Peace Lutheran Church

"Peace Through Christ"

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PALM SUNDAY/SUNDAY OF THE PASSION April 2, 2023

As We Gather Today we mark the beginning of Holy Week, as we celebrate Palm Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion, recalling our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem amidst the shouts of "Hosanna," as well as hearing once again of our Lord's suffering for our salvation.

<u>Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available.</u> If you would like a hearing aid or large print bulletin please see an usher.

A special welcome to those with young children. If needed, a cry room is located near the church entryway complete with a window and sound so you may fully participate in worship. If you need guidance please see an usher.

RINGING OF THE BELL
PRELUDE
WELCOME



Maundy Thursday, April 6 @ 7:00 pm Worship Service with Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 7

12:00 noon Service of Reflection and Remembrance 7:00 pm Tenebrae Service of Darkness

The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday, April 9

9:00am Traditional Service (Communion) 10:30-11:30 Brunch/Egg Hunt 11:00am Contemporary Service (Communion)

Easter Brunch – We will be having an Easter Brunch from 10:30 – 11:30am <u>next Sunday</u>. Fellowship will be providing ham and orange juice. Please bring a coffee cake, deviled eggs or fruit to share. We look forward to seeing everyone then.

THIS WEEK AT PEACE April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday: 9:00 am Traditional Service

9:20 am Sunday School

10:20 am Adult Bible Study (Sanctuary)

11:00 am Praise Service (FH)

1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship

4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

Monday: Office Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Proverbs House)

Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther's Attic Volunteers

6:30 pm A.C.A. Women's Support Group

5:45 pm Handbell Choir rehearsal

7:00 pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Maundy Thursday: 9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study

10:00 am Lifelight Bible Study

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Good Friday: NOON Service of Reflection and Remembrance

7:00 pm Tenebrae Service of Darkness

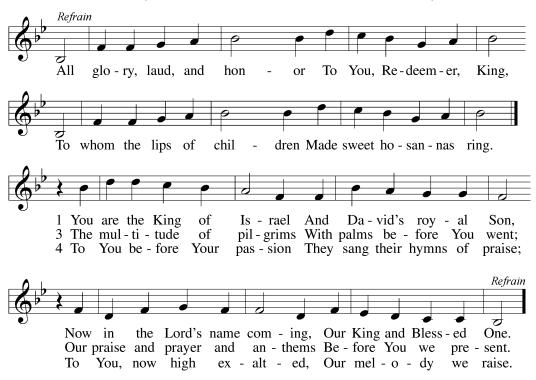
Saturday: +++++++++

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

(Sunday School children's procession)



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PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL......John 12:12-19

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So 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!" ¹⁴ And 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!" ¹⁶ His 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. ⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. (*Cont'd*)

¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Return to Me with all your heart, says the Lord, with

prayer and fasting, with weeping and mourning, with

broken and contrite hearts.

People: For the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Pastor: O God, in Your kindness, have pity on us.

People: O God, in Your mercy, wash away our sins. Cleanse us from the stain and guilt of our sins, those we know and those of which we are unaware. In our thinking, our speaking and our doing, we have exalted ourselves. We lack true humility. We deserve Your wrath and punishment. For the sake of Jesus Christ, turn Your eyes from our iniquity and cover our guilt, that we may know again the joy of Your salvation. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for

you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Rejoice in the love and mercy of God. For Jesus' sake, he has heard your plea and has forgiven all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy

Spirit.

People: Let every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY APRIL 2, 2023

<u>9:00</u>

<u>11:00</u>

Elder: Blaine Wanke Tom Waddell

Greeters: Donna Pickler

Readers: Bob Hutchison Richard Bongiorno

Acolyte: Michelle Ullerick
Ushers: Blaine Wanke
Henry Andermann

Todd Harter

Altar Care: Linda Young Rachael Ylizaliturri & Jane Morici

Cookie & Coffee Service: S. Krumdieck, D. Tegt, A. Bongiorno

Organist: Karen Foote

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 9, 2023

9:00

11:00

Elder: Blaine Wanke Tom Waddell

Greeters: Gary & Karen Taylor

Readers: Dave Schmidt Brian Nomi

Acolyte: Lucas Williamson
Ushers: Mike McCracken
Tom La Jeunesse

Rick Poore

Altar Care: Linda Young Rachael Ylizaliturri & Jane Morici

Cookie & Coffee Service: S. Krumdieck, D. Tegt, A. Bongiorno

Organist: Karen Foote

Choir Accompanist: Sandy Haven **Choir Director:** Linda La Jeunesse

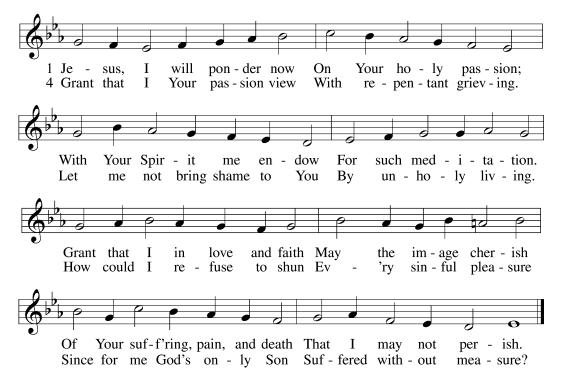
EASTER LILIES—PALM SUNDAY, TODAY, IS THE LAST DAY TO PURCHASE

A LILY.

