

Palm Sunday

Grace Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Rev. Travis W. Sherman, Pastor

Holy Week Schedule:

Maundy Thursday: 6pm Good Friday: 6pm

Easter Vigil (Saturday): 6pm

Easter Sunday: 8am, with breakfast following

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WELCOME! We welcome our guests and visitors this morning and pray that your worship with us will be meaningful, blessed, and especially Christ-centered. We hope that you will worship with us again soon! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to consider making Grace Lutheran your church home.

IN THE INTEREST of good pastoral care, Grace Lutheran Church practices close communion. We believe, teach and confess that the one Holy Apostolic Christian Church throughout history and Holy Scripture teach that those who commune together should be one in faith and doctrine. For this reason, we reserve Holy Communion for those who are confirmed members of Grace Lutheran Church, and for confirmed members in good standing of sister LC-MS congregations. We respectfully ask those who are members of other church bodies to commune at the altar of their church, in accordance with their public confessions and under the care of their pastor.

THOSE who serve us:

Piano/Organ...Kay Kruger
Church CleanerLisa Johnson
Church SecretaryLeah Sherman
Little Lambs Preschool TeacherDeb Evans

The service of Passion Sunday, beginning with the procession of palms, reflects the contrasting attitudes toward Jesus that were on display during the days leading up to His crucifixion. "Palm Sunday" is named after the palms that were spread before Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. The acclamation of the people, "Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord," clearly reveals that they hailed Jesus as the messianic king. Yet only days later, our Lord would hear the cry "Crucify!" This contrast is reflected on this day as the joy of His triumphal entry into Jerusalem gives way to the somber remembrance of His passion. The extended reading from the passion narrative sets before the faithful all that our Lord did on our behalf. Thus is the Church prepared to enter Holy Week—the most important week of the entire Church year. (LSB: Altar Book, 501)



PASSION SUNDAY (Divine Service III) LSB 184

With the Procession of Palms

PROCESSION OF PALMS

Please stand, as you are able and face the processional cross.

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

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

C Amen.

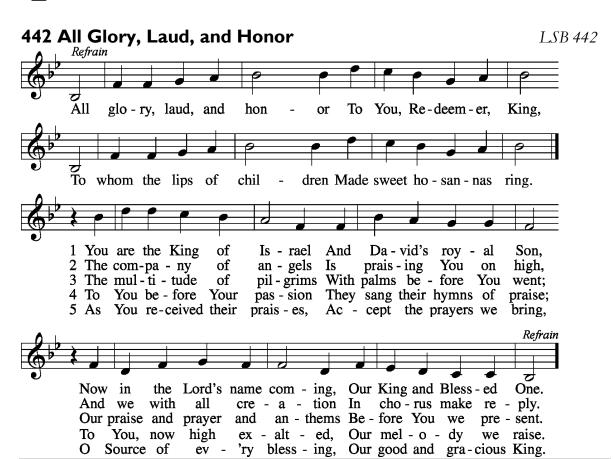
Holy Gospel

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
- C 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." *John 12:12-19*

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.
- **P** Let us go forth in peace,
- C in the name of the Lord.



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. The crosses are veiled.

Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

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

- **P** Let us pray.
- 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. Amen.

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.

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;

A

This is the Word of the Lord.

his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Philippians 2:5–11

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

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

Tract *Psalm 22:1, 4-5*

My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?*

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?

In you our fathers | trusted;*

they trusted, and you de- livered them.

To you they cried and were | rescued;*

in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.

Stand

Holy Gospel Matthew 27

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

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

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are

the Son of God, come down from the cross." So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God." And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the

Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

 $[\mathbf{P}]$ This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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,

