

Sunday of the Passion - March 24, 2024

Divine Service Setting Three    *LSB pg. 184*

## Confession and Absolution

## Procession of Palms

*All gather around the processional cross.*

### 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.  
**G Amen.**

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**G Hosanna to the Son of David.**

### Collect

**P** 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.  
**G Amen.**

### Holy Gospel

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

**P** 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.  
**G Praise to You, O Christ.**

**P** Let us go forth in peace,  
**G in the name of the Lord.**

### 442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*LSB 442*

ref      All glory, laud, and honor  
            To You, Redeemer, King,  
            To whom the lips of children  
            Made sweet hosannas ring.

- 1      You are the King of Israel  
         And David's royal Son,  
         Now in the Lord's name coming,  
         Our King and Blessèd One. Refrain
- 2      The company of angels  
         Is praising You on high,  
         And we with all creation  
         In chorus make reply. Refrain
- 3      The multitude of pilgrims  
         With palms before You went;  
         Our praise and prayer and anthems  
         Before You we present. Refrain
- 4      To You before Your passion  
         They sang their hymns of praise;  
         To You, now high exalted,  
         Our melody we raise. Refrain
- 5      As You received their praises,  
         Accept the prayers we bring,  
         O Source of ev'ry blessing,  
         Our good and gracious King. Refrain

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*All arrive at their places.*

## Greeting

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

**C** **Hosanna in the highest.**

*A time of silence is observed to highlight the contrast between Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion.*

*Stand*

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

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Left Column

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**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

*Zechariah 9:9–12*

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall speak peace to the nations;  
his rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle

*Philippians 2:5–11*

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>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.

## Gradual

*Heb. 9:12a, c, 15a; Ps. 111:9a*

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.

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 15:1–47*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fifteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." <sup>3</sup>And the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup>Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup>And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. <sup>9</sup>And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup>For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. <sup>12</sup>And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup>And they cried out again, "Crucify him." <sup>14</sup>And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup>And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup>And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

<sup>21</sup>And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. <sup>22</sup>And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. <sup>25</sup>And it was the third hour when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!" <sup>31</sup>So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

<sup>33</sup>And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. <sup>34</sup>And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>35</sup>And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." <sup>36</sup>And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>37</sup>And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

<sup>40</sup>There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. <sup>41</sup>When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

<sup>42</sup>And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, <sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup>Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. <sup>45</sup>And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. <sup>46</sup>And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. <sup>47</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Creed

### Nicene Creed

**C** 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

## 444 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

LSB 444

- 1 No tramp of soldiers' marching feet  
With banners and with drums,  
No sound of music's martial beat:  
"The King of glory comes!"  
To greet what pomp of kingly pride  
No bells in triumph ring,  
No city gates swing open wide:  
"Behold, behold your King!"
- 2 And yet He comes. The children cheer;  
With palms His path is strown.  
With ev'ry step the cross draws near:  
The King of glory's throne.  
Astride a colt He passes by

As loud hosannas ring,  
Or else the very stones would cry  
"Behold, behold your King!"

3      What fading flow'rs His road adorn;  
         The palms, how soon laid down!  
No bloom or leaf but only thorn  
         The King of glory's crown.  
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries,  
         The streets with tumult ring,  
As Pilate to the mob replies,  
         "Behold, behold your King!"

4      Now He who bore for mortals' sake  
         The cross and all its pains  
And chose a servant's form to take,  
         The King of glory reigns.  
Hosanna to the Savior's name  
         Till heaven's rafters ring,  
And all the ransomed host proclaim  
         "Behold, behold your King!"

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## Sermon

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.  
**C Amen.**

*Stand*

## Offertory

LSB 192

**C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

*Sit*

## Offering

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C And with thy spirit.**  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.  
**C It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where

death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. 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

LSB 195

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- P** 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.
- C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- P** 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  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** 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  $\text{✠}$  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

LSB 197

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

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*Sit*

## Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.  
**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.  
**Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.
- C** Amen.

- 1 Jesus, I will ponder now  
On Your holy passion;  
With Your Spirit me endow  
For such meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith  
May the image cherish  
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death  
That I may not perish.
- 2 Make me see Your great distress,  
Anguish, and affliction,  
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness  
And Your crucifixion;  
Make me see how scourge and rod,  
Spear and nails did wound You,  
How for them You died, O God,  
Who with thorns had crowned You.
- 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone  
Make me see Your passion,  
But its cause to me make known  
And its termination.  
Ah! I also and my sin  
Wrought Your deep affliction;  
This indeed the cause has been  
Of Your crucifixion.
- 4 Grant that I Your passion view  
With repentant grieving.  
Let me not bring shame to You  
By unholy living.  
How could I refuse to shun  
Ev'ry sinful pleasure  
Since for me God's only Son  
Suffered without measure?
- 5 If my sins give me alarm  
And my conscience grieve me,  
Let Your cross my fear disarm;  
Peace of conscience give me.  
Help me see forgiveness won  
By Your holy passion.  
If for me He slays His Son,  
God must have compassion!
- 6 Graciously my faith renew;  
Help me bear my crosses,  
Learning humbleness from You,  
Peace mid pain and losses.  
May I give You love for love!  
Hear me, O my Savior,  
That I may in heav'n above  
Sing Your praise forever.

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1        Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
          The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple  
          The lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them,  
          Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises,  
          The simplest and the best.

2        From Olivet they followed  
          Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving  
          And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
          Rode on in lowly state  
Nor scorned that little children  
          Should on His bidding wait.

3        "Hosanna in the highest!"  
          That ancient song we sing;  
For Christ is our Redeemer,  
          The Lord of heav'n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him  
          With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence  
          Eternally rejoice!

