

HOLY WEEK BEGINS



Palm SUNDAY



Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church

We are delighted to welcome one and all to our church today! We gather from all walks of life, and we are an assembly of many different ages, life experiences, and backgrounds. Yet every one of us has the same inner need. We are God's creatures, and our spirits need to be in unity with our Lord. Today we hear his Word and share in his Supper together. We confess our sins, proclaim our faith, and offer prayers and praise together. We rejoice to be here, together, with you on this day that the Lord has made!



WORSHIP CHECK-IN. Please take a moment to check in online on the homepage of Hope's website (www.hopelutheranwf.org). A special welcome to guests and visitors today!

OFFERINGS & TITHES. All are invited to make an offering today, as a worshipful expression of thanksgiving to God, and in support of the ministries of Hope Lutheran Church. You may place your gift in the offering plate next to the sanctuary exit doors as you leave. May God bless our offerings and tithes, and bless the ministry which these gifts enable!

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Jennifer Lurner in memory of Dolores Lurner.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Wayne Puls
Rev. Devin Murphy
Wesley Spottiswood

Senior Pastor
Associate Pastor
Director of Christian Education

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024
8:30 & 11:00AM Services

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Children's Procession



*After sharing the greeting with one another, the congregation remains standing
and turns to face the processional cross.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (LSB443)



1. "Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



Thro' pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang;
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud;
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n, our King;



To Je - sus, who had blessed them Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice,



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

PALM SUNDAY CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: O Jesus, as you entered into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, enter today into our hearts.

Congregation: For you have come to save us! Hosanna!

Children: Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we welcome you today in this church.

Congregation: For your presence here makes God known to us. Hosanna!

Children: Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: King Jesus, make your rule and reign spread throughout all the world.

Congregation: For your kingdom is everlasting, and you rule over all! Hosanna!

Children: Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Congregation: Blessed is the King of Israel and the King of all! Hosanna!

Children: Hosanna in the highest!

PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL

John 12:12-19

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ 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!" ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ. Hosanna!

Children: Hosanna in the highest!

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Thanks and praise to you, O God of love! You sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior and Lord. Open our hearts today to welcome Jesus with joy and gladness.

Congregation: **Bless these palm branches and those who carry them. Fill us with faith, so that we may always hail Jesus as King of kings and Lord of lords! Hosanna!**

Children: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Congregation: **Amen.**

Children return to their families and the congregation is seated.



The Service of the Word



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

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.¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

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

Congregation stands

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Congregation is seated

PALM SUNDAY ANTHEM

(8:30AM) *"Hosanna!"*

Adult Choir

(11:00AM) *"Hosanna to the King of Kings"*

Children's Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children may come to the front.

Children ages 3 – Grade 2 may leave for Children's Church immediately following the

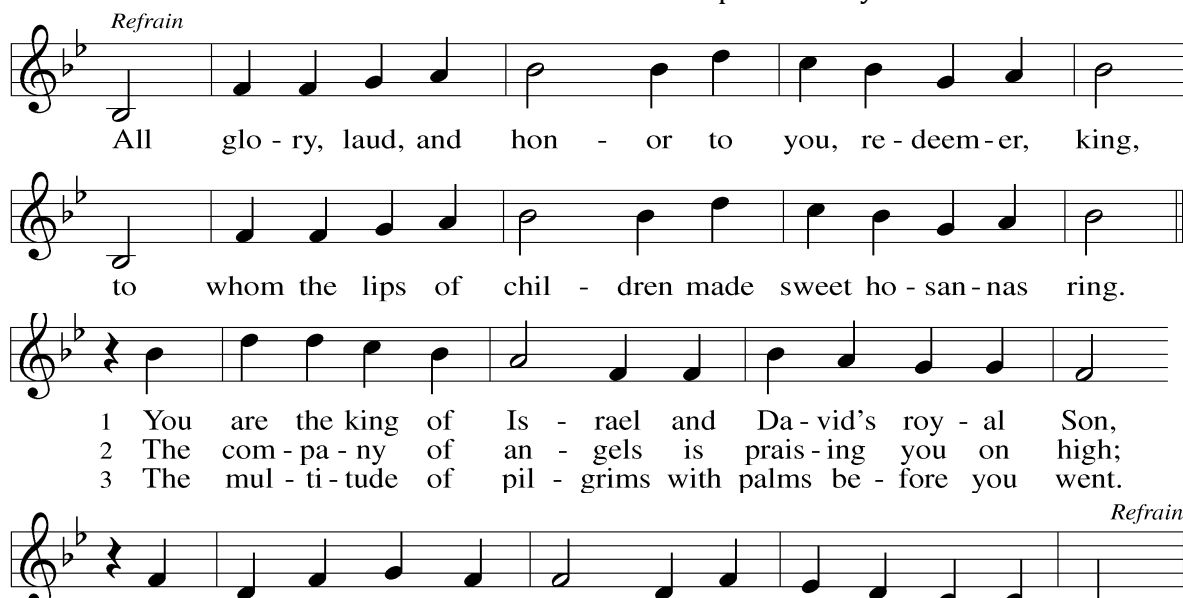
Children's Message by DCE Wesley Spottiswood.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (LBW108, vs. 1-3)