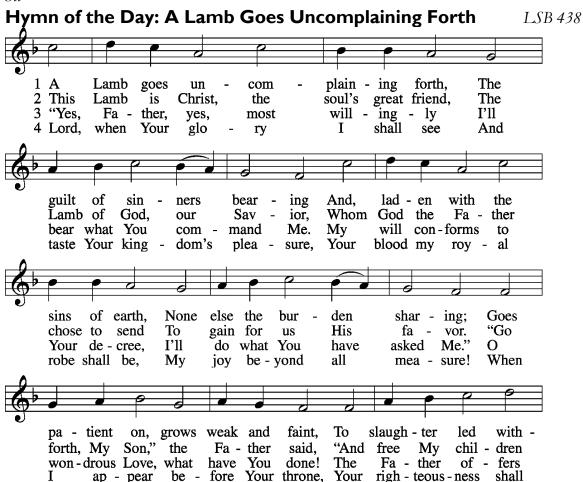
the Lord and giver of life,

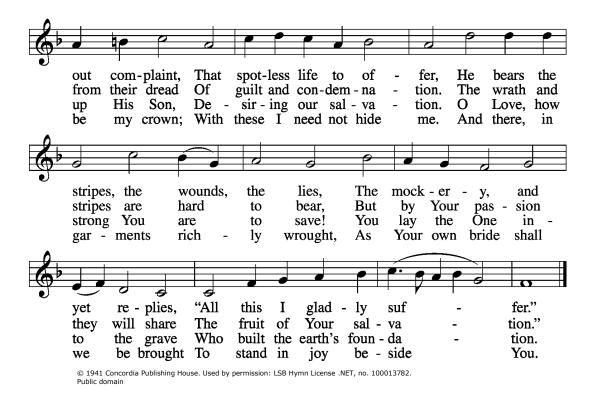
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

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 + of the world to come. Amen

Sit





Sermon

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. C Amen. Philippians 4:7

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12

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 [at the back of church]

Stand

Prayer of the Church: Litany of the Passion

P God the Father in heaven,

P God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

P God the Holy Spirit,

P Jesus, Son of the living God,

P From all evil,

C Have mercy.

C Have mercy.

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C Have mercy.

O Jesus, deliver us.

P From sudden, unprepared, or evil death; From the snares of the devil; From anger, hatred, or ill-will; From everlasting death,

C O Jesus, deliver us.

P By the mystery of Your incarnation;

By Your most holy life and conversation;

By Your most bitter Passion and death;

By Your agony and bloody sweat;

By Your thrice-repeated prayer;

By Your bonds and stripes;

By Your sacred body, buffeted

and smitten;

By the spitting upon Your

adorable face;

By the false judgment

pronounced by Caiaphas;

By Herod's disdain of You;

By the shameful stripping of Your

garments;

By Your painful crown of thorns;

By Your purple robe of mockery;

By Your most unjust

condemnation;

By Your bearing Your own cross;

By Your footprints to the place of

death;

By the tearing off of Your

garments;

By the cruel straining of Your

sacred limbs;

By Your dread crucifixion;

By the anguish You did suffer;

By Your prayers and tears;

By the insults You endured;

By the shedding of Your most

precious blood;

By Your patience and humility;

By the love with which You loved

us to the end:

C O Jesus, deliver us.

- P We poor sinners implore You to hear us: C O most loving Jesus.
- That being dead to sin, we may live unto righteousness;
 That we may take up our cross daily and follow You;
 That Your blood may cleanse us from dead works to serve the living God;
 That looking on Your example, we may follow Your steps;
 That being partakers of Your sufferings, we may be also partakers of Your glory:

 We implore You to hear us, O Jesus.
- P Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C Have mercy.
- P Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C Have mercy.
- **P** Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C Grant us Your peace. Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

- C And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

C It is meet and right so to do.

[Meet means 'fitting, proper.']

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

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

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

- Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C

Amen.

Agnus Dei John 1:29

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.**

We ask all who desire to receive communion to please read the communion statement at the front of the bulletin. For those approaching the Lord's Table this day, we ask you to come individually or by family group. Following Communion, the following is said:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace. C Amen.



- We dare not ask how this can be,But simply hold the mysteryAnd trust this word where life begins:"Given and shed for all your sins."
- 6 They who this word do not believeThis food unworthily receive,Salvation here will never find—May we this warning keep in mind!

