MARCH 24, 2024 PALM SUNDAY/THE PASSION OF OUR LORD CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 467 Main St., P. O. Box 494 CONYNGHAM, PA 18219



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Weekly Worship:

Saturday @ 5:00pm Sunday @ 10:30am

MISSION STATEMENT

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church is a redeemed family of God's people empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the love of God in Jesus Christ in this community and in the world.

As an active and growing congregation, we share ourselves, our time, and our possessions to serve the Lord by serving others. Inspired in worship, nurtured through teaching, supported with fellowship, and strengthened by prayer, we reach out to others with the Gospel, now and in future generations.

Patterson Derr - Minister of Music/Treasurer Cynthia Derr – Church Secretary/Congregation Council Secretary Sexton – Margie Yost Congregation Council – Betty Anne Bernstein, Julia Bobrowski, Joyce Bradbury, Beth Brown Barbara DeLong, Jean Frye, Deb Jones, Marty Kellow (president), Dave Kisenwether, Tyler Russell, Scott Steiner, Jessica Thorne(vice-president). Designated Pastor – Rev. Wayne Lupole

Welcome in the name of Christ, whose church this is! If you are seeking a church home, please notify the church office. Contact information is on the front of the bulletin.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE: Hearing Assistive Devices are located on the table at the entrance to the worship space. An ADA Compliant restroom and changing station are located in the entrance hallway. A first aid kit, water, juice and snacks are in the kitchenette adjacent to the Parlor (main entrance room).

FOR SECURITY: During worship, only the upper-level main entrance doors are openall other doors are locked.

Have any questions? An usher will be glad to help you!

Individual communion cups are ready for pick up for you to use at home. They are inside the front door of the parlor and may be picked up during office hours. Please help yourself. You may also commune with what you have handy at home; bread, crackers, juice, wine, etc.

Our Sunday morning 10:30am service is on our FaceBook page "Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation' or catch the service on the website video tab using 'clcconyngham.org'. The bulletin is on the web site using the bulletin tab.

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH MARCH 24, 2024 PALM SUNDAY/THE PASSION OF OUR LORD 10:30am Worship Service

PRELUDE

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Melchior Teschner-arr. Jan Sanborn

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>GATHERING</u>

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

THANKSGIVING

- \mathcal{P} The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- \mathcal{P} Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- \mathcal{P} We praise you, o God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

PROCESSION

- \mathcal{P} Let us go forth in peace,
- C in the name of the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
- C Hosanna in the highest!

GREETING

- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **C** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

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ANTHEM

"The Palms" Celebration Singers

<u>word</u>

A READING FROM ISAIAH

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Faure

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L Please join in reading the Psalm - Congregation responses are in **bold** type

Psalm 31:9-16

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.
¹²Like the dead I am forgotten ,out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.
¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.
¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

A READING FROM PHILLIPIANS

Philippians 2:5-11

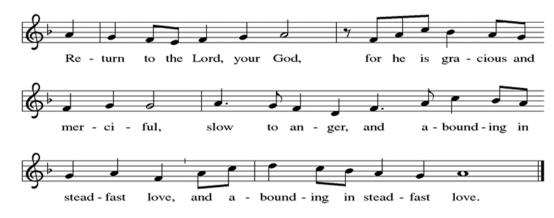
Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God!

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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HYMN OF THE DAY "Ride on, Ride on, In Majesty" Page 22 of bulletin

APOSTLES' CREED

 \mathcal{P} Let us join in confessing our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

С I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again: he ascended into heaven. he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body. and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

- A Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.

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A Establish peace and justice among the nation. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love, Especially we pray for all those on our prayer list and others we name in our hearts *(pause)*..... Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

- A Give energy and joy to our pastor/s, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. Bless baptismal candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, and teachers. Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life.
- C Your mercy is great.
- Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- **C** Amen.

<u>MEAL</u>

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- \mathcal{P} The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Please greet each other as you are comfortable.

