



LUKE 19:38

Blessed
is the king
who comes
in the name
of the Lord!



+ Palm Sunday +

April 10, 2022

AS WE GATHER

The words of the prophet Zechariah echo throughout this special day: “Behold your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey” (Zechariah 9:9). On this day, we remember how Jesus Christ, the King of all creation, came down the Mount of Olives riding “a colt, the foal of a donkey.” We know the time and the place of that coming down the hill and traveling in procession across the valley and up to the city of Jerusalem. Jesus rode down a real mountain in a definite time in history and at a place still very much there today. All this was for a most certain purpose. On this day of celebration and of sorrow, we have reason to rejoice in the salvation our humble King brought for us to and through Jerusalem and to the cross on Calvary’s hill. The people there called out Hosanna!—which means “save us now!” And Jesus fulfilled their—and our—heart-felt request.

The pottery vessels on the altar remind us that although Holy Communion is not celebrated today, our Lord’s sacred gifts are still central to our life of faith. Holy Communion is celebrated every 1st, 3rd, and 5th weekend (and major festivals).

Liturgical Color:

Scarlet is the color of blood—associated with the Lord’s passion (suffering).

Near the large cross by the pulpit is a basket with slips of paper, pencils, and tacks. Feel free to write down any of your burdens, worries, wrongs, and sins and tack them to the cross at any time during this season of Lent. They will not be read but removed on Good Friday and burned in the Easter Vigil fire on Holy Saturday. Our Lord takes our darkness and replaces it with his light!

Visitors: We are glad you have chosen to be with us today! We would especially like to follow-up with you beyond today, so please take a moment to leave your best contact information in the guest books at each entrance/exit or in the Record of Fellowship books found on each pew. A cry-room for parents and children is just off from the front entryway, and there’s a wonderful nursery downstairs at the end of the fellowship hall for you to make use of at any time. Do you have any questions about anything here? Don’t hesitate to ask one of the ushers or elders, or talk to the pastor.

Procession of Palms

Please rise and turn to face the Narthex

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.
- C** 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. Amen.

The Holy Gospel John 12:1, 9-19

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

Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

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

"Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

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. 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. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. 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.

(All are welcome to wave a palm while singing the processional hymn.)

Processional Hymn..... "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #443



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
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 - joyce!

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

C Hosanna in the highest

Opening Sentences

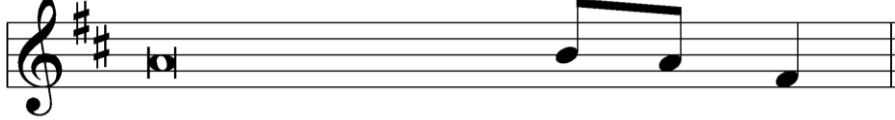
- P** All hail to Jesus, the King of our lives! Lift up your hearts and rejoice in Him!
- C** He came from the very throne of God, but He gave that up to suffer a criminal's death on the cross.
- P** But God raised Him up that the ends of the earth may bow before Him as their King!
- C** Jesus Christ 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!

Matins

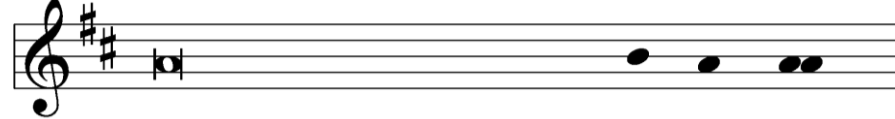
Opening Verses..... page 219



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



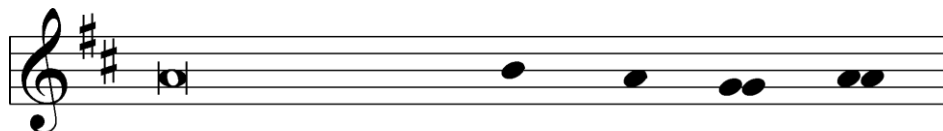
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Psalmody

Antiphon (*Lent*)..... page 220

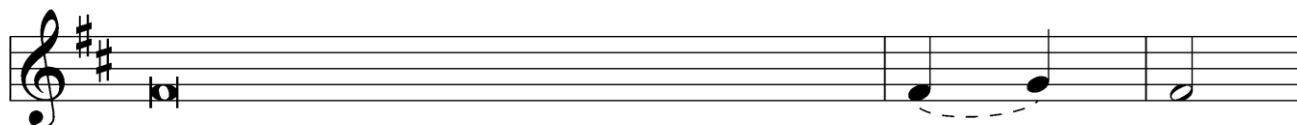


L The Lord has re - deemed His peo - ple.



