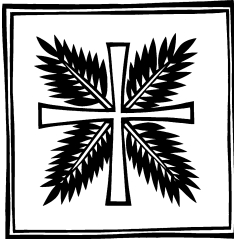


Palm Sunday – Sunday of the Passion
“Who is this man—this Jesus?”
April 13, 2025
Christ Lutheran Church – Cottonwood, Minnesota

**Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We are grateful to God you are here.
We pray you will feel the Spirit and welcome of this faith community,
and we look forward to seeing you again!**



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.

(Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, 2024)

GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.*

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORDS OF WELCOME

P: This is the day that the Lord has made,

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Please rise in body or spirit.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

P: The reading of the Processional Gospel from the Gospel Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

P: ²⁹When [Jesus] had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “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. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As 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, ³⁸saying,

All: “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

P: ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*”

Stanzas 1, 3-4 ELW# 344

The procession with palms will take place during the singing of this hymn that has been sung throughout the ages on Palm Sunday.

If you picked up a palm, please wave them as the children process.

CELEBRATION WORDS OF FAITH

adapted from Psalm 118

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

P: Let Israel say, “His love endures forever!” and all who fear God say, “His love endures forever!”

All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

P: With the Lord on our side, what can we fear?

All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

P: We shall triumph over those who surround us and stand in confidence in the Lord, our God!

All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

P: The Lord is our strength and our might. The Lord has become our salvation!

All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us join our hearts together in prayer: Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let the palm branches be a reminder for us as a sign of Christ's victory, and grant that we may ever hail him as Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

MISSION POSSIBLE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS SING

"Hosanna Rock"

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

We respond in gratitude for God's never-failing love and mercy.

Your offering will be received during the announcements.

You can also give by snapping on the QR Code to the right.

Thank you for your generosity.



OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. Deepen our commitment to share our treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING

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 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.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

FIRST MONOLOGUE: THE DAY JESUS CAME TO TOWN

HYMN

“Jesus, I Will Ponder”

Stanzas 1 & 2 ELW# 345

SECOND MONOLOGUE: THE PASSOVER MEAL

HYMN

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

Stanzas 1-3 ELW# 337

THIRD MONOLOGUE: A DARK NIGHT AT GETHSEMANE

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*The congregation responds to the prayer petitions ending with
"Lord in your mercy" with the response sung below.*

"The Spirit Intercedes for Us"

ELW# 180

The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with
sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: 'The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line: 'sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.' The piece concludes with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

Text and Music: Romans 8:26, adapt. Larry Olson

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LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

FOURTH MONOLOGUE: PILATE AND HEROD

CLOSING WORDS

HYMN

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

Stanzas 1-2 & 4-5 ELW# 349

SENDING

God sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING BLESSING

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Stanzas 1-2 ELW# 666

SENDING WORDS

L: Go in peace. Turn your eyes to the cross.

All: Thanks be to God.

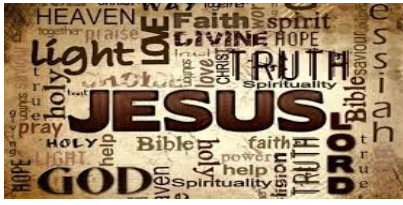
POSTLUDE

Liturg pieces from Sundays and Seasons © Augsburg Fortress.

Scripture readings from New Revised Standard Version Bible © 1989 Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA.

Other online resources used: Doubter’s Parish, adapted litany by Jennifer Knott,





Holy Week Worship Services

Palm Sunday Brunch

Following worship TODAY come and enjoy some egg casserole, cinnamon rolls, fruit and beverages and support the Luther League fundraiser at the same time. Free will offering. Serving from 10:30-11:30 am



Maundy Thursday Meal

Served from 6:00 - 7:00 pm on the Lower Level in the Social Hall
Pulled Pork Sandwiches (30 pounds of meat is ordered!)
Other Fixings will include: brown beans, coleslaw, chips and beverages.
Free will offering - all proceeds to go to the Luther League Fund

Maundy Thursday Worship,

April 17 Worship at 7:00 pm
With First Communion and the Stripping of the Altar



Good Friday,

April 18 Worship at 7:00 pm
Tenebrae – Service of Shadows



Festive Easter Sunday,

April 20 Worship at 9:30 am
With Holy Communion



Neighbors

HELPING

Neighbors

Saturday, May 3
9:00 am - Noon
Cottonwood Spring Refresh
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

This winter the Jordan Project Team completed some community listening. Conversations were varied and wide, but one area that came up was basically ways to have “*Neighbors Helping Neighbors.*” In the next month, the Jordan Project Team will be doing intake forms for people in our community that need help with outdoor projects such as moving outdoor furniture from an enclosed area to an outside location, branches and sticks pickup, flower garden reset, items taken to the dump grounds, small repairs, etc. Then, they will be matched with people across the community that are willing to help those wishes become a reality.

- Are you someone who could use some assistance?
- Are you someone who would be willing help out?

The hope is to help Cottonwood with a Spring Refresh while being neighborly to one another. Please contact the church office with any community assistance needs and a member of the Jordan Project Team will reach back out. A clipboard will be added to the back of the sanctuary on Sunday, April 6.

****Weather Permitting****



HUNTER'S PLACE, LLC

Hunter's Place
Seeking Donations

Hunter's Place is seeking donations of comfortable and comfy living room furniture. They are also looking for a picnic table.