Accompaniment by Children's Handbell Choir

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went.

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.

SERMON FOR PALM SUNDAY

"The Literal Jesus"

Pastor Devin Murphy

Congregation stands

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P: Lord, in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

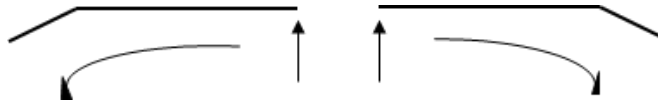


The Lord's Supper



Communion Participation: As Lutheran Christians, we believe Christ's body and blood are truly present with the bread and wine, offering forgiveness of sins to all who believe in Jesus Christ. We ask those who commune to share this unity of faith in Christ and understanding of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Since the Scripture teaches that we are to examine ourselves before eating of the bread and drinking of the cup (1 Corinthians 11:28), if you are not certain of the meaning of Holy Communion or have not been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith, please speak with the Pastor before communing.

Communion Distribution Process: Please form two lines in the main center aisle, proceeding to the altar. After you have received communion, you may return to your pew via the side aisles.



White grape juice is provided in the center of the trays. Individual cups may be placed in the baskets provided by the acolyte. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

Communion and Children: First communion is ordinarily offered at Hope to youth after instruction classes in the 5th grade. Children and youth who have not been confirmed may come to the altar to receive a blessing. Children and non-confirmed youth should fold their arms over their chest to acknowledge they are receiving the blessing.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

King Jesus, our Savior and God, we are privileged to live under your reign and rule. We are blessed so much more than we deserve. We confess our sins, our shortcomings, our doubts, our disloyalty, our unfaithfulness, our disobedience, our broken relationships, our self-centered living. We are not worthy to be in your holy presence. We plead for your mercy. Forgive us, Lord, and enter our hearts with your gracious love. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)



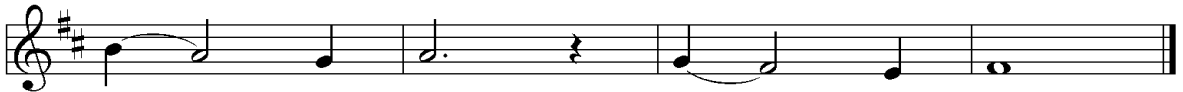
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Congregation is seated

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

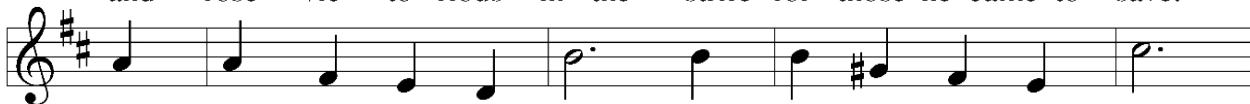
"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (LBW170)



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro-phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (LBW479)



