THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



8:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Worship Live Stream on YouTube

Mon. Mar 29

7:00 PM Al-Anon (Library)

7:00 PM Monday Night Fellowship

Tues., Mar 30

6:00 PM Adult Children of Alcoholics

Wed., Mar 31

12:00 PM 12@12

7:30 PM CIA/Sr. High Youth

Thurs., Apr 1

10:00 AM Worship on Studio 1

3:30 PM Just-4-Kix

7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship

Fri., Apr 2

6:30 PM Alcoholics Anon.

7:00 PM Worship on Studio 1

7:00 PM Good Friday Worship

Sat., Apr 3

9:30 AM Karen 7th Day Adventist

Sun., Apr 4

6:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 AM Worship Live Stream on YouTube

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Proclaiming and Serving Jesus Christ

Sunday of the Palms March 28th, 2021 † Worship with Holy Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pravers

We remember in prayer these and all others we name in our hearts:

- Amy Townsend (family of Justin Jiskoot, cancer)
- Bernice Helgeson (mother of Sonya Brewers, hospitalized)
- Danalee Merrill (sister of Sandy Hoffbeck, recovering from emergency open heart surgery)
- Duane Sanow (Brother of Brenda Vannostrand, brain cancer)
- Bernadette Stassen (mother of Dan Stassen, in hospice)
- Iason Anderson (deployed w/ National Guard overseas)
- Jim Hanson (recovering from hospitalization)
- Joan Hoeft (mother of Bob Hoeft, hospitalized)
- Karen Kupfer (cancer, mother of Ronda Bursell)
- Marie Seeman (breast cancer)
- Mary Leonard (aunt of Ashley Grams, colon cancer and urothelial carcinoma)
- Pat Grannes (mother of Kari Matson, cancer and not receiving treatments)
- Phil Green (nephew of Roger Green, has ALS)
- Russ Boelter (father of Stacy West, stomach cancer)
- Rollie Winter (Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma)
- Sarajane Weiss (mother of Michael Weiss, breast cancer)
- Steve Knutson (on going treatment for Multiple Myeloma)
- Sylvia Guzman (mother of Alex Anduiar)
- Family of David St. Aubin (cousin of Iolene Breczinski)

- Family of Jullo Kor (uncole of Howard Kor)
- Family of Loren Clobes (grandfather of Hannalora Van Nevel)
- Family of Marlin Linstrom (brother of Phyllis Wallin)
- Family of Ricky Christiansen (former member of St. Stephen)
- Family of Rob Prellwitz (Brother-in -Law of Cary Jones)
- Family of Shane Sanow (cousin of Jim Sanow)

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Easter Sunday 6:30 a.m., 8:30, a.m. 10:30 a.m.

1st Communion Milestone Today and Next Sunday

These next two Sundays are 1st Communion for many of our 2nd Graders! Congrats and welcome to the Fellowship!

Beginning Experience SWMN

Divorced, Separated, Widowed - Beginning Experience of SW MN, a peer ministry support group, is offering a Weekend Retreat that provides an opportunity to help close the door gently on the past and move on with renewed hope and purpose. A weekend retreat will be held at Shetek Lutheran Ministries on April 16-18. Deadline to register is April 9. swmnbe@gmail.com or call/text: MaryAnn 507-828-2866, Tim 507-530-6379 or Cyndi 507-401-3666 Thank vou!

TODAY'S READINGS

Procession of the Palms - Mark 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. 3If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " 4They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, 5 some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" 6They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. 8Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. 9Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" 11Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

First Lesson - 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. ^{9a}It is the Lord GoD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Second Lesson - 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 Iesus

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.

Gospel Lesson - Mark 15:25-39

²⁵It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!" 31In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others: he cannot save himself. 32Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. ³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 34At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" 35When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Worship	Participants

Presiding Minister Rev. Lyle Snyder **Assisting Minister** Elijah Boelter (8:30)

Miranda DeBaere (10:30) Gunvar Dombeck (8:30) **Organist** Jacob Allen (10:30)

Acolvte

Pianist & Praise Team Judy Hoeft, Nicole DeBoer, Adri DeBoer, Heather Holmgren, Carrie Jones, Margo

VanMoer, Kären Goergen (10:30)

Lilly Boelter (8:30)

Projector Carter Kepler (10:30)

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