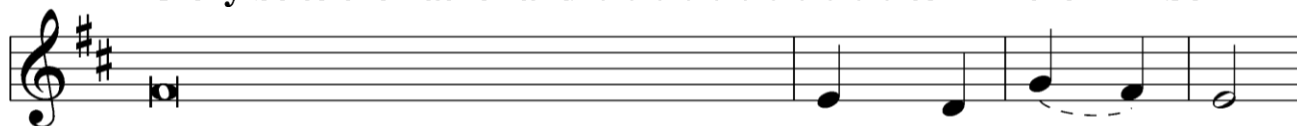
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite..... pages 220-221



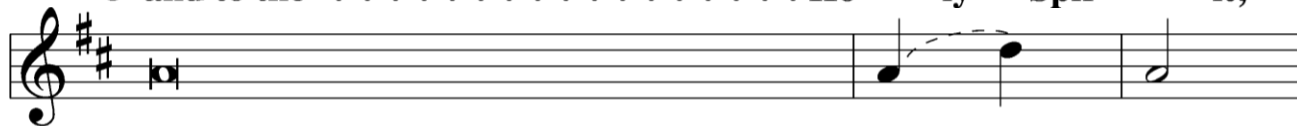
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

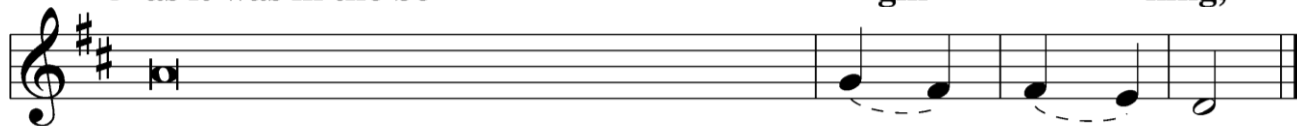


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



L The Lord has re - deemed His peo - ple.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Psalm 31:9-16.....(*spoken responsively*)

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;

my eye is wasted from grief;

my soul and my body also.

For my life is spent with sorrow,

and my years with sighing;

my strength fails because of my iniquity,

and my bones waste away.

Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,

especially to my neighbors,

and an object of dread to my acquaintances;

those who see me in the street flee from me.

I have been forgotten like one who is dead;

I have become like a broken vessel.

For I hear the whispering of many—

terror on every side!—

as they scheme together against me,

as they plot to take my life.

But I trust in you, O LORD;

I say, “You are my God.”

My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

Make your face shine on your servant;

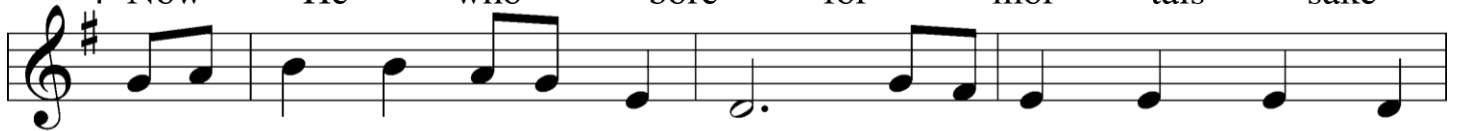
save me in your steadfast love!

Sit

Office Hymn "No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet" #444



1 No tramp of soldiers' march - ing feet
 2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;
 4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake



With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's
 With palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
 The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
 The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"
 cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne.
 on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown.
 form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.



To greet what pomp of king - ly pride
 A - stride a colt He pass - es by
 The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,
 Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name



No bells in tri - umph ring, No cit - y gates swing
 As loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y
 The streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the
 Till heav - en's raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

Readings

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 32:36-39

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.

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

"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."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading Philippians 2:5-11

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

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel Luke 22:1-13

Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people.

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

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" He said to them, "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 and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory (Lent) *page 222*



- L** 1 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
- 2 Blessed is he whose
transgression is for - giv - en and whose sin is put a - way.
- 3 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.



C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered
for the sins of the peo-ple.

