

+Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion+

April 10, 2022



Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord

LITURGY NOTE: *On Palm Sunday, the Church enters her observance of Holy Week. The children will lead us in the Opening Hymn and the Procession of Palms. The Passion of our Lord according to the Gospel of St. Luke will be read in its entirety.*

The choir sings 'Blessed Is He Who Comes' before the ringing of the bell.

When the bells ring, stand and face the cross.

The opening liturgy begins at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Procession of Palms

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

C Amen!

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

C Hosanna to the Son of David!

Collect

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Holy Gospel

John 12:12–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P 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.

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord!

The children process in with palms to remind us of the crowd of believers who gathered to welcome Jesus to Jerusalem. The children lay their palms at the baptismal font, to signify how in Baptism we die and rise with Christ through the washing of rebirth and regeneration.

Processional Hymn | 442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re - deem - er, King,
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

When all have arrived at their places, the procession concludes with the following:

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

C Hosanna in the highest!

Silence. The crosses of the sanctuary are veiled.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 32:36–39

³⁶ The LORD will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants,
when he sees that their power is gone
and there is none remaining, bond or free.

³⁷ Then he will say, “Where are their gods,
the rock in which they took refuge,

³⁸ who ate the fat of their sacrifices
and drank the wine of their drink offering?

Let them rise up and help you;
let them be your protection!

³⁹ “See now that I, even I, am he,
and there is no god beside me;
I kill and I make alive;

I wound and I heal;
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to St. Luke

*The congregation speaks those words in **bold**.
Due to the length of the Gospel the congregation may sit.
At the verse where Christ is crucified, the congregation may stand.*

Evangelist: Seminarian Jeff Windoloski

Jesus: Pastor Yeager

*Disciples, Servant Girl, Bystander, Sanhedrin, Pontius Pilate, Crowd, Children of Jerusalem,
Dismas, Gestas, Centurion:* Confirmants of St. Paul

Holy Gospel

Luke 22-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second and third chapters.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Part I: The Passover

Evangelist: ¹Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. ²And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put [Jesus] to death, for they feared the people.

³Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. ⁴He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. ⁵And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. ⁶So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying,

Jesus: “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.”

Evangelist: ⁹They said to him,

Disciples: “Where will you have us prepare it?”

Evangelist: ¹⁰He said to them,

Jesus: “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹and tell the master of the house,

Disciples: ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’

Jesus: ¹²And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.”

Evangelist: ¹³And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said to them,

Jesus: “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

Evangelist: ¹⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said,

Jesus: “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

Evangelist: ¹⁹And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

***Jesus:* “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”**

Evangelist: ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,

***Jesus:* “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. ²²For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!”**

Evangelist: ²³And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

Part II: Who Is The Greatest?

Evangelist: ²⁴A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵And he said to them,

Jesus: “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. ²⁷For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

²⁸“You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, ²⁹and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, ³⁰that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

³¹“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, ³²but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

Evangelist: ³³Peter said to him,

***Peter:* “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.”**

Evangelist: ³⁴Jesus said,

Jesus: “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”

Evangelist: ³⁵And he said to them,

Jesus: “When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?”

Evangelist: They said,

Disciples: “Nothing.”

Evangelist: ³⁶He said to them,

Jesus: “But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. ³⁷For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me:

***The Prophet Isaiah:* ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors.’**

Jesus: For what is written about me has its fulfillment.”

Evangelist: ³⁸And they said,

Disciples: “Look, Lord, here are two swords.”

Evangelist: And he said to them,
Jesus: “It is enough.”

Part III. Gethsemane

Evangelist: ³⁹And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰And when he came to the place, he said to them,
Jesus: “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

Evangelist: ⁴¹And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, ⁴²saying,

Jesus: “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.”

Evangelist: ⁴³And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. ⁴⁴And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. ⁴⁵And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, ⁴⁶and he said to them,

Jesus: “Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

Evangelist: ⁴⁷While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸but Jesus said to him,

Jesus: “Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?”

Evangelist: ⁴⁹And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said,

***Disciples:* “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?”**

Evangelist: ⁵⁰And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹But Jesus said,

Jesus: “No more of this!”

