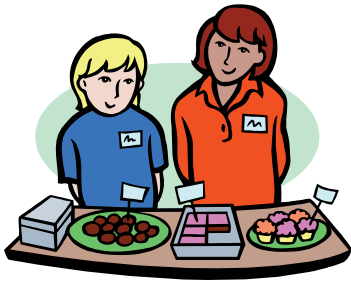
We are glad you have chosen to worship with us.

Here is some information to assist you with this morning's service.

- Our service is printed in this *Service Leaflet* provided to you by the ushers.
- The *Red Book of Common Prayer* and *Blue Hymnal* can be found in the pew rack.
- Our supplemental Hymnal, *Lift Every Voice & Sing* (LEVAS or LEV) is at either end of your pew.
- The PostCommunion Hymn ("Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace") is located in the pew rack.
- All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Prince of Peace.

Please feel free to speak to an usher if have any further questions or need assistance.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STRETANSKI FAMILY, Matt, Jill and Claire, on the newest addition to their family. Owen Paul was born this past Wednesday, March 12.



PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

The Church School is having a Bake Sale this morning. Please stop by and indulge your sweet tooth for a good cause. All money raised will benefit the Prince of Peace Church School.

LENTEN COIN-CARDS can be placed in the offertory at any service or can be mailed to the church. If you have not picked one up they are available in the Parish Hall.

EASTER EGG HUNT A Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held following the service next Sunday, Easter morning!! A sign-up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall.

THE WATCH OF THE RESERVED SACRAMENTS A sign up sheet for the overnight watch which runs from Maundy Thursday (following the service) through Good Friday (at 3:00 pm) is now available on the bulletin board near the kitchen. Please sign up as you are able. If you are interested in finding out more about this please see Father Stevenson or Deacon Lou.

THE ECW WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, AT 10:30 am. All women of the parish are welcome and each is asked to bring candy or a small prize/gift for the Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt. Following the meeting, the ECW will "go out for lunch".

MAUNDY THURSDAY POTLUCK We will gather for a potluck supper at **6:00 pm on Thursday, March 20**. Please join us and bring your favorite dish to share. (The Maundy Thursday Liturgy will follow at 7:30 pm)

EMERGENCY OUTREACH APPEAL One of our members has brought to our attention a family who is in dire need of assistance. Due to some hardships, the Dad and his two children moved from our area to Florida, to start a “new life”. Unfortunately he has had trouble finding work and had to sell off their belongings. The kids have been brought back to our area to live with a friend. This woman is doing her best to provide a stable life for them. This is where the people of Prince of Peace come into the picture. These kids have very little, if any, personal belongings. They are in desperate need of clothing, here is some size information....

Girl age 17 Pants size Junior 1-3, Tops Junior xs-s; Shoes 7.5

Boy age 15 Pants size Boys 16 or Mens 28/30; Tops Boys XL or Mens S; Shoes 8.5

They could also use some school supplies. The girl has started school this week with limited supplies and the boy will be home schooled for a while.

Donations do not have to be new items, we will gladly accept gently used. **Any and all donations will be GREATLY appreciated.** Donations can be dropped off this week during Church Office Hours. I will be in the office (weather permitting) on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9am - 2 pm; or they can be brought to church on Sunday. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone (church 675-1723; home 675-9528) or email (princeofpeace@epix.net or jenmartin@epix.net) Through the kindness and generosity of our Parish, we can make a difference in the lives of these young people and the wonderful woman who is caring for them.

COMBINED EASTER VIGIL This year we are joining with our brothers and sisters from St Paul’s Lutheran Church to celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter. The service will be held at St Paul’s at **7:00 pm on Saturday, March 22**. A reception (hosted by Prince of Peace) will follow the service.

“WOOD” YOU LIKE TO HELP OUT? The Vestry has approved the construction of a closet in the Parish Office. We are asking for people to purchase, through the church, the materials needed (example 1 piece of drywall for \$6.00, 2 are needed). All of the labor is being donated. More information on this will be posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen next week!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED in the church office on **Thursday, March 20 from 11:00–12:00** to help fold Holy Week and Easter bulletins.

SPRING CLEAN-UP Mark your calendars now—our Annual Spring Clean-up will be held on **Saturday, April 26** (raindate May 3).

U2CHARIST We are pleased to announce that our second U2 Eucharist will be held on **Saturday, May 10 at 7:00 pm.** What is a U2charist?? It is an Episcopal Eucharist which incorporates the music of the rock band U2 to bring awareness to the United Nation’s Millennium Development Goals and ways in which we can support them. Much more information will follow, but please mark your calendars now and spread the word!!

“THE LAYING-ON-OF-HANDS FOR HEALING” Starting on Easter Day, April 23, “The Laying-On-Of-Hands for Healing” will be offered at the **10:00 AM service during communion.**



“Healing Hands” by Silvia Hartman, used by permission of the Artist

The Gospels tell us that in most of the “healing miracles” He performed, Jesus touched those whom He healed. Yes, there were cases where healed people “from a distance”, without touching them. But in most cases he touched them. Our Christian faith teaches us we His followers are to continue His healing ministry. We are to “hold the sick up before Him by names in our prayers” and we are to touch them.

