

St. Luke

Lutheran
Church

Knowing,
Sharing, and
Celebrating
Christ



APRIL 2, 2023

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

Welcome to 9:30 am Worship

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PRELUDE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

settings, Johann C Kittel (1732-1809); Michael G Fischer (1773-1829).

GATHERING HYMN:

ELW 344 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.; Music: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

ELW 342 There in God's Garden

Text: Király Imre von Pécselyi, c.1590–c.1641; tr. Erik Routley, 1917–1982, Trans. ©1976 Hinshaw Music, Inc.; Music: K. Lee Scott, b.1950;; ©1987 Birnamwood Publications.

SENDING HYMN:

ELW 351 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d.1250; tr. composite; Music: German melody, c.1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750.

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St. Luke Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Lenapehoking people and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

During the prelude, please use this time to quietly allow God to open your heart to his blessed presence.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

The Gospel according to Matthew 21:11

Glory to you, O Lord

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Praise to you, O Christ.

Amen.

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God,

For redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph

and was proclaimed messiah and king

by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless these branches and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,

so that, joined to his death and resurrection,

We enter into life with you;

Through the same Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and forever.

Amen.

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace,

in the name of Christ. Amen

GATHERING HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ELW 344

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God,
in your endless love for the human race
you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature
and to suffer death on the cross.
In your mercy,
enable us to share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING:

A reading from Isaiah 50:4-9a

- ⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
- ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
- ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
- ⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like 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 are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are
consumed.**
¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a
dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**
¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, "You are my God.**
¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those
who persecute me.
¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

SECOND READING:

A reading from Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

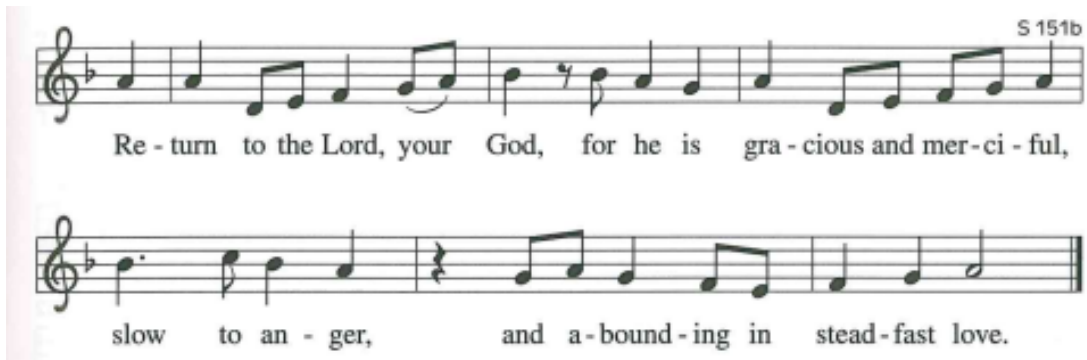
Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: (Connie Hukari, Leslie & Michael Romasco, Joe Vendetti)

The holy gospel according to Matthew 25:14—27:66

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, “What will you give me if I betray him to you?” They paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

¹⁷On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” ¹⁸He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’ ” ¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

²⁰When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; ²¹and while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” ²²And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?” ²³He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been

born.” ²⁵Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.”

²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” ²⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

³⁰When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

³¹Then Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

‘I will strike the shepherd,

and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’

³²But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.” ³³Peter said to him, “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.” ³⁴Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” ³⁵Peter said to him, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And so said all the disciples.

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸Then he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” ³⁹And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.” ⁴⁰Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of

trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ⁴²Again he went away for the second time and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” ⁴³Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.” ⁴⁹At once he came up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you are here to do.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁵²Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?” ⁵⁵At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

⁵⁷Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would

end. ⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.' " ⁶²The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" ⁶³But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." ⁶⁴Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you,

From now on you will see the Son of Man
seated at the right hand of Power
and coming on the clouds of heaven."

⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death." ⁶⁷Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, ⁶⁸saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." ⁷⁰But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." ⁷¹When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." ⁷²Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." ⁷³After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." ⁷⁴Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. ⁷⁵Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.^{27:}

¹When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. ²They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

³When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. ⁴He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." ⁵Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. ⁶But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." ⁷After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. ⁸For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, ¹⁰and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" ¹⁸For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two

do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³²As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

³⁸Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days,

save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”⁴¹In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,⁴²“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.”⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’ ”⁴⁴The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.⁴⁶And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”⁴⁷When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.”⁴⁸At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink.⁴⁹But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”⁵⁰Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split.⁵²The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.⁵³After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.⁵⁴Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

⁵⁵Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him.⁵⁶Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus.⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.⁵⁹So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth⁶⁰and laid it

in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶²The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' ⁶⁴Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." ⁶⁵Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." ⁶⁶So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

