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## *Redemption Is Near*

We are in the midst of the Lenten season. During our midweek Lenten services, we are focusing on Psalm 41 to prepare ourselves for the death and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Even though we know how the Easter story ends, it is important to remember why the story was necessary. Our sin is the reason for the Good Friday-Easter story. Our first parents, Adam and Eve, destroyed the perfect and holy relationship with the Heavenly Father. Their sin affected all people. We are all sinners, separated from the Creator. Thanks be to God for His grace. He promised to restore the relationship with mankind. He kept His promise when He sent Jesus to be our Savior. This year again we will celebrate the promise kept. Jesus is our sacrifice for our sin. He died so we can live eternally with our Father in heaven.

Holy Week, which includes Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, gets us ready for our victory celebration on Easter. Our victory party will be Easter morning when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We bring nothing to this party, because our God puts everything on the table. His gifts of mercy and grace were purchased at the cost of spitting, mocking, whipping, mailing, bleeding, sweating and dying. "A feast of rich food, a banquet of aged wine - the best of meats and the finest of wines" (Isaiah 25:6) Among other things, the prophet points to our Savior's true body and blood given in the Eucharistic Feast, (The Lord's Supper) Where we receive forgiveness, life and salvation - forevermore.

The Lord wants us at this banquet. Every Lord's Day, we come to the ongoing Easter feast of victory for our God. Our celebration begins every time we sing "Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might," hear the pastor speak the words of institution, and sing "Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world." With the final trumpet call, the banquet will be brought to completion in the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, where we will sing an endless and deathless "Hallelujah!" And it all means that during this joyful Easter season it is time to celebrate the feast. "The feast is ready, Come to the feast, the good and the bad, Come and be glad! Greatest and best, Come to the feast." (Luther Witness April 2010).

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## Lenten Schedule

March 6	10:30a.m	Lenten Service
13	10:30a.m	Lenten Service
20	10:30a.m	Lenten Service
March 24	10:00a.m	Palm Sunday
25	10:00a.m	Missa Brevis
26	10:00a.m	Missa Brevis
27	10:00a.m	Missa Brevis
27	5:30p.m	Passover Seder
28	7:00p.m	Maundy Thursday
29	12noon	Good Friday
29	7:00p.m	Tenebrae
March 31	7:00a.m	Easter Sunrise
	10:00a.m	Easter Divine Service

Wednesday March 27 at 5:30p.m we will observe the Passover Seder. The Passover Seder is the meal Jesus celebrated with His disciples on Maundy Thursday the night He was betrayed. This was the annual celebration meal the children of Israel observed to remind them of their freedom from the Egyptians when the angel of death passed over their homes and saved them. If you plan to attend please sign the sheet in church hallway. We are asking for \$ donation per person to cover the cost of the food. Deadline to sign up is March 20. If any questions, see Pastor Engel.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week at 10:00a.m we will have the Missa Brevis (short communion service with readings and Lord's Supper) we will be reading through the Passion Story.

Lord be with you as you prepare for the Easter celebration.

Blessings in Christ

Pastors at St. Paul +