

PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 14, 2019

What is the Divine Service? If you are new to Calvary, you may have never heard the term ‘Divine Service.’ As Lutherans, we believe that this hour of ‘worship’ is not based on our service to God, but His *divine* service to us. For a basic summary of what we believe is here occurring, please read hymn #602, “The Gifts Christ Freely Gives,” in our hymnal.

+ *Our Christian Communion Statement* +

The **Sacrament of the Altar** is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for us Christians to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, as instituted by Christ Himself. The Scriptures teach Christians to commune together at the Lord’s Table, dependent on three presuppositions:

- Proper discernment of the bodily presence of Christ (1 Cor. 11:27-29)
- Unity of doctrine and confession (Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor 1:10; Hebr. 13:10)
- A clear conscience toward and love for fellow communicants (Matt. 5:23-24; Rom. 15:5-6);

Therefore, in Christian love and for the safety of all, we ask all who are not yet members of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, or those who refuse to be reconciled with fellow penitents, to refrain from communing until you have spoken with the pastor. *Thank you.*

***** ORDER OF SERVICE *****

LITURGY Divine Service Setting III (p. 184)

Insert, Psalm 24:7-10; (antiphon: Psalm 118:26)

Children’s Prelude “*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*”

Processional Hymn 442, “All Glory Laud and Honor”

HYMN OF THE DAY: 444, “No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet”

Distribution Hymns: 627, “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”

628, “Your Table I Approach”

624, “The Infant Priest”

Recessional Hymn 454, “Sing My Tongue the Glorious Battle”

***** SERVING AND ASSISTING TODAY *****

8:00: Elder: Chuck Traugott; Ushers: Bruce Rucks, Richard Hansen, Kirk Fahrenwald
Crucifer: Zach Mahan

10:30: Elder: Steve White; Ushers: Mike Salazar, Chris Wilson
Crucifer: Evan Schuring

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Steve & Lila White, in memory of Lila’s brother, Allan Thompson, whose birthday would have been April 13.

+ *In Preparation for the Divine Service* +

During the week, the household ought meditate upon the proclamation of the Sunday prior and, late in the week (perhaps Friday and Saturday), familiarize itself with the focus of the Sunday to come. Thus,

Easter Sunday’s readings: Isaiah 65:17-25; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

Easter Sunday’s chief hymn: 458, “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bonds”

All are encouraged – perhaps on Saturday night or early Sunday morning – to make use of “Christian Questions with their Answers” (Section 4 of the Small Catechism), prepared by Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament. Also, individual Confession and Absolution is available each week by appointment.

***** THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES *****

Today:	<i>Palm Sunday Divine Service with Holy Communion</i>	8:00 & 10:30 AM
	Bible Class and Sunday School.....	9:15 AM
Thur.:	Service Guild.....	12:30 PM
	Holy Thursday Divine Service	7:00 PM
Fri.:	Good Friday Service of Readings	1:00 PM
	Good Friday Tenebrae Service	7:00 PM
Sun.:	<i>Easter Festival Divine Service with Holy Communion</i>	8:00 & 10:30 AM
	<i>Coffee and pastries available downstairs between services</i>	
	Bible Class and Sunday School (<i>abbreviated</i>).....	9:40 AM

***** CHRISTIAN EDUCATION *****

*We welcome all members and visitors to join with us in learning the life-giving doctrine of Christ
We hope to see you in one or more of the classes below!*

ADULT BIBLE STUDY This morning, we continue to work our way through Hebrews 11 – the well-known “faith chapter.” Join us this morning, 9:20, in the downstairs study hall!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES Classes continue studying the Biblical accounts of the ministry of Jesus. This morning, the children study “Jesus Heals Many.” Join us, beginning at 9:20, in the downstairs children’s gathering area.

CATECHISM (CONFIRMATION) CLASSES Please remember the schedule of Holy Week (No Wednesday class this Holy Week); we take the week to attend Holy Thursday and Good Friday services. Parents, please check your calendars and see if we can reschedule the first two *Wednesdays* after Easter to *Thursday, 7:00-8:15*; both Wednesdays, Pastor has to be involved in the final interviews for the CUC presidential search process. Please e-mail Pastor to ‘rsvp.’