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## 560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

LSB 560

1        Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed  
          With healing gifts for souls distressed,  
To find in Thee my life, my rest,  
          Christ crucified, I come.

2        Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,  
          Thy grace abused, my misspent years;  
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,  
          Christ crucified, I come.

3        Wash me and take away each stain;  
          Let nothing of my sin remain.  
For cleansing, though it be through pain,  
          Christ crucified, I come.

4        And then for work to do for Thee,  
          Which shall so sweet a service be  
That angels well might envy me,  
          Christ crucified, I come.

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*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

**G Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**A** 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 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.

## Salutation and Benedicamus

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

**A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202

**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## 441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

LSB 441

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on His sapphire throne  
Awaits 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 pow'r and reign.

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## *In Our Prayers*

### Health concerns:

Joyce Wolfe	Dan Brackett	Theresa Clark	Anita Reinertsen
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Fern Harding			

Lucille, Deb Thompson's mom	Dave, Mitch Jacobs dad
Aiden Meeker, grandson Mark & Shari	Gabe's nephew
Fred Concepcion, Nelly Clark's father	Sharon, Pastor's friend
Kathy, in a coma, Rose's cousin	Nancy, Rose's sister

### Others:

Pastor Meeker, Deaconess Lorna and the Kenya Mission  
Pastor Omolo and Hope for the Destitute  
Our Armed Forces: Sgt Kaleb Karssen

*The Altar Flowers of palm branches remind us of those waved during Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.*

### **Stewardship Corner**

**TIME- ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**      Worship Services    103

**TREASURE** Gifts received for budget: Mar 17, 2024 \$ 3,386.00    (Envelope/plate)

\*\* Monthly amount needed for operating budget: \$18,550- for March that is \$3,710 weekly in giving.

\*\* Currently our Building Renovation Fund has \$80,680.36

### **Announcements**

*To the best of our ability, all Worship Services and Bible Studies will be recorded and placed online on our Facebook page, our You-tube page and on our website.*

**Life Quote for March 24** "So let us be sober, putting on faith and love as our breastplate and the hope of salvation as our helmet, encouraging one another and building each other up as together we faithfully wait, expectantly wait, joyfully wait—for Jesus." *Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour"*

**Knife & Scissor sharpening.** If you have knives and scissors that need sharpened, Bob Donley would like to assist. Please drop off any cutlery that needs sharpening to the church office and Leah will make sure your items are labeled and secured. The plan is to return any items the following Sunday (after received), nicely sharpened. Mr. Donley is doing this as a free-will donation fundraiser for the Building Renovation Fund.

**Board of Education Committee** will meet today after the service for a brief meeting.

**Easter Egg donations**— Please return the filled eggs into the yellow bucket by Good Friday of Holy Week. The youth will again host an easter egg hunt after breakfast on Easter morning.

**Choir will sing** on Maundy Thursday and during both services on Easter.

**Portals of Prayer** for April-June on entryway table

**Preschool fundraiser** Our preschool is currently selling Little Caesars Pizza Kits as their spring fundraiser. We receive \$6 from each kit. Flyers are on the entryway table... or talk to Leah in the office. Order and payment due by April 14th!

**Thank you** to all who are bringing food for Easter breakfast! There are still several spots available if you are willing to help provide food!

Sometimes Evangelical Christians fret over the false charge that the word Easter, the hiding of eggs, and easter bunnies are of pagan origin. This is a smear that has piqued the conscience of some.

See Rev. Joseph Abrahamson's article at Steadfast Lutherans:

<https://steadfastlutherans.org/blog/2014/04/redeeming-holy-days-from-pagan-lies-easter-2-2/>

## Holy Week Services at Mt. Calvary



PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH:  
BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:45AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM



MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH:  
WORSHIP SERVICE 6PM



GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH:  
WORSHIP SERVICE 6PM



EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST:  
SUNRISE SERVICE 7AM  
BREAKFAST 8:30AM  
WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM

### KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

#### Why do we have a week called "Holy Week"?

Why would we refer to a week as being holy? The word "holy" means that it is from God. That's why we call the Bible "holy." It isn't just any book. It is God's living Word given to us for our salvation! The same goes for Holy Week. This is "God's Week." This is the week in the Church Year when Jesus actually paid for our sins and won our salvation!

#### Which days are in Holy Week?

There are particular days during Holy Week that are extra special. During Holy Week we celebrate **Palm Sunday**, when Jesus went to Jerusalem and people celebrated His arrival; **Maundy Thursday**, when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper; **Good Friday**, when Jesus died on the cross; and **Holy Saturday**, when we await His resurrection on Easter Sunday!

#### Parents:

During worship, help your children to look for other things in the church that are considered holy (i.e. God's Word, the Sacraments, etc.). Ask them: "How does God use these things to give us His forgiveness?"

### KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

#### Why do we celebrate "Palm Sunday"?

The Sunday before Jesus was crucified by the people, they honored and adored Him as their Lord and king with palm branches. We remember this as the beginning of Christ's bitter walk to the cross.



PRAISE HIM!

CRUCIFY HIM!

#### Why did the people honor and adore Jesus on Palm Sunday and then kill Him on Good Friday?

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the people began to praise and honor Him as their king. They believed Him to be a powerful leader who would overthrow the Roman government and restore Israel. When Jesus did not do this, the people wanted Him crucified. You and I know what kind of a king He is. He's a king who came to die for the sins of His people. Wow! What a king!

**Parents:** Remind your children that it was important that Jesus did die for their sins. That is exactly what He came to earth to do. He came to pay the price that we could never pay. Direct your children to the symbols in the church that reflect Christ's death. Remind them that we will hear of His victory over death next Sunday on Easter!!!