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

WORDS OF BLESSING

Congregation stands

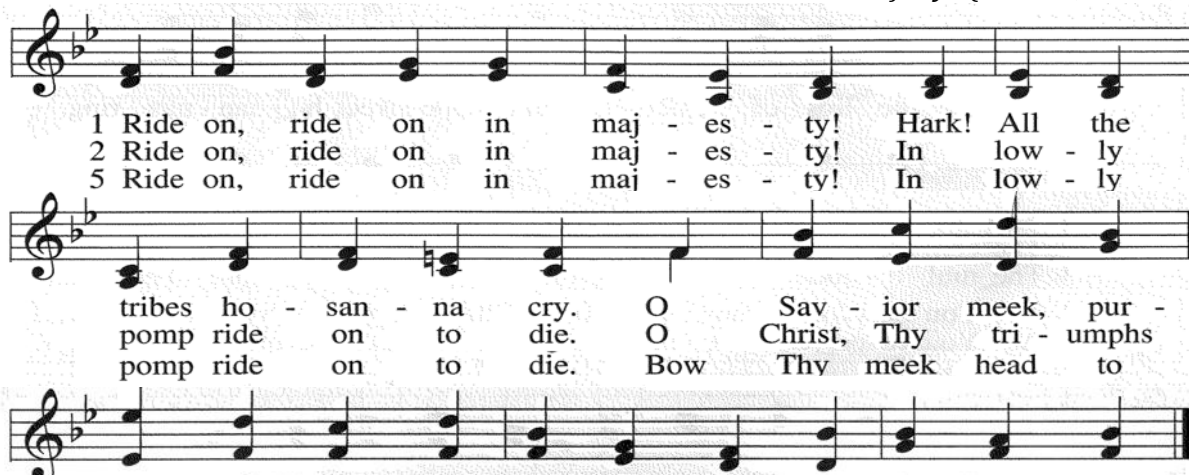
PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK

BENEDICTION

Please turn as the cross passes.

CLOSING HYMN

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" (LSB441, vs. 1-2, 5)



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs
pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to

sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

DISMISSAL

P: The worship is ended.

C: **The service now begins.**

P: Go in peace and serve Christ the King.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



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News & Events



SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:45-10:45AM)

- **KIDS:** See signs in the Narthex and Children's Center Foyer.
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Holy Week and Easter in Room 102
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** The Life of Jesus in Room 101

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION: ELEMENTS OF EASTER. Join Pastor Devin this week, from 9:45-10:45AM in Room 301, for the final part of our study looking at the elements of Easter Sunday. Today we consider the work of God to raise Jesus from dead. Come consider what resurrection means for the Gospel, how this shifts our expectation of eternal life, and why this event is so central to our Christian faith.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE. There will be no Sunday School on March 31. Sunday School will resume on April 7.

VBS COLLECTING ITEMS. Vacation Bible School is coming soon! We are collecting recyclable. We need pool noodles, egg cartons, plastic colored table cloths, cardboard boxes, clear fishing line, ribbon, packing peanuts, and colored tissue paper. We would appreciate any of these items that you are willing to give. Donations can be dropped off in the wooden donation bins in the café area, or the church office. Questions: bagner@hopelutheranwf.org.

Easter Lilies

Easter lilies adorn the chancel and windows at Hope in Easter Sunday. They may be purchased in memory or honor of loved ones. The cost is \$14 each. Sign up today by 8PM at www.hopelutheranwf.org/flowers.

WESTERN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. Habitat of Mitchell/Yancy Counties is in desperate need of volunteers! We have supported this group for the past 13 years and are planning our next trip in May. We will be leaving on 5/14 and returning on 5/18. Cost: \$140.00 per person, (\$240.00 per couple) which covers food, lodging, & travel. No construction skills are necessary. There is always plenty of work for everyone. If you are interested in helping others and would like to join us, please contact Don Yakopcic by text or phone call at (919) 609-0675.

TRI-AREA MINISTRY is the largest food pantry in the Wake Forest, Youngsville, and Rolesville area, serving 1200+ families monthly. They provide food and personal hygiene products to our community members in need. Their donation list always includes these basics: peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce (no glass jars), canned tuna or chicken, Chef Boyardee, cereal, grits, rice, dried beans, oatmeal, mac 'n cheese, pasta/noodles, crackers, canned soup, diapers, diaper wipes, and feminine hygiene products. Donations of cereal are especially requested at this time. They also accept paper products, toothpaste & toothbrushes, soap, dish detergent, etc. Bring your donated items to Hope, and drop them in the collection bins in the Gallery area (near the red doors). We are especially requesting cereal and pasta.

