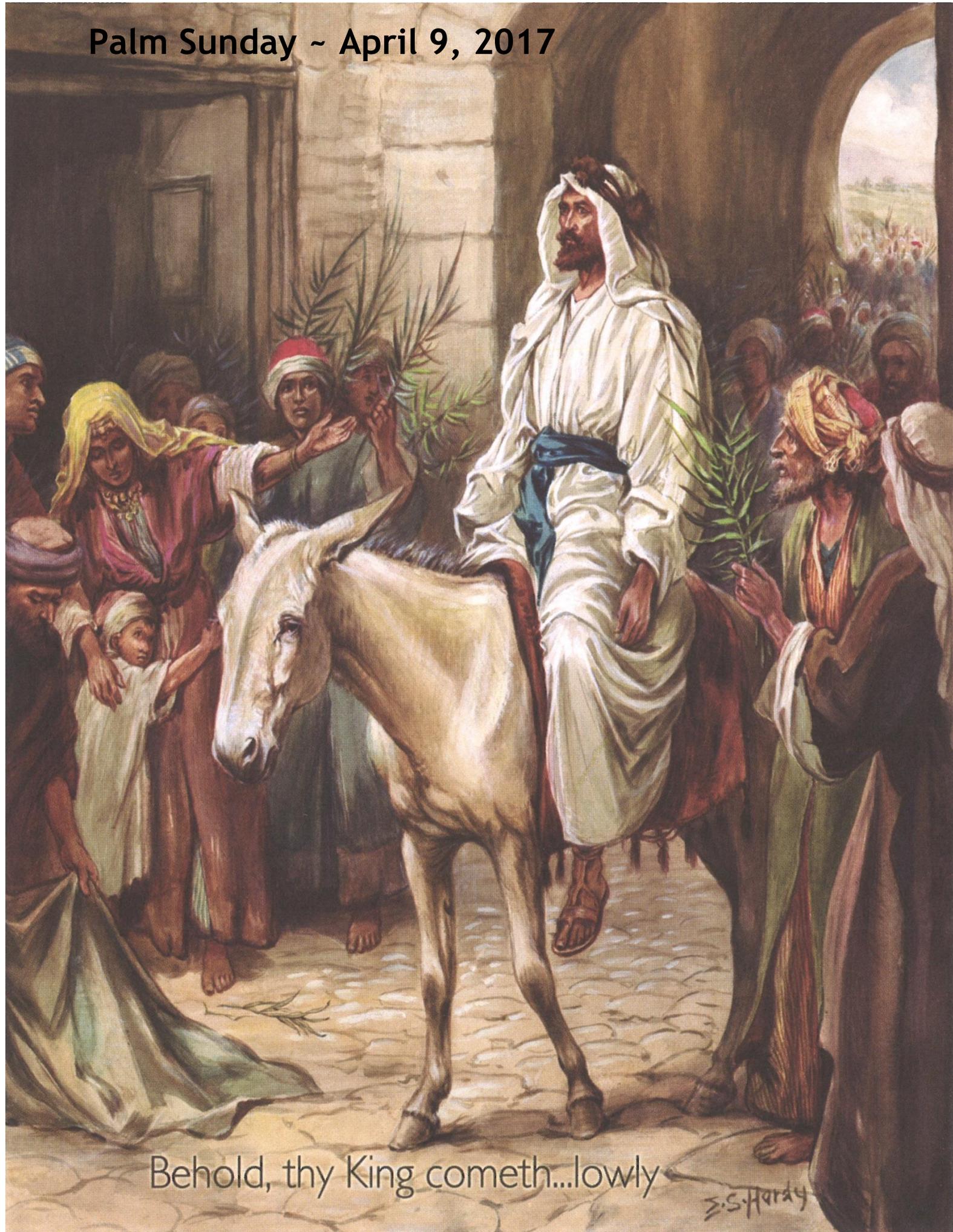
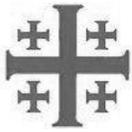


Palm Sunday ~ April 9, 2017



Behold, thy King cometh...lowly

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Palm Sunday

8:30 am - Divine Service

9:45 am - Sunday School, and Bible Classes for All Ages

11:00 am - Divine Service with Reception of New Members

12:15 pm - New Member Social

3:30 pm - Slovak Congregation Service

Call to Worship Bells

Greeting and Opening Prayer

Pastor The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People **Amen.**

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

People **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

Pastor Let us pray. 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.