CALVARY BOOK CLUB Readers, we hope you are enjoying your copy of Athanasius’ *On the Incarnation*. Pastor has proposed the dates of Friday, May 10 or Friday, May 17 (7:00-9:00pm). Please e-mail him with your preference and other feedback. Meanwhile, enjoy the read!

BOOK OF CONCORD STUDY GROUPS How does the Book of Concord teach us our confession of the faith for daily life in a fallen world? All are invited and encouraged to benefit from meeting every third Saturday in the Gathering Room with one of the following groups:

Ladies: Our next study is *Saturday, April 27, 9:00-10:30*, in the Gathering Room. We attempt to conclude our reading of the Formula of Concord’s seventh article, “The Holy Supper of Christ.” All ladies are welcome to join us!

Men: Our next study is scheduled for *Saturday, May 4, 9:00-10:30*. We continue to discuss Luther’s Large Catechism; we conclude the Fourth and Commandment and introduce our discussion on the Fifth, “You Shall Not Murder.” All men are invited to join us in the Gathering Room.

*****ANNOUNCEMENTS*****

Welcome in the name of Christ! Whether you are a visitor with us this morning or a member of Calvary, we would appreciate you filling out the pew registry located toward the center aisle. Visitors are also asked to please read the introduction to the Sacrament of the Altar as found inside the front cover of the bulletin. *Thank you.*

HOLY WEEK SERVICES Please consider making use of each opportunity to be served by our Lord in the week to come. On **Holy Thursday**, we receive the holy body and blood by which Christ sealed His eternal testament for us and which he now gives for our forgiveness. On **Good Friday**, the afternoon service proclaims the very record and history of our Lord's death. That evening, the Service of Darkness contemplates the Seven Last Words of Christ. On **Easter Sunday**, we gather around the Word and Sacrament to join in the Feast of Victory for our God. Join us during this holy week.

PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION During this solemn week, the sanctuary is available before each service for prayer and quiet reflection. Those who desire to socialize before the service are encouraged to use the narthex or Gathering Room, lovingly providing brothers and sisters in Christ opportunity in the sanctuary to pray, reflect, and confess sins.

GREETING LINE AFTER SERVICES As is our custom during Holy Week, there will be no greeting line until next Sunday, as we focus on the solemnity of these days. Pastor *will* be available in his study immediately following the services if you'd like to chat with him. First-time guests, please stop by and introduce yourself, as Pastor would love to welcome you.

TIMELINE HAND-OUT 'A Timeline of Holy Week' will be handed out by our ushers after the service. Please use this to meditate upon this week, as we faithfully await Easter morn.

LENTEN SUPPERS The Board of Fellowship would like to thank all who contributed to the success of our Lenten Suppers! Whether you brought a dish to share, helped with clean up, or simply enjoyed our fellowship, we appreciate all of you! We are blessed with so many wonderful cooks and that was proven with each delicious dish. If you were unable to make it, we missed you!

SUMMER STUDY REQUESTS? Typically, Pastor uses the summer months of Sunday studies to help the congregation review study topics that a congregation should review regularly – the Small Catechism, the liturgy, etc. Do you have a specific request for something we haven't reviewed in a while? Please feel free to contact Pastor.

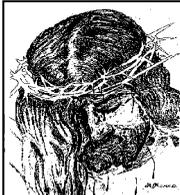
GUEST PREACHING THIS WEEK This week, Rev. D.E. Bestul will be preaching for Holy Thursday and the midday Good Friday service. Thank you, Rev. Bestul, for proclaiming Law and Gospel to us on these important occasions. (Pastor Bestul will conduct the liturgy for both services and will preach Good Friday evening and Easter morning.)



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"THE PASSION OF OUR LORD"
Holy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Service of Readings, 1:00 p.m.
Good Friday *Tenebrae* Service, 7:00 p.m.
Easter Morn Divine Services, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

