



# PALM SUNDAY

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

Ascension Lutheran Church

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

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**Welcome** to all who are attending our service today. We are glad you are with us! To all guests and visitors, we especially extend our hands of friendship. May God bless the worship time for each one of you. Please come again!

**NURSERY AVAILABLE** We have an unstaffed nursery for your convenience and privacy. The nursery has audio and video so you may hear and see the worship service while attending to your child.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at the 8:30 service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and at the 11:00 service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

**For those wishing to commune at the Lords Table with us today:**

The Lutheran practice of close Communion attempts to prevent a person from eating and drinking judgment on himself (1 Corinthians 11:23–30). Thus, attendance at the Lords Supper implies a four-level commitment to Christ. We believe that communicants must: (1) be baptized Christians; (2) accept the real presence of Christs body in the bread and His blood in the wine; (3) confess and repent of ones sins and trust that God offers complete forgiveness of those sins in this Sacrament; and (4) share oneness of faith, doctrine and practice among those who commune. Those wishing to commune with us today who have not done so previously, please see the pastor or an elder before the service begins. (*Grape juice is available for those who do not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*)

***Para aquellos que desean participar en la Santa Cena con nosotros hoy:*** La práctica luterana de la comunión intenta evitar que una persona coma y beba el juicio de Dios sobre sí mismo (1 Corintios 11:23–30). Por lo tanto, la asistencia a la Cena del Señor implica un compromiso de cuatro niveles con Cristo. Creemos que los comulgantes deben: (1) ser bautizados como cristianos; (2) aceptar la presencia real del cuerpo de Cristo en el pan y Su sangre en el vino; (3) confesar y arrepentirse de sus pecados y confiar en que Dios ofrece el perdón completo de esos pecados en este Sacramento; y (4) compartir la unidad de fe, doctrina y práctica entre los que comulgan. Aquellos que desean comulgar con nosotros hoy que no lo han hecho anteriormente, por favor vean al pastor o un anciano antes de que comience el servicio. (*El jugo de uva está disponible para aquellos que no beben alcohol, y hostias libres de gluten están disponibles bajo petición.*)

## + PREPARATION +

### THEME: “FROM PALMS TO PASSION: JESUS FOR YOU”

**AS WE GATHER:** Today we are brought to the threshold of Holy Week. This was the day the Jewish people chose the Passover Lamb. How quickly things can change in a week! On this Palm Sunday, we see Jesus enter Jerusalem with palms, a symbol of victory, strewn in the road and being waved. Yet it was from that entry that Jesus went to show His true love—His passion—by dying on the cross on Friday. That death showed His love for you. By faith, we believe what Jesus did was for us. Everything about us—our sin, our eternal destination—changed that week because Jesus took the road from palms to passion. Receive what Jesus did for you by faith, knowing your home in heaven was paid for with the King’s ransom—His own blood.

## PRELUDE

### “Hosanna!”

Music by C. Gregor/arr. J. Bliersch

*Hosanna! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!*

*Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple  
The lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, Who had blessed them,  
Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises,  
The simplest and the best.*

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## INVOCATION AND RESPONSE

**P** In the name of the Father,

**C** who loved us unconditionally, even before the foundation of the world;

**P** and of His ✠ Son, Jesus,

- C** the name above all names, who came to pay a King's ransom for us;
- P** and of the Holy Spirit,
- C** who brings us to the faith and keeps us in the faith from the cradle to grave. Amen.
- P** Hosanna!
- C** Hosanna to the Son of David!
- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
- C** Hosanna in the highest!

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:12-19 (ESV)

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

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>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!" <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup>"Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your King is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So 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.

## ACCLAMATION

- P** All hail to Jesus, the King of our lives! Lift up your hearts and rejoice in Him!
- C** **He came from the very throne of God, but He gave that up to suffer a criminal's death on the cross.**
- P** But God raised Him up that the ends of the earth may bow before Him as their King!
- C** **Jesus Christ is Lord! Hosanna!**
- P** In Him is forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.
- C** **Have mercy on us, Lord! Bless us with Your peace! Hosanna! Hosanna!**

## ✠ PROCESSION OF PALMS ✠

The pastor, ushers, elders and others will place palm branches at the foot of the cross. The north side (piano side) of the congregation will then do the same, moving up the left side of the aisle, and returning to their seats by the opposite side of the aisle. The south side (pulpit side) will then do the same, moving up the center aisle, returning to their seats by the side aisle.