People **Amen.**

Holy Gospel: St. John 12:12-19

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

People **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."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Opening Hymn**All Glory, Laud, and Honor** LSB #442*Pastor* Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*People* **Hosanna in the highest.****Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a 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 is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.****Hymn****There is a Redeemer**

**There is a Redeemer — Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**

Refrain

**Thank You, O my Father, For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit, Till the work on earth is done.**

**Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain....*Refrain***

**When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place....*Refrain***

Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of the Day

No Tramp of Soldiers Marching Feet LSB#444 (tune 443)

Sermon

St. John 12:12-19

“DONKEY SUNDAY”

Anthem (Church choir)

“Shout to the King Hosanna!” by Mark Patterson

Parish Announcements and Gathering of Offering

Reception of New Members (11:00)

Today we rejoice to receive the following people into membership at Holy Cross:

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| Ashley, Maya, Brady, Adelyn Black | Bill & Anneliese Davison |
| Kathryn Kahle | Tom & Amy, Elias, Jonas Nasiopoulos |
| Mirko & Elka, Claudia, Katja Teich | Kaitlyn Reed Patricia Ritchie |

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

All 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.

Benediction

Pastor 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.

People Amen.

Hymn

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty LSB#441

- Preacher Pastor Roland Syens
- Officiant Pastor Nolan Astley
- Organist Jennifer Massicotte
- Pianist Heather Schein
- Special Music Anne Forler & Jennifer Massicotte (piano duet)
- (11:00) Gabrielle George (piano)
- Acolytes (8:30) Madison Neustaedter, (11:00) Nicole Relf
- Sound System Operators (8:30) Marty Stanfel, (11:00) Jerry Golschesky

Prayer Concerns: In our prayers today we remember the family of **Doris Young** (mother of Debbie Pritchard, Kim Young and Mark Young) as they mourn her death. Doris passed away this past Wednesday and her funeral was held here at Holy Cross yesterday. We also remember **Robert Leitch** who has been in GRH for cancer treatments and others who have been ill or who are shut-in. We give thanks for God's Blessings upon **Bob & Ruth Ann Paetz** who celebrated 50 years of marriage yesterday. As we enter Holy Week we ask the Holy Spirit to bless our observance of Christ's Passion and to fill us with joy at the good news of the resurrection of our Lord.

Today's Education Hour

Time Together Families will meet with Beth downstairs at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School students will look at Jesus' life during the original Holy Week.

Can you guess how many? The box of donated balls will be counted this week and distribution will begin soon. So much fun in the making!

Easter...Egg hunt, video and craft for Time Together Families all the way to Grade 7 students next week. Meet in the basement at 9:30 {same time as Praise Service begins} and get picked up at 10:45 please.

Youth Bible Class will learn about Anabaptists: Baptists, Mennonites with Nicole and Michelle.

YABS this week Curtis will lead the Bible Study, "If God already knows everything, why do I need to pray?" Come by at 9:45AM on Sunday.



Adult Bible Class will focus on the last verses of Romans 8 and move into Romans 9, focusing on the love God has for the people of Israel and His desire for them to come to faith in Christ. Grab a coffee and join us as we begin at 10:00 am in the sanctuary.

Coming Events...

Easter Breakfast Reminder..if you will donate nut free muffins or other baked goodies to our Easter breakfast **Sunday, April 16, 8:30-10:00 a.m.**, please sign up in the parlour at the Welcome Centre.

Women's Renewal Weekend - 'God Is Closer than You Think!' A reminder to all Teens, Young Adults and Women of All Ages that our weekend is coming up fast! Join us **on Friday, April 21 or Saturday, April 22/17 or both days** at the Guelph Bible Conference Centre. Our guest speaker, Lori Schultz, will explore this inspiring topic and we will study and discuss it with each other. Enjoy the fellowship with new and old friends. Have fun and enjoy good food! Bring your friend with you. Pick up our registration package at the Welcome Desk or on the church's website. **Registration Deadline is April 16**, please try to register early. We look forward to seeing you there. God's blessings to you and your family.

St. John's Kitchen Large Coffee Mugs, Fork, Knives & Spoons Drive Please go through your cupboards and see what you can spare. Wrap the mugs in paper to avoid breakage, put them in a bag, include some forks and knives and bring them to the collection box at the back entrance of the church. We will collect these items until **April 30/17**. On behalf of St. John's Kitchen and the Board of Evangelism, we thank you for your support.

Concordia Lutheran Mission Society "Project 1708": The Board of Missions would like to challenge the members of Holy Cross to match their donation of \$1,500 to help CLMS raise funds for the **Rancheria Earthquake Relief in Nicaragua**. This is one of the new 2017 CLMS Mission Projects requiring \$10,000 to provide relief for the people of Rancheria. To make a donation simply mark your envelope with **"CLMS 1708"** and make any cheques out to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Let's see if as a congregation we can raise \$1,500 **by April 30**. Will you accept the challenge?

