

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 13th, 2025 ~ 8:30am



+ Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church +

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WELCOME

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Prelude Music

Welcome & Announcements

*Opening Hymn # 344 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

*Processional Gospel ~ Luke 19: 28-40

After he had said this, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” Jesus answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

*The Blessing of the Palms

P: 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 gar-

P: ments 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.**

The First Reading ~ Isaiah 50: 4-9a

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

⁴ The 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. ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶ I 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. ⁷ The 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; ⁸ he 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?

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

Psalm 31 (selective verses read responsively)

⁹ Have 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.**
¹¹ I am the scorn of 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;
am as useless as a broken pot.**
¹³ For 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.

¹⁵ My 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."

The Second Reading ~ Philippians 2: 5-11

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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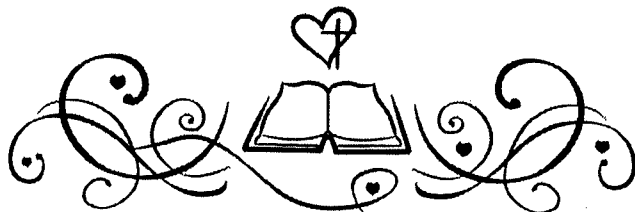
*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)



The Holy Gospel ~ Selective verses from Luke 22 & 23

Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God's reign. The leader serves the followers, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus — the innocent bringer of life — is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.

Because of the length of the Gospel, the congregation may be seated during its reading. The text is not printed here so that you may listen to the story of Christ's last days.



Message

*Hymn #803

“When I Survey ...”

*The Apostles' Creed (professed together)

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.

*Prayer of the Church

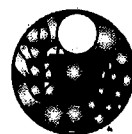
After each prayer petition, please respond:

God, in Your mercy ... **Receive our prayer.**

Anthem “On That Day When They Rode into Jerusalem”

The Blessing of the Communion Elements

The Lord's Prayer (traditional ~ prayed by all)



+ Communal Reception of the Sacrament +

Communion will be distributed by method of intinction,; that is, the wafer will be dipped in the chalice so that both elements are received together.

Post-Communion Blessing, Prayer, and Benediction

P: Compassionate God, You have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

P: The God of all grace + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*Hymn #346 “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

*The Dismissal

Go in peace and serve the Lord in love.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Music

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To be remembered in prayer ... Leona Callahan, Denise, Karan Eddy, Hope Geary, Helen Kerositz, Jeanne Logan, Kathleen Tuomela May, Joe Ulmer, George Williams, Zachary, people living in war-torn countries, especially Ukraine and Israel, and others whom we name before God.



+ Holy Week Worship +

- Maundy Thursday worship (4/17) will be held at 7pm at New Jerusalem Lutheran (3233 Apples Church Rd.)
- Good Friday worship (4/18) will be held at 7pm here at Friedens Lutheran Church

Then join us next week on Easter Sunday at 8:30am as we joyously celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

All are most welcome.

The altar flowers are sponsored by Diane Ernst in memory of Eleanor Ernst



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