**“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

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**Ref: All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.**

- 1 You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessèd One. **(ref)**
- 2 The company of angels Is praising You on high,  
And we with all creation In chorus make reply. **(refrain)**
- 3 The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before You we present. **(ref)**
- 4 To You before Your passion They sang their hymns of praise;  
To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. **(refrain)**

- 5 As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King. **(ref)**

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Even though we sing joyful "hosannas" to our King, we come before You, Lord, aware of the sins that make us unworthy to praise You as we ought.
- We confess before You, Lord, that we have sinned against You.
- C** **We have sinned not only against You but one another, with what we have thought, what we have said, and by what we have or have not done.**
- P** We unseat You and put ourselves on the throne that belongs only to You.
- C** **Our pride in these and all sins deserves Your punishment, yet today we approach Your throne of grace, asking for Your mercy.**
- P** So I ask you now: are you sincere in this, your confession before God, and promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? If so, answer, "Yes, with the help of God."
- C** **Yes, with the help of God.**
- P** Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday to show His love for you at the cross. At the cross, He showed His passion for you by dying for your sins and paying the price we could not pay. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen! Thank You, Lord, for Your passion for us.**

## SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, on this day, You entered Jerusalem with pomp and circumstance, yet Your true passion was to be sacrificed for our sins. Help us, we pray, to look past the pomp and circumstance and see Your passion for us; we ask this in Your name, who with the Father and Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

## + THE WORD +

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 32:36-39 (ESV)

<sup>36</sup> 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. <sup>37</sup> Then He will say, "Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, <sup>38</sup> 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! <sup>39</sup> "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."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

## PRAYER AND LOVE-IN-ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

### "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"

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- 1 No tramp of soldiers' marching feet  
With banners and with drums,  
No sound of music's martial beat:  
"The King of glory comes!"  
To greet what pomp of kingly pride  
No bells in triumph ring,  
No city gates swing open wide:  
"Behold, behold your King!"
- 2 And yet He comes. The children cheer;  
With palms His path is strown.  
With ev'ry step the cross draws near:  
The King of glory's throne.  
Astride a colt He passes by  
As loud hosannas ring,  
Or else the very stones would cry  
"Behold, behold your King!"
- 3 What fading flow'rs His road adorn;  
The palms, how soon laid down!  
No bloom or leaf but only thorn  
The King of glory's crown.  
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries,  
The streets with tumult ring,  
As Pilate to the mob replies,  
"Behold, behold your King!"



4 Now He who bore for mortals' sake  
The cross and all its pains  
And chose a servant's form to take,  
The King of glory reigns.  
Hosanna to the Savior's name  
Till heaven's rafters ring,  
And all the ransomed host proclaim  
"Behold, behold your King!"

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## **SERMON**

### **"GOING AFTER JESUS"**

Pr. Jim Sprengle  
John 12:12-19

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**☐ 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.**

## **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*(Our offerings are made as an act of worship, given in loving response to all that God has graciously given us, both materially and spiritually.)*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**☐ Almighty God, King of the universe, we come before You humbly asking that You would hear our prayers and answer them according to Your will. We bow before You and give unto You our worship and praise.**

We worship You not because we love You, but You first loved us and gave the King's ransom to pay our sin debt. Lord in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** We thank You for the working of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives both to bring us to faith and keep us in the faith. Continue to open the eyes, that we might see Your entry with palms for what it really was—Your passion to save us. Lord in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** As we near the day of Your return, we see a world in turmoil. Help us, Prince of Peace, amid all the chaos, to keep our eyes fixed on You. Lord in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** You tell us in Your Word to remember those in authority. We lift up those who hold seats of power. For rulers in all places, we ask that Your Spirit would guide them and thwart Satan's power in all places. Lord in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** For Your church in all places, that the Gospel would be powerfully proclaimed this week, and the Holy Spirit stir faith in the hearts of many, use us according to Your will, that others may see the life of Jesus in us. Lord in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** We lift up those who are sick and those who are suffering...Be with them, ease their pain, and bring relief from sicknesses through doctors, nurses, medicines, and miracles to accomplish Your will in their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** We thank You for the blessings in our lives, and we celebrate these with our brothers and sisters... Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Before Your throne, almighty King, we lift these and all petitions of our hearts, trusting You will answer all according to Your will. We pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

