Holy Cross Lutheran

PALM SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

March 28, 2021- 9 AM



AS WE GATHER Sunday, is considered the first day of the week or "the eighth day in which all things are refreshed. The covenant of circumcision was to be done on the eighth day after birth, to set apart God's redeemed children," which parallels baptism. All things are refreshed in Christ! Jesus, today, is continuing the baptism journey of washing our sins away in His entrance into Jerusalem, bearing the cup of suffering. It is the beginning of a very astonishing Holy Week of Lent. We begin with great joy as the crowds receive Jesus entering Jerusalem knowing He has brought a friend (Lazarus) back to life. The Passion Narrative read today is to help us prepare for this Holy Week of Christ taking up His cross for the salvation of the world. The penitential season of Lent concludes with the three holy days, the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday leading into the Easter resurrection. Let us follow our Lord and allow Him to take our sins upon Himself that we may receive His new life in the forgiveness of our sins and the joy of the resurrection.

† IN DOMINE JESU †

(In the Name of Jesus)

PRELUDE

WELCOME "This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

VERSE Philippians 2:8b

He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

HOLY GOSPEL ENTRANCE FOR PALM SUNDAY

John 12:12-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter. C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(John's written record of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem)

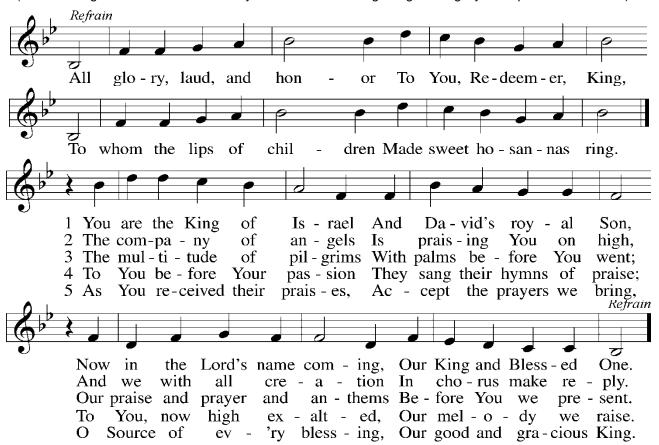
¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

INVOCATION

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!
- C: Hosanna to the Son of David. Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

(This morning feel free to lift and wave your Palms as we sing our gathering Hymn in praise to the Lord.)



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OPENING SENTENCES

Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9b

- P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C: Blessed is He! Hosanna to the Son of David. Hosanna in the highest!
- P: Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood,
- C: thus, securing an eternal redemption.
- P: Therefore, He is the mediator of a new covenant,
- C: so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.
- P: He sent redemption to His people;
- C: He ordained His covenant forever. Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

LSB 442 vs. 4-5

(see verses above to continue the hymn)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together: Lord God, on this day Your Son entered the Holy City, Jerusalem, to fulfill Your will by His death on the cross. Help us to follow Him through this week and all our days that we may be drawn closer to You by a faith full of the knowledge of the sacrifice and victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(The prophecy of the Messiah entering humbly into Jerusalem)

L: ⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLEPhilippians 2:5–11

(At the name of Jesus every knee should bow.)

L: ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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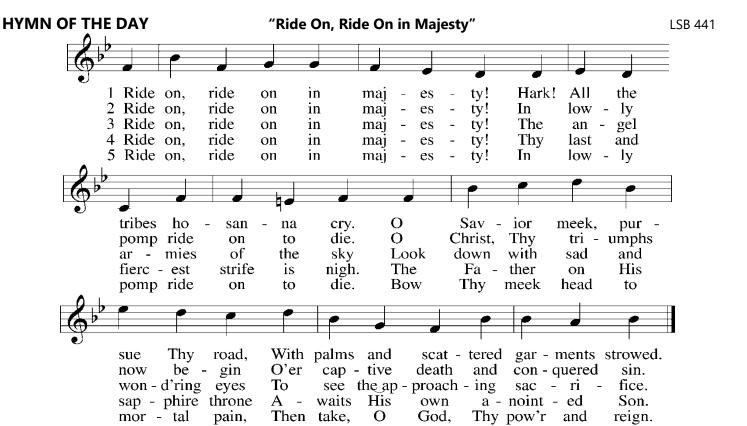
THE BEGINNING OF THE PASSION - THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Mark 14:1-11

(Jesus is anointed with perfume at Bethany; a few object to the extravagance; Judas plans to betray Jesus)

P: ¹It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, ²for they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people." ³And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. ⁴There were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ⁶For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. ⁶She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. ⁶And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her." ¹OThen Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to thee O Christ.**



THE PASSION MESSAGE

"Faith Tested - Grace Given - Love Created"

Mark 14:12 - 15:47

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (after petitions, Pastor prays "Lord in your mercy" please pray, "Hear our prayer")

(when all the petitions have been prayed, we commend all the prayers with these words)

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

† CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER †

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In preparation for the Lord's supper, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE PREPARATION (please take your communion vessel in hand for our Lord's Words of Institution)

THE WORDS OF OUR LORDMatthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also after supper, He took the cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also, with you.

ONE BODY IN CHRIST (As brothers and sisters in Christ, as one body we communion with the invitation of the following words)

- P: Take and eat this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ given into death for all your sin.
- P: Take and drink this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sin.
- P: The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast, in the true faith, to life everlasting. Know that His peace, joy, love and forgiveness is yours now and forever. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray together. We give thanks to You, almighty God, for the gift of forgiveness won by Your Son's offering on the cross and for the strengthening of our souls and bodies by your love in His body and blood. Go with us now and keep us steadfast in Your Word through the blessed days of this astonishing Holy Week and to our eternal life with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and † give you peace. **C: Amen.**

SONG OF SENDING

"Hosanna" (Praise is Rising)

by Paul Baloche & Benton Brown

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and join Jesus on His mission! C: Amen! We will! Amen!