Sit

Children's Song "Palm Sunday Song for Children"

Children's Message

Sermon..... "The Passover of Passion & Compassion"

Rite of Confirmation

Jeremy Allison
Colossians 2:6-7

Noah Lipham
Ephesians 6:13-15

Jordan Martin
Joshua 1:9

Mike Rich
Ephesians 2:8-10

Stand

Canticle

Hymn of Praise..... "Praise Be to Christ" #538



1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see The im - age of the
2 Praise be to Him whose sov - 'reign sway And will up - holds cre -
3 Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High, The full - ness of the



Fa - ther shown, The first-born Son re - vealed and known, The truth and
a - tion's plan; Who is, be - fore all worlds be - gan And when our
God-head shares; And yet our hu - man na - ture bears, Who came as



grace of de - i - ty; Through whom cre - a - tion came to birth,
world has passed a - way: Lord of the Church, its life and head,
man to bleed and die. And from His cross there flows our peace



Whose fin - gers set the stars in place, The un - seen pow'rs, and
Re - demp - tion's price and source and theme, A - live, the first - born
Who chose for us the path He trod, That so might sins and



this small earth, The fur - thest bounds of time and space.
from the dead, To reign as all - in - all su - preme.
sor - rows cease And all be rec - on - ciled to God.

Offering

Worshippers may place their offerings into the plate located at the entrance.

“Through him (Jesus) then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13:15-16)

Prayer

Kyrie.....page 227



Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer.....“Father in Heaven”



1 Fa - ther in heav - en, gra - cious God a - bove,
2 Your king - dom come, Your rule of love with - in;
3 Give us this day our dai - ly bread, we pray;
4 Lead us, O Lord, and keep our foot - steps true
5 Yours, Lord, a - lone the king - dom, pow'r, and praise;



Bold - ly we come be - fore Your throne of love:
Lord, by Your Spir - it turn our hearts from sin.
Thank You for all Your gifts to us each day.
When we are tempt - ed to a - ban - don You.
Your glo - rious reign shall last for end - less days . . .



Ho - ly Your name of tri - une maj - es - ty,
Your will be done in ev - 'ry place on earth,
For - give our debts, our debt - ors we for - give—
Keep us from e - vil, res - cue us from harm;
“Yes, yes, dear Lord!” With faith we say a - gain:



May all we do re - flect Your pu - ri - ty.
 As it is done where an - gels sing Your worth.
 Your mer - cy known, Your mer - cy we must live.
 Lord, let Your love our fears at death dis - arm.
 "So shall it be— A - men! A - men! A - men!"

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Collects.....*page 233*



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day *(in unison)*

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. Amen.

Additional Collects ending Amen.

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, or Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus.....*page 228*



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction.....page 228



P The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

Sending Hymn.....*"The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns" #532*



1	The	Head	that	once	was	crowned	with	thorns	Is
2	The	high - est	place	that	heav'n	af - fords			Is
3	The	Joy	of	all	who	dwell	a - bove,		The
4	To	them	the	cross,	with	all	its	shame,	With



crowned	with	glo - ry	now;	A	roy - al	di - a -	
His,	is	His	by right,	The	King	of kings	and
Joy	of	all	be - low	To	whom	He	man - i -
all	its	grace,	is giv'n;	Their	name	an	ev - er -



dem	a - dorns	The	might - y	Vic - tor's	brow.
Lord	of lords,	And	heav'n's	e - ter - nal	Light;
fest	His love	And	grants	His	name to know.
last - ing	name,	Their	joy	the	joy of heav'n.

5	They suffer with their Lord below,	6	The cross He bore is life and health,
	They reign with Him above,		Though shame and death to Him:
	Their profit and their joy to know		His people's hope, His people's wealth,
	The myst'ry of His love.		Their everlasting theme.

Dismissal (Bethlehem's Mission)

P Grow in Christ,

C Live in Love and Share the Faith!

Postlude Jerrode Marsh

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Next week's readings:

OT: Isaiah 65:17-25; Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Attendance Last Saturday: 35

Attendance Last Sunday: 75

Lenten Midweek Attendance: 43

Total Offering: \$6,572.00

Missions: \$0.00

Home Use: \$5,832.00

Benevolences: \$740.00

Serving us today:

Elders.....Ricky Bertels, Jack Easterwood

MusicianJerrode Marsh

Altar Committee.....Darlene Laubenstein (Chair), Erika Freeman, Peggy Hoyer,
Lynn Lowe, Cindy Smith, Rebecca Stewart

