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**Palm Sunday**

**April 13, 2025, 9:00 am**

***Introduction to the day…***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus’ compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to “let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God’s redeeming love.

**GATHERING HYMN Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

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| 1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang; Through pillared court and Temple The lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast, The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best. | 1. "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heaven our King. Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice. |
| 1. From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd, The victor palm-branch waving And chanting clear and loud. The Lord of men and angels Rode on in lowly state Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait. |  |

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

who forgives all our sin,

whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God’s abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,**

**but our lives do not always reflect you** **and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion** **you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality** **you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,**

**even though you have set us free again and again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.**

**Transform our lives**

**and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

God’s arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home.

In ☩ Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God’s house forever.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S MUSIC Jesus, Remember Me ELW 616**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

4 The Lord God has given me  
  a trained tongue,  
 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 in court 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: Psalm 31:9-16**

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 all 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;**  
 **I 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.”**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11**

A person riding a donkey

AI-generated content may be incorrect.5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
 6 who, though he existed in the form of God,  
  did not regard equality with God  
  as something to be grasped,  
 7 but emptied himself,  
  taking the form of a slave,  
  assuming human likeness.  
 And being found in appearance as a human,  
  8 he humbled himself  
  and became obedient to the point of death—  
  even death on a cross.  
 9 Therefore God exalted him even more highly  
  and gave him the name  
  that is above every other name,  
 10 so that at the name given to 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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ACS pg. 34**

**GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40**

28 After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.  
  29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 30 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. 31 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ” 32 So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” 34 They said, “The Lord needs it.” 35 Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36 As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 37 Now as he was 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, 38 saying,  
 “Blessed is the king  
  who comes in the name of the Lord!  
 Peace in heaven,  
  and glory in the highest heaven!”  
39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” 40 He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY Pave the Way with Branches ACS 928**

**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 power of 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.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

…God, in your mercy,

**Receive our prayer**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERING***In addition to our normal offering, a* ***Special Benevolence in April*** *(collected in a special*

*envelope) will be going to* ***Feed My Starving Children.***

**OFFERING SONG** **You, Lord, are Both Lamb and Shepherd ACS 954**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Gracious Provider,

you set your immense treasures among us,

opening your heart to the world.

As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,

deepen our commitment to sharing those

treasures with others,

through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy ACS pg. 36**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and

the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for

the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup

we remember our Lord’s passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us

and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God,

blessed and holy Trinity,

now and forever.

**Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *- Certified gluten-free crackers are in the bowl on the communion plate.*

All who are hungry, come!

The feast of grace is spread.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Generous Host,

you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,

that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,

in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

God our tender parent,

God the crucified one,

God the reconciling Spirit,

☩ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN In the Cross of Christ I Glory ELW 324**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Pastor Katie’s Office Hours**: Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm. Tuesday mornings at Uptown Coffee. Afternoons available by appointment. You are welcome to stop in any time for conversation or concerns.

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| **Coming up at GSLC** | | |
| Sunday, April 13 | 9:00 am | Worship Service   * Palm Sunday * Luke 19:28-40; Entrance into Jesus’ final days |
|  | 10:00 am | Book Study (*Unclobber* Afterword) |
| Tuesday, April 15 | 2:00 pm | Chapel at Three Oaks |
|  | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting |
| Wednesday, April 16 | 12:00 pm | Bible Study (Exodus 17:1-7) |
| Thursday, April 17 | 7:00 pm | Maundy Thursday Worship |
| Friday, April 18 | 12:00 pm | Good Friday Worship |
|  | 7:00 pm | Good Friday Worship |
| Sunday, April 20 | 9:00 am | Worship Service   * Easter Day * Luke 24: 1-12; The women proclaim the resurrection |