Spring Voters' Assembly is on **Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 pm**. Heads of boards and other officers should get their reports into the church office by **Sunday, April 23!**

Please Note...

Library Birthday Thank you! We would like to thank everyone who sponsored books and DVDs for our libraries. Your support is greatly appreciated. Watch for further announcements, where we will highlight the new items. Many members enjoy the great books in the libraries, If you have not been there for a while, come and see what is there. See you in the libraries!

Please save your old Electronics and Clothing: The Board of Missions is excited for some potential mission projects coming soon and we need your help! Don't get rid of your old electronics or clothing. Save your stuff as we plan for another Green Tech bin at the church and potential clothing collection to raise funds for our 2017 Mission projects. Stay tuned for announcements about the collection dates.

Last Week at Holy Cross...

Wednesday Lent V Attd:	57 & 72	Total 129	('16 – 116)
Sunday Attendance:	103 & 223	Total 326	('16 – 213)
Sunday Communion:	88 & 172	Total 260	('16 – 189)
Adult Bible Class:	Pupils: 61 Staff: 1	Total 62	('16 – 35)
YABS:	Pupils: 4 Staff: 2	Total 6	('16 – n/a)
Youth Bible Class:	Pupils: 7 Staff: 2	Total 9	('16 – 8)
Sunday School:	Pupils: 27 Staff: 12	Total 39	('16 – 37)

Thankoffering: In honour of **BLESSINGS RECEIVED** to the Organ Fund from Bob & Jean Schmitt.

Memorials: In memory of **LLOYD ALLENSEN** to the Organ Fund from Dan & Ede Marshall, Grant & Joanne Schaefer. In memory of **GEORGE LUMSDEN** to the Organ Fund from Grant & Joanne Schaefer. In memory of **RUTH SWARTZ** to the Organ Fund from Tim & Pat Leyes.

Weekly Calendar

Monday April 10 to Sunday April 16, 2017

Monday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Pauls</i> 10:30 a.m.
	Griefshare, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	ESL, <i>Historic St. Pauls</i> 6:30 p.m.
	YABS Bible Study, <i>TBD</i> 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Knotty Ladies, <i>Confirmation Classroom</i> 9:00 a.m.
	Church Band, <i>Mezzanine</i> 8:30 p.m.
Maundy Thursday	Beginnings, <i>Downstairs</i> 9:30 a.m.
	Prayer Group, <i>Triple Bible Classroom</i> 9:30 a.m.
	Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i> 7:00 p.m.
	Church Choir, <i>Church</i> 8:00 p.m.
Good Friday	Solemn Communion Service , <i>Church</i> 8:30 a.m.
	Solemn Communion Service , <i>Church</i> 10:00 a.m.
	Praise Singers, <i>Church</i> 11:15 a.m.
Sunday	Easter Day: The Resurrection of Our Lord
	Sunrise Holy Communion Service , <i>Church</i> 7:30 a.m.
	Easter Fellowship Breakfast, <i>Gym</i> 8:30 a.m.
	Easter Praise Service , <i>Church</i> 9:30 a.m.
	Sunday School, <i>Downstairs</i> 9:30 a.m.
Easter Festival Service , <i>Church</i> 11:00 a.m.	

Pre-authorized Offering Program (PAD)

The Board of Stewardship has approved a plan to offer a Pre-authorized Offering Program to Holy Cross member. This does not replace the Contribution Envelopes system, but is an additional option to those members who would like an automatic monthly withdrawal taken from their bank account.

There is one withdrawal each month on the 20th (or the next business day). The entire amount will be credited to Unified Budget. The monthly withdrawals will be entered into the Holy Cross computer system, the same as the weekly contribution envelopes.

Contribution envelopes can still be used for additional donations, whether for Unified Budget, Reserved Accounts, Memorials, etc. One tax receipt will be issued by Holy Cross at the end of the year for the sum of all contributions.

The program is administered by FaithLife Financial. There is no cost to members as Holy Cross will pay the \$0.50 per withdrawal administration fee. The program is managed by the Financial Secretary.

The monthly deadline for Holy Cross members' additions, changes, or removals from the program is the first Sunday of each month.

For those interested, an individual information and sign-up sheet is available in the Welcome Centre. Attached to each sheet is an envelope addressed "Financial Secretary – Confidential". You may complete the sheet, put it in the envelope, and deposit the envelope on the Sunday Offering Plates.

If you have any questions which are not addressed on the sign-up sheet please contact Lorraine Cress at 519-747-2783.

Lorraine Cress,
Financial Secretary.