There in God's Garden

ELW 342

CREED

Together, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

The assembly is seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. With the humility of a servant, equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings to proclaim your extravagant love for all. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Save your creation, O God. Every living being you have made has purpose. Give us renewed appreciation of farm animals who labor in the fields, service animals who accompany their human companions, and beloved pets who live alongside us. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their religious beliefs or political activism and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to places where conflict runs deep especially Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, and Gaza. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are incarcerated or awaiting trial and stand with those who are unjustly

accused. Be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful.
Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of church musicians, pastors, choirs, readers, deacons, technicians, acolytes, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they accompany congregations through this Holy Week. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Save us at the last, O God. We give you thanks for your saints of old who embodied your servant love. As you came to their aid, so deliver us in times of trial, that every knee would bend in praise to you. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of good gifts,
**receive these and all our offerings
as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your gospel.
Prepare our hearts to receive you
as you pour out your very presence
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.
Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Please rise in body and spirit.

BLESSING

Church, receive this blessing.

God, the giver of love,
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

ELW 351

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
Knowing, sharing and celebrating Christ.

POSTLUDE

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Today's Worship Leaders:

Worship Leader: Connie Hukari

Reading of the Passion: Connie Hukari, Leslie & Michael Romasco,
Joe Vendetti

Director of Music: Lincoln Noecker

Lector: Ron Ball

Audio Video: Ron Ball

Ushers: Ron Hukari, Dave Janzow

PRAYERS FOR Health and Healing:

- Hilda Cooney, hospitalized
- Joyce Leary, Rehabilitation (sister of Ruth Ann Shaner)
- Linda Fronheiser, heart surgery
- Bill Yanalavage, brain tumor (friend of the Hukari's)
- Emmalyn Moyer, recovering at home from heart surgery
- Palmer Candy Co. and all first responders

PRAYERS FOR those in grief:

- Family & friends of Beverly Ritter Lapp (former St. Luke secretary and mother of Don & Bonnie Ritter)
- Family & friends of Stacey (Puzauskas) Hensley, daughter of Ben & Linda Puzauskas (Pam & Mike Ferraro's neighbor)

PRAYERS FOR those Needing Continued Prayers:

Bob Arobone
Jalen Gray
Bonnie Ritter

Tom Bucks
Larry Kuser

Kristopher Yoder
Sharon Smith

PRAYERS FOR those at home:

Charles & Gloria Christman	Jean & Bill Christy
Marie Geiger	Paul McFarland
Ruth Nice	Helen Penketh
Clayton & Ann Rhoads	Cookie Stasik

IN OUR PRAYERS: This morning in our prayers we remember the saints whose commemorations fall during this week:

April 4 Benedict the African, confessor, 1589

April 6 Albrecht Dürer, 128; Matthias Grünewald, 1529;

Lucas Cranach, 1553; artist

Sponsors:

The sanctuary lamp is sponsored by Carol & Emily Geiger for the glory of God and Ross's birthday.

Items Needed for Veterans

Our local Veteran's group is in need of specific items which are always a challenge to keep on hand. These items include men's thermals, sweat pants and crew neck sweat shirts, sizes L-3XL. Dale Shaner's Thrivent Team has provided seed money to purchase these items. If you would like to make a donation for our Vets, please choose a tag or two from the Giving Tree in the Narthex. We have also placed a box in the Narthex for those who would like to donate. We will be collecting until Sunday, April 30.

Holy Week Services

April 6, Maundy Thursday with Communion - 5:00 pm

April 7, Good Friday - 7:00 pm

April 9, Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day - 10:30 am

Thank You!

Linda Fronheiser would like to thank everyone for the well wishes and cards while she was in the hospital. She really appreciated the thoughtfulness and caring.

Date	April 2 - 8	Location
Sunday, April 2 Passion/Palm Sunday	9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Handbell Choir	Nave Nave
Tuesday, April 4	6:30 pm Cherub Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	Choir Room Memorial Hall
Wednesday, April 5	1:00-4:00 pm CCR Donations 7:00 pm Handbell Choir	CCR Nave
Thursday, April 6	5:00 pm Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	Nave Memorial Hall
Friday, April 7	7:00 pm Good Friday 8:30 pm AA Meeting	Nave Class Room Downstairs
Worship Leaders	Sunday, April 9	Sunday, April 16
Lector	Dave Janzow	Mike Romasco
Ushers	Larry Billger, Terry Conrad	Gary Fronheiser, Ron Hukari
Audio Video	Ron Hukari	Ron Ball
Office Volunteer	Donna Biehl (April 6)	Cindy Bealer (April 13)
Sacristan	Val Schlegel	Val Schlegel