HERE COMES EASTER! Plastic Easter eggs and Easter candy (individually wrapped) donations are now being accepted for our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt for the kids. You can put donations in the kitchen (with a tag designating Easter use). Old eggs & candy from the pandemic and before were cleaned out. So, thank you, for helping us build up a supply!

CLOSING HYMN

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"



- 5 If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me, Let Your cross my fear disarm; Peace of conscience give me. Help me see forgiveness won By Your holy passion. If for me He slays His Son, God must have compassion!
- 6 Graciously my faith renew; Help me bear my crosses, Learning humbleness from You Peace mid pain and losses. May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Savior, That I may in heav'n above Sing Your Praise forever

ANNOUNCEMENTS POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God by Darlene Tegt.

ATTENDANCE ON 3/26/23: 9:00am-98 11:00am-22 Total:120 Sunday School-8

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: Lord Jesus, the shouts

Lord Jesus, You are not only proclaimed as King by the shouts of "Hosanna" and the waving of palms, but even more so enthroned as King on the cross amid cries of "Crucify." We take our place with both crowds, for our sins crucified You; yet we need You to save us, thus we cry, "Hosanna; Lord, save us." Grant us Your heart of humility that we may confess our dependence on You for our salvation. We pray through You, Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"



3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.

The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant-ing clear and loud.

For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast, The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim-plest and the best. Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid-ding wait. And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re-joice!

+ WORD +

(After the reading)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: All glory, praise, and honor be to You, O Lord. You are our

Redeemer and our King, our Savior and our Friend. We

adore You and exalt Your Holy Name.

People: Hosanna in the highest; Lord, save us.

Pastor: Reign over us, not according to our devising and

manipulation, but according to Your good and gracious will.

People: Hosanna in the highest; Lord, save us.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, as You brought healing to untold numbers

during your ministry on earth, so bring the ministry of healing into our midst according to Your will. Grant healing, comfort, and faith to those who are in need this day. Stem the spread of the Corona virus, and guard the health of first responders and those ministering to the sick. Hear us as we pray for

them.

People: Hosanna in the highest; Lord, save us.

Pastor: Lord of life, Your death on Calvary's cross means life for

us. Today we pray the comfort of assurance of the resurrection to new life be with the families of all those who mourn the loss of loved ones this week. Grant them

comfort, hope, and assurance.

People: Hosanna in the highest; Lord, save us.

Pastor: Lord, during this Holy Week, strengthen our faith and trust

in You. As we move from the triumph of Palm Sunday with its cries of "Hosanna" to the institution of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday to the agony of Good Friday to the glories of Easter, be with us and send Your Spirit that our meditation on Your passion may move us to

greater love for You and for others.

People: Hosanna in the highest; Lord, save us.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we

pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our

Lord.

People: Amen.

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)





MESSAGE

"The Answer to "Hosanna" Can Only Be Found on the Cross"

Matthew 26:1-27:66, Philippians 2:5-11

Deacon Bob Hutchison

OFFERING (Please sign and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your pew. When finished, pass it back down your pew to the center aisle seat and the ushers will pick it up after the service.)

VOLUNTARY OFFERTORY



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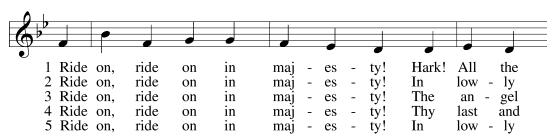
⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

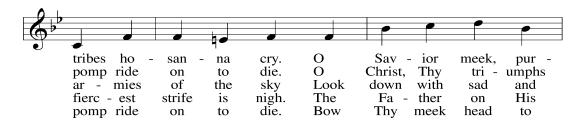
Pastor: This is the Passion of Our Lord.

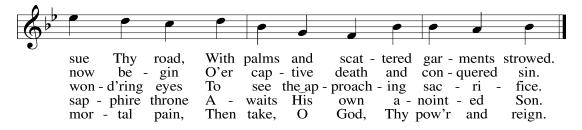
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"







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⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. ⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said.

People: "Truly this was the Son of God!"

Pastor: There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶ among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. ⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. 58 He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. ⁶² The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³ and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' 64 Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." ⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can."

. . Matthew 27:1-66

Pastor: ¹When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. ²And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.

³Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, ⁴ saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." 5 And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. ⁶ But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money." So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. 8 Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, 10 and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me." 11 Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." 12 But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. 15 Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶ And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

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"Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹ Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹ The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said,

People: "Barabbas."

Pastor: ²² Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is

called Christ?" They all said,

People: "Let him be crucified!"

Pastor: ²³ And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted

all the more,

People: "Let him be crucified!"

Pastor: So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather

that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood;

see to it yourselves." ²⁵ And all the people answered,

People: "His blood be on us and on our children!"

Pastor: ²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and having

scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,

People: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Pastor: And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him. ³² As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶ Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷ And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying,

People: "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

Pastor: So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,

People: 42 "He saved others; he cannot save himself.

Pastor: He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. ⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah".

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