Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service Four

Palm Sunday April 10, 2022





Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022

8:00 and 10:30 AM

Prayer for Palm Sunday

Lord Jesus, today we join those who lined the streets of Jerusalem in acclaiming You as King. Our hearts and voices sing with joy: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" Help us to see You as a King unlike any other. You came in humility to save us from our sins. Though more powerful than any king this world has ever known, You laid aside the full and constant use of Your divine powers to suffer and die for the sins of the world. Give lasting strength to our desires to follow You as loyal subjects of Your kingdom. As the remembrance of Your death approaches, let the memory of the hosannas of this day validate the truth that hung over Your head: "This is the king of the Jews." Amen.



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body

and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor. 11:17-34), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to communing with us for the first time. We thank you for respecting our belief and practice regarding the Lord's Supper.



Confession and Absolution

442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation *Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

- P In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen. Absolution [John 20:19–23]

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.



Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 24:7-10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26



Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!*
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*

that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of glory?*

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates!

And lift them up, O | ancient doors,*

that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory?*

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of | glory!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!*
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Kyrie Mark 10:47



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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Sit

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."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of | his own blood,*
 thus securing an eternal re- | demption.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new | covenant,*
 so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal in- | heritance.

He sent redemption to his | people;*
 he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.

Epistle: 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.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel: John 12:12-19

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

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.
- Praise to You, O Christ.



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life

of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

Sermon

"Judgement and Compassion" Text: Deuteronomy 32:36-39

Stand

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Sit

Offering





Service of the Sacrament

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Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.

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Stand

Preface

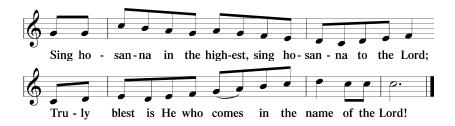
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9





Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

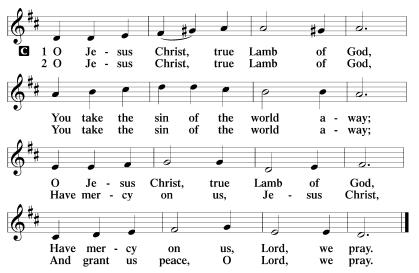
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini John 20:19

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

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



Sit

Personal prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



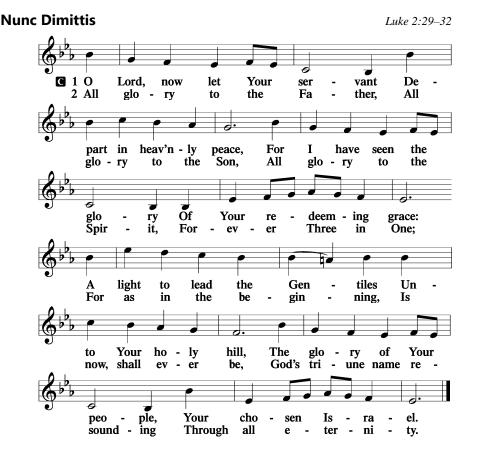
Personal prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Stand



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus Psalm 103:1

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

- 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.

549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

Acknowledgments

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Emotions and events reach a high point in the Jewish capital of Jerusalem on what has come to be called Palm Sunday. A crowd strewing Jesus' path with palm branches as He rode into the city on a donkey shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" However, not everyone in Jerusalem was ready to follow Jesus. Many of the Jewish religious leaders redoubled their efforts to "be done with" this troublemaker. But these palm fronds we have today can give us an insight into God's plans for us.

Jesus gave John (and us) a glimpse of heaven when He had John write in Revelation 7:9, "After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands." We need to take note of two details in this verse.

The crowd, the multitude, is dressed as victors: the saints were wearing white robes. Jesus, in the waters of Baptism, has given each of us the uniform of victory, the uniform of forgiveness, the uniform of heaven ... a white robe. In truth, we wear the white robe of Jesus even today as a reminder that we are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The second important point in that verse is that each one in the multitude is holding a palm branch as he worships the Lamb. As we think back to the events of Palm Sunday, the people in the crowd acclaiming Jesus as King showed excitement and thankfulness. One day we too, standing in the multitude before the Lamb, will be dressed in white and waving palm branches in victory, the victory of spending eternity in the presence of the triune God!



The worship cycle is organized to keep the church focused on Christ; it is not shaped by national holidays or particular causes (e.g., Labor Day, Mother's Day, stewardship). The church year and the worship cycle is divided into three **times**: the Time of Christmas, the Time of Easter, and the Time of the Church. Each of these times, in turn, contains one or more **seasons**.

The second part of the Time of Easter is **Holy Week**. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, also called the Sunday of the Passion, which recalls Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On Palm Sunday the procession of the worshipers carrying palm fronds is an enactment of the cries and shouts of "Hosanna" that greeted Jesus as He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The procession communicates an outburst of joy; the Scriptural account focuses on Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The paraments for Palm Sunday are red, the color of royalty and passion.

