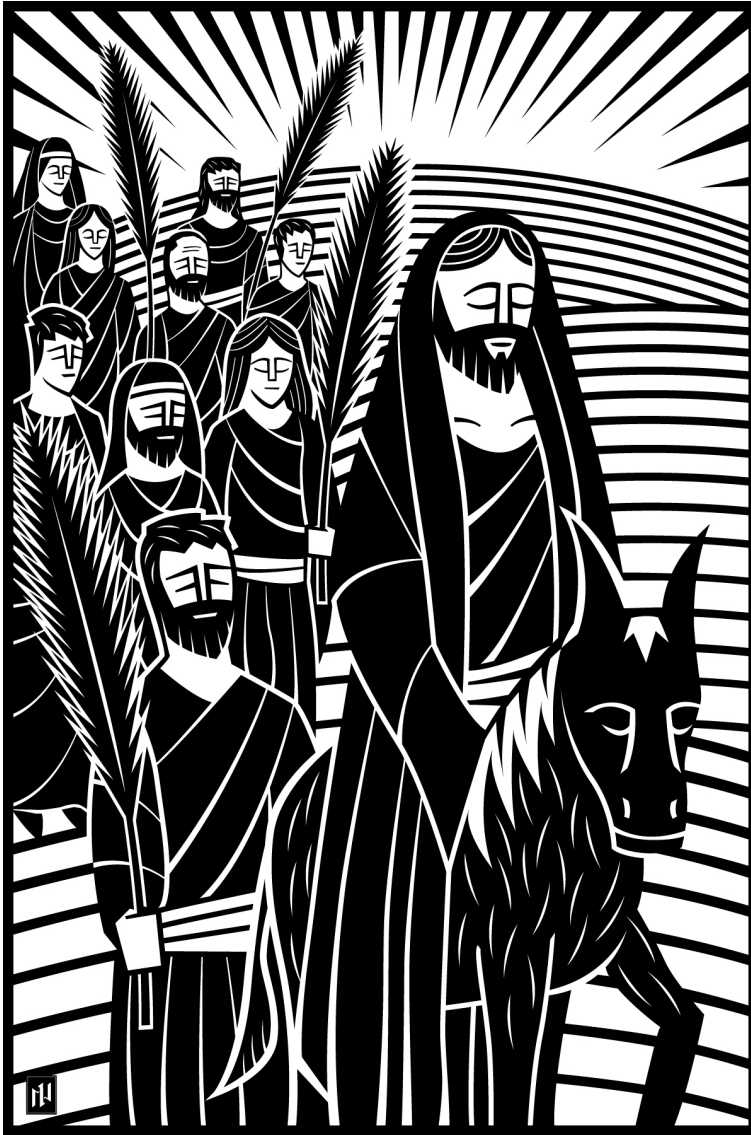


WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

# St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church | Wisconsin Rapids, WI

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April 10, 2022

## Welcome To Worship

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. We are happy you are here. Please fill out a Connect Card to let us know how we might continue to serve you.

It's encouraging to see parents bring their families to worship the Lord. If your child becomes restless, you can use the Family Room to calm them. Quiet bags and children's bulletins are also available to keep little ones busy. Restrooms are located in the hallways along either side of the worship space. For those with special needs, large print copies of the service folder and listening devices are available from the ushers. One of our ushers can help you find the restrooms or family room and answer any other questions.

## Service Notes For This Sunday



We Lutherans have a long history of remembering the Passion of Jesus in midweek services during the Season of Lent (although we did not do so this year). The more common practice, in history and in the experience of the wider church, is to read the Passion history on the first Sunday of Holy Week. As members find it increasingly difficult to attend midweek services, Lutheran churches have made this practice part of their worship life. This first Sunday of Holy Week becomes known as the Sunday of the Passion.

This service includes a procession of palm branches, much like Palm Sunday would have. It continues with a responsive reading of Luke's Gospel, chapters 22 and 23, which covers much of what happened to Jesus as he suffered for us. Interspersed with the readings are hymns that help drive home the truths that are spoken throughout the readings.

The suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus are the central truths of the Christian religion and the foundation of Christian faith. While we have no intention of eliminating Wednesday services during Lent, we hope this relatively new custom may enable more of our members to regularly hear the Passion account just as they hear the resurrection gospel on Easter Sunday.

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# The Sunday of the Passion

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*Those processing gather in the Welcome Center and receive palm branches. The service begins at the entry of the worship space. At the invitation of the pastor, stand and face the entry of the worship space.*

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{T}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, during the weeks of Lent we have been preparing to commemorate our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection. Today we come together to begin the solemn journey of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Savior and to gain for us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. We follow him in faith and praise him with joy.