Evangelist: And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him,

Jesus: “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? ⁵³When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”

Part IV. Peter’s Denial

Evangelist: ⁵⁴Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house, and Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said,

Servant Girl: “This man also was with him.”

Evangelist: ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying,

***Peter:* “Woman, I do not know him.”**

Evangelist: ⁵⁸And a little later someone else saw him and said,

Bystander 1: “You also are one of them.”

Evangelist: But Peter said,

***Peter:* “Man, I am not.”**

Evangelist: ⁵⁹And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying,

Bystander 2: “Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean.”

Evangelist: ⁶⁰But Peter said,

***Peter:* “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.”**

Evangelist: And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him,

Jesus: “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.”

Evangelist: ⁶²And he went out and wept bitterly.

Part V. Jewish Trial

Evangelist: ⁶³Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. ⁶⁴They also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

***Temple Guard:* “Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?”**

Evangelist: ⁶⁵And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

⁶⁶When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said,

Sanhedrin: ⁶⁷“If you are the Christ, tell us.”

Evangelist: But he said to them,

Jesus: “If I tell you, you will not believe, ⁶⁸and if I ask you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”

Evangelist: ⁷⁰So they all said,

Sanhedrin: “Are you the Son of God, then?”

Evangelist: And he said to them,

Jesus: “You say that I am.”

Evangelist: ⁷¹Then they said,

Sanhedrin: “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips.”

Part VI. Roman Trial

Evangelist: ¹Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate.

²And they began to accuse him, saying,

Sanhedrin: “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.”

Evangelist: ³And Pilate asked him,

Pontius Pilate: “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Evangelist: And he answered him,

Jesus: “You have said so.”

Evangelist: ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pontius Pilate: “I find no guilt in this man.”

Evangelist: ⁵But they were urgent, saying,

Sanhedrin: “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.”

Evangelist: ⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. ⁹So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. ¹²And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and said to them,

Pontius Pilate: "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. ¹⁶I will therefore punish and release him."

Evangelist: ¹⁸But they all cried out together,

***Crowd:* "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"—**

Evangelist: ¹⁹a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. ²⁰Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, ²¹but they kept shouting,

***Crowd:* "Crucify, crucify him!"**

Evangelist: ²²A third time he said to them,

Pontius Pilate: "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him."

Evangelist: ²³But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

Part VII. The Via Dolorosa

Evangelist: ²⁶And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said,

Jesus: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say,

Children of Jerusalem: 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!'

Evangelist: ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains,

Children of Jerusalem: 'Fall on us,'

Evangelist: and to the hills,

Children of Jerusalem: 'Cover us.'

Jesus: ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Evangelist: ³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

Part VIII. The Crucifixion

Evangelist: ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, [*the congregation rises*] and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said,

***Jesus:* “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”**

Evangelist: And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying,

***Sanhedrin:* “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!”**

Evangelist: ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying,

***Soldiers:* “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”**

Evangelist: ³⁸There was also an inscription over him,

Pontius Pilate: “This is the King of the Jews.”

Evangelist: ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying,

Gestas: “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

Evangelist: ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying,

Dismas: “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?

⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.”

Evangelist: ⁴²And he said,

***Dismas:* “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”**

Evangelist: ⁴³And he said to him,

***Jesus:* “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”**

Evangelist: ⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun’s light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said,

***Jesus:* “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!”**

Evangelist: And having said this he breathed his last. ⁴⁷Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying,

***Centurion:* “Certainly this man was innocent!”**

Evangelist: ⁴⁸And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, ⁵¹who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with

him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

back cover of the hymnal

Sit

Hymn of the Day | 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life might rise again, and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C 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 Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the 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 He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei | 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

st. 1



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Sit

Distribution

Holy Communion at St. Paul

Our congregation confesses the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Altar is open to those baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or of another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of our Pastors before communing today.

Thank you.

Distribution Hymn | 441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Distribution Hymn | 444 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

Distribution Hymn | 718 Jesus, Lead Thou On

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through

Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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 favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn | 443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

The Service is ended. Depart in peace!