**C** Amen.

## 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.

(8:30 service, please turn to page 14 for The Passion of Our Lord)

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

**We believe in the real presence of the body  
and blood of Christ in Holy Communion.**

**Here our Lord offers to us the forgiveness of all our sins.**

*(Grape juice is available in the center of the trays for those who do not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)*

## PREFACE

- 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

# + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

## AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb Of God

**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

## “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

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- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
 For weak and weary is my soul;  
 Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
 To satisfy and make me whole:

**Refrain Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
 Be for my soul the highest good!**

- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
 That sinners may salvation see  
 Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
 So I, a sinner, come to Thee. **(refrain)**

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: **(refrain)**

4 Weary am I and heavy laden;  
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden  
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. **(refrain)**

5 What higher gift can we inherit?  
It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
The covenant of hope and grace. **(refrain)**

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### **"My Song Is Love Unknown"**

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1 My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I That for my sake  
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?

2 He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know.  
But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed,  
Who at my need His life did spend!

3 Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath,  
And for His death They thirst and cry.

4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these  
Themselves displease And 'gainst Him rise.

- 5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes  
That He His foes From thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav'n was His home  
But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise  
I all my days Could gladly spend!

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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray.

We thank You, our gracious Father, King of the universe, for You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Through Your palms and passion and blood shed on Calvary, continue to do the sanctifying work through Your Holy Spirit by keeping us in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of our King and Lamb in His kingdom that has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## + THE PASSION OF OUR LORD +

### HOLY GOSPEL

**Matthew 26 and 27 (ESV)**

*(The congregation reads the parts in bold)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Passion of Our Lord.

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

## **JUDAS AGREES TO BETRAY JESUS (Mt 26:14-16, 21-25)**

<sup>14</sup>Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup>and said, "What will you give me if I deliver Him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup>And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray Him.<sup>21</sup>And as they were eating, He said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." <sup>22</sup>And they were very sorrowful and began to say to Him one after another,

**"Is it I, Lord?"**

<sup>23</sup>He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with Me will betray Me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." <sup>25</sup>Judas, who would betray Him, answered,

**"Is it I, Rabbi?"**

He said to him, "You have said so."

## **JESUS' PREDICTION OF PETER'S DENIAL (Mt 26:31-35)**

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of Me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' <sup>32</sup>But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." <sup>33</sup>Peter answered Him,

**"Though they all fall away because of You, I will never fall away."**

<sup>34</sup>Jesus said to Him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." <sup>35</sup>Peter said to Him,

**"Even if I must die with You, I will not deny You!"**

And all the disciples said the same.

## **JESUS PRAYS IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE (Mt 26:36-46)**

<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." <sup>37</sup>And taking with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup>Then He said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with Me." <sup>39</sup>And going a little farther He fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

**<sup>40</sup>And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping.**

And He said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with Me one hour?

<sup>41</sup>Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” <sup>42</sup>Again, for the second time, He went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, Your will be done.”

**<sup>43</sup>And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.**

<sup>44</sup>So, leaving them again, He went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. <sup>45</sup>Then He came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

<sup>46</sup>Rise, let us be going; see, My betrayer is at hand.”

### **JUDAS' BETRAYAL AND THE ARREST OF JESUS (Mt 26:47-56)**

<sup>47</sup>While He was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; seize Him.” <sup>49</sup>And he came up to Jesus at once and said,

**“Greetings, Rabbi!” And he kissed Him.**

<sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came to do.”

**Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him.**

<sup>51</sup>And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword.

<sup>53</sup>Do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once send Me more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup>But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?” <sup>55</sup>At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture Me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. <sup>56</sup>But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.”

**Then all the disciples left Him and fled.**



## **PETER'S DENIAL (Mt 26:69-75)**

<sup>69</sup>Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."

<sup>70</sup>But he denied it before them all, saying,

**"I do not know what you mean."**

<sup>71</sup>And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>72</sup>And again he denied it with an oath:

**"I do not know the man."**

<sup>73</sup>After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you."

