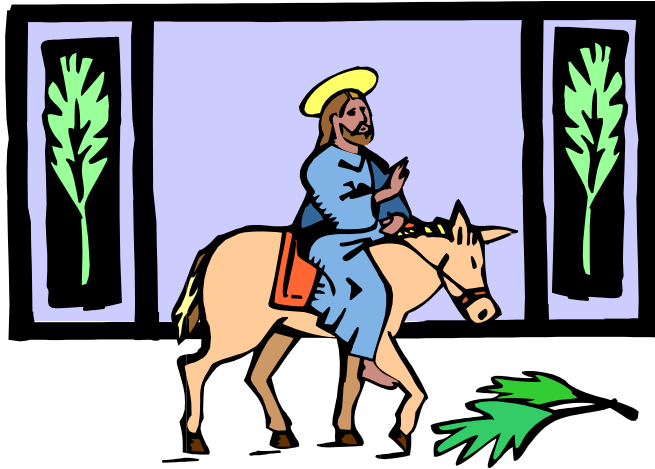


Hosanna!
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Sunday of the Passion
Palm Sunday
April 9, 2017

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We encourage worshippers to use the time in the sanctuary before the liturgy begins for silent meditation and prayer. The entire assembly will read the Gospel together. Prayer for healing and anointing with oil is offered in the narthex during Holy Communion. Any worshipper wishing to receive these gifts may proceed there after receiving the host and the cup, and before returning to the pew.

***Bold Print** – indicates congregation responds as a whole*
** – indicates congregation should stand as able*

PRELUDE	<i>All Glory, Laud and Honor</i>	Melchior Teschner
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>Gaudeamus Hodie</i>	Natalie Sleeth
*INVOCATION		
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN	<i>All Glory, Laud and Honor</i>	ELW # 344
*PALM/PASSION LITURGY		

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

CONGREGATION: And also with you.

CHOIR: This is Palm Sunday—the day we remember Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem.

CONGREGATION: This is also Passion Sunday—the day we recall that his so-called triumph was short-lived.

CHOIR: On Palm Sunday crowds cheered him and waved palm branches.

CONGREGATION: Before the week was over, many of the same people had rejected him, or simply gone back to what for them was normal.

CHOIR: “Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is He who comes as King in the Name of the Lord.” So they called out on Sunday.

CONGREGATION: “Crucify him! We have no king but Caesar!” was their chant on Friday; and “if you are the Son of God, come down from your cross.”

CHOIR: When he dismounted on Sunday, he went to the Temple.

CONGREGATION: When they were done torturing him on Friday, he was nailed to his cross.

ALL: It was for us and for our salvation that he went to Jerusalem.

***CONFESSION OF SIN**

Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW #349

PASTOR: It is true that we are all guilty of betraying and rejecting our Lord Jesus Christ and the life he gives us and calls us to live. But this has not and will not stop him from loving us as his own. His love for us is what he died to prove. For that reason, as a minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

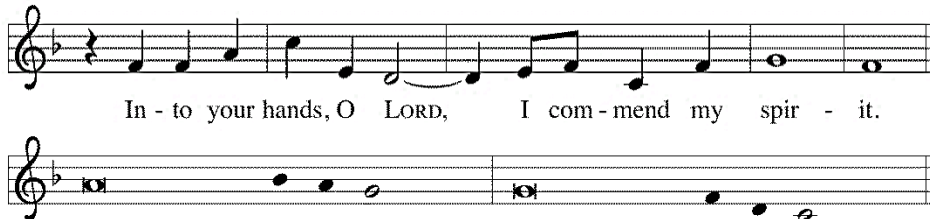
O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 50:4-9a

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PSALM 31:9-16

*Cantor sings refrain (R). The congregation then repeats the refrain.
Congregation on pulpit side sings odd numbered verses with Cantor
Congregation on lectern side sings even numbered **bold verses** with second Cantor.*



- ⁹Have 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.**
- ¹¹I 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;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**
- ¹³For 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.**
- ¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- ¹⁶**Let your face shine up- on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

SECOND LESSON Philippians 2:5-11

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Return to the Lord*

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*(P) The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:1-11

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*(C) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(P) The Gospel of our Lord.