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

**Hosanna in the highest!**

## Reading

*Luke 19:28–40*

*Jesus triumphantly and humbly enters Jerusalem.*

After Jesus had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>As he came near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ahead, <sup>30</sup>saying, "Go to the village ahead of you. When you enter it, you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you will say this: 'The Lord needs it.'"

<sup>32</sup>Those who were sent ahead went and found things just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

<sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it."

<sup>35</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus. They threw their robes on the colt and set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he went along, people spread their robes on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began to praise God joyfully, with a loud voice, for all the miracles they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

<sup>40</sup>He replied, "I tell you, if these people would be silent, the stones would cry out."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Let us pray. God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as a king by those who shouted “Hosanna” and spread their clothing and palm branches in his path. Accept our praise and listen to our prayers as we rejoice in our triumphant King, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

*The pastors lead the palms procession as the hymn is sung. After you place your palm branch at the foot of the central cross, please be seated.*

## Hymn

412 All Glory, Laud, and Honor



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 peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you be - fore your pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
- 5 As you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, our good and gra - cious King.

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The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Choir Anthem

*Gently on a Foe!*

## The Plot and the Passover

*Luke 22:1-38*

The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching. <sup>2</sup> The chief priests and the experts in the law were trying to find some way to put Jesus to death, because they were afraid of the people. <sup>3</sup> Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, who was one of the Twelve. <sup>4</sup> He went away and spoke with the chief priests and officers of the temple guard about how he could betray Jesus to them. <sup>5</sup> They were glad and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup> He promised to do it and was looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus to them away from the crowd.

<sup>7</sup> The day of Unleavened Bread arrived, when it was necessary to sacrifice the Passover lamb. <sup>8</sup> Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it."

**<sup>9</sup> They said to him, "Where do you want us to prepare it?"**

<sup>10</sup> He told them, "Just as you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters. <sup>11</sup> Tell the owner of the house, "The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" <sup>12</sup> He will show you a large, furnished upper room. Make preparations there." <sup>13</sup> They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>14</sup> When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, <sup>16</sup> for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

<sup>17</sup> He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, <sup>18</sup> for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

<sup>19</sup> He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup> In the same way, he took the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is being poured out for you.

<sup>21</sup> "But look, the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. <sup>22</sup> The Son of Man is going to go as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"

<sup>23</sup> They began to discuss with one another which of them it was who was going to do this.

<sup>24</sup> A dispute arose among the disciples about which of them was considered to be greatest. <sup>25</sup> But he told them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are called Benefactors. <sup>26</sup> But it is not to be that way with you. Instead, let the greatest among you become like the youngest, and the one who leads like the one who serves. <sup>27</sup> For who is greater, one who reclines at the table or one who serves? Isn’t it the one who reclines at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. <sup>28</sup> You are those who have remained with me in my trials. <sup>29</sup> I am going to grant a kingdom to you, just as my Father granted to me, <sup>30</sup> so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom. And you will sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

<sup>31</sup> The Lord said, “Simon, Simon, pay attention: Satan has asked to have you all, so that he may sift you as wheat. <sup>32</sup> But I prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have returned to me, strengthen your brothers.”

<sup>33</sup> **He said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death!”**

<sup>34</sup> But Jesus replied, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today until you deny three times that you know me.”

<sup>35</sup> He said to them, “When I sent you out without money bag, traveler’s bag, and sandals, did you lack anything?”

“Nothing,” they said.

<sup>36</sup> Then he told them, “But now, let the one who has a money bag take it, and likewise a traveler’s bag. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. <sup>37</sup> For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘He was counted with transgressors.’ Indeed, what is written about me is going to have its fulfillment.”

<sup>38</sup> **They said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.”**

He said to them, “That is enough.”

## Hymn

*417 It Was a Dark and Dismal Night*

## In Gethsemane

*Luke 22:39-54*

<sup>39</sup> Jesus left and went out to the Mount of Olives, as was his custom. His disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup> When he reached the place, he told them, “Keep praying that you may not enter into temptation.”

<sup>41</sup> He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, <sup>42</sup> “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done.”

<sup>43</sup> An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. <sup>44</sup> As he was in agony, he prayed more fervently. His sweat became like great drops of blood falling to the ground.

<sup>45</sup> When he rose from prayer, he went to the disciples and found them sleeping as a result of sorrow. <sup>46</sup> He said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and keep praying so that you may not enter into temptation.”