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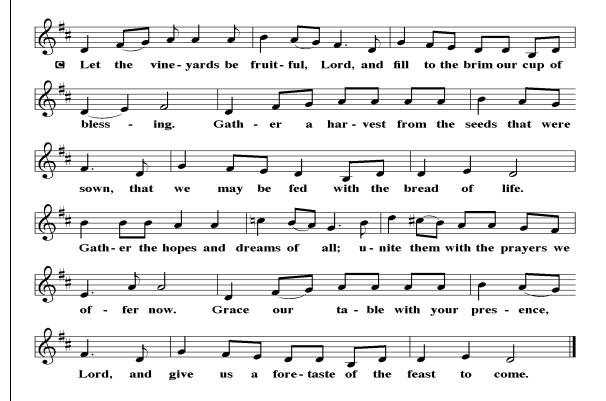
OFFERING

ANTHEM

"Let the Rocks Cry Out" Celebration Singers Lloyd Larson

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OFFERTORY



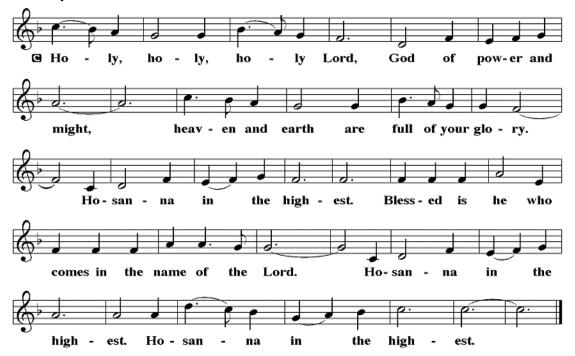
OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A In thanksgiving for our offerings, let us pray. Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.
 Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness.
 Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace.
 We pray this in your name.
- C Amen

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- \mathcal{P} The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- \mathcal{P} Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- \mathcal{P} Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{P}}$ Holy God,

our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you. You led your people Israel through the desert,

and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world. Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen

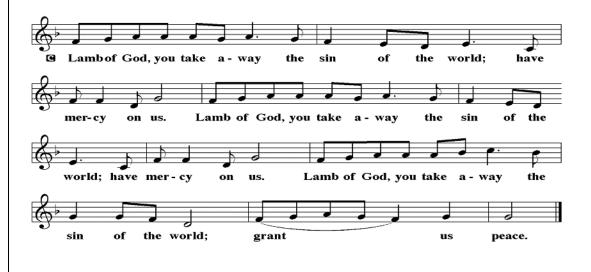
LORD'S PRAYER

- \mathcal{P} Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread for the journey.A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

COMMUNION



HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - please be seated.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS WILL RECEIVE FIRST

Gia Conston, Thomas Pecora, Kali Prushinski, Eli Sniscak and Mason Yatsko

Those using the pre-filled communion elements and the people on Facebook will take communion first. Those taking communion from the altar will receive next. Proceed forward from your pew toward the altar. The Lectern side (right facing Altar) will proceed first and then the Pulpit side (left facing Altar). Pick up an empty communion glass as you approach, or use a cup filled with grape juice. Receive the bread and eat the wafer, then the assistant will fill your cup with wine and drink. Deposit empty cups in the bowls provided on the way back to your pews and be seated. If you need a gluten-free wafer, come forward with your arms crossed in front of you.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

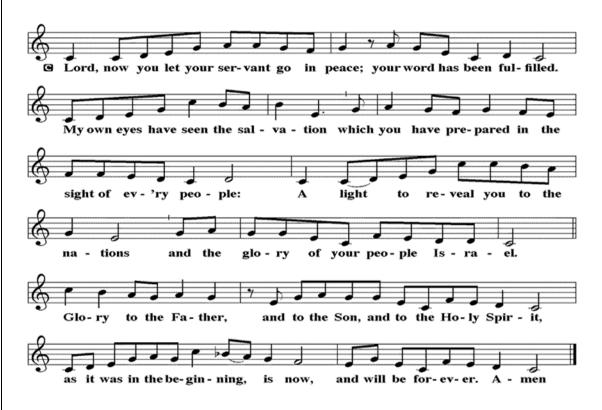
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COMMUNION BLESSING

- \mathcal{P} The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.
- **C** Amen.