We know from experience that there is healing power in the human touch. No doubt, we can all think of times in our lives when we have been healed, in part at least, by the touch of another person, and of other times when we have helped heal others by touching.

So, during communion, Chris Sutton will be at the rear of the church, near the Baptismal Font to offer the Laying-On-Of Hands for Healing. You are invited to go to her, either before or after you have received communion. Tell her what kind of healing you want. She will then lay her hands on your head and offer a prayer to our Lord for you. When she has concluded her prayer for you, simply return to your seat.

Please note four things. First, this is something you are “invited” not “required” to do. Second, even if you do not need to be healed, you are invited “to bring a friend or loved one” to Chris, simply by telling her the person’s name. Third, understand that the healing the Lord gives you may be either instantaneous or gradual. Finally, understand that the Lord, out of his loves for you will give you the kind of healing He thinks you need most, which may or may not be the kind of healing you think you most want. But the Lord will make His healing presence know to your in your life in some way. - Fr. Jim

Holy Week and Easter 2008

Maundy Thursday—March 20

This is the commemoration of the Last Supper. The liturgy is the Last Celebration of Eucharist before the Great Vigil of Easter. The service ends with the stripping of the altar and removal of the sacrament to the Altar of Repose (our Chapel Altar). This is to serve as a dramatic reminder that the Holy Eucharist is not celebrated until the Easter Vigil; in remembrance of our Lord's passion, the church's observance of the sign of his resurrection is suspended.

Pot-Luck Supper (bring a dish to pass) 6:00 pm Proper Liturgy 7:30 pm
Watch of the Reserved Sacrament 8:00 pm Thursday—3:00 pm Friday

Good Friday—March 21

On this day we remember the day Jesus died on the cross. We enter into Christ's passion and death.

Watch of the Reserved Sacrament concludes at 3:00 pm.
Proper Liturgy 7:00 pm



Holy Saturday—March 22 (at St Paul's Lutheran)

The Great Vigil of Easter, beginning the Easter Season, will include the lighting of the New Fire (at an outdoor altar, weather permitting), the singing of the Exultet, the reading of the Lessons, Renewal of our Baptismal Vows, and the First Communion of Easter. The Great Vigil is the celebration of all celebrations.

The Great Vigil of Easter 7:00 pm at St Paul's Lutheran

Easter Sunday—March 23

Our joyous celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will include the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Holy Eucharist 8:00 am & 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt following 10 am service

THE NEXT...

- ...**Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist**, this morning 8:00 am & 10:00 am.
- ...**Sunday School Bake Sale**, TODAY following both services.
- ...**Adult Christian Education**, this morning 9:00 am.
- ...**Sunday School**, this morning, 10:00 am.
- ...**Alanon Mtg**, today, 7:00 pm
- ...**Church Cleaning**, Monday, March 17, noon– 2:00 pm.
- ...**AA Small Group**, Monday, March 17, 7:00 pm.
- ...**Church Office Open**, Tuesday, March 18, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
- ...**ECW Meeting**, Wednesday, March 19, 10:30 am.
- ...**Church Office Open**, Thursday, March 20, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
- ...**Volunteers to Fold Easter/Holy Week Bulletins**, Thursday, March 20, 11:00 am.
- ...**Maundy Thursday Potluck**, Thursday March 20, 6:00 pm.
- ...**Maundy Thursday Liturgy**, Thursday March 20, 7:30 pm.
- ...**Overnight Watch of the Reserved Sacrament**, Thursday March 20—Friday March 21.
- ...**NO Choir Practices**, Thursday, March 20 or March 27.
- ...**Church Office Open**, Friday, March 21, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.
- ...**Good Friday Liturgy**, Friday March 21, 7:00 pm.
- ...**Easter Vigil, Saturday**, March 22, 7:00 pm at St Paul's Lutheran.
- ...**Easter Sunday Services**, Sunday March 23 8:00 & 10:00 am
- ...**Children's Easter Egg Hunt**, Sunday, March 23 following the 10:00 am service
- ...**Education Commission Mtg**, Sunday, March 30, following the 10 am service.
- ...**Finance Commission Meeting**, Tuesday, April 1, 6:00 pm (note time!)
- ...**Church Office Closed**, Monday, April 7—Friday, April 11.
- ...**Vestry Meeting (undercroft)**, Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 pm.
- ...**Spring Clean-Up**, Saturday, April 26.
- ...**U2charist**, Saturday, May 10, 7:00 pm
- ...**Theme Luncheon**, Saturday May 17.
- ...**Parish Picnic**, Sunday June 1, 10:00 am.

If your event is missing from this list, please contact the Church Office with the details!