Flower Committee Lana Vanderburgh (Chair), Karen Haase

This Week's Schedule

Sunday	12:00 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
	2:30 p.m.	Country Club Care Center Service
Monday	10:00 a.m.	Moms and Tots
	6:00 p.m.	Mary Martha Guild Meeting
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Pastor at Warrensburg Christian School
	1:00 p.m.	Games and Cards Group
	5:00 p.m.	Altar Bread Making
	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service <i>(Service will be livestreamed)</i>
Friday	12:00 p.m.	Good Friday Noonday Prayer Service
	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service <i>(Service will be livestreamed)</i>
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
	7:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil Service <i>(Begins out front)</i>

Sunday	6:30 a.m.	Greet the Rising “Sun/Son” Prayer Service (<i>Out front</i>)
	7:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Communion Service
	10:30 a.m.	Easter Celebration Communion Service (<i>Service will be livestreamed</i>)

Prayers

For Those Preparing for Baptism & Confirmation—The forty days of Lent are preparation for the annual remembrance of Jesus’ crucifixion and Easter resurrection, as well as a call to greater awareness of our baptismal life together “dying and rising” daily in Christ’s newness of life. Keep in your prayers Kersten, Trevor, and Connor Thomas (who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil service), as well as Jeremy Allison, Noah Lipham, Jordan Martin, and Mike Rich who will be confirmed in the Church’s life of faith today. May the Holy Spirit lead us all to fuller life together as the Body of Christ!

For Sustenance, Healing, and Provision—We remember those who are dealing with illness, are homebound or in nursing homes, are undergoing and recovering from surgery, as well as going through hospitalization and rehabilitation: Leora Baack (Charlene McCarter’s mother), Melvin Bockelman, Paula Brewer, Felisa Brown, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Barbara Compton, Marion & Leona Droege, Wilma Gertz, Ralph Hein, Maxine Jaeger, Mary Johnson, Marty Lehn, Judy Pierce, Maryanna Savery, Rose Steitz, and Joe Zeman.

For Pregnant Mothers (& Waiting Fathers), especially Samantha & Nathan Schultz (Mark and Felisa Brown’s daughter & son-in-law). May the Lord grant good health and joyful expectation!

For Military Members—We remember all service and support personnel who are deployed and stationed away from us and their families: Andy Burden, Ty Carter, Gabe Crespo, Luke Lockard (the Limback’s grandson) and Chance Hillsman.

Prayer Requests & Spiritual Care—If you would like to make a prayer request, contact Pr. Joel or email the church office. Also, if you’re feeling the strain and needing to talk and be encouraged in the living of life from day to day, don’t hesitate to call or text Pr. Joel or contact your elder or the church office. We rely upon the Holy Spirit and his gifts in Christ during every time of uncertainty, and can never be thankful enough for the gift of each other!

Worship Services

Saturday Services start at 5:30 p.m. Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m. Sunday’s Services are live on Facebook and YouTube and the webpage at blchurch.com.

Finish the Lenten Journey with Joseph—The last thirteen of Genesis’s fifty chapters deal exclusively with the epic saga of Joseph. While his name means “he adds/increases,” for a long stretch it seemed nothing but unlucky—subtraction and decreasing to say the least! Nevertheless, Joseph’s life of being sinned against by others became a powerful demonstration of the Lord’s faithful mercy and freeing forgiveness. It’s really no surprise that surveying the pivotal events of his life helps us grasp more insightfully the suffering and saving life-work of Jesus. **Join us for Good Friday** as we conclude *A Lenten Journey with Joseph* and see how it all relates to the intersection of our lives with Joseph’s—and more, with the cross of Jesus. The theme on Good Friday is *Forgiveness Finished*.

Holy Week & Easter Sunday Services—Please check the calendar or the end of the bulletin for all of the Holy Week services and times; plan to attend and invite others!

The Men’s Club will be handing out *hot cross buns* on Easter morning in lieu of their traditional Easter breakfast—like they did for the first time last year. The *hot cross buns* will be made by Warrensburg’s own Green Truck Bakery the day before. Keep your eyes open to learn more about these special rolls and their meaning for Easter Sunday.

Sunday School and Christian Education

Sunday School for PreK-12th grade begins at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity for children and youth to grow in knowledge of Scripture and in love toward the Lord and our neighbors, as Jesus said matters most! **No Sunday School on Easter Sunday.**

Vacation Bible School is fast approaching and we need your help! If you can fill one of the following roles during the week of **June 5-9 (5:30-8:00 p.m.)**, please contact Ellen Pederson. Consider these ways to assist with VBS:

Thrivent Action Grants—To help us provide dinner each night for our VBS participants and volunteers, we are hoping that Thrivent members could once again request two action grants to cover the cost of meal supplies.

