

Digital footprint



ON THE COVER: Chandler Harris, Danielle Daly, Fern and Laurel Daly-Harris

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Someone had to do it! With the advancements of technology and wider adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) tools, it was only a matter of time. In a fantastic article that came out this week, a church called St. Paul's (outside Helsinki, Finland...not us!) created an entire worship service including still images, videos, a sermon, and original music using various forms of AI.

There was a video of Jesus talking to a Satan figure. They even had the long deceased president of Finland read the Scriptures for the day. A real priest forgave sins and led Communion, but artificial intelligence did the rest.

It was advertised in advance, so everyone in the room during that service knew how it had been constructed and knew what was going on, but how was it received?

There were two overwhelming responses. The music was fine but lacked a certain...something. The other takeaway was that it all felt a bit, shall we

"It was like they weren't talking to me," one parishioner responded.

When asked what was missing, the comment was that the service was missing the warmth of a human.

Isn't that an interesting takeaway? It sounds like from a certain perspective, the service was "right" and theologically "correct" and some elements were even "good." The fact that it lacked any real connection to other people is a very telling thing though.

I've been reflecting a lot lately on how St. Paul utilizes technology as I assess our digital footprint. I've even done a bit of a deep dive comparing this congregation's worship participation trends against peer churches to see if the decision to only offer in person worship was a good one.

In short, it was. Part of the culture at St. Paul is the desire to be together. This plays out in many beautiful ways throughout the week but is on full display over the weekend when our busy lives slow and merge with others for that time of worship and connection before and after worship.

During the pandemic, many churches who were able took on the challenge of keeping their people connected via online worship. These efforts were both necessary greatly appreciated. But I wonder about



the other consequences of overloading church with remote technology and artificial intelligence. We don't exactly need more things in our lives that keep us away from our siblings in Christ. Lord knows we don't need more reasons to avoid other people!

As I reflect on the flood of "digital worship" opportunities and wider adoption of artificial intelligence in worship, I am more and more humbled when I think about how important God felt it was to take on the fragility of human skin. All of those conversations that Jesus had at wells, along the road, or over a meal that should be our correction. Engaging people virtually is not always the answer. Our call is not to get rid of all digital tools, but to remember that they are only a means to bringing us together into blessed community.

Withon

MARK NIETHAMMER

senior pastor

holy week & easter

These are days central to our faith. We wave palms. We recount Jesus' last meal with his disciples. We travel to the cross where Jesus suffered and died. And we rejoice on Easter: He is risen!

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 12 | Saturday worship at 5 p.m. April 13 | Worship at 8, 9, & 11:15 a.m.

With festive palm branches waving, the mood turns somber as we come to terms with the death of Jesus.

Maundy Thursday

April 17 | Worship at 12 noon & 7 p.m.

In scripture, liturgy, and song, we mark Jesus' last meal with his disciples. At the 7 p.m. service, fourth graders culminate a period of preparation with Communion.

Good Friday

April 18 | Worship at 12 noon, 4:30, & 8 p.m.

12 noon: A 45-minute contemplative service.

3:30 p.m. Pretzel-making: Craft and eat cross-shaped creations in Fellowship Hall. All ages are welcome.

4:30 p.m. Children's service: Featuring a reflective children's message; Children's choirs sing.

8 p.m. Tenebrae service of darkness: A somber and meditative service of readings and music. The Chorale sings.

Easter Sunday

April 20 | Worship at 6, 8, 9:30, & 11:30 a.m. No Saturday service

With shouts of Alleluia, rumbling timpani, triumphant brass, choirs, and a dynamic ensemble (leading the contemporary service), we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Holy Communion is included in all services. Childcare offered at 8, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m.

6 a.m. sunrise: Begin outside around a fire in the Memorial Garden, with a procession into the Sanctuary. Candlelight transforms the dark early morning hours.

8 & 9:30 a.m. festive services: Choirs, brass, and organ fanfare mark these services.

11:30 a.m. contemporary: The Open Spirit ensemble leads, carrying the message of resurrection joy.

Parking: Besides St. Paul parking lots & side streets, Madison School, Vander Veer Park, and St. Ambrose lots are available.