<sup>74</sup>Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear,

**"I do not know the man."**

And immediately the rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup>And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

## **JESUS BEFORE PILATE (Mt 27:11-17, 21-26)**

<sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so."

<sup>12</sup>But when He was accused by the chief priests and elders, He gave no answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?" <sup>14</sup>But He gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, – so that the governor was greatly amazed. <sup>15</sup>Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" <sup>21</sup>The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said,

**"Barabbas."**

<sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said,

**"Let Him be crucified!"**

<sup>23</sup>And he said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they shouted all the more,

**"Let Him be crucified!"**

<sup>24</sup>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." <sup>25</sup>And all the people answered,

**"His blood be on us and on our children!"**

<sup>26</sup>Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered Him to be crucified.

### **THE SOLDIERS MOCK JESUS (Mt 27:27-31)**

<sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before Him. <sup>28</sup>And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him, <sup>29</sup>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,

**"Hail, King of the Jews!"**

<sup>30</sup>And they spit on Him and took the reed and struck Him on the head. <sup>31</sup>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.

### **JESUS' CRUCIFIXION (Mt 27:32-44)**

<sup>32</sup>As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry His cross. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup>they offered Him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when He tasted it, He would not drink it. <sup>35</sup>And when they had crucified Him, they divided His garments among them by casting lots. <sup>36</sup>Then they sat down and kept watch over Him there. <sup>37</sup>And over His head they put the charge against Him, which read,

**"This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."**

<sup>38</sup>Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup>And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying,

**"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."**

<sup>41</sup>So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked Him, saying,

**<sup>42</sup> “He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in Him. <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God; let God deliver Him now, if He desires Him. For He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”**

<sup>44</sup>And the robbers who were crucified with Him also reviled Him in the same way.

### **THE DEATH OF JESUS (Mt 27:45-54)**

<sup>45</sup>Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup>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?” <sup>47</sup>And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said,

**“This man is calling Elijah.”**

<sup>48</sup>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. <sup>49</sup>But the others said,

**“Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him.”**

<sup>50</sup>And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up His spirit. <sup>51</sup>And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup>The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, <sup>53</sup>and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

<sup>54</sup>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,

**“Truly this was the Son of God!”**

### **JESUS’ BURIAL (Mt 27:57-61)**

<sup>57</sup>When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup>He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. <sup>59</sup>And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud <sup>60</sup>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. <sup>61</sup>Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

## PILATE POSTS A GUARD (Mt 27:62-66)

<sup>62</sup>Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup>and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while He was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ <sup>64</sup>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.” <sup>65</sup>Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” <sup>66</sup>So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

**P** This is the Passion of our Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:23–26

**P** Your King cares for you! Receive His blessing through the words of the Aaronic benediction, by which He said, “Thus you shall bless the people.” Receive that benediction, your King’s blessing:

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.

*(We depart in silence as we anticipate the journey of our Lord to the cross.)*

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*Thank you to John and Wendy Hazen for the lovely Altar flowers  
in honor of Ty and Aiden’s birthday given to the glory of God.*

**† COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT**

- Saturday, April 19 at 10:30am
- Children under 5 only from 10:30 to 10:45am
- Children 5 to 10 may join in at 10:45am
- Children over 10 may join in at 11:00am
- Join us in Vance Park next to Ascension

If you are interested in volunteering or donating to this event, email Cindy Reinert at [cinrein@live.com](mailto:cinrein@live.com)

**† EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST**

The Human Care Board invites you to our Annual Easter Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday April 20 from 9:30 to 10:45am. This special event will support the Benevolence Fund, which provides assistance to those in need.

Advance tickets are still available today, but no advance purchase is required. Be sure to hold onto your ticket, as it will also enter you into a drawing for door prizes! The cost is \$5 per adult, and children under 10 eat free. Freewill offerings are also welcome and appreciated.

If you'd like to contribute food items, check out the whiteboard in the Narthex.