Introduction to the Services of Holy Week

Holy Week is the most foundational week of the entire Church year. All Christians do well to make all possible preparations to attend the services of Holy Week. Together, we meditate on the chief acts of our Lord to redeem us from sin, death, and hell: the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ for us men and for our salvation.

Here is a brief summary of the services of Holy Week, their theology and practice:

Palm Sunday. This Sunday is also called ‘*Sunday of the Passion.*’ The service of Passion Sunday, beginning with the procession of palms, reflects the contrasting attitudes toward Jesus that were on display during the days leading up to his crucifixion.

Palms are an ancient symbol of victory. “*Palm Sunday*” is named after the palms that were spread before Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. The acclamation of the people, “*Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,*” reveals that the crowds hailed Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. His preaching and miracles clearly testified to the truth that he is the Christ of God, the Savior of sinners. We take up the cry of the Galilean pilgrims in the *Sanctus*, confessing that Christ is sacramentally in our midst with his Body and Blood.

Yet, crowds are fickle. Only days later, their cry was, “*Crucify!*” The contrast between Palm Sunday and Good Friday is reflected on this day as the joy of his triumphal entry into Jerusalem gives way to the somber remembrance of his Passion. We read the entire Passion of Jesus from St. Luke’s Gospel this morning, and thus is the Church prepared to enter into Holy Week.

After the services, the remaining palms will be reserved and burned into ashes for use on Ash Wednesday next year.

Maundy Thursday. (4/14, 7PM) Also called “*Holy Thursday,*” *Maundy Thursday* recalls the events of the eve of our Lord’s crucifixion. Holy Thursday begins the celebration of the *holy three days of Christ’s Passover*, commonly known as the *Triduum* (Latin for “three days”).

The service on Maundy Thursday brings our Lenten period of penitential preparation to a close, and leads into the remembrance of Christ’s sacrifice on our behalf. As such, the service, like that for Good Friday, exhibits a mood of restrained joy. The Service for Maundy Thursday consists of four parts: 1. *the Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution*; 2. *the Service of the Word*; 3. *the Service of the Sacrament*; 4. *the Stripping of the Altar.*

In the Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution, the congregation confesses its sins together as we do on Sunday mornings, but the penitent congregation comes to the Altar to receive the Absolution individually through the laying on of the pastor’s hands. This rite signals the end of our Lenten preparations as we are absolved of sin for the Paschal feast.

The Service of the Word focuses upon Christ’s sacrificial service demonstrated in Jesus’ washing of his disciples’ feet, a servanthood enacted on the cross, and the benefits of which are bestowed in his Means of Grace: Word and blessed Sacraments. The service culminates with the Lord’s ministry to his people through the Sacrament of the Altar.

The depth of Christ's servanthood is demonstrated as the Altar is reverently stripped in preparation for the Church's observance of Jesus' death on Good Friday. On Holy Thursday, the Church and her catechumens begin the journey through the three days of Christ's Passover—and our Passover with him— from death to life and from captivity to freedom.

Good Friday. On this day, the Passion and death of Jesus stand center stage. Good Friday is not a funeral for Christ. It is a day of repentance over sin, and a joyous remembrance of our Lord's Passion, wherein he made an end of our sins and reconciled us to God.

The Chief Service on Good Friday contains a number of ancient elements: 1. the full *Reading of the Passion of Christ according to St. John*; 2. the *Bidding Prayer*; 3. the *Cross procession with the Reproaches*. Given the solemnity of the day, silence is observed at times throughout the service in order to reflect upon the Word of God.

In earliest times, all the events of Christ's Passion, from the Last Supper to the Resurrection, were celebrated in one day and night's continuous service called *Pascha*. The observance of the *Triduum* (three days) understands the services from the evening of Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday to form one, continuous liturgy. The Chief Service of Good Friday stands at the middle of the Triduum and therefore has no entrance rite nor benediction.

The Easter Vigil. The Easter Vigil, celebrated at the end of Holy Saturday as the conclusion to the sacred *Triduum*, ushers in the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday. The Vigil of Easter connects the days of Holy Week, especially Holy Thursday and Good Friday, with the culminating celebration of the resurrection of Christ from the dead.