<sup>47</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd appeared, and the man called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He came near to Jesus to kiss him. <sup>48</sup> But Jesus said to him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

<sup>49</sup> **When those who were around him saw what was about to happen, they said to him, “Lord, should we strike with a sword?”** <sup>50</sup> Then one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

<sup>51</sup> But Jesus responded, “Stop! No more of this!” Then he touched the servant’s ear and healed him. <sup>52</sup> Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come out against him, “Have you come out as you would against a robber, with swords and clubs? <sup>53</sup> Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour—when darkness rules.”

<sup>54</sup> Then they seized him, led him away, and brought him into the high priest’s house.

## Hymn

*424 The Garden of Gethsemane  
Please join beginning with the second verse.*

## Before the High Priest

*Luke 22:55-71*

Peter followed at a distance. <sup>55</sup> When they had lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. <sup>56</sup> A servant girl saw him sitting near the light. She looked closely at him and said, “This man also was with him.”

<sup>57</sup> **But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.”**

<sup>58</sup> After a little while someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them!”

**But Peter answered, “Man, I am not!”**

<sup>59</sup> After about one hour had passed, someone else was firmly insisting, “Truly this man was with him too, because he is a Galilean!”

<sup>60</sup> **But Peter said, “Man, I don’t know what you are talking about!”** At that very moment, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup> The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the Lord’s word, how he had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today you will deny me three times.” <sup>62</sup> He went outside and wept bitterly.

<sup>63</sup> The men who were holding Jesus in custody mocked him while they were beating him. <sup>64</sup> **They blindfolded him and kept asking him, “Prophecy! Who hit you?”**

<sup>65</sup> And they went on saying many other blasphemous things against him.

<sup>66</sup> As soon as it was day, the council of the elders of the people met together, both the chief priests and experts in the law. They brought him into their Sanhedrin and said, <sup>67</sup> “If you are the Christ, tell us.”

But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe,<sup>68</sup> and if I ask you, you will not answer me or release me.<sup>69</sup> But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”

<sup>70</sup> **They all said, “Are you then the Son of God?”**

He said to them, “I am what you are saying.”

<sup>71</sup> Then they said, “Why do we need any more testimony? For we ourselves have heard it from his own mouth!”

## Hymn

*408 He Stood before the Court*

## Before Pilate

*Luke 23:1-25*

The whole group of them got up and brought him before Pilate.<sup>2</sup> They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this fellow misleading our nation, forbidding the payment of taxes to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.”

<sup>3</sup> **Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”**

“It is as you say,” Jesus replied.

<sup>4</sup> Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for a charge against this man.”<sup>5</sup> But they kept insisting, “He stirs up the people, teaching all through Judea, beginning from Galilee all the way here.”<sup>6</sup> When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man was a Galilean.

<sup>7</sup> When he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem during those days.

<sup>8</sup> When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad. For a long time, he had wanted to see him, because he had heard many things about him. He hoped to see some miracle performed by him.<sup>9</sup> He questioned him with many words, but Jesus gave him no answer.<sup>10</sup> The chief priests and the experts in the law stood there, vehemently accusing him.<sup>11</sup> Herod, along with his soldiers, treated him with contempt and ridiculed him. Dressing him in bright clothing, he sent him back to Pilate.<sup>12</sup> Herod and Pilate became friends with each other on that day. Before this they had been enemies of each other.

<sup>13</sup> Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people,<sup>14</sup> and said to them, “You brought this man to me as one who is misleading the people. Look, I have examined him in your presence. I have found in this man no basis for the charges you are bringing against him.<sup>15</sup> Herod did not either, for he sent him back to us. See, he has done nothing worthy of death.<sup>16</sup> So I will have him flogged and release him.”

<sup>17</sup> Pilate needed to release one prisoner to them at the Festival.<sup>18</sup> **But they all shouted together with one voice: “Take him away! Release Barabbas to us!”**

<sup>19</sup> Barabbas had been thrown in prison for a rebellion in the city and for murder.<sup>20</sup> Pilate addressed them again, because he wanted to release Jesus.

<sup>21</sup> **But they kept shouting, “Crucify! Crucify him!”**



<sup>22</sup> He said to them the third time, “Why? What evil has he done? I have found no grounds for sentencing him to death. So I will whip him and release him.” <sup>23</sup> But they kept pressuring him with loud voices, demanding that he be crucified. And their voices were overwhelming.

<sup>24</sup> So Pilate decided that what they demanded would be done. <sup>25</sup> He released the one they had asked for, who had been thrown in prison for rebellion and murder, but he handed Jesus over to their will.