*(C) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd
Choir sings V. 1, Congregation V. 2-5

See insert

THE SERMON

To Our Guests and Visitors Today: Every baptized believer who is of age is invited to receive the Lord's Supper as we worship. The invitation is extended to each of us by the Lord himself, because he is the host of the meal. We also believe that he is the meal; that is that "in, with, and under" the bread and wine we do receive the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. Please follow the directions of the ushers if you wish to commune. Children under the age of ten are invited to receive a Word of blessing.

Worshippers unable to commune at the front of the church...

*Please register with an usher and a lay minister will bring
the Supper to you in your pew.*

Please worship with us this week at our:

**Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Worship Service
April 13th at 6:45pm**

Good Friday Tenebrae Service April 14th at 6:45pm

Easter Sunday Services April 16th

Sunrise Service at 7:00am

Easter Breakfast at 7:45am

Festival Worship Service of Holy Communion at 9:30am

Calling All Youth!
Easter Breakfast Preparation
Saturday, April 15th from 9:00am until 11:00am

We need all Youth to help prepare for our Easter Breakfast. Please make sure to come on Saturday to set up the coffee room and make food preparations for our Easter Breakfast. You also need to sign up for the shift you will be working on Easter morning. The sign-up sheets are on the Youth Board in the Narthex.

It is encouraged that Confirmation students sign up to help both days.



**EASTER
BREAKFAST
INVITATION!**

The Cross Lutheran Church Youth invites everyone and their guests to our Easter Breakfast that will be served between services next week. Come to enjoy biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, cinnamon rolls, fruit and beverages. We will serve from 7:45 to 9:00 to allow for clean-up before the 9:30 service.

A Freewill Offering for our Youth's Summer Mission Trip to Shalom Hill Farm will be taken.

THIS WEEK AT CROSS

Today, April 9.....9:30am Worship Service – Jet Fuel Program Special Offering
10:45am Sunday School Education Class
11:00am Worship Service at The Homestead
11:00am Adult Education – *My Calling – Pat Hagen*
12:00pm Dwelling Place of God End Time Church
6:30pm Book Club

Wednesday, April 12.....7:00pm – 9:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Maundy Thursday, April 135:30pm Serve at the Family Service Center
6:45pm Festival Worship Service of Holy Communion
7:00pm 7th Day Adventists in Education Room
7:45pm YOUTH in kitchen

Good Friday, April 14*CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED*
3:00pm Good Friday Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen
6:45pm Tenebrae Service

Saturday, April 15.....9:00am – 11:00am - **Youth Easter Breakfast Preparation**
9:30am 7th Day Adventist

EASTER SUNDAY April 16.....7:00am Easter Sunrise Worship Service
7:45am – 9:00am Easter Breakfast
9:30am Easter Festival Worship Service of Holy Communion
11:15am Easter Worship Service at The Shores of Lake Phalen
12:00pm Dwelling Place of God End Time Church
3:30pm – 6:30pm Roca de Horeb

Today you will find in the bulletin a table prayer. We know that our Lord is the source of all blessings, and that it is most fitting for us to give thanks before we eat. Some people always pray the same prayer. Others prefer to pray different prayers – some don't pray at all. A different prayer will be included each month to help us all in this daily devotion.



Table Prayer:

Dear Lord, since we have been raised to new life too, may we set our hearts on things above. As God's chosen people, may we treat everyone today with kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Amen.

Stewardship Verse

Luke 12:32-34



“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”



Be a good steward of the earth; if you aren't taking your bulletin home, please drop it in the recycling bin in the narthex. Thank you!

