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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.

TO OUR GUESTS . . .

Greetings and welcome in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus. We trust that the Holy Spirit has called you to Sts. Peter and Paul Church and pray that your worship experience today will be meaningful for you and strengthen you in faith. Please sign the **guest register at the entrance** to the sanctuary or fill out a **“Welcome” card from a pew pocket.** Please indicate whether or not you would like to be placed on our mailing list as well as your desire for a visit by the pastor or a member of the congregation.

A Prayer Card has been placed in this worship folder (under the front cover) for you to enter prayers of thanksgiving as well as intercessions and petitions. These prayers will be added to the Prayer of the Church in the Sunday liturgies and included in the bulletin during the coming weeks.

Parents and children are welcome to make use of the nursery located up the stairs at the main entrance to the church.

Restrooms are located in the ushers room off the entryway and on the lower level. Please ask an usher for directions.

Interested in membership? We would be delighted to have you join our community of faith in worship and ministry. Pick up a “Welcome” folder from the pastor or an usher.

Silence: In addition to words, music and gestures, our liturgy includes several periods of silence. In our noise-filled world, we listen for the Word in the silence of our hearts. Before the liturgy begins the sound of the chimes calls us to a time of worship, reflection and centering. As you enter the sanctuary and greet other parishioners, please respect those already seated who either are prayerfully preparing for worship or quietly enjoying the Prelude.

Holy Communion: All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. Adults or children not communing may come forward for a blessing.

Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship in the dining hall on the lower level.

How to use this worship folder: Hymns for the service are in the back two-thirds of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (red book). In this bulletin: *—those who are able may stand; all **bold parts** are for the participation of all.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
April 10th, 2011 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter we will welcome new sisters and brothers at the baptismal font, as we renew our baptismal promises.

**Please silence all cell phones and pagers
before the liturgy begins.**

HOLY COMMUNION

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING FIVE, PAGES 156-164

GATHERING

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

Spring Symphony

Schumann

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer. **Amen**

We are witnesses to all that Jesus did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. But God raised him on the third day and made him to appear. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:39-40,43)

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Almighty God, merciful Father:

I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen

Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

*GATHERING HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This

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*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Fifth Sunday In Lent

WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-4

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Out of the Depths I Cry to You

ELW 600

SECOND READING

Romans 8:6-11

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Glo - ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ.

The proper verse may be sung by a leader. Then the acclamation is repeated.

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*GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

The Holy Gospel according to St. John
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.



I SHALL CAUSE BREATH TO ENTER
YOU - AND YOU SHALL LIVE
E Z E K I E L 37 : 5

SERMON

Slow Motion Rising

FIFTH TEACHING FROM THE SMALL CATECHISM OF MARTIN LUTHER

In ancient and modern times, Lent has been the time for instruction of candidates preparing for their baptism at the Easter Vigil. At the same time, the whole Church anticipates Easter through acts of repentance and spiritual renewal. It is therefore appropriate that we review the basics of our faith during these Sundays in Lent, so that we all might be renewed by our baptismal covenants and made ready for the celebration of Easter.

What is Holy Communion?

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink.

What benefits do we receive from this sacrament?

The benefits of this sacrament are pointed out by the words, "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sin." These words assure us that in the sacrament we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How can eating and drinking do all this?

It is not eating and drinking that does this, but the words, "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sin." These words, along with eating and drinking, are the main thing in the sacrament. And whoever believes these words has exactly what they say, forgiveness of sins.

When is a person rightly prepared to receive this sacrament?

Fasting and other outward preparations serve a good purpose. However, that person is well prepared and worthy who believes these words, "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sin." But anyone who does not believe these words, or doubts them, is neither prepared nor worthy, for the words "for you" require simply a believing heart.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we return to the waters of baptism during this season of Lent, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

You are the Lord: You have spoken, and you will act. Give your church confidence that in this life, you feed us with your word, and answer our every prayer. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

You breathe into our dry bones, and we live. We pray for the universe, the solar system, and our fragile planet; for all creatures that creep or swim or fly or run. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

You open our graves and bring us up from death. We pray for those who are afraid; for those who live in hiding; for those who have buried too many loved ones. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

You wept at Lazarus's tomb and weep with us when we mourn. We pray for widows and orphans; for those who are depressed; for those who are sick (*especially*); and for those who have lost hope. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

You are the resurrection and the life. We pray for our congregation; for the very old and very young among us; for singers, readers, ushers, acolytes, and those who help serve communion. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Other prayers may be added here.

You are our Messiah and teacher. We thank you for giving us examples of faithful living in the saints who have gone before us. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.