## Hymn

397 My Song Is Love Unknown vs. 1-5

## Death and Burial

Luke 23:26-56

<sup>26</sup> As they led him away, they seized Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country. They placed the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup> A large crowd of people was following him, including women who were mourning and wailing for him. <sup>28</sup> Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup> Be sure of this: The days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never gave birth, and the breasts that never nursed.’ <sup>30</sup> Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us!’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ <sup>31</sup> For if they do these things to the green wood, what will happen to the dry?”

*Stand*

<sup>32</sup> Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed. <sup>33</sup> When they came to the place called The Skull, they crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” They cast lots to divide his garments among them.

<sup>35</sup> The people stood watching. **The rulers were ridiculing him, saying, “He saved others. Let him save himself, if this is the Christ of God, the Chosen One!”**

<sup>36</sup> The soldiers also made fun of him. Coming up to him, they offered him sour wine, <sup>37</sup> saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

<sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription written above him: “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming him, saying, “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

<sup>40</sup> But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? <sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we have done, but this man has done nothing wrong.”

<sup>42</sup> **Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.”**

<sup>43</sup> Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise.”

<sup>44</sup> It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, <sup>45</sup> while the sun was darkened. Then the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

<sup>46</sup> Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” When he had said this, he breathed his last.

*A brief silence is observed.*

<sup>47</sup> When the centurion saw what had happened, he began to glorify God, saying, “This man really was righteous.” <sup>48</sup> When all the groups of people who had gathered to see this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their chests. <sup>49</sup> All those who knew Jesus, and the women who followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

<sup>50</sup> Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea, who was a member of the Council, a good and righteous man. <sup>51</sup> He had not agreed with their plan and action. He was looking forward to the kingdom of God. <sup>52</sup> This man went to Pilate and asked for Jesus’ body. <sup>53</sup> He took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and placed it in a tomb that was cut out of rock, where no one had yet been laid. <sup>54</sup> It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was beginning. <sup>55</sup> The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed after Joseph, and they observed the tomb and how his body was laid there. <sup>56</sup> Then they returned and prepared spices and perfumes. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

*Be seated*

*Silence for prayer and meditation. You may also use this time to fill out a Connect Card.*

## **Prayer of the Church**

Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth. We praise you for coming to earth to be our Savior. Though you are one with the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one with us. Praise be to you for living a life of perfect conformity to God’s holy law in our place.

**Thank you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.**

Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem.

**Move us to confess you before others as our Lord.**

Help us proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations. Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death, and the devil.

**Move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.**

Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth. Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government.

**Let peace prevail.**

Grant success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve the common good. Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and all employees to be diligent and faithful. Look with favor on our nation’s schools. Be with those who teach and those who learn. Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection. Strengthen the faith of the dying.

*Special prayers and intercessions*

Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation. **Hear us for your mercy's sake. Amen.**

## Offering

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Guests, please don't feel obligated to take part in the offering. We're just happy you're here as our guest to hear and take to heart the message of Jesus. If the gospel message has moved you to give and you would like an electronic option, you can scan this QR code with your mobile phone. It will connect you with our website's giving page.*



## WELS Connection Video

*Stand*

Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and  $\text{T}$  give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Hymn

*400 Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing*



# Take Home Questions

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1. Now that you've heard the entirety of the Passion history (at least from Luke's perspective), what stands out to you most about Jesus through the whole account? What stands out about his disciples? What stands out about others throughout the chapters?
  
2. In Luke 19:40, Jesus says, "If these people would be silent, the stones would cry out." What is Jesus saying about his place in the world? Compare Jesus' words with Psalm 19:1-6.
  
3. Catechism review - Where in Luke's Passion account does Jesus carry out the following (use your catechism at home or find the references beginning on pg. 286 of the blue hymnal):
  - a. The Third Petition
  
  - b. The Institution of the Lord's Supper
  
  - c. The Fourth Commandment (specifically referencing obedience to rulers)
  
  - d. The Fifth Petition
  
  - e. The Third Commandment (Luke 22:39-46)

# News & Announcements

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## It Is Holy Week

Invite your friends and family to join you in celebrating Jesus resurrection or to come to one of our other special service this week.



Holy Thursday Worship at 4:00 & 6:30 PM

Good Friday Worship at 12:10 & 6:30 PM

Easter Sunday Worship at 7:00 & 9:30 AM

Easter breakfast served 8:00-9:00



## Listening Session

April 10 | 9:15 AM

There will be a listening session between the services today to discuss the ministry plan for 2022-2023. The ministry plan and other reports can be found in your mailslots. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this session. Note: Because of the listening session, today's bible study is cancelled.

## Voters Meeting

April 19 | 6:30 PM

Our quarterly voters' meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 pm. In addition to the usual business, we will vote on the closure of our childcare and the 2022-2023 ministry plan. Please see the packet of reports in your mailslot for more details.