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- 7 But blest is each believing guest Who in these promises finds rest; For Jesus shall in love remain With all who here His grace obtain.
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe That we may worthily receive Your Supper and in You find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down, an - guish, With sore 2 How pale Thou art with scorn! a - buse and 3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all gain: for sin - ners' Shep-herd, now re - ceive me; My Guard-ian, own Thine. me To thank Thee, dear -5 What lan - guage shall I bor - row est Friend. be Thou near me When death is 6 My Sav - ior, at my door; 7 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I die: must



Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round - ed
How doth Thy face now lan - guish
Mine, mine was the trans-gres - sion,
Great bless - ings Thou didst give me,
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row,
Then let Thy pres - ence cheer me,
Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion

With thorns, Thine on - ly crown. was bright as morn! That once But Thine the dead - ly pain. 0 Source of gifts di - vine. Thv with - out end? pit - y For - sake me nev - er - more! When my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbe Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I Thy lips have of - ten fed me With word O make me Thine for - ev - er! And shoul When soul and bod - y lan - guish, O leave Mine eyes shall then be-hold Thee, Up - on

What bliss, till now was Thine!
Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
'Tis I de-serve Thy place;
With words of truth and love;
And should I faint-ing be,
O leave me not a - lone,
Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,



Yet, though de-spised and gor call Thee mine. joy у, to Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife. Look me with Thy fa - vor, And grant Thy grace. on to me Thy Spir - it oft hath led me To heav'n - ly joys a - bove. my love for Thee. Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live vir - tue of Thine own! But take a - way mine an - guish By by faith en-fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well. Mv heart

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Thanksgiving Psalm 107:1

- 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

[Psalm 103:1]

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

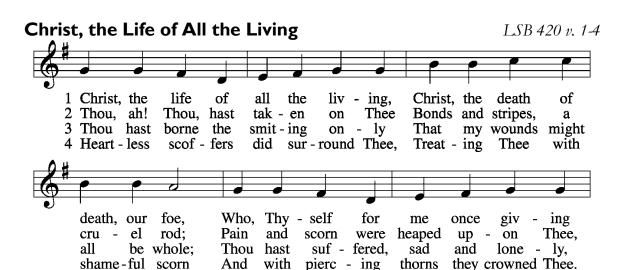
- **A** Bless we the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

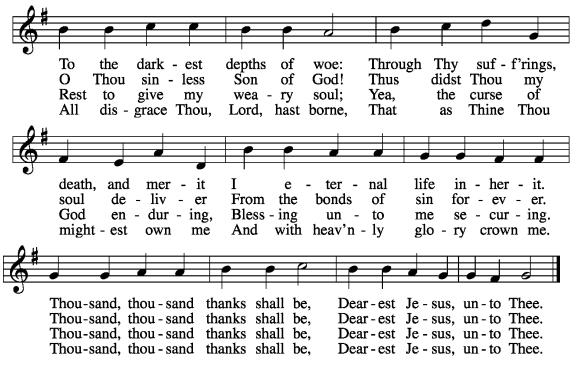
BenedictionNumbers 6:24-26

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.





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Holy Week Schedule: **Maundy Thursday** 6pm **Good Friday** 6pm; **Holy Saturday** 6pm; **Easter Sunday** 8am



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STEWARDSHIP:

Matthew 21:3 – "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." Did Jesus really need the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! It is likewise with us. The Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His Church.

Budget for 2021: \$124,440; Weekly Need: \$2,393 As of Mar. 11th we have received: \$17,540.44 (\$1948.93 Avg/Week) **February Mission Project:** \$201; **Total Mission Projects YTD:** \$627

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We rejoice to be back in the house of the LORD! What a blessing to be able to gather under the same roof, hear God's Word, receive His gifts, pray and sing His praises together.

At the same time, we will still take a few common sense precautions in an attempt to keep one another and our community healthy. Here at church, those precautions include the following things: 1) there will be no passing of the offering plate; 2) distribution of the Sacrament will be done individually; 3) when lining up for communion, we ask you to line up one family group at a time; 4) the communion vessels have been prepared in a sanitized environment, and arranged in a way that seeks to avoid cross-contamination.

This is something we are dealing with in our community and our congregation. We need to watch out for each other, help one another to care for our bodies and lives, encourage one another with the hope we have in Jesus' victory over death, and pray for ourselves and others that God would continue to lead and guide us.

March Missions Project:

In more than 80 countries and 100 languages,

thousands of people have come to faith in Christ because they've been able to read books like *The Good News About Jesus* or *Luther's Small Catechism* in their own languages. LHF has published the catechism in more than 90 languages with dozens more requested. In the past decade, LHF has published and distributed over 1,000 titles and 3 million Lutheran books to pastors, seminary students, missionaries and churches – all at no cost to them.

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