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Palm Sunday The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem

"Accordingly at the seventh hour all the people go up to the Mount of Olives, that is, to Eleona, and the bishop with them, to the church, where hymns and antiphons suitable to the day and the place are said, and lessons in the like manner... And as the eleventh-hour approaches, the passage from the Gospel is read, where the children,

carrying branches and palms, met the Lord, saying, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord." And the bishop immediately rises, and all the people with him, and they all go on foot from the top of the Mount of Olives, all the people going before him with hymns and antiphons, answering one to another, "Blessed is



He that cometh in the Name of the Lord." And all the children in the neighborhood, even those who are too young to walk, are carried by their parents on their shoulders, all of them bearing branches, some of palms and some of olives, and thus the bishop is escorted in the same manner as the Lord was of old." - The Pilgrimage of Egeria

On Palm Sunday we reenact the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem by a procession in or around the inside of the church, carrying blessed palms, and reading the account from Mark 11, where Jesus begins from the Mount of Olives and makes his entry into Jerusalem. Our liturgy, the words and order of worship, remains largely unchanged from the time Egeria experienced it in Jerusalem during St. Cyril's ministry as bishop. We sing new hymns, but the pattern of events and the prayers are greatly the same. Though we cannot meet on the Mount of Olives, as she experienced, we nonetheless receive our palms and make procession in the church as we sing "All Glory, Laud, and Honor."

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If you would like a visit from Pastor or from members of our outreach programs (those trained to give communion in our Lay Eucharist Program or a visit from our Lutheran Ladies), please contact the office, 410-364-5147 and arrangements will be made.

The mission of St. Paul's Cordova is to be led by the Spirit of Jesus: praise and worship the Trinity; grow our membership with faith and love; and share our blessings with all God's people. In following this mission, St. Paul's established an Endowment Fund to receive gifts and bequests of "faithful stewards" to strengthen the ongoing mission of our church.



The Endowment Policy requires recognition of contributions in the newsletter on or near Palm Sunday. During 2024 Mr. and Mrs. Clay Stevens and Casey Cep recognized the opportunity to give a gift that immediately strengthens the congregation and provides a legacy for generations. Faithful stewards have contributed \$46,397 to the Endowment Fund since its inception in 2015.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church encourages its members and friends to think prayerfully about how they can help maintain the congregation's ministry in the long term. Information about endowment options is available in the Endowment Fund Policy, approved by the congregation on January 24, 2015, or you may speak to the Pastor, Treasurer, or Financial Secretary. Endowment contributions may be sent to the church or to Mid-Shore Community Foundation, 102 E Dover Street, Easton, MD 21601. Please make sure any contributions are clearly designated to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cordova – Endowment Fund.



Thank you to everyone who donated coats, scarves, and gloves for our coat drive this year!



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It's Lawn-Mowing Time Again!

We are once again looking for volunteers to help with the care and maintenance of our church lawn. If you are interested in cutting the grass yourself, sign your name under that option on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. If you are interested in paying for Chris Rice to cut the grass, please sign your name under that option on the sign-up sheet.

Chris is willing to mow the entire Church property, yard, cemetery and extra lot for a very reasonable price of \$75. Checks can be made out to St. Paul's with grass cutting in memo.

Between the death of Christ and the Last Day it is only by gracious anticipation of the last things that Christians are privileged to live in invisible fellowship with other Christians. It is by the grace of God that a congregation is permitted to gather visibly in this world to share God's Word and sacrament. Not all Christians receive this blessing. The imprisoned, the sick, the scattered lonely, the proclaimers of the Gospel in heathen lands stand alone. They know that visible fellowship is a blessing.



—Dietrich Bonhoeffer





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We had a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on March 4. We were able to raise over \$1,000 for VBS. Thank you to all who helped and supported it!