† SOLI DEO GLORIA †

(To God be the Glory)

POST SERVICE MUSIC reprisal

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HOLY CROSS HAPPENINGS

March 28 - April 4, 2021

WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS! Welcome to the Lord's House. God bless you as hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know He will bless you with faith, hope, and love for your daily life through His Word and Spirit! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to one of our ushers or greeters.

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS – Pre-catechism Martin Luther film

HANGING BASKETS ON SALE TODAY - If this week's warmer weather has turned your thoughts towards spring, the Mission Board has some fun news for you. Hanging baskets from Gene Stark's Glacial Ridge Growers, Glenwood, will be available for purchase beginning on March 14. Plants will cost \$25 and payment is requested at the time of your order. There will be a limited number available so members should plan accordingly. The sale will continue until April 18 or until all available baskets have been purchased. Baskets will be delivered to Holy Cross the Friday before Mother's Day. The fund-raiser will support food for Haiti. See the March newsletter for more information.

Easter Breakfast will be served! We are so happy to announce we will have Easter breakfast once again. We will start serving at 9:50 am after the first service. Just as we've been doing for the soup suppers on Wednesday nights, we will be serving the food as you make your choices in the buffet line. Servers will be masked and wearing gloves. Everyone will wear their masks until they are seated to eat. As in the past, we will be asking for people to sign up to bring egg dishes, meat, fruit, breakfast sweets, etc. Kitchen help and clean-up will also be needed. **Sign-up sheets are posted** on the bulletin board in the Commons. **Setup will be on Saturday, the 3rd at 10:00am.** Talk to Pam Hunter with any questions.

INFORMAL PRAYER TIME – We will continue the informal time of prayer at Holy Cross on Wednesday evenings @ 7:00 pm.

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY "LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM" starting Sunday April 11. Please join us for an in depth study of Luther's Six Chief Parts of the Small Catechism beginning the Sunday after Easter. We plan to use the 2017 newer Catechism that has new updates in teaching about the cultural context we now have in our country and world. The updates in the Catechism can help benefit our young people learn to understand the Spiritual battle going on in our world and how the Word of God in Christ keeps them in the one true faith in Jesus and how to apologetically help others come to know the truth of the true Savior of the world. Please sign up in the fellowship hall if you would like a 2017 Edition of the Small Catechism in hardback or Spiral bound with note options. The Hardback is \$16 a copy. Cost TBA about the Spiral bound and note section. We hope to offset the costs with a Thrivent grant we are looking into

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated today. Our belief and practice is Confessional. Jesus clearly teaches He is truly present in His supper in the bread and wine. We receive miraculously, in the gift of faith, His true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your confession and you have been baptized and confirmed in our church body, please commune with us. If you have questions about communing, please wait to commune until receiving instruction in one of our communion classes. Thank you.

SERVING TODAY - SUNDAY MARCH 28, 2021 9:00 AM

Elder/Communion
Lector:
Ushers:
Acolyte:

AV:

Jon Dobberstein
Robert Nowak
Denny Case
Blake Dobberstein
Vivian Jobst

Offering Counters: Carol Albrecht & Pam Hunter

SERVING APRIL 1, 2021 7:00 PM – MAUNDY THURSDAY

Elder/Communion Brit Weimer

Lector: Diane Mullenbach

Ushers:Jason KruseAcolyte:Jonas PetrieAV:Jason Eickhoff

Offering Counters: Dave Albrecht & Denny Case

SERVING FRIDAY APRIL 2, 2021 7:00 PM - GOOD FRIDAY

Elder/CommunionDave AlbrechtLector:Robert NowakUshers:Denny CaseAcolyte:Allie WagnerAV:Vivian Jobst

Offering Counters: Wendy Fitzwater & Doug Schulze

SERVING EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 4, 2021 9:00 am

Elder/Communion Dave Albrecht **Lector:** Pam Hunter

Ushers: Evelyn & Norma Jabs

Acolyte: Allie Wagner AV: Dinah Gilberts

Offering Counters: Meg Batchelder & Michele Lein

SERVING EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 4, 2021 11:00 am

Elder/Communion Dave Albrecht **Lector:** Diane Mullenbach

Ushers:Jason KruseAcolyte:Jonas PetrieAV:Vivian Jobst

Offering Counters: Meg Batchelder & Michele Lein

CHURCH OFFICE REPORTS RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Contributions needed/month (General Fund): \$20,928.50 Contributions received in January \$20,837.57

SUNDAY, March 21, 2021 ATTENDANCE

Worship: 48 Drive-up Communion: 6

Communion: 45 Bible Class: 15

Zoom: 13 Sunday School: 8 kids & teachers

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021 ATTENDANCE

Worship: 21

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

Sun. March 28 PALM SUNDAY
9:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion also via Zoom
10:00 am
10:15-10:45 am Drive-Up Communion

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Mon. March 29

5:30 pm Elder/Leader Meeting zoom

Tue. March 30

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

Wed. March 31

12:00 pm Happenings Articles Due 7:00 pm Informal Prayer in Sanctuary

Thurs. April 1

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Fri. April 2

9:30 am Cleaning Crew7:00 pm Good Friday Service

Sat. April 3

Sun. April 4 EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 am Worship W/ Holy Communion also via Zoom

10:15 am Drive-Up Communion

11:00 am Contemporary Worship W/Holy Communion also via Zoom



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