

T Palm Sunday



*Sunday, April 17, 2011
9:00am*

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Welcome visitors! Thank you for taking the time to fill out the communion card provided by the ushers. We believe that the host of the meal provided during worship today is Christ. Christ invites everyone to this meal, saying, "This is for you for the forgiveness of sin." Echoing Christ, we invite everyone to this banquet. If you would like to receive deeper instruction in the Christian faith; if you desire to be baptized; or if you simply seek someone to pray with or for you, inquire of the pastor or indicate the need on the communion card. Grape juice is in the center ring of the communion tray.

Sunday of the Passion

The assembly gathers outside the usual worship space so they may enter in procession. Palm branches are distributed before the service begins.

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

Congregation: **Hosanna in the highest.**

Processional Gospel.....Matthew 21:1-11

Blessing of the Palms.....

Pastor: 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.

Congregation: Amen

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace,

Congregation: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn..... "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"#344

Greeting and Kyrie.....Page 203

The Prayer of the Day.....

Assistant Minister: 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.

Congregation: Amen.

First LessonIsaiah 50:4-9a

Spark NRSV Page 792, Pew Bible Page 594

The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

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?

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life
Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson.....Philippians 2:5-11

Spark NRSV Page 1304, Pew Bible Page 954

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

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.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

Congregational Response: Thanks be to God.

(Remain Seated for the Gospel Reading)

Gospel Acclamation "*We are turning*"Page 205

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 27th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel.....Matthew 27:11-54

Spark NRSV Pg. 1095-1097, Pew Bible Pg. 810-811

In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.

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!"

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon..... "Obedient Lives".....Pastor Jim Schwarz

Hymn..... "*Christ, the Life of All the Living*".....#339

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.**

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| The Prayers of the Church..... | |
| Assistant Minister: God of mercy, | |
| Congregation: hear our prayer. | |
| Sharing of the Peace..... | |
| The Offering and Prayer..... | |
| The Great Thanksgiving..... | Page 206 |
| Holy, Holy, Holy..... | Page 207 |
| The Eucharistic Prayer..... | |
| Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: | |
| Congregation: Christ has died. | |
| Christ has risen. | |
| Christ will come again. | |
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| Pastor: Grace our table with your presence. | |
| Congregation: Come, Holy Spirit. | |
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| Pastor: Send us forth burning with justice, peace, and love. | |
| Congregation: Come, Holy Spirit. | |
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| Pastor: O, God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. | |
| Congregation: Amen. | |
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| The Lord's Prayer..... | Page 208 |
| Communion | |
| The Lamb of God..... | Page 208 |
| <i>You are invited to sing the following hymn during the</i> | |
| <i>distribution of Communion:</i> | |
| <i>"I Come With Joy" #482 Verses 1-3</i> | |
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| Prayer after Communion..... | |
| Assistant Minister : Merciful God, | |
| accompany our journey through these forty days. | |
| Renew us in the gift of baptism, | |
| that we may provide for those who are poor, | |
| pray for those in need, | |
| fast from self-indulgence, | |
| and above all that we may find our treasure | |
| in the life of your Son, | |
| Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. | |
| Congregation: Amen. | |

Blessing.....

Pastor: The blessed, holy Trinity
keep you in grace,
lead you in light,
and + give you peace.

Congregation: Amen.

Hymn..... "Go to Dark Gethsemane".....#347

Pastor: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.



*Altar flowers this morning
are in honor of
Ken and Marge Stach's
50th Anniversary.
Happy Anniversary!!*

~Worship Assistants~

Pastor ~ Pastor James A. Schwarz

Intern Pastor ~ Intern Miranda Hinrichs

Assistant Minister ~ Carolyn Lien

Lector ~ Jane Furseth

Acolytes ~ Taylor Evenson & Eli Rawinski

Greeter ~ Lane & Judy Taylor **Ushers** ~ Justice Circle

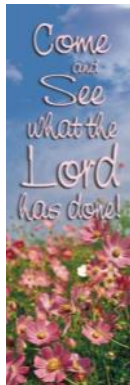
Communion Set-up/Take down ~ Judy Taylor & Joan Volenberg

Communion Assistants ~ Judy Taylor & Don Hoehn

Pianist ~ Shelly Frank

Nursery ~ Natasha Amundson

Coffee hour ~ Palm Sunday Brunch!!



*The Sanctuary is
blessed this
morning with a
new Altar
Banner given in
memory of Mari-
lyn Veum.*

~ *Prayer Requests* ~

Thanksgiving to God for...

- East Koshkonong Lutheran Church's mission and ministry.
- Prayers for the ministries of Arden and Jana Haug, Lindsay Stolen, and Jens Notstad.

God's guidance and direction for...

- For peace in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and among all the nations of the world.
- For the people of Japan in the aftermath of the disaster there.

God's protection and safety for those being deployed...

- Please remember all our veterans. Give them all God's comfort in their memories of war and service to their country.

Healing and health concerns...