**† CALLIGRAPHY CLASS OFFERED AGAIN**

Calligraphy class will continue through May 28th from 2:00 to 3:30pm in the community room. The class is \$2 and all supplies are provided! Everyone is welcome. Call Carolyn Gordon with any questions: 503-674-6713

**† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

Bonnie Webber, The Family of Carol Hoefer, The Family of Karla Deal, The Family of Dick Clausen (brother of Kaye Beaulieu), Randy Bryant's sister-in-law (Diana), Riki Neagle, Bobbie Adams, Mike Fogarty, Jan Galberth, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Mae Smith, Ed Hubbard, Alma Bangs, Virginia Jacob's brother (Robert), Esperanza Gutierrez' mother (Antonia), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Larry Hart, \*Mel and Lorraine Haggard. \*Home Bound.

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**MILESTONES – Sunday, April 13 – Saturday, April 19**

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**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:**

Laura Potter	Apr. 13	Debbie Walter	Apr. 14
Barbara Patch	Apr. 15	Cody Brown	Apr. 16
Rose Cassetty	Apr. 16	Wanda Cassetty	Apr. 16
Samantha Brannies	Apr. 16	Merci McInaney	Apr. 17
Arielle Reinert	Apr. 19		

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Chuck Becker	Apr. 13	Julie Williamson	Apr. 14
Keilah Woods	Apr. 14	Cecelia Zuriega	Apr. 14
Dan Anderson	Apr. 16	Laura Potter	Apr. 16
Ty Fogarty	Apr. 17	Sylvia Guthrie	Apr. 17

**WEDDINGS:** None

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., APRIL 13, 2025**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Dave Oswald	Randy Schroeder
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jim Eckart Stan Chapulis	John Aden Matthias McInaney <b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Tom Osgood	Wyatt Brown
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Teresa Osgood	Katherine Houk
<b>Greeters:</b>	Millie Edwards	Carrie Graham
<b>Readers:</b>	Joann Schulz	Sue Rotramel
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Barb Cochran	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: John and Wendy Hazen	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Dave and Jan Oswald (April 9 and 13)	
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am: Michele Sprengle and Carrie Graham	

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## **ASSISTING MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025**

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**MAUNDY THURSDAY**     **7:00pm**  
**Elder:** John Hazen  
**Ushers:** John Aden  
Stan Chapulis  
**Audio/Visual:** Laura Potter  
**PowerPoint:** Michele Sprengle  
**Greeters:** Nancy Thomas / Warren Thompson  
**Altar Guild:** Both Services: All Altar Guild  
**Counters:** Both Services: Bob and Elena Ritchie

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## **ASSISTING IN SERVICE GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025**

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**GOOD FRIDAY**     **7:00pm**  
**Elder:** Randy Schroeder  
**Ushers:** John Aden  
Stan Chapulis  
**Audio/Visual:** J. E. Knox  
**PowerPoint:** Rosemary Knox  
**Greeters:** Margo Bachhuber  
**Altar Guild:** Both Services: All Altar Guild  
**Counters:** Both Services: Bob and Elena Ritchie

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## **ASSISTING IN SERVICE EASTER, SUN., APRIL 20, 2025**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Bruce Blubaum	John Hazen
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	John Aden Mike Adams	Bob Freeman Bob Freeman
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	J. E. Knox
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Debbie Rekdahl	Rosemary Knox
<b>Greeters:</b>	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Carrie Graham Christian Freeman Esperanza Gutierrez
<b>Readers:</b>	Carlyn Staudt	Michele Sprengle
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: All Altar Guild	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: Kysa and Stephen Schaeffer	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Bob and Elena Ritchie	
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am: No Class Today	

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., APRIL 13 – SAT., APRIL 19

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<b>Sunday, April 13</b>	8:30am	Worship
Palm Sunday	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/ Communion
<b>Monday, April 14</b>	1:00pm	Stewardship Board Mtg.
	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Wednesday, April 16</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday, April 17</b>	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
<b>Friday, April 18</b>	7:00pm	Good Friday Worship
	8:00pm	<i>Special</i> Bell Practice
<b>Saturday, April 19</b>	10:30am	Easter Egg Hunt

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## EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., APRIL 20 – SAT., APRIL 26

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<b>Sunday, April 20</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:30am	Easter Breakfast
Easter Sunday	11:00am	Worship
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
<b>Monday, April 21</b>	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Wednesday, April 23</b>		NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE
<b>Thursday, April 24</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, April 25</b>	5:30pm	Confirmation



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