In some places throughout the early centuries of the Church's life, the people of God would hold vigil, which means "keep watch," through the night in expectation of Christ's return. A vigil in expectation of Christ's return at Easter became a common feature of the celebration of his crucifixion and resurrection. The vigil consisted of prayer, psalms and hymns, and readings, especially from the Old Testament, culminating in the celebration of the resurrection at dawn with the Lord's Supper. As the church gathered in vigil, she waited in hopeful expectation for the appearance of the resurrected Christ in those most recently born in him, the newly baptized.

During the vigil, those who had prepared throughout Lent to be joined to Christ were baptized. At the dawn of the new day at Easter Sunrise, the newly baptized joined the entire Church in a chorus of Alleluias at Christ's resurrection from the dead.

The service emphasizes the contrast between light and darkness. Therefore the service is to begin at a time near or after the setting of the sun. This year, we will observe it at 8pm at St. John, Bingen in a circuit-wide service for all the Churches of the Decatur circuit.

**Information here largely taken from the Altar Book, Lutheran Service Book ,CPH 2006.*

Announcements

St. Paul

Join us this week for the **Holy Week services** of **Maundy Thursday (4/14 7PM)**, **Good Friday (4/15 7PM)** and **Holy Easter (4/17 6AM and 9AM)**. The Sunrise service for the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord (4/17 6AM) will conclude in the cemetery (weather permitting). The Easter breakfast will immediately follow, served by the youth and starting at 7:30am.

Easter breakfast. We will host our Easter breakfast from **7:30—8:30am on Easter morning 4/17** and we could use your help! The youth and confirmands of St. Paul will be serving, but we would be grateful to have you bring a breakfast casserole, pastry (cinnamon rolls, etc.), fruit bowl, or whatever you have in mind. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for help with the Easter breakfast in the narthex. Free-will offering will go to support the youth/confirmands of St. Paul.

Voters' Assembly. Our original date of April 26 now conflicts with the Wyneken Association meeting. The dates of elders, council, and voters meeting are moved to **April 18 and 19**. Please mark your calendars and plan to be in attendance if you are a voting member. Thank you.

Ladies' Aid Meeting is scheduled for **7PM on April 21st**. Please join us! All ladies welcome.

Gently Used/Bake Sale. St. Paul Ladies' Aid is having our Gently Used and Bake sale **Friday, April 22 from 8am-4pm and Saturday, April 23 from 8-11am**. \$2/bag on Saturday. Items may be dropped off at Church after the late service on Sunday the 17th. All items must be here by Thursday at noon. No TV's and only electronics that work please. Please bring spring and summer items, and save your winter items for our Gently Used Sale in September. Bake sale donations are also appreciated. Thanks for all those willing to help and participate!

New Parsonage. Please check out the displays in the narthex (above the coat racks) detailing our progress on the Parsonage building project. The display includes floor plans, exterior and interior, and reflect our conversations with Ideal Builders up to this point in the building process. In terms of timeline, we are looking to break ground in May and looking for a completion of project by winter. Thanks be to God for our diligent and detailed Building Committee for their continued service on this project. Their efforts will be a blessing to our congregation and its pastors for generations.

Flower inserts. One of the flower inserts for the altar flowers is missing. Anyone who knows its whereabouts is kindly asked to return it to a member of the Ladies' Aid. Thank you.

Youth

Middle School Youth Events

April 10 (Palm/Passion Sunday); 5:30-8:30 p.m. – *The Passion of the Christ*

Chris and Tina Caston will again host a movie night at their home (1988 E. 900 N.; Decatur, IN 46733). In connection with the start of Holy Week on that day, Palm/Passion Sunday, we will be viewing *The Passion of the Christ*. Parents and youth please note: This film contains extended, frightening, and intense scenes of graphic violence and gore, and has been rated R by the MPAA for such sequences. The pastors will be in attendance to answer any questions or lead discussion following the film. **Please note the start time of 5:30 p.m.**

April 17; Easter Day – Easter Breakfast

Each congregation customarily has a youth-sponsored Easter breakfast. Details will be provided by your church if applicable. Please take advantage of this opportunity to serve.