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| ***Upcoming Worship Assistants*** | | | | | | |
|  | **Usher** | **Lector** | **Communion** | **Offering Counters** | | **Deep Clean** |
| April 13 | Julie Will | Tammy Neumann | Matt & Margo Berrier | Dan Mundt | Bob Peterson | April:  John & Jane Wagner  Laurel Peterson  Leslie Mader |
| April 20 | Rob & Leslie Mader | Nancy Tibbett | Ron Rothfusz  Andrea Hovick | Nancy Leonard | Rob Mader |
| April 27 | John & Jane Wagner | Shelly Schneider | Nancy Leonard  Rob Pankratz | Robin Beeman | David Schneider |
| May 4 | Nancy Leonard | Leslie Mader | Bruce & Nancy Tibbett | Heidi Binder | Kami Weis | May:  Dave & Shelly Schneider  Bruce & Nancy Tibbett |

**Easter Garden Donations**

Good Shepherd altar care will soon be purchasing a variety of plants and

decorations for the Easter Garden and Outdoor Summer Services.

If you would like to make a donation, fill out the form on the table in the

narthex and place it with your check with Easter Garden in the memo line in

the offering plate or on the desk in the office.



The Reconciling in Christ team will be hosting a 6-week book study after worship on *Unclobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality* to discuss how the Bible has been used as a tool to discriminate against the LGBTQ+ community.

**Bible Study is returning for Lent!**

We’ll follow a series on Exodus beginning Wednesday, March 12 at noon. All are welcome to join!

Session 1: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Session 2: Exodus 2:11-25

Session 3: Exodus 3 & 4

Session 4: Exodus 14

Session 5: Exodus 16:2-30

Session 6: Exodus 17:1-7

Names on the prayer list will now default to 6 weeks. If you would like a name to remain on the list longer, please let Pastor Katie know.

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SOS is particularly low on **tea and coffee** but donations of any **non-perishable food or hygiene products** are always needed. 

Thank you to all the Good Shepherd members for their support.

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**Holy Week Schedule:**

**Thursday, April 17**

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday

**Friday, April 18**

12:00 pm Community Good Friday

6:00pm Bread and Broth

7:00 pm Good Friday with Wesley UMC

**Sunday, April 20**

9:00 am Easter Sunday

The mobile pack event in Marshfield takes place April 24-26, 2025. The goal is to pack over 145,000 meals which costs $41,000.   
  
We have signed up to help pack on Saturday, April 26 @12-1:30pm. Contact Pastor Katie or the office to help.  
**Please follow this student-to-adult ratio when registering to volunteer:  
-For safety reasons, children under the age of 5 are not allowed in our packing area**

**(sorry, no exceptions)  
-Grades K-2: 1 student to 1 adult  
-Grades 3-6: 3 students to 1 adult  
-Grades 7-12: 4 students to 1 adult**  
**Everyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.**



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| **Good Shepherd Directory Update**  The Church Directory Team is seeking your photos and contact information. A list of families who submitted photos and information a few years ago is available in the narthex. Please approve that these details are correct. Please if you haven’t submitted your information, pick up the form on the table and return it to church with your photo before the deadline of May 1st. You may also click on the link in the upcoming newsletter to complete the form online. Please sign up in the narthex to have your photo taken after church on April 6th or 20th. For questions, contact Jon Hill, Pam Mundt, Jane Wagner or Margo Berrier. |

A poster for a church

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**Massage from the Green Team**

Little Free Library is celebrating its 200,000th book box! This landmark library has been donated to Benjamin E. Mays IB World School, an elementary school in St. Paul’s historic Rondo neighborhood. It marks the first of 200 Little Free Libraries being granted to Title I schools across the country, in an effort to expand children’s access to books.  This 200k milestone library joins our worldwide network, which spans all 50 states, 128 countries, and all seven continents.

The Green Team will be sponsoring a book drive for a few weeks in celebration of this new milestone.  The box is located on the counter in the narthex.  Please feel free to bring in books you no longer need or want, especially children's books.  Thank you!