Crowds: The largest crowds are at the 8/9:30 a.m. services on Easter Sunday. Consider worshiping at an alternative service. Easter overflow will be in the Chapel with services livestreamed.

Sunday learning for all ages will not be held on Easter Sunday. Regular adult learning and a special family learning takes place on Palm Sunday. The regular learning schedule resumes Sunday, April 27, 10:15-11 a.m.





WELCA Spring Gathering: Let's Par-tea!

Come together with women of the ELCA on Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., gather in the Chapel and Library Commons for a tea party! The program begins with a short business meeting and worship service. Ann McGlynn presents on Tapestry Farms, a nonprofit urban farm system, growing the Quad-Cities' welcome of refugees.

The gathering is open to all St. Paul women and guests. The morning includes refreshments and fellowship. Contact: Linda Kern, lindak12@hotmail.com. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups.

Sing 'Hallelujah Chorus' on Sunday, April 27

On Sunday, April 27, the 9 a.m. service includes a magnificent expression of Easter faith: The Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's The Messiah.

Singers of all abilities (middle-school-age and older) are invited to sing. Come rehearse with choir director Nathan Windt on that day, April 27 at 8:30 a.m. in the Music Room. Contact: Chris Nelson, chris@stpaulqc.org.



Faith BasiX: Personal Faith, Public Living

Faith BasiX is an opportunity to dive in and learn more about the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. The next six-week session, beginning April 27, 10:15-11 a.m., in the Luther Loft, focuses on how our faith as Christians translates into the way we live outside of church. How do we get along with other Christians, even if we don't believe the same things? How can we be engaged politically and remain faithful to God? What are the values here at St. Paul that can guide us in building faith-filled lives? Weekly gatherings are led by Mac Mullins and Duane Larson. Contact: Mac Mullins, mac@stpaulqc.org.



Give Easter flowers to remember loved ones

Easter lilies and spring flowers will decorate the front of the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 20. If you would like to donate a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one, please place your order by April 13. The cost is \$20.

Forms are available in the church office. Please return the form with payment attached in the lock box marked by an Easter lily across from the receptionist's desk. Make checks payable to St. Paul and indicate on the form if you would be willing to deliver a plant to a homebound member after Easter. Contact: MacKenzie Griffin, mackenzie@stpaulqc.org.

Daily bread for hungry people

The ELCA World Hunger Appeal responds to our neighbors all around the world — with relief, development, education, and advocacy. All midweek Lenten offerings at St. Paul will respond to Christ's call to open our hearts with compassion for the world's most vulnerable people.

If you would like to make a Lenten offering, earmark your check memo line with "Lent -World Hunger." Scan the QR code to give online.



Family Dinner and Parenting Conversations

On Tuesdays, April 8 and May 13, gather with other families for food, play, and conversation. After sharing a meal, parents discuss a recent podcast episode, book chapter, or other parenting topic while the kids are in the capable hands of our childcare and children's ministry staff. What could be better than connecting with parents for mutual support while the kids play?

Family dinner starts at 5 p.m. in the Library Commons with discussion around a parenting topic at 5:30 p.m. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org.

Blessing of the keys: 9th-grade milestone

At St. Paul, faith milestones are special markers along the growing-up journey. Each milestone is grounded in the Bible and nurtures faith in everyday life. Ninth-graders and their parents come together on Sunday, April 27 for conversation about new responsibilities in life, including the ability to drive, 10:15-11 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. A blessing is said over car keys. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Ellie Lindmark, ellie@stpaulqc.org.



Spring in the Book Corner

Winter melts into spring seed-planting. Lent travels the way of faith, moving toward Easter resurrection. In the Book Corner, the tables and shelves are stocked with fresh titles, fair trade chocolate, and cards and gifts for the Easter season. Be sure to browse the bookstore for new reads. They're thoughtfully selected by pastors and other avid readers who care about authentic resources for living the faith. Books are priced below retail, without sales tax.

Cinema and Spirituality

Come to The Last Picture House in Davenport to screen a film from the book A Whole Life in Twelve Movies by Kathleen Norris and Gareth Higgins. On April 15, 6:30 p.m., watch The Fisher King (1991). Starring Jeff Bridges and Robin Williams, the movie follows a suicidal radio DJ who finds redemption in helping a homeless man. Conversation afterward centers around the theme of the breaking and remaking of self.