LOCAL DISASTER RESPONSE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY. Have you wanted to get involved with disaster response, but are not quite sure where to start? Have you attended training in the past, but feel a bit rusty? In partnership with Jordan Lutheran Church, Lutheran Servants for Christ Disaster Response is offering a two-day training opportunity on April 5-6, 2024. The training will take place at Jordan Lutheran's property in Apex, NC. Participants can sign up for one or more segments. Email Hilary Tew at treasurer@lutheranservantsforchrist.org to add your name to the event and receive updates!

SCAMS. Every so often, members of Hope receive emails that claim to be from one of Hope's pastors, asking for emergency financial help for people in need. Please be aware that the pastors will never send these emails, as the church has emergency funds available. These emails are always the work of scammers and are most definitely not legitimate.



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HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 24-28, 2024

REGISTRATION APRIL 1

FOR PARTICIPANTS
AND VOLUNTEERS



High School Youth
Join us for extreme indoor mini-golf at
Par-Tee Shack on April 6, 1-4PM.

Cost is \$20
Sign-up today!



WALK OF FAME FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE. Get your kicks and fits on for Hope's Father-Daughter dance on 4/5. Tickets are on sale for \$15 per guest with a \$45/family limit. We will enjoy a kid-friendly dinner, dancing, photo booths, and desserts. Open to all daughters who want to dance with their first love, their dad. Register today on Hope's Website. Questions? bagner@hopelutheranwf.org.

BREW: COLLEGE AGE: This month we will be meeting at 6:30 on 3/28 at church where we will have snacks and chat before Maundy Thursday Service which we will attend together. Questions? madamec@hopelutheranwf.org.

MOTHER-SON GAME NIGHT. All mothers and sons come out on 4/19 for dinner and game night. A fun time from 6-8PM in the Children's Center. Cost is \$10 per person, \$30 family max. Sign up on the Kids Ministry page. Questions? bagner@hopelutheranwf.org.

Growing a Faith Garden
Women's Retreat
April 26-27, 2024
Jeremiah 29:11-14
Weeding Out Anxiety

Holy Week & Easter

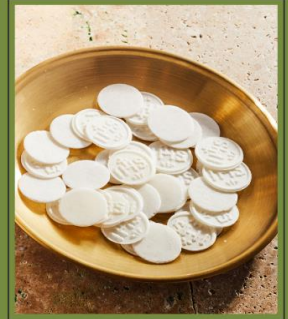
AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Maundy Thursday

March 28 at 7:00 PM

Service of Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar

As Jesus gathered with his disciples for a Last Supper before he was crucified, so we gather around the Lord's Table on this holy night.



Good Friday

March 29 at 7:30 PM

Tenebrae Service of Darkness

One of the most moving and eloquent worship hours of the whole year. We hear the seven "Words from the Cross" that Jesus spoke and remember, soberly, the suffering and torments of Calvary.

Eggstravaganza

March 30 at 10:00 AM

All kids grades 5 and below are invited to Hope's Eggstravaganza event complete with egg hunting, chicks, bunnies, bouncing, and celebrating Jesus.

Easter Sunday

March 31, 6:45AM, 8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM

Hope's celebration of the Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead will remind us all of the meaning and power of Easter for our everyday living as God's people. This glorious day begins with an outdoor (indoor in case of rain) Sunrise Service of Holy Communion, with special music led by the Praise Team. Three festival services will follow, in the worship Sanctuary, with special music led by the Handbell Choir, Adult Choir, and Brass Ensemble. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at three of the four Easter Sunday services (6:45, 8:00, and 11:00AM). At the 9:30AM Easter Sunday service, we'll focus especially on the new life given to Christians in the Sacrament of Baptism, as we remember and renew our Baptismal vows.



Easter Cross of Flowers

The Easter Cross of Flowers will be placed on the church lawn for Easter Sunday. All worshippers are invited to bring one flower (any color, any style) and place it through the wire mesh on the cross before entering the service.

Easter Breakfast

The Fellowship Volunteers will be hosting an Easter Morning Reception after the 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00AM services. Please consider bringing plated and ready-to-serve brunch goodies, and gallon lemonade or sweet tea.