CANTICLE



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Generous God,

at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C Amen.

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16 SENDING BENEDICTION P Beloved. we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace. С Amen. "Go to Dark Gethsemane" ELW (red) #347 SENDING HYMN DISMISSAL Go in peace. Share your bread. P С Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above" James Nares

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Calendar of Events for the Week of March 24, 2024

Monday- Tuesday -	5:00pm	Karate
Wednesday -	6:00pm	Lenten Covered Dish Dinner, Discussion & Devotions
Thursday -	1:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Holy Thursday Worship Service
Friday -	11:00am	Children's Good Friday Service
	12:15pm	Stations of the Cross Prayer Walk
	7:00pm	Good Friday/Tenebrae Service
Saturday		

Saturday-

Worship Helpers

10:30am service	
Acolyte	Ava Badamo
Asst. Minister	Marty Kellow
Reader	Tom Toth
Comm. Asst.	Marty Kellow
Ushers	Jim & Jouce Bradbury

Next Weekend: TH

nd: March 30 & 31, 2024 THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD/EASTER DAY Saturday Easter Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 7:00am & 10:30am Worship Services NO Sunday School Easter Breakfast 8:00am-9:30am

PASTORAL CARE

If you are in need of pastoral care or wish a visit, please contact the church office at 570-788-1572, email clccony@ptd.net. In case of emergencies, you can also reach Cindy at 570-788-3708 or 570-579-7732 or Pastor Lupole at 570-708-1690.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Betty Lou, Shirley, Jean, Wilma, Dawn, Bob, Betsy, George, Barbara, Frank, Patt, Dennis, Viola, Kim, Eileen, Samantha, Emily, Jarrod, Amanda, Dawn, Nancy, Rob, Violet, Scarlet. Robbie, Seth, Seth, Jr. Josh, Dick, Tom, Judi, Rodney, Pauline, Tom, Anita, Alex, Madison, Patti, Bob, Jean, Doug, Dolores, Gene, Donna, Bruce, Charlotte, Paul, Glen, Cindy and family and Rob. A copy of the prayer list is on the bulletin board in the parlor for you to take home.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Dates are open for volunteers to teach Sunday School in 2024. Open dates are: April 14, 21 & 28 and May 12, 19, & 26 for the Pre-K-4th grade class and May 12 for the 5th-7th grade class. Please consider helping by picking one of the dates. All material is provided. See the sign-up sheet on the table in the parlor.

NEED A RIDE?

Would you like to come to church or go to a church event but are unable to get there on your own, especially at night?

Currently, this need is being assessed. Please call Dawn Whitfield (570-788-3256) or Betsy Fisher (570-788-6611) if you would be interested in getting a ride,

Also, if you are willing to possibly help provide transportation, let Dawn or Betsy know.

DEVOTIONS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Have you seen and read the devotional prayers that are posted periodically on our congregation's Facebook page? Hopefully, when you read them, you will find encouragement and a sense of God's peace as you go about your daily life.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

LDR is asking for gifts to help with the recent disasters and wars. The survivors/victims need our support. Checks may be out to the church and marked **LDR**.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

They are among us. No, we're not talking about angels or aliens. We're talking about individuals who care about others. As Galatians 6:2 says," Carry each other's burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ". If you or someone you know wants to do more as a Christian caregiver, consider Stephen Ministry. This is one of our congregation's one-to-one caregiving ministries. For more information contact Deb Jones or any of our Stephen Ministers.

2024 BULLETIN SPONSOR CHART IS AVAILABLE

Look for the sign-up chart on the bulletin board in the parlor to choose your date(s) to sponsor. Special flower pieces need to be ordered through the office (i.e. altar piece).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN GATHERINGS

Everyone is invited to Wednesday evening Lenten gatherings in Roth Hall. The evening starts at 6:00 PM with a 'covered dish' or 'potluck' dinner followed by time for discovery, discussion, and brief closing worship. Out topic is the Sacraments.