To help with advance planning, please sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Tickets are \$5 (cash preferred). Contact: Peter Pettit, ppettit@stpaulqc.org.



Small GROUPS

Designed to connect individuals who share common interests, activities, or life stages, fostering meaningful connections and a strong sense of community.

College + Christ: College students from around the area gather to deepen their faith and journey through life together. Contact: Adrianna Blackwell, blackwelladrianna@sau.edu.

Young Adults

Designed to give those in their 20s and 30s fun social events and meaningful service opportunities at St. Paul and around the Quad Cities. Contact: Josh Baez, joshuabaez45@gmail.com.

Parents of tweens and teens

Parents with kids ages 8-18 meet to socialize and talk through the ups and $downs \ of \ parenting. \ Contact: Rachael \ Suddarth, \textbf{suddarthrachaelm@sau.edu}.$

Middle Agers

People in their 40s-60s meet regularly to socialize and share life together. Contact: Julie Grothusen at mjgrothusen@hotmail.com.

Living With the Loss of a Child

As parents who have lost a child, this group gathers to share, learn, and grow in faith and wholeness. Contact: Teresa Keller, teresak@stpaulqc.org.

St. Paul Birders

St. Paul members actively birdwatch at various locations throughout the QCA. Contact: Duane Haas, dhaas.dh@gmail.com.

Tee Time Golfers

This group of golfers, of all ages and skill levels, meets for casual games and socializing on the greens. Contact: Miles Thompson, miles@stpaulqc.org.

Small groups are a great way to get connected. Scan the QR code for a list of active groups and learn how to join.



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

A place for everyone

Each year, nine- and ten-year-olds come together to learn and grow in their faith through the fourth-grade communion milestone. During the five-week session, children and their parents learn together about the sacrament of Holy Communion and what it means in their lives of faith. This year, Fern Daly-Harris and her family are embarking on this journey, while Reese Kramer and her family reflect on their experience from last year.

Looking forward

Danielle Daly and Chandler Harris found their way to the Quad Cities more than ten years ago for work. When they began looking for a church, they wanted a place that engaged the whole family. They found a home at St. Paul because of the welcoming

atmosphere and children's programming. Danielle appreciated the inclusive environment of St. Paul, which reminded her of her grandmother's church in Florida.

"I like when you can go to church as a family. Many churches are set up where parents and children attend church separately. I was raised in an environment like St. Paul where I went to Sunday School and then we went to church with my family," Danielle said. "There is always something going on for the kids here at St. Paul. We were looking for a church for a while and ended up here because we loved the children's programming, and the congregation was so welcoming. I was raised Catholic and Chandler has an Episcopa-

lian background. This church felt like a good pairing of those to us."

Fern, a homeschooler, loves having her mom as her teacher. She enjoys a variety of activities, including piano, swimming, skiing, and art. In fact, Fern just had her first professional piano gig! She has a passion for reading and is close to her five-year-old little sister Laurel. Fern is excited about the communion milestone and looks forward to learning more about its origins and significance.

Danielle finds it meaningful that the communion milestone is celebrated on Maundy Thursday, the day of the Last Supper. "I think it's really cool that St. Paul holds the communion ceremony on Maundy Thursday. There's a lot of symbolism behind that," she said.

For the family, this milestone is a continuation of Fern's faith journey that began with her baptism.

"Ten years ago, we were preparing for her baptism, making the choice to bring her up in the way we believe. Now, as a 10-year-old, she's able to understand what she's committing to and what she's going to believe," Danielle explained. "I was younger when I took communion for the first time, and I like that Fern is a little older and has more of an understanding of what's going on."

"It's important to us to show our kids the way," Chandler said. "No one truly knows what they're doing all the time, but there is a general way forward. This encourages us to ask questions and learn together. Experiencing this milestone as a family reiterates that we're all on the same path."

Reflecting back

Fifth-grader Reese Kramer participated in the communion milestone last year. She said she learned a lot about the importance of communion and how to show up in the world as a Christian.