Fifth Sunday In Lent

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

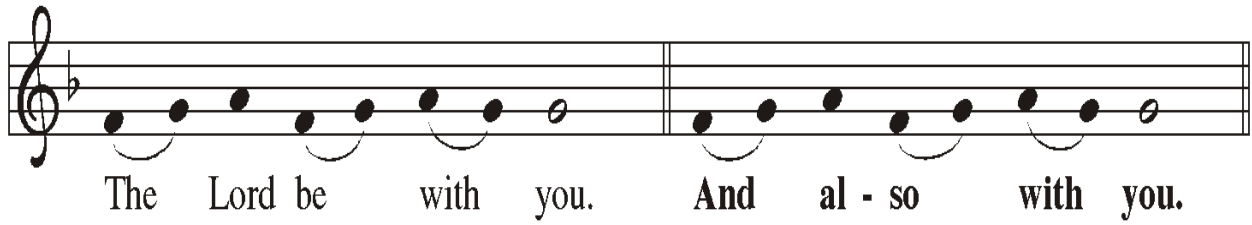
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*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Eternal God,
because you multiply the good your people do by faith, there is hope for our humble offerings. Watch over these gifts in order to fulfill your gracious will that we may rejoice to be part of your saving work. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

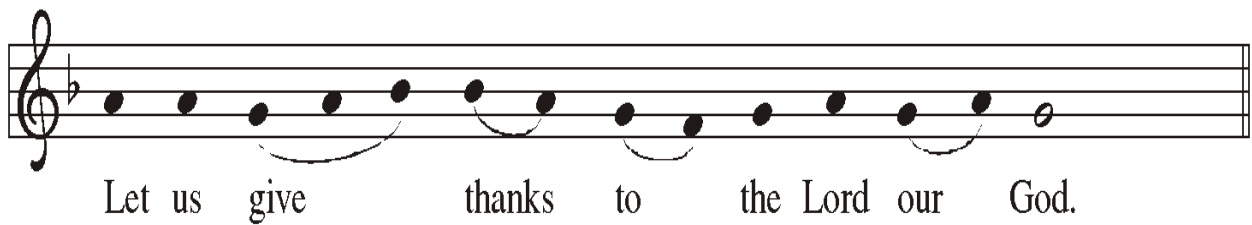
*DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.




It is right to give our thanks and praise.


*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,
and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

We do not presume to come to your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Amen

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

Restore in Us, O God

ELW 328

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Compassionate God,
we came to commune with Jesus, your Son, who came to be our brother,
loving us more than he loved himself. By the power of his love received in
this sacrament, help us to think of others, and so be true to the richness of
your grace. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

Abide with Me

ELW 629

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Rhenish Symphony

Schumann

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

PREACHING AND PRESIDING MINISTER

Dennis J. Lauritsen, pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

John Broussard

PARISH MUSICIAN

David Richards

SOLOIST

Jane Hinlicky Lauritsen

LECTORS

Martin and Ann Pennino

COMMUNION MINISTER

Anne Otjepka

GREETERS

Steve and Beverly Podzamsky

ACOLYTES

Jonathan Meyers and Amanda Meyers

USHERS

Wally Kessler and John Broussard

NURSERY ATTENDANT

Kristen Kovack

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

Fred Kuzel

**For more information, news, photos and sermons,
visit us on the web at:**

www.stspeterandpaulriverside.org

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS – 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M., M-F.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

THIS WEEK AT STS. PETER AND PAUL . . .

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT, APRIL 10

- 8:15 AM Service of the Word (in Slovak)
- 9:00 AM Sunday School, Children’s Choir, Confirmation, Drama Group
- 9:30 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 10:15 AM Liturgy of Holy Communion (in English)

MONDAY, APRIL 11

- 6:30 PM “Legends of the Game” Volleyball until 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, April 13

- 1:00 PM Slovak Athletic Association Meeting until 3 p.m.
- 6:30 PM Lenten Soup Supper
- 7:15 PM Lenten Vespers
- 7:45 PM Final Bible Study: “Job and the Life of Faith: Wisdom for Today’s World.”
Choir rehearsal.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

- 12:00 Noon Myjavsky Group Meeting until 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

- 7:00 PM Recovering Couples Anonymous

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

- 7:00 PM AA Group

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 17

- 8:15 AM Liturgy of the Pasie I
- 9:00 AM Sunday School, Children’s Choir, Confirmation, Drama Group
- 9:30 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 10:15 AM Liturgy of Holy Communion, Procession with Palms and Dramatic
Reading of the Passion Narrative
Dorcas Society’s “Coffee and...” follows both services.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER . . .

Recovering from surgery: **Elaine Haase** at home.