High School Youth Activities

April 10 (Palm/Passion Sunday); 5:30-8:30 p.m. – *The Passion of the Christ* (see above)

April 17; Easter Day – Easter Breakfast (see above)

April 24; 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Wyneken Service Night

Wyneken

The **Spring Association Meeting** for Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 26 @ 7pm** at the St. John Bingen Parish Hall. Please plan to attend.

1st Grade Teacher. We thank God for the faithful service of Miss Abby Springer over the last three years. May our gracious Lord bless Miss Springer, who will leave the current grade one position at the end of the school year to pursue other interests. The Board of Education extended this open teaching position to Mrs. Amber Oedewaldt. We rejoice that Mrs. Oedewaldt has accepted this position and look forward to having her as part of our Wyneken family in the 2022-2023 school year! Mrs. Oedewaldt currently serves as a third grade teacher at Holy Cross Lutheran School in Fort Wayne and resides in Decatur with her husband, Rev. Zach Oedewaldt (Associate Pastor at Zion, Decatur). We pray blessings upon her service here and look to warmly welcome her.

2022-2023 School Year **Enrollment Forms** were mailed over spring break. If you have not yet received your forms, please call the school office right away. Enrollment forms are to be returned to the school *no later than April 11*. Please do not delay. Thank you.

Congratulations! We celebrate with Ms. Rebecca Klenke (resource teacher) for 45 years of service, Mrs. Julie Smith (grade 4 teacher) with 15 years of service, and Mrs. Courtney Butcher (2nd grade teacher) with 10 years of service in the teaching ministry. We also give thanks to God for Cheryl Reinking (Wyneken Childcare and business assistant) for 5 years of faithful service. Praise be to our Lord and Savior for devoted teachers and staff who serve at Wyneken!

The **Child Care** has some part-time positions; please contact Chris Cornett, Director, 639-6064.

District, Synod, Other

POE Fire Dept. Sausage and Pancake Brunch, Sunday, April 10, 9-1pm at Poe Firestation. Adults \$8, Children 6-12 \$4, children under 6 eat free. Carry out available. All proceeds will go to purchasing a Life Pak 15 monitor for our Ambulance.

Lutherhaven. There are programs for kindergarten all the way through High School, as well as some time for the whole family! Register online at www.lutherhaven.org or call for more information 636.7101.

Rummage Sale Thursday 4/21 8-4PM and Friday 4/22 8-noon, Emmanuel, Soest, Family Life Ctr.

Rummage Sale Friday 4/22 8-5PM and Saturday 4/23 8-noon, St. John, Flatrock, Gymnasium.

Prayer of the Church

- +**The sick and recovering:** Evelyn Keuneke, Ron Selking, Anita Spiegel.
- +**Expectant mothers:** Alisha Bulmahn, Karmen Elwer, Holly Pritchard.
- +**The Homebound:** Edna Mesing (Woodcrest); Marge Merriman (Woodcrest Assisted Living); Wilda Scheumann, Ken Schueler, Bonnie Gallmeyer, Ted Reinhart, Don Haines (home).
- +**Birthdays:** Alan Zimmerman, Skyler Steiner, Kim Vitatoe, Karley Hockemeyer, Cheryl Reinking, Mike Hoffman, Jamie Miller, Arlema Ehlerding, Tim Korte, Tom Korte.

Attendance

Wednesday 4/6 88 Sunday 4/3 204

Acolytes 4/10

8am Jack Hamilton 10:15am Hilton Bluhm

Stewardship 4/3

Weekly Goal: \$7,194.23 Plate: \$3,872.00 Online: \$1,187.03
for the week: -\$2,135.20 for the year: -\$8,048.83

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, 4/10	Palm Sunday —Divine Service, 8am Bible Class, Sunday School 9:15am Palm Sunday —Matins, 10:15am Public School Confirmation, 11:30-12:30pm Youth: Movie at Caston Home @ 5:30pm
Thursday, 4/14	Maundy Thursday Divine Service, 7PM
Friday, 4/15	Good Friday, Chief Service, 7PM
Sunday, 4/17	Easter Sunrise—6AM The Easter Breakfast, 7:30-8:30 Easter Day—9AM
Monday, 4/18	Elders Meeting, 6PM Council Meeting, 7PM
Tuesday, 4/19	Voters Assembly, 7PM



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