Registration (1-2 people)—Welcome participants and hand out name tags; volunteer for just one night or all five; this role would be from 5:00-5:45 each evening.

Story Reader—Read and discuss the evening’s Bible story with each group of children; volunteer for just one night or all five.

Science station—perform a small (scripted) science demonstration for each group of children and discuss what it illustrates about God; volunteer for just one night or all five.

Music (2 people)—Teach the children several songs and actions; lead the children in these songs during nightly opening and closing as well as the final program Thursday evening.

Team Leaders (3-4 people)—Stay with a group of children as they transition from one station to the next; help at each station as needed (i.e. handing out art supplies, etc.).

Home Devotions/Education

Reflecting on Jesus' Cross (and Ours) this Lent—A wooden cross and devotional card was handed out Ash Wednesday. Pick up your last item (The Rock) on Good Friday and keep reflecting on and sharing the passages, as well as praying the prayer on the back!

The April Lutheran Witness is here with a celebration of 175 years since the signing of its first constitution. This issue offers a small peek into the LCMS history.

Life Together as Synod—LCMS has put out a new video series exploring our “Life Together as Synod”. What does it mean for you to be a part of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod? These videos are accompanied by a free, downloadable talk sheet with suggestions for studying Scripture and questions for further discussion. Learn more and view the “Life Together” video series at resources.lcms.org/life-together-as-synod-video-series.

Faith Discussion and Bible Study

Sunday Bible Study is working through the book *Death, Heaven, Resurrection, and the New Creation* (by Concordia Seminary faculty) and discussing our way through Scripture and personal experiences so that we can all be strengthened in believing and living through Christ's own life, death, and resurrection. Plan to join us **in the conference room from 9:15 to 10:10 a.m.! No Bible study on Easter Sunday!**

Wednesday Bible Study is currently exploring the short book of the prophet Nahum. Join us **in the conference room from 10:30 to noon** as we see what we can learn for him long ago that meets us in the here and now.

Thursday “Lent—Pentecost Zoom Bible Study is on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. We are discussing God's forgiving love for us in Christ Jesus. This Bible Study focuses on the scripture readings each Sunday. If you would like to join, please contact Cindy or Rebecca if you are interested in joining this class.

Opportunities to Help & Serve

Holy Thursday Altar Bread Making—Join us in the kitchen as we pray our way through the steps and make the bread to be used for the Communion service that

evening. Anyone is welcome to participate on the **14th at 5:00 p.m.**

The LCMS has called for “Help for Ukraine” through a recently established webpage (lcms.org/Ukraine). The site provides regular updates to inform the prayers of the church as well as links that provide additional information on how to help our Lutheran brothers and sisters in Ukraine. One link includes a sermon preached by the Rev. Serge Maschewski, bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine.

Spring Garden Work! Keep your eyes open for opportunities to help with the ongoing transformation of our Bethlehem Community Garden to raised beds and all sorts of other necessary and enjoyable tasks involved in planting and growing this year. **Plan on being here Saturday, April 23, from 9:30-noon to help get a lot accomplished before our SHINE! Event on the 30th** (UCM students will hopefully be here helping that day too)!

Bethlehem’s 2022 SHINE! Event—Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 30, from 10-noon** (plus early and after for set-up and take-down) as we host an outdoor community outreach event called *Grow Green—Glow & Glean*. The morning will focus on stewardship living which is rooted in the Lord’s Good Earth and known by growth, harvest, and generous sharing. Hopefully there’ll be workshops, hands-on planting, free seeds and free raffles, information to glean, plus an appearance by the Green Lantern. This is our unique congregational effort, as part of the district-wide outreach initiative, so the more members who help—including in the planning and preparation—the better! Let the church office know if you’d like to help and in what way, *plus keep your eyes open for upcoming planning & preparation*.

Worship Readers/Lectors—Please consider volunteering to assist in congregational worship by reading the first two Scripture passages during Saturday or Sunday services! There is a sign-up sheet on the board by the mailboxes, and the Scripture readings are listed by each date. Pr. Joel is available to provide suggestions for those who’d like to have some.