Undergoing treatment: **John McShane, Sr.**

Dale Renville (*son-in-law of Bev and Steve Podzamsky*), **Kelly Alvey** (*granddaughter of Bev and Steve Podzamsky*), **Leza Bernard** (*friend of Janet and John Broussard*), **Doris Ivaska** (*sister-in-law to Al and Luddy Kovalsky*), **Paul Matlas** (*dear friend of Ken and Shirley Wood*), **Dane and Beverly Bartlett** (*aunt and uncle to Ann Head*), **Elsie Pennino** (*mother of Martin*), **John Sasuta** (*brother of Nick*), **Jasmine Williams** (*friend of the Haase Family*), **Heather Kedlec** (*friend of the Haase Family*).

The flowers at the Lord's Table today are given in memory of **+Paul Predny+** on the fourth anniversary of his passing from this life on April 15th. If you would like to order flowers for the Lord's table; please call the church office. Flowers cost \$18.00 per vase; please make checks payable to Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church. The cut-off day for ordering flowers is Tuesday.

The Missions and Outreach Committee is **collecting food for the Riverside Township Food Pantry** which serves the communities of North Riverside, Brookfield, Lyons and Riverside. **Today is the last day** to return your donations of non-perishable and unexpired food items for the food pantry.

Easter lilies are available for \$15.00 per plant for those who wish to place a lily in the chancel for the upcoming Easter celebrations. To place an order please sign up on the sheet posted in the dining hall (lower level) or call the church office. **Deadline for ordering is this Friday, April 15th**. Please make your checks payable to Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church.

The Dorcas Society will hold its annual **"Coffee and..." next week on Palm Sunday, April 17th** between services and after the 10:15 a.m. liturgy. **Donations of bakery and finger foods** would be greatly appreciated; please bring items with you to the church kitchen that morning.

The Finance Committee is still looking for two volunteers to serve on the committee. If interested, please speak with John Kostelny

To the Congregation of Sts. Peter and Paul,

Thank you so much for your kind words, thoughts and prayers; your cards, calls, visitation to the wake and funeral; and memorial donations to the church **in our dad's (Martin Pennino) memory**. Your outpouring of love and support for our family during this most difficult time is greatly appreciated. Our dad was truly a "gentle" man and we will miss him dearly, but we have many good memories and know that through our faith in God he is in a better place.

—*Sincerely, Martin and Ann Pennino*

The youth group is looking for donations of **plain or generic clay pots** to paint as part of their **plant sale fund raiser** scheduled for Sunday, May 1st. Group members will begin painting next Saturday, April 16th. Donations are appreciated and can be given to Sheryl Hallmann or Carol Melnyk.

Please help sponsor **our youth attending the Appalachian Service Project (ASP)** to Kentucky in June. This service project offers a great opportunity for our young people to carry out Christ's work by giving their time and help to those in need. A **special offering envelope** will be included in the service bulletin next Sunday. All monies received will help defray the cost of sending each of our youth on the ASP.

Full participation in the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on Easter Sunday with children who have been receiving instruction during the season of Lent. Please let Pastor Lauritsen know by Palm Sunday, April 17th if your child will be receiving **first Communion on Easter**.

If you are a male thirteen years of age and older and interested in **playing softball for Sts. Peter and Paul** during the 2011 season, please contact Tom Michaels at (708) 354-5076.

Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering Recap

April 3rd, 2011

Budgeted Offering: \$3,219.00

Offering Received: \$3,368.00



Lenten Vespers, Supper and Study
every Wednesday in Lent, through April 13th.
Vespers (Evening Prayer) is Sung at 7:15,
preceded by Supper at 6:30.

Then join us for a study and discussion of
**“Job and the Life of Faith:
Wisdom for Today’s World.”**

Beginning at 8:00 p.m. each Wednesday
in the Friendship Room (2nd level, off gym).

Lenten offerings which are being received during the Vespers services on Wednesdays have been designated for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). These offerings are an opportunity for the congregation to engage in the Lenten discipline of almsgiving. Envelopes are available at the entrances to the sanctuary on Wednesdays or from a pew pocket.



Many thanks to the organizations and members who are serving as worship leaders and supper hosts for the Wednesday evening suppers during lent:

March 16th: Jane Lauritsen, Joan Triska and Joanne Sefara
March 23rd: Tom Myers, Choir with Missions and Outreach
March 30th: Carrie Watkiss and Anne Otjepka
April 6th: Tom Michaels and Community Life Committee
April 13th: Kristine Boike and Tom Michaels

Making plans for summer? Include the **Riverside Covenant of Churches Vacation Bible School (VBS)**! The Covenant of Churches has started planning Vacation Bible School for **June 26th–30th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** Children ages four through fifth grade once again will experience the Market Place of 29 A.D. in the time of Jesus. This year it will be held at Riverside Presbyterian Church. There will be a number of different activities including music and dancing, cooking, arts and crafts, storytellers, and flavors and scents of that time period. If you are interested in being on **the planning committee** please contact Jenny Kolinski at kolinski426@comcast.net. VBS is a real community effort to experience with many volunteer opportunities. Babysitting will be provided for younger children of adult volunteers.