"I learned that Jesus is with you when you take communion, that God loves and forgives us, and the importance of helping others. There is a place for



everyone at Jesus' table," Reese said. "As a family, we talked about serving our community and leading with forgiveness."

Reese's mom Kendra appreciated the opportunity to relearn about communion alongside her daughter. "It brought us closer as a family and helped us explain the importance of what communion means for each of us," she said. "We were so proud and loved watching her take another step in her faith journey."

Nathan and Kendra were thrilled to see Reese's excitement and growth. "She was so excited, not nervous, and looked forward to communion for a long time. She loved painting the chalice and everything creative," Kendra said. "It's amazing to watch your children go through their faith milestones just like we did as children many years ago."

Shared experience

Both families emphasize the importance of shared experiences and the sense of community that comes with the communion milestone. For Fern, the milestone is an opportunity to learn more about what communion practices and rituals mean, and the songs associated with communion. "It will have more meaning to me," she said. "We're always humming the communion song *Eat This Bread* after the service and I think I'll understand more about it when I've finished this milestone."

Reese's experience taught her the importance of kindness and forgiveness. "I learned that showing others kindness and forgiveness is very important," Reese said. "I loved painting the chalice, and the memory will hold for me as I have it on display throughout the rest of my life."

Celebration

As Fern and more than 30 other St. Paul kids prepare to receive communion together at the April 17 Maundy Thursday evening service, Fern's family looks forward to celebrating this milestone.

"It's a time when the family can come together to celebrate and support Fern in her faith journey," Danielle said. "Lots of family members are traveling from out of town to support Fern in her journey."

For the Kramers, the communion milestone was a time of growth and connection. "We were very proud seeing Reese stand in front of the congregation. We're happy she will have an increased faith and connection to Jesus to get her through all the ups and downs in her life," Kendra said.

Both families agree that this fourth-grade milestone is a significant step in their children's faith journeys. It's a time for learning, growth, and celebration, and a reminder that there is a place for everyone at Jesus' table.



There is a place for everyone at Jesus' table.

REESE KRAMER

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We welcome to the Lord's table these children and their families, remembering them in prayer as they grow in Christ: Adam Christensen Amos Olson-Smith Annalyn Ebener Brady Mullen Callie Joyce Camden Bartels Cayleigh Cobb Elijah Revell-Beck Emma Fox Evan Beckman Fern Daly-Harris Finn Savatski Fiona Scott Grayson Pepper Haley McCarville Harrison Kunkel Hudson Fall Hugo Scott Ian Holeman Jakob Deines

Jonah Earel
Karter Wayne
Kathryn Herbst
Lars Koepp
Logan Hammes
Lucy Carlson
Luke Olderog
Lydia Snyder
Maelyn Kaufman
Maren Eberlin

Mason Kamla Miles Niethammer Owen Reese Quinn Kolander Rosie Rees Samuel Schroeder Sawyer Fall Walden Arnold-Powell Zeke Bielski



2025 marks the 55th anniversary of the celebration of Earth Day.

The first Earth Day was held on April 22, 1970, and was designed as a national "teach-in," scheduled to allow the greatest student participation between finals and spring break. It grew rapidly to encompass 20 million Americans, 10% of the country's population at that time, participating in educational activities or demonstrations.

In 2010, one billion people took part in Earth Day. That same year, the focus turned to clean energy production, decreased plastic use, and global warming with climate change. Each year has a theme and the 2025 theme is Our Power. Our Planet. The movement encourages the development and use of renewable energy accessible to all global communities with robust efforts to combat climate change.

The larger community

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) eagerly supports Earth Day.

ELCA goals for Earth Care in 2025:

- ► Churches plant at least 500 trees (honoring the 500 years since the Reformation)
- ► Create compost piles from coffee grounds. Lutherans drink lots of coffee!
- ▶ Build a pollinator garden at home to support bees and butterflies. Folks have become aware of the foundational part pollinators play in food production and maintenance of ecosystems.
- ► Take a pledge of "No plastics for Lent." Try it out. See how you can eliminate or reduce the amount of plastic you use.