As the days of Holy Week progress, the atmosphere of triumph of Palm Sunday will turn to tragedy. The crowds still listen to Jesus, but the religious leaders set in motion their plot to kill Him. Jesus and His disciples withdraw to celebrate His last Passover, which is at the same time the inauguration of the new covenant meal of the Lord's Supper on the day we now call Maundy Thursday. The color of the paraments for Maundy Thursday is white, symbolizing divinity.

On Good Friday, also called Holy Friday, we recall the climactic event in the life of our Lord on earth, His crucifixion. During Holy Week the focus is on the suffering and death of our Savior and the importance it has for us and for our salvation. The climax of Holy Week is the death of our Savior on Golgotha and His burial in the garden tomb. Except for the processional cross draped in black, and the banner behind the pulpit, the chancel will be bare of ornamentation on Good Friday.

Excerpted from **The Altar Guild Manual** by Lee A. Maxwell, CPH, 1996.

Announcements



Assisting Elders:

8 a.m. – Steve White 10:30 a.m. – Curt Oliver



Join Us for Worship

April 14 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion

Worship Service

April 15 7 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Worship

Service

April 17 8 a.m. Easter Morning Communion

Worship Service

9 a.m. Easter Morning Breakfast

10:30 a.m. Easter Morning Communion

Worship Service



If you wish to beautify the Lord's sanctuary Easter morning by donating an Easter lily, please sign up at the table in the narthex by **TODAY**, **April 10**. If you wish to purchase one in honor of a special event or in

memory of a loved one, please note that next to your name.

Please pay for your plants by placing a check for \$10 in the offering plate, **made payable to Holy Cross**. Note in the memo section that the check is for an Easter lily.

Plants can be taken home after the second service Easter morning.

Easter Worshipers please note:

Next Sunday, Easter Worship Service will begin in the narthex. We will enter the sanctuary together in a processional following the cross as we sing the opening hymn. We ask that you wait in the narthex

unless you have a need to be seated early (those with small children or with medical needs).

We need your help with Easter Breakfast!



Bring your favorite breakfast item to share! We need fruit, pastries, breakfast casseroles, etc. for Easter Breakfast between the worship services on Easter morning. If you are able to provide an item,

please sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex and bring your dish to the church by 8:30 a.m. next Sunday, April 17, Easter morning.

Please join us in celebrating Easter next Sunday at 9 a.m. with breakfast downstairs (in between services).



The LWML is having "Mite Box Sunday" TODAY and the second Sunday of every month. On these Sundays they have the big Mite Box in the narthex to gather free will offerings to support the mission projects they have selected to provide for this year.



Holy Cross Lutheran is on Facebook. Check us out and Like us at facebook.com/HolyCrossHighlandsRanch.



LWML WOMEN OF THE CROSS

NOTICE...

MFFTING DATE CHANGE... MARK YOU CALENDARS...

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

(NOT 16TH)



As one of our chosen Mission Projects for 2022 we wish to enlist the assistance of the congregation to

help fulfill the needs of the Alternatives Pregnancy Center (Denver). Below is a list or requested items that they need. For your convenience, place your items in the container on the table near the office door.

Note from Alternatives: "Thanks so much for your interest and support in Alternatives. We so appreciate your generosity."

Their new Mom/Baby Program can use the following:

3 - 12 month Boys Onesies

6 - 12 month Girls Onesies

6 – 12 month Boys and Girls Sleepers

3 - 12 month Boys Outfits

6 - 12 month Girls Outfits

Pacifiers Baby Hats (mostly boys) **Baby Washcloths Baby Toiletries Burp Cloths**

Baby Socks/Hand Mittens



Gift Cards for Moms - \$25 Walmart/King Soopers/Target

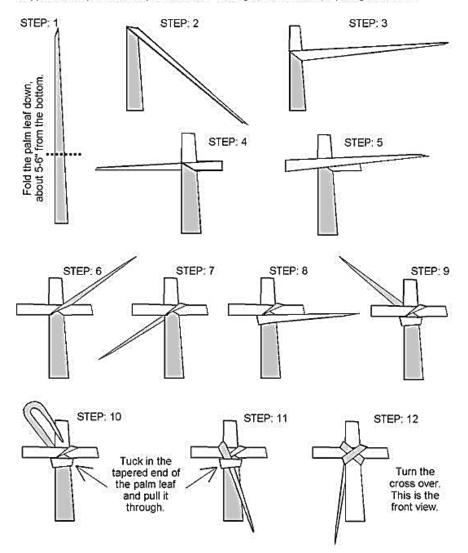
Palm Sunday



The Sunday before Easter is known as Palm Sunday. It is the beginning of Holy Week. It celebrates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. Great crowds of people thronged the streets waving palm branches to welcome Him. The people shouted "Hosanna" and laid their cloaks and palm branches from the nearby trees in His path.