Registration for our **“Fun through Learning” Summer Camp and Fall 2011 Preschool Program** has begun. Brochures with our summer schedule for camp and various morning and afternoon programs for preschool are available in the revolving stand in the dining hall. **For additional information**, an application, or to make an appointment to see our facility, contact Karen in the office or speak with Donna Tuider, Preschool Director and Teacher

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 10

Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, died 1557

Consecrated bishop of Turku, Finland, without the approval of the pope, Agricola began a reform along Lutheran lines. In only three years, he translated the New Testament and worship texts into Finnish, in the process establishing the rules of Finnish writing that are still used today.

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Join the Congregation in Breaking the Fast of Lent at

Easter Breakfast

on the Resurrection of Our Lord, Sunday, April 24th
8:30 - 10:00 a.m. in the dining hall,
hosted by the families of the Sunday school.

The free will offering at the breakfast will support our young people who will be participating in the Appalachian Service Project work camp in Kentucky for a week this coming June.

An Easter egg hunt for the children will follow
the 10:30 a.m. liturgy.

Also on Easter Sunday please bring a few flowers either from your garden or the florist to place on the processional cross which the Sunday school children will present at worship and then display on the front lawn. The cross will be located at the entrance to the sanctuary before worship.



Holy Week Worship Schedule 2011

Palm Sunday, April 17th

8:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Pasie I

10:15 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion, Procession with Palms and Dramatic Reading of the Passion Narrative

Dorcas Society's "Coffee and..." following services.

Maundy Thursday, April 21st

7:00 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion, Absolution, Foot Washing and Stripping of the Chancel

Good Friday, April 22nd

10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Pasie II

(No Communion at this service.

Please plan to attend Communion on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.)

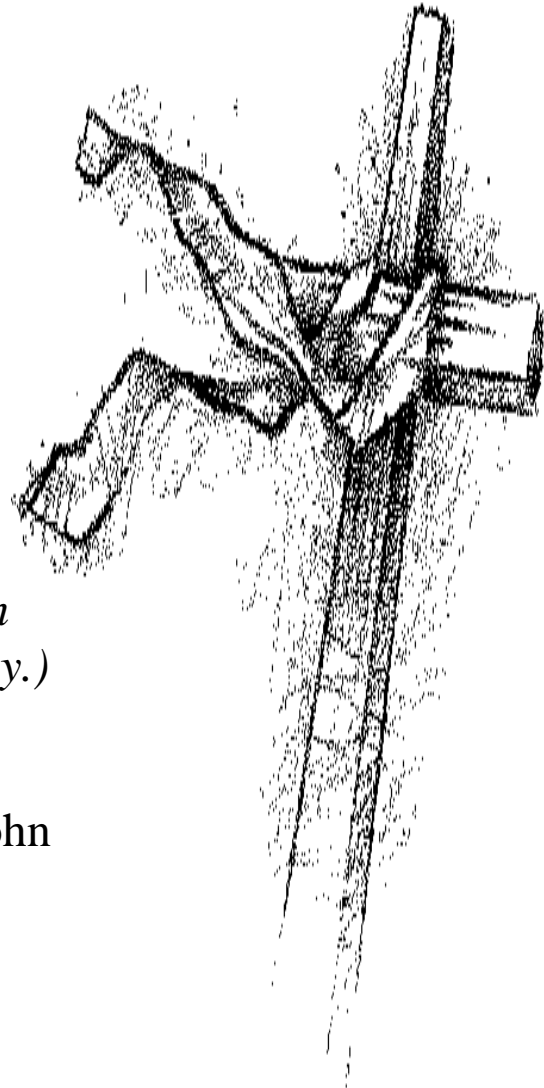
7:00 p.m. Service of Darkness and the Passion Narrative according to St. John with Veneration of the Cross

Easter Sunday, April 24th

The Resurrection of Our Lord

8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

10:30 a.m. Festival Liturgy of Holy Communion



Sunday May 1st

9:00 am to 1:00 pm
at Sts. Peter & Paul's Lutheran Church
(31st and DesPlaines, Riverside)



Sts. Peter & Paul's

Youth Group Bake and Plant Sale

Fresh Bakery Goods
Plants
Custom Painted Clay Pots

Raffle Tickets
(cash prize "1/2 of what is collected")
Candy

All proceeds from the bakery and plant donations will support the youth who are going this summer to help the people of the Appalachia region of our country.