## The Crucial Hours

April 13 | 6:30-8:00 PM

The Bible Book Group invites you to take an in-depth look at *The Crucial Hours* leading up to and following Jesus' death on the cross. This week's topic is Jesus' agony in the garden of Gethsemane. This study uses historical and cultural references as well as the scriptures to help us better understand the events of those hours. The group meets in the Resource Center.

## Help with Decorating

April 16 | 9:00 AM

Help us set the mood for our joyous Easter celebration by decorating the church with flowers and other symbols of new life. Come on Saturday at 9:00 AM.

## Offering Statements

The end of March marked the end of the first quarter of the calendar year. Your quarterly offering statement has been placed in your mailslot for your review. Please let us know if you have any questions about your statement. Thank you for your financial support of this ministry.

## Save the Date ~ Organ Recital

May 1 | 4:00 PM

We hope restoration work on our organ will be complete soon. Barring any delays, Prof. Leonard Proeber will hold an organ recital here on Sunday, May 1 at 4:00 pm. Prof. Proeber was the music department chairman of Michigan Lutheran Seminary and is also Pastor Proeber's father. Please mark your calendar for this special musical event.

Reminder: We still need close to \$10,000 to reach our goal of paying for the organ restoration without borrowing. Our final is due at the time the organ is installed.

## Ready to Run!

April 30

The snow is gone, the weather's warming, and we are ready to run! Join Northland Lutheran High School (NLHS) on Saturday, April 30, for their annual 5K Run/Walk. Registration for adults (12 and up) is \$25, for children, \$20. Go to [nlhs.org](http://nlhs.org), to register today. Could you serve as a race sponsor? Let NLHS know at 715-359-3400.

## Luther Preparatory Gala: "Lives PREPared"

April 23

Luther Preparatory School has a single mission: to prepare and encourage young people to be pastors and teachers in the WELS. About half of their students become pastors and teachers in the public ministry while half serve God in other vocations. Prep is grateful for all of its students! They invite you to join them via livestream for the Luther Prep Gala to learn more about Luther Prep and enjoy the night with them! Find details on their website: <https://www.lps.wels.net/apps/pages/lpsgala>.

## Give Student Access to Christian Education

Transportation can be a barrier for families deciding whether to send their children to Northland Lutheran High School in Kronenwetter. Until recently, we have been able to provide bus transportation. Currently, parents, grandparents, and other volunteers are transporting children from Wisconsin Rapids to school each day. NLHS is seeking a paid bus driver. Can you serve our high school in this way and our families? Contact Principal Ryan Weichmann at 715-297-4427.

### Special Prayers This Week:

- Mrs. Trudy Tietz was called to serve as our 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher.
- Jeanie Beer's father is having health struggles
- Molly Wenzel's mother-in-law, Joan Jepson, is still struggling to get well.
- Jan Peronto's mother, Marenda Stowell, passed away. She was 94.
- Linda Hughes, Pam Williams' aunt, who has aggressive cancer
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<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 AM	Worship
	<b>9:15 AM</b>	<b>Listening Session in church</b>
	9:15 AM	Catechism Class in the West Wing
	9:15 AM	Sunday School (grades 3K-6)
	10:30 AM	Worship
	2:00 PM	Coed Volleyball in the gym
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:45 AM	Men's Bible Study at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	9:45 AM	Women Walking in the Word in the Resource Center
	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministers Peer Group in the Resource Center
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:55 AM	School Chapel Service
	6:30 PM	Bible Book Group in the Resource Center
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 AM	Men's Small Group at From the Ground Up Coffee Shop
	4:00 PM	<b>Holy Thursday Worship</b>
	6:30 PM	<b>Holy Thursday Worship</b>
<b>Friday</b>	12:10 PM	<b>Good Friday Worship</b>
	6:30 PM	<b>Good Friday Worship</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 AM	<b>Decorating for Easter</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	7:00 AM	<b>Easter Worship</b>
	8:00 AM	<b>Easter Breakfast</b>
	9:30 AM	<b>Easter Worship</b>

## Attendance & Offering Report

Last Week's Attendance: 218

Midweek Lent Attendance: 111

Anticipated offerings YTD: \$ 604,000

Actual offerings YTD: \$ 594,850

YTD giving to the Organ Fund: \$ 115,354

Reminder: The community drive for Mideastern refugees in Central Wisconsin ends tomorrow.



HOLY THURSDAY  
4:00 & 6:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY  
12:10 & 6:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY  
7:00 & 9:30AM

Easter Breakfast  
8:00-9:00AM



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