Worship and Stewardship			
<u>Our March Commitment</u>		<u>Our Generosity</u>	<u>Overage/Shortfall</u>
Budget	\$13,064	\$ TBD	- \$ TBD
Mission Support	\$544	\$ TBD	- \$ TBD

<p align="center">100th Anniversary Campaign</p> <p align="center">Pledges received year to date: \$96,430</p> <p align="center">Actual monies received to date: \$123,464</p>



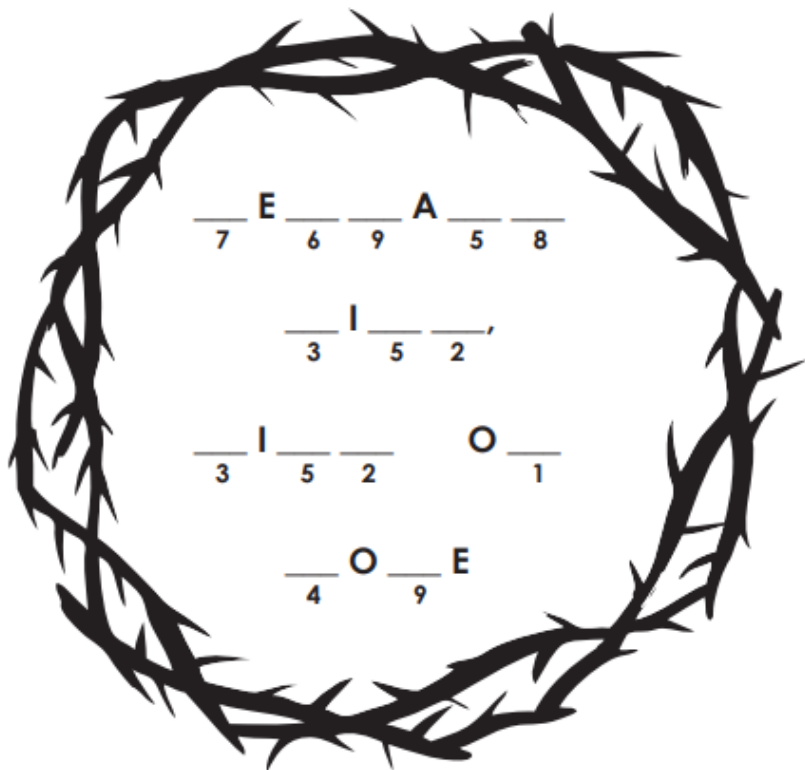
READER

Passion/Palm Sunday

- This is **Holy Week**.
- Holy Week was the **last week** of Jesus' life.
- During Holy Week, we **honor** Jesus and **mourn** his death.

Sometimes It Hurts

Solve the puzzle below to find out what kind of king Jesus was.



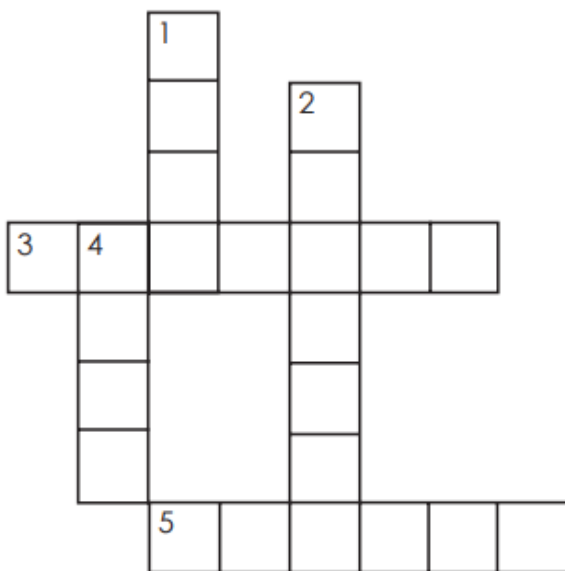
1 = F 2 = G 3 = K 4 = L 5 = N 6 = R 7 = S 8 = T 9 = V

_____ is the one who comes in
the _____ of the _____!
_____ in the highest _____!
Matthew 21:9

Memory Verse



Use the clues below to fill in the crossword puzzle and the memory verse. If you get stuck, look up Matthew 21:9 for help.



ACROSS

3. Mary was _____ among women. Luke 1:42
5. In the beginning, God created the _____s and the earth.
Genesis 1:1

DOWN

1. Adam gave one of these to all the animals: A _____. Genesis 2:20
2. People waved palms and shouted, "_____!" Mark 11:10
4. God is the _____ of lords. Deuteronomy 10:17