Palm Leaf Cross Directions

Supplies: One palm leaf strip about 24-26" in length, 1/2" in width, tapering to the end.



"Learning About Your Faith" Independent Book Study Groups



<u>Life's Big Questions, God's Big Answers</u> by Brad Alles

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The Reason I Believe; The Basics of Christian Apologetics by Allen Quist

We have multiple copies of the above titles that are available for use in Book Study Groups. They are on display in the Narthex for preview.

You do not need to purchase any of the materials as they will be checked out to you so that future groups can use them. If you really want your own copy, please go to http://cph.org to order one. Type in the title in the search box.

If interested, sign up and join others to decide a day, time, and meeting place that will work for all.

Each book has been read and recommended by at least two members of the Evangelism Board.

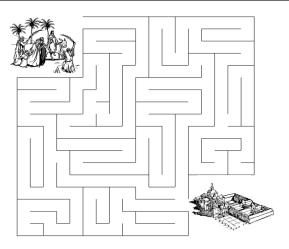
The Triumphal Entry

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Luke 19:38 (NIV)



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HEART PHEART - a Non-Profit

We have been working with this neighborhood group for a few years. Heart 2 Heart provides start-up goods for the homeless who are moving into their own housing. This includes Veterans, sheltered families and battered women, and young people transitioning from foster care. Other organizations find the housing and basic furniture, we provide the start-up needs.

The organization was founded by our neighbor, Linda Garrity, about 10 years ago. Caseworkers provide the names, ages, and needs of the families and a few of us "grandmas and grandpas" put together the orders for these families and load them into the cars for deliveries.

Donations come in from our neighbors and from those who have heard about Heart 2 Heart through word of mouth. Additionally, we scour thrift stores and purchase some new items, especially toys for the kids. One organization provides homemade quilts!

Needed donations include lightly used bedding, towels, books, toys, kitchen items such as pots, pans, dishes, cups, mugs, glasses, silverware, coffeemakers (each Veteran gets one), plastic storage like Glad or Tupperware, baking dishes, spatulas, etc. We do not deal with food, furniture, or clothing. However, we do purchase outfits for newborns, as no baby should leave the hospital in hand-me-down clothing.

If you have something that you no longer need, you can bring your items to church and we will drop them off at Linda's. If you have any questions, please call me, Becky White, at 303-506-8417. Thank you.

Steve and Becky White - 303-979-5978

Petitions and Prayers: God's promise-filled Word teaches us to confidently come to our heavenly Father in prayer—at all times and under all circumstances!



Health concerns:

Precious Lord and Savior, You alone are able to help us. Be with those people who are physically sick and in need of Your healing touch. We ask You to guide their doctors so that they receive the best possible care. Heal and restore them to health as suits Your wisdom. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Angela (single mother in Illinois) friend of Helen Tabris who is waiting to get on the heart transplant list.
- Jamie (is missing and has mental health issues) and young daughter Jade (is being adopted by family in Colorado)
- Sonja Bowles Cancer
- Julie Ann Zamora on-going health issues
- Gary Fuller former Orphan Grain Train Coordinator ongoing treatment for liver cancer
- Comfort for the friends and family of Marian Tarrant (sister of Laurel Burkett). Marian passed away on March 16.

Prayer of intercession:

A Prayer for Palm Sunday

Hail Jesus, our King! On this day long ago, You rode on a donkey into Jerusalem and were hailed as King. You did not look like a king: You had no crown, no scepter, no royal steed. Everything in Your procession failed to measure up to the heralding of majesty. But as our Brother, You began this journey to the cross to save us for all eternity. We thank You, risen Lord, for this journey on our behalf. Amen.

"Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life April 10, 2022

"The temptation among Christians is to take the temperature of the chaotic and dysfunctional culture and to imbue ourselves with a sense of despair and discouragement. But despair and discouragement, we know from Scripture, is a sin because it negates the hope of Jesus Christ. We are not seeking an earthly victory; as Christians, we know that the most important victory of all of history has already been won by our Lord and Savior."

Timothy S. Goeglein, vice president of government and external relations at Focus on the Family in Washington, D.C. A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest! Luke 19:38

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Sunday Worship Services.......8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Bible Classes and Sunday School.......9:25 a.m. Rev. Bruce Skelton, Pastor, Office.......303-683-1300 Fax.......303-470-0165

Reaching lost souls with the Gospel:

Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!



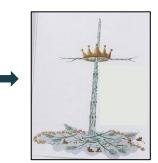
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The Lutheran Hour
Sunday mornings at
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Join us for Easter to hear the rest of the Christmas Story.