Lightly and previously loved would kindly be accepted.

Please contact Jonathan Olson at 507.829.1225 to schedule pick up.

A Request for Prayer and Seminary Financial Support
Kit Mackenzie, Member of Christ Lutheran Church



Kit Writes: *“This summer I will be a volunteer Chaplain Intern with the ecumenical “A Christian Ministry in the National Parks” in the Kalaloch Lodge area of Olympic National Park. As a Chaplain intern I will be in relational ministry with coworkers, park visitors and holding Sunday ecumenical services...I also request your prayers for my continued journey through seminary”*

The council designated the generous gifts collected at the Ash Wednesday meal (\$435), but Kit is still raising funds to cover her \$3,000 costs to participate in this summer chaplaincy experience. If you would like to contribute to her fundraising efforts, you can write a check to Christ Lutheran Church with Kit’s Internship on the Memo Line. You can also give online via the Special Designated Funds category. <http://www.christcottonwood.org/> and click on the “Online Giving” option in the upper right hand corner.

— Thank You For Serving This Sunday, April 13 2025 —

Ushers: Parry Bossuyt, Chuck Broberg, Claire Brusven, Josh Brusven, Lydia Brusven, Josh Fragodt, Mike Lee, Jeff Varpness, and Lisa Varpness

Musician: Krishana Dempcy

Acolyte: Callan Olson

Assisting Minister: Carolyn Olson and Jada

Monologue Readers: Brenda Brusven, Ben Dempcy, Neil Dovre, Amy Jo Remmele

PA: Conner Moseng and Jonathan Olson

Video: Corey Moseng and Jon Myrvik

Altar Care: Deb Louwagie, Darla Morken, and Kari Wee

Counters: Deb Louwagie and Greg Golberg

Clothed With Love: Haleigh Alm



LADIES--WELCA UPCOMING EVENTS

**WELCA Prairie Conference Spring Gathering
Saturday, April 26**

Sillerud Lutheran Church, rural Balaton

Registration \$15.00 begins at 8:30

Speaker: Lenae Bulthuis

Offering for Prairie Conference WELCA

In-Kind Offering for Shetek Lutheran Ministries:

white/colored copy paper,
construction paper, markers,
pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks,
and monetary donations.

WELCA SYNOD CONVENTION

Saturday, May 3, 8:00-4:00

Vinji Lutheran Church, Willmar

Registration \$25.00, due by April 21

Lutheran Men in Mission will hold their convention at the same time and place.

Some shared parts with separate meetings

WELCA Synod Sponsored Bus Trip

Monday, June 16

Tour Lutheran World Relief, St. Paul
and Global Health Ministries, Fridley

Registration \$20.00 closes May 3
or earlier if capacity of 56 people is reached

For more information and registration for these events, contact Anne Isaackson

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS
TO BE USED FOR EXPENSES AND TOWARD OUR MISSION PROJECTS
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

This Week's Calendar

Today, Sunday, April 13: Palm Sunday - Sunday of the Passion

Fellowship Time before and after Worship

9:00 am Preschool Sunday School

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion and
Children Singing in Worship

10:30 am Palm Sunday Brunch served on the lower level

Tuesday, April 15:

9:00 am Quilting

Wednesday, April 16:

No Mission Possible

No Confirmation—Attend Maundy Thursday and

Good Friday services and Finish Lenten Devotional Books

Thursday, April 17:

6:00 pm Meal of Pulled Pork Sandwiches and Fixings

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship and First Communion
celebrated for 5th Graders

Friday, April 18:

7:00 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Worship

Sunday, April 20: Easter

Fellowship Time before and after Worship

9:00 am Preschool Sunday School

9:30 am Festive Worship with Holy Communion

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Year to Date Financials Through the March 31, 2025

Giving	Expenses	+Over/(Short)
\$41,974.25	\$51,314.50	(\$9,340.25)

Thank you for your generosity in the mission we share together
at Christ Lutheran Church.

Prayer Requests

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:6-7 to, “*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*” Your prayers are a gift to those requesting them, and encouragement for one another as we experience challenges, sorrows, or thanksgivings of any kind.

Health Concerns, as well as Others In Our Hearts and On Our Minds:

Deb Breyfogle, Morgan Dale, Rachel Dove, Roman Dove, Christy Johnson,
Linda Magnuson, Norman Myers, Bobby Olson, Ione Olson, Aubrey Pederson

All those dealing with illness, addictions, depression, cancer, hunger, homelessness, unemployment, and any challenges in their lives. Areas at war: Ukraine and Israel.

Independent Living/Assisted Living/Care Center Residents/Homebound:

Jody Mohr, Donna Neuharth, Bobby Olson, Sonny and Ione Olson, Laurie
Pickthorn, Steve Pederson, Margaret Rewerts, Jim Runholt, June Schwartz

Families of our Congregation:

Ken and Brenda Ristau
Mary Roe
Jim Runholt

Seminarian: Katherine (Kit) Mackenzie

Ministry Support:

Mfolozi Circuit and ELCSA, Robin’s Nest Children’s Home in Jamaica, Kikatiti
Secondary School in Tanzania, World Mission Prayer League (WMPL)
Cottonwood Food Pantry, Clothed With Love, Hunter’s Place,
Hope Harbor, Green Lake Lutheran Ministries, Shetek Lutheran Ministries

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