



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

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Thoughts from Lori

I look out my window and can see the traffic going by, and I know that people are coming and going from work, stopping at the post office, getting groceries, sitting in doctors' waiting rooms. In other words, doing all the ordinary things people do in the middle of the week. I imagine that's what people were doing in Palestine, too, all those many years ago. Tending their crops and livestock, baking bread, pressing the olives into oil, feeding the children, comforting the sick. Doing all the things ordinary people do, day in and day out.

Meanwhile, here at the church and in churches everywhere, we're busy planning services, printing service programs, practicing music, ironing linens and polishing silver, and we clergy are writing sermons. All those many years ago, Jesus and his friends were getting ready for the Passover - what would become the Last Supper - and waiting for what was inevitably going to happen next, sensing as they must have, that there were forces already set in motion that they could only watch unfold.

It is in the midst of our ordinary activities that life happens. That our encounters with God happen. During this Holy Week, you are all in my prayers. In spite of the busyness that bears down on all of us, may we each encounter God in Christ Jesus. It is my dearest hope that the things we are doing here at St. Paul's this week will provide you with opportunities for such an encounter. (The schedule is printed below.)

Holy Week and Easter blessings,

Lori t

Note: It's not too late to call and sign up for the Agape Meal tomorrow night.

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Holy Week

Holy Wednesday

Tonight at 7:00 p.m.
Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

March 24 at 7:00 p.m.
Agape Meal and Foot Washing
Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar
followed by Prayer Vigil

Good Friday

March 25
Stations of the Cross at noon
The Good Friday Liturgy at 7:00 p.m.
Adoration of the Cross
Mass of the Pre-sanctified Gifts

The Great Vigil of Easter

March 26 at 7:30 p.m.
Jointly with St. Mary's,
St. Paul's, and St. Ann's
St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Woodstock

Easter Day

March 27 at 10:00 a.m.
Festival Eucharist of the Resurrection

ST. PAUL'S OWN FLOWER GUILD!

As part of the process of developing our own Flower Guild, there will be a FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP on Saturday, April 16 from 10am to 1pm, led by two experienced flower guild members from Holy Comforter Church, Winnetka. Anyone can attend, men and women, even if you are not planning to join the flower guild - but we do hope you'll consider it! The ministry of flower arranging is to beautify the church TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in thanksgiving for the beauty of nature and the gift of creativity. Please email or call the church office to sign up: lisa@stpaulmchenry.com or 815-385-0390.

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY IN APRIL

April 6th at 7:15pm

The group gathered for Women's Wednesday has decided to read The Great Divorce by C. S. Lewis. It's a short easy read about the gulf between heaven and hell, and is sure to generate a great discussion at our April meeting. The book is available at the library, on Kindle, or through Amazon. All women of the church and their guests are most welcome.

COFFEE HOUR

Another way to serve!

We're going to re-establish the role of COFFEE HOUR HOSTS here at St. Paul's. It's a fairly simple thing to do, and we'll provide instructions. It involves making the coffee, set-up and clean-up, buying or making something to serve with the coffee. Not too much and not too fancy. There are usually some frozen donuts or coffee cake in the freezer you can use. And there are always folks around to help.

Please see the sign up poster on the bulletin board in the parish hall. There are still a lot of blank dates. You can do this! There are plenty of other folks around to help. It's an opportunity to serve that enriches our life together. If you've got any questions, check with Nan Patnaude. Thanks!



Upcoming Events

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, April 2, 8:00 a.m.

Women's Wednesday - April 6, 7:00 p.m.

Flower Guild Workshop - Saturday, April 16, 10:00 a.m.

Spring Parish Meeting - Sunday, April 17

Vestry - Wednesday, April 20, 7:15 a.m.

Spring Grounds Clean-up Day - Saturday, April 23

Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

The First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43. The Book of Acts tells the story of the early church, and here we have a sermon by Peter on the death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.

The Epistle. I Corinthians 15:19-26. The Apostle Paul tells of the spiritual importance of the resurrection of Jesus affirming that we "all will be made alive in Christ."

The Gospel: Luke 24:1-12. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary, the mother of James, and other women discover the empty tomb and inform the apostles and Peter, disbelieving, had to run to the tomb to check for himself.

THE HYMNS: (Note: Easter is the FIRST holy day observed by early Christians. Thus, many of the hymns are very ancient. They regarded this day as the most holy and joyous time of the whole year. The music is best sung with spirit, movement, and happy hearts!

Processional Hymn: No. 207. "Jesus Christ is Risen Today." This classic hymn for Easter dates back to a 14th century Bohemian carol. Over the years, it has been continuously altered and the fourth and final verse was written by Charles Wesley. The tune, "Easter Hymn," is from the English, "Lyrica Davidica," published in London in 1708.

Sequence Hymn: "Celtic Alleluia." This was written and composed by Fintan O'Carroll, born July 31, 1922 in Wexford, England. On completion of his secondary school studies, he took up a position as a clerk in the national railway. He won first prize in a traditional music competition, aged 12, playing violin, and went on to study violin at home, taking lessons as the opportunity arose. His heart was in music, and he left his railway position in 1967 after 27 years of service, whereupon he completed his degree at Trinity to gain his Bachelor of Music degree.

Presentation Hymn: No. 174. "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing." This hymn is very ancient and emerges in Latin in the breviary of Pope Urban VIII (1568-1644). It has been translated into English by Robert Campbell (1814-1868). The tune, "Salzburg," is a melody by Jakob Hintze (1622-1702) and harmonized by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). "Hymns of glory, songs of praise, Father, unto thee we raise: risen Lord, all praise to thee with the Spirit ever be."

Communion Hymn: No. 711. "Seek Ye First" This hymn is based on Matthew 6:33 and was written and composed by Karen Lafferty. Karen is a well-known Christian musician who lives in New Mexico, but travels around the world spreading the faith through music. She says that after years of singing in bars and saloons, she felt she needed to get closer to God. Somehow, she read this passage in Matthew and "the hymn simply fell together, along with the alleluias!" She has produced many hymns now and can be found on Facebook.

Recessional Hymn: No. 179. "Welcome Happy Morning." This hymn, along with other Easter music, is the creation of the Italian-born poet, Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (c540-600). It was translated into English by the prolific British hymn writer, the Rev. John Ellerton (1826-1893). The music was composed by Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900) and is given the name, "Fortunatus," in honor of the author.

March 27th Servants

Ushers: Beth Lukas, Jim Lukas

Lector: Jim Lukas

Intercessor: Barb Moriarty

Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Lang, Charlie Boak

Vestry Person of the Day: Marilyn Bell

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*"Helpers are needed! Please sign up
on the information sheep."*

From the cartoons created by
the Rev. William P. McLemore



“Why do we have to go to church every Easter?”