Joseph Comer

- April 6
- April 13 Debbie Dudrow
- April 18 Bobbie Leaverton
- April 20 Stevi Saathoff (Sunrise)
- April 20 Declan Corley (8:45 am)
- April 27 Joshua Lewis



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- April 13 Donnie Davis and Keith Davis
- April 18 Good Friday
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Holy Monday Jesus Cleanses the Temple Vespers (Evening Prayer) 5:00pm at Grace

Holy Tuesday Jesus Curses the Fig Tree Matins (Morning Prayer) 8:30am at St. Paul's

Holy Wednesday Judas Iscariot Plots with the Sanhedrin 5:00pm Stations of the Cross at Grace 5:30pm Holy Eucharist at Grace

Maundy Thursday Jesus in the Upper Room Holy Eucharist 7:00pm at Grace All-Night Vigil Beginning at 10pm at Grace Concluding with Matins (Morning Prayer) at 7:00am Friday

Good Friday Christ gives himself on the hard wood of the cross for our salvation The Seven Last Words of Christ Devotion 12:00 Noon at Grace The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday 2:15pm at Grace The Evening Liturgy of Good Friday 7:00pm at St. Paul's

> Holy Saturday *This is the night!* The Great Vigil of Easter 6:30pm at St. Mark's in Baltimore

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord Sunrise Service with the New Fire 6:00am at St. Paul's The Festival Eucharist of Easter Day 8:45am at St. Paul's 10:45am at Grace

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27 8:45 am St. Paul's 10:45 Grace Lutheran	Easter Sunday 20 6 am Sunrise Service at St. Paul's 8:45 am Festival Eucharist at St. Paul's 10:45 am Festival Eucharistr at Grace	Palm Sunday 13 8:45 am St. Paul's 10:45 Grace Lutheran 10-12 pm Sunday School Easter Celebration	6 8:45 am St. Paul's 10:45 Grace Lutheran		SUNDAY	
28	21 Pastor is Away	14 5 pm Holy Monday Lenten Vespers at Grace	7 5 pm Lenten Vespers at Grace		MONDAY	
29	22 Pastor is Away Earth Day	15 8:30 Holy Tuesday Lenten Matins with Bible Study Following at St. Paul's	8 8:30 Lenten Matins with Bible Study Following at St. Paul's	1 VBS Planning Meeting 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall	TUESDAY	
30	23 Pastor is Away Administrative Professionals Day	16 5 pm Midweek Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm Holy Wednesday at Grace		2 5 pm Midweek Stations of the Cross at Grace	WEDNESDAY	
	24 Pastor is Away	Maundy Thursday 17 Holy Thursday 7 pm Holy Eucharist at Grace followed by All Night Vigil	10 Lenten Thursday Evenings 515 pm Light Supper 6 pm Adult Education 7 pm Compline Prayer St. Paul's Church	3 Lenten Thursday Evenings 515 pm Light Supper 6 pm Adult Education 7 pm Compline Prayer Grace Church	THURSDAY	
	25 Pastor is Away	Good Friday 18 12 pm Three-Hour Solemm Service at Grace 215 pm Liturgy of Good Friday at Grace 7 pm Evening Liturgy at St. Paul's	11	4	FRIDAY	
	26	Good Friday181912 pm Three-Hour Solemn6:30 pm Great Vigil ofService at GraceEaster at St. Mark's215 pm Liturgy of GoodLutheran Church inFriday at GraceBaltimore-Carpool7 pm Evening Liturgy atfrom St. Paul's at 4:30	12 Rain date for Spring Clean-up	5 Spring Clean-Up Day at St. Paul's	SATURDAY	

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> Worship Service Begins at 8:45 am Please inform the church office of any changes in your personal information: Address, phone number, marriage or divorce, or new births so that we can keep our records up to date. Secretary: Meredith Lewis— Cell: 443-496-0903 Office: 410-364-5147 Office Hours: Tue. Wed. & Thurs. 8:00-2:00 Office Email: info@stpaulscordova.org



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