At St. Paul

St. Paul lives on a pinpoint of Earth. This community is mindful that God's hand places all of us on this beautiful and fragile planet - and so, as a community dedicated to earth care, St. Paul makes intentional choices in daily life:

- ▶ Picking up litter in the St. Paul neighborhood
- ► Soaping up dishes, avoiding disposable products
- ► Recycling
- ► Lighting the church with high-efficiency bulbs
- ► Growing mindfulness for big questions like global warming
- Using compostable coffee cups on Sunday mornings

The Environmental Awareness Team is a group of environmentally conscious individuals from St. Paul. Each week, they clean up trash around the St. Paul campus, don green aprons to wash dishes at church meals, and champion recycling efforts. They embody the spirit of thinking globally and acting locally as stewards of our Earthly home.

Recyclers needed: Twice a month volunteers gather all the items from the recycling bins at church. Wash, flatten, bag, and prepare items for pick-up by Scott County Recycling. Contact: Jan Lloyd, cmljml@q.com.

Soil Stewards are a group of folks who love being outside and caring for the beautiful campus St. Paul is blessed to call home. This volunteer group plants, transplants, weeds, trims, and keeps the grounds looking beautiful. Anyone is welcome to join! Contact: Peg Iglehart, peg.iglehart@gmail.com.

Join the neighborhood clean-up crew: Spring cleaning has begun at home and now it's time to clean up the St. Paul neighborhood! On Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m.-12 noon, gather to pick up trash and debris in the blocks surrounding the campus. Known as the Make It Yours Neighborhood Cleanup, the activity embodies the spirit of courageous service and it's fun for the whole family! It's two hours that make a big difference in the St. Paul corner of the world. Supplies and snacks are provided. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Jules Irish, julesi@mcshi.com.

In your own homes

Anyone can take part meaningfully in these efforts by becoming more educated about these topics. Where to start? Find a focus based on your interest. Trees, for example. We all enjoy their shade and beauty, but most of us do not know the magnitude of their

positive contribution to our environment. Start by grabbing a book on trees or researching their benefits online.

Lutherans Restoring Creation: Lutherans Restoring Creation is a grassroots initiative that advocates for environmental stewardship within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. There are several resources, ideas, and study guides available on their website.





Job opportunity: **Campus Supervisor**

St. Paul Lutheran Church seeks qualified candidates for the position of Campus Supervisor. This role oversees the church campus exterior grounds, volunteers, and campus contract coordination. The campus supervisor recruits and coordinates volunteers to help maintain the campus. Responsibilities are flexible and can be tailored to the applicant's skills and interests. Learn more at **stpaulqc.org/employment**.

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, resume, or questions to employment@stpaulqc.org.







new members



Michael & Cheryl Barr are retired – Michael as an advanced designer with John Deere and Cheryl as a dental assistant. They enjoy spending time with their kids and grandkids.



Amy & Brian Laing join with their daughters Joey and Ella. Amy is a realtor with Ruhl and Ruhl. Brian is a purchasing manager with Atlantic Bottling Co. They enjoy sports and gardening. They also have a young adult daughter, Dylan.



Carrie Ann Crampton is a manager with Hometown Harbor senior living. She likes to walk, garden, and care for her fur family. She comes to St. Paul through friends and family – including her dad, Bob Crampton.



Sherry Peer is a retired dietitian. She takes an interest in travel and spending time with friends and grandkids. What drew her to St. Paul? "The joy of this place and God all around."



Bill & Sue Frueh care a lot about small group fellowship and helping others. Bill is a retired school bus driver while Sue is retired from Kraft Foods as a human resources manager. They enjoy golfing, gardening, and being with their kids and grandsons.



Emma Peters & Jeri Smith joined together. Emma is a patient care technician with MercyOne Genesis East and a student at SAU. Her grandmother Jeri Smith is a retired secretary with Davenport Schools.



Will & Sarah Richardson have two boys, Rory and Lincoln. Will works as an engineer with LeClaire MFG. Sara is a teacher in the Rock Island School District. They connected to St. Paul first through the preschool. Will's parents, Jane and Jim Richardson, are St. Paul members.