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| -Verna Evenson | -Butch Bergholz | -Della Porter |
| -Eugene Lund | -Violet Jasensky | -Gloria Salov |
| -Roxanne Wildes | -Hayley Diehls* | -Diane Barcellena* |
| -David Cooper | -Helena Osterbur | -Tony Hartwick |
| -Kim Badertscher | | |

Please note: If you have a prayer request and want it put in the bulletin, please write it down on the back of the communion/welcome card or notify the office before noon on Wednesday. Prayer requests will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested. Please continue to pray for those who have been removed.

Prayer requests week 4-10-2011.

*Denotes new/changed request

~ *Cambridge Food Pantry* ~

Planning has begun for the 2011 Cambridge Food Pantry Garden. Our first informational gathering will be **Tuesday, April 19th, at 7:00 p.m.** We will meet at Nikolay Middle School, 211 South Street. For a short time we will talk about the garden, tour the food pantry(located inside NMS), then drive out to Severson Learning Center(farm). The farm is located 1 1/2 miles south of Cambridge on Oakland Road, off Hwy B. We continue to recruit volunteers, so please feel free to bring a friend(s) along to the meeting on April 19th. Last year 3,000 lbs of produce was harvest from the garden, with 100% of the produce donated to guests of the Cambridge Food Pantry.

Saturday, April 30th, there will be a Work Day at the garden. On this day we will need to find several open bed pick up trucks for hauling mulch from Cambridge to the garden. Our tasks on the work day will be mulching the garden beds, tidying up the fruit trees & fruit plants, staking out rows within the gardens, planting flower seeds amongst any open beds and a general clean up of all garden of the areas and potting shed. If you are interested in attending the meeting or work day, please contact Wanda at 423-8142 or email foodpantry@cambridge.k12.wi.us.

Thanks again for being part of this community effort to bring fresh, locally grown produce to those that might be going without. Happy Spring!

Wanda
Cambridge Food Pantry/Garden Coordinator

~ Announcements~

- **Cambridge Ecumenical Good Friday Service:** Join other Cambridge area churches for a Good Friday 'Cross Walk' on Good Friday at 11:30am. It will begin on Main Street at the Badger Bank picnic tables, walking to the park across the street and then to the bakery, Amundsen Center and back to the park. There will be readings and singing.
- **The Mathison's are walking for March of Dimes on May 7, 2011.** If anyone would wish to sponsor (donate), please have money to Arvid or Linda before April 30th. Checks made payable to March of Dimes.
- **Are you interested in singing in or playing an instrument in the Wednesday evening band?** We could use a few more musical folks to join us in leading worship on Wednesdays. Contact Miranda Hinrichs (608-423-3017 ext. 3) or Judy Rusch (920-563-8644) for more information.
- **Lutheran Men in Mission, Building Men for Christ Workshop:** Sat., May 21, 2011, 8:30am-5pm @ Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1145 North 5th Ave., St. Charles, IL 60174. A one-day workshop to help church leaders develop a life-changing men's ministry for their congregation.
- **Attention Justice Circle:** Justice Circle will **not** host a coffee hour on April, 24th (Easter Sunday). Justice Circle rescheduled hosting coffee hour to May 8th.

~ Calendar of Events~

Sunday, April 17, 2011

- 9:00am Palm Sunday Worship
10:15am Palm Sunday Brunch, hosted by youth
10:15am Sunday School

Tuesday, April 19, 2011

- 6:30pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 20, 2011

**NO WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP
NO CONFIRMATION**

Thursday, April 21, 2011

- 8:00am Men's Breakfast @ The Feed Mill
6:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Friday, April 22, 2011

- 11:30am Ecumenical Good Friday 'Cross Walk' Worship Service
6:00pm Good Friday Worship at EKLC

Sunday, April 24, 2011

- 6:30am Sunrise Easter Worship Service at Upper Church
9:00am Easter Worship Service at Lower Church
**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
NO COFFEE HOUR**

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 17 ~ Palm Sunday

9:00am ~ Worship with communion and Procession of the palms

10:15am ~ Palm Sunday Breakfast hosted by confirmation class

On this joyous Palm Sunday, we are pleased to greet each worshiper and extend a hearty “Welcome!” Let us be in the same spirit as those who shouted “Hosanna to the Son of David!” Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! As Jesus entered Jerusalem.

April 21 ~ Maundy Thursday

6:00pm ~ Worship

Maundy Thursday commemorates the evening just before the crucifixion when Jesus and his friends broke bread together for the Last Supper. It was at this Last Supper that Jesus instituted the Eucharist or what we call communion. We welcome all, in remembrance of Him, to share this Holy Thursday.

April 22 ~ Good Friday

11:30am ~ Cambridge Ecumenical Good Friday Worship, ‘Cross Walk’

6:00pm ~ Worship at East Koshkonong Lutheran Church

Good Friday is a day of terrible suffering and sacrifice, a day of crucifixion. We invite you to join hearts and hands in remembrance of Him who bore his crown of thorns willingly, arose from the dead, and defeated death that we might have eternal life.

April 24 ~ Easter Sunday

6:30am ~ Sunrise Worship at the Upper Church

9:00am ~ Easter Worship at the Lower Church

The Lord is risen! Hallelujah! On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the foundation of our faith: the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is with exceeding joy that we welcome all who come to recall Christ’s victory over sin and death. Rejoice, dear friends!