The Warrensburg Food Center is in need of the following items: canned vegetables, beans, diced tomatoes, hamburger helper, coffee (regular instant-no pods), dry cereal (regular boxes), tuna and chicken pouches, Vienna sausages, spam, Poptarts, juice pouches, Gatorade type drinks with electrolytes, stick deodorant, chapstick, small body lotions, medium size cloth or vinyl bags with sturdy handles, large backpacks (not book bags), dish soap and toilet paper. (No mac and cheese or dry beans). Please throw in a few items when you are doing your grocery shopping to help the Food Center. You can place them in the basket by the bulletin board at the north entrance of the building for delivery to the Food Center.

Fellowship

Mary Martha Guild will be meeting on **Monday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m.** Karen Haase and Karon Harding will be presenting a prayer service program. Members of the Mary-Martha Guild are privileged to participate in Bethlehem's worship during Holy Week by preparing Communion, changing/hanging appropriate banners, changing paraments, as well as other appropriate things as needed. If you would like to help please get in touch with Darlene Laubenstein.

Easter Egg Hunt—The Fellowship Board will be having an Easter Egg Hunt for children on **Saturday, April 15, starting at 11:00 a.m.** Bring your Easter baskets ready to hunt 500 eggs. There will also be 3 special **GOLDEN EGGS** and a visit from **the Easter Bunny.**

Exercise Class is being held at **9:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** in the Fellowship Hall. This class is low impact exercise open to anyone, men or women. For more information, contact Judy Smith.

The Games and Card Group meets on **Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Youth room downstairs. Anyone, men and women, are welcome to come. If you have any questions, please contact Melvin Theroff.

The Quilting Group meets on the **second and fourth Tuesday** of the month from **9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.** (September through May). Anyone is welcome to help with this project. No special sewing skills needed. Bring your own lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Georgia Luker.

This & That

Women's Easter Breakfast—The LWML of Immanuel, Higginsville is hosting an Easter breakfast on **Saturday, April 16 at 8:30 am** in the church basement. We invite all ladies of our community to join us for breakfast and fellowship as we share our faith and love for our Savior. Our guest speaker will be Linda Nielson who will present "His Miracle-Working Power in My Life". The offering collected will be given to Lutheran Family and Children Services and Senior Services. We hope you can join us!

Easter Hymn Festival on April 24 at 3:00 p.m. at the chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus in St Louis. This concert features the St. Louis Lutheran Chorale, the Concordia Seminary String Ensemble and the Clarion Bass. To watch this live you can go to csl.edu/live.

The Warrensburg Community Center is blooming with art from Mid-Missouri Artists who are displaying results from their 2021 Art Challenge, "Flowers." Several BLC members have art in the show which can be viewed through **April 26.**

Benefit Concert—Save the date for **Sunday, May 8 (Mother’s Day)**, at **4:00 p.m.** Bethlehem will be holding a benefit concert for the women and children refugees in Central Europe. The concert will focus on prayer and peace. Participants will include members of the St. Paul Singing Saints and members of the Sedalia Symphony. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Pastor Joel or Jerrode Marsh.

Country Kitchen Cards are available! You can get 10 buy-one, get-one meal **FREE** coupons for just **\$10.00**. All proceeds go towards helping the youth group. See a youth member, or you can stop by the office and purchase one.

Ongoing thanks to those who generously give to the Bethlehem Emergency Fund, which enables Pr. Joel to assist members and certain people in the community who are in crisis situations. Much appreciation for your good support!

Offerings

Simply Giving is the online program for donations and offerings. The website has changed a bit recently. If you need assistance, please let the office know and we will provide you with the steps to start it or help you change where you place your funds.

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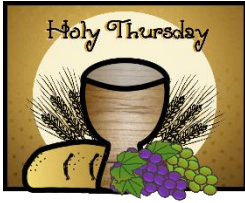
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HOLY WEEK



MAUNDAY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

(Service will be livestreamed)

April 14-7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY NOONDAY PRAYER

April 15-12:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

(Service will be livestreamed)

April 15-7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

(Begins out front)

April 16-7:00 p.m.

GREET THE RISING "SUN/SON"

(Begins out front)

April 17-6:30 a.m.

EASTER SUNRISE COMMUNION SERVICE

April 17-7:00 a.m.

EASTER CELEBRATION COMMUNION SERVICE

(Service will be livestreamed)

April 17-10:30 a.m.

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Our Mission

· Grow in Christ · Live in Love · Share the Faith

Our Vision

To be a community of believers, disciples, and servants while we deepen our personal faith and reach others for Christ.



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Please note that Bethlehem Lutheran Church has a closed-circuit video system. This allows for live streaming on the web, viewing of the service on screens in the building and helps to enhance our security. Please see a trustee or an elder if you have any questions.