Maddy Tyler is St. Paul's newest resident pastor. She spends her free time traveling, working out, and playing video games. A native of Chicago, she is passionate about old-time music and plays the guitar.



Brian Williams & Lisa Powell Williams come to St. Paul through their daughter and family, Katy and Austin Henderson. Brian is an outreach coordinator with WQPT – Western Illinois University and enjoys soccer refereeing, singing, and cooking. Lisa is a retired librarian and is currently helping to care for her grandson, William. She likes to volunteer, travel, and read.

Council Notes

Lent has arrived at St. Paul. Food, fellowship, and worship abound during this season leading up to Easter.

In early March, staff and members of council and mission board met for the annual retreat. During the closing portion of the retreat, attendees performed a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Threats, and Opportunities) Analysis of St. Paul as part of a light strategic planning session. Council will review the list of areas noted and discuss potential ministry goals which may be identified.

A few staff transitions were announced in March. St. Paul host Terry Haru announced his retirement from staff and Jeff Carroll has stepped into that role beginning this month. Director of children's and family ministries Maddy Carroll has announced her departure from the St. Paul staff as she completes her education and pursues internship opportunities. Maddy will remain on staff through the end of this year's Vacation Bible School. Campus groundskeeper Larry Keller has stepped back from his position. The groundskeeper job description has been revamped to a Campus Supervisor position. It is a part-time seasonal position, active April through November.

Pastor Mark continues to meet with a group

of dedicated individuals to explore possible ministry outreach endeavors to replace Madison Market which close last year. The group meets and will continue to meet semi-regularly. A lot of information has been gathered within the community, many options are being explored, and the group continues to discern where St. Paul is most needed in the larger community.

The new chiller system is on track for completion. The final pieces will be put in place when the chiller system is turned on for the first time as the weather warms. A leak has been found in the Sanctuary Tower. Tests are being completed to identify the leak and what resulting work may need to be done.

Two new residents now call 2025 Main Street home. The residents communicated their gratitude to the St. Paul congregation and how they felt right at home.

Progress on receiving applicants for the Pastoral Residency Program has been slow. The low applicant rate correlates with the decline in seminary students and other various factors. Pastoral residency program coordinator Pam Garrett continues to identify recruitment opportunities.

WORSHIP

at St. Paul

Wednesday, April 2

Worship: 12 noon & 7pm Preaching: Sara Olson-Smith

➤ April 5 & 6

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Preaching:

5pm/9 am: Katy Warren 8/11:15 am: Mark Niethammer

Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8 & 9am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

Wednesday, April 9

Worship: 12 noon & 7pm **Preaching:** Katy Warren

➤ April 12 & 13

Palm/Passion Sunday

Preaching:

All services: Sara Olson-Smith

Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8 & 9am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

► Holy Week Schedule

Online at:

stpaulqc.org

April 19 & 20

Easter Sunday

Preaching:

6/8am: Katy Warren 9:30/11:30am: Mark Niethammer

Liturgical tradition:

6, 8, & 9:30am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:30am

April 26 & 27

Second Sunday of Easter

Preaching:

All services: Maddy Tyler

Liturgical tradition:

5pm/8 & 9am

Contemporary Open Spirit:

11:15am

coming up in adult learning

April 6: Life of Jesus in St. Paul's Stained Glass

Docent Suzanne Benson

The stained glass windows on the south side of the St. Paul sanctuary first served as the exterior windows in the "new" 1952 sanctuary, now the Chapel and Chapel Commons. The 10-part telling of Jesus' life, formulated by St. Paul pastors J. A. Miller and Emerson Miller, culminates in the large Ascension window at the back of the sanctuary. True to church stained glass tradition, they are filled with detail and symbols that both teach and invite meditation.

April 13: Devotion to the Wounds of Jesus

Lisa Powell, St. Ambrose University professor

Lent and Holy Week draw Christian attention to the Passion, the suffering that Jesus underwent as he was arrested, beaten, and crucified. The wounds that Christ suffered, and particularly the side-wound from a soldier's spear (John 19:34), have for many centuries been a focus of devotional life for some in the church. This forum explores the history and meaning of that devotion and its potential significance today.

April 20: Learning break for all ages

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