WILL YOU SERVE?

We are in need of individuals to serve as **assistant ministers**. If you've ever wondered about or considered it, this is your time to find out more and maybe even take this as a sign to give it a chance. Please reach out to Ashley Marsicano [(570) 401-1067/ <u>amarsicano14@gmail.com</u>] or the Church office with any questions. We really appreciate your consideration and help.

BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday night Bible Study is each week at 7pm. Currently, we are wrapping up Exodus and will be starting Leviticus shortly. (will start meeting again after Lent) Wednesday morning Bible Study meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 11am. We use the "Wired Word" current affairs material and discuss how it relates to the Bible and our lives.

THRIVENT MEMBERS

REMEMBER -your Choice Dollars need to be distributed by March 31st.

BEAR CREEK CAMP

Registration for Summer Camp is now open. See the poster on the bulletin board in the parlor for dates and take an information packet that shows costs phone, e-mail and other information. Financial help is offered to campers from our congregation (see Cindy).

SAINT JOHN BOSCO BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY Sharing the Journey "Grief Shared is Grief Diminished"

The Bereavement Ministry of St. John Bosco Church will provide the Spring Support Group Sessions starting in April that are open to all people who are grieving the death of a loved one and are having difficulty in their grief.

The overall goal of the support group is to provide insight into one's grief and to help them to move toward a resolution of their grief. It is designed to be flexible. When the worst has happened and everything changes, get the support that you need to remember with more love than pain.

The program consists of seven weekly sessions on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the parish multi-purpose room, beginning on Monday, April 1, 2024. Registration is required to assure seating and materials. If interested, please call Marie (Bereavement Ministry) at (570) 455-3874 to register. Sessions are non-denominational.

VALLEY INTERFAITH COMMUNITY MEAL

The next meal is Friday April 26th from 5:30pm-7:00pm at Black Creek United Methodist Church at 158 Golf Course Road in Sugarloaf. Tickets are available in the church office. There is no cost for the tickets but a free will offering will be taken. All proceeds go to fund the next meal. Please pick up your tickets by April 12th so they know how many to prepare for.



- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh: The Father on his sapphire throne Expects his own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die! Bow thy meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O God, thy power and reign. Henry Hart Milman, 1791-1868 a.

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Stations of the Cross Holy Week Devotional and Good Friday "Way of the Cross" Responsive prayer service.

The Stations of the Cross will be setup outside for use as a Holy week devotional. Weather permitting this self-guided devotional will be available for use between **9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday of Holy Week**. You may pick up a copy of the printed self-guide in the church parlor or right outside. We will also assemble and travel "The Way of the Cross" as a Noonday Responsive prayer service, (Worship Bulletin provided) led by worship leaders on **Good Friday starting at 12:15 pm**

EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 23rd/24th – Palm Sunday worship Saturday 5pm/Sunday 10:30am
March 27th - Wednesday Lenten Dinner/Discussion & Devotions at 6pm
March 28th – Holy Thursday worship at 7pm
March 29th – Good Friday - Children's Worship at 11am, Stations of the Cross at 12:15 pm and Tenebrae Service at 7pm
March 30th – Saturday Easter Vigil at 5pm
March 31st – Easter Day worship at 7am and 10:30am
Easter Breakfast 8am-9:30am
NO Sunday School

CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

On **Good Friday March 29th at 11am** Pastor Chip will hold a special service for all children and youth of the parish. Parents and adults are also invited, but the service is designed for younger ages.

SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2024 PASTORAL CANDIDATE MEET & GREET – WORSHIP – VOTE

9:00am – The candidate will be here to hold a question-and-answer time. If you have any questions or concerns, <u>please come at 9am</u>. This time will be followed with fellowship and light refreshments until 10:15am.

10:30am – worship service led by the candidate.

After the worship service – important meeting with vote on the candidate.

<u>Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to be here for this</u> <u>important and exciting next step for our congregation!!!</u>

<u>NOTE</u> – NO Saturday service on Saturday April 6th

HOLY WEEK, THREE DAYS





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