

## WELCOME TO HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH!

God brought you here for a reason today! Trust the Lord, he cares for you. You can greet pastor after the service outside the main doors.

**VISITORS & MEMBERS please at least put your name on the connection card and turn it in** with any other info and place in the offering plate in back. You can also do this online on your phone with this QR Code:



### SURVEY QUESTION

No survey question during Advent

**TAKING COMMUNION** We celebrate the Lord's Supper at most of our worship services. We believe that when Jesus said this "is" my body...and blood, "is" means "is". We receive the Body and Blood of Christ. He is truly present and gives himself for the forgiveness of our sins. If you have faith in these words of Jesus and have been baptized, you are welcome to receive. Questions, instruction, or examination in these beliefs occurs with first communion, confirmation, new member classes or meeting with pastor. You may come to the altar and receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. \*Non-alcoholic wine is in the center of tray and gluten-free wafers are available.

**PREPARING FOR WORSHIP** You may light a candle and enter the sanctuary in reverence, find a seat and take a moment to pray and be still. Please keep all social dialogue in the Narthex.

**FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED** We are equipped with a personal hearing assistance system. If you would like a receiver for the service, please see an usher.

**WE CAN PRAY WITH YOU** If you would like someone to pray for you or with you, the pastor, deacons or one of the Elders will join you at the Chancel rail following the worship service.

**GIVING** Your tithes and offerings can be placed in the offering plates in back of church with your connection card. You can also give online with your phone using this QR Code:



**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**Judica**  
**March 17, 2024**  
**Lutheran Service Book, Divine 4, page 203**

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**Judica:** This is the 2nd Sunday before Easter. Historically called Passion Sunday. It is from Psalm 43:1. The origin is from Church Worship in the Middle Ages. The Introit for the Day is: Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly nation...

**Prelude**

**Welcome, Connection Card and Announcements**

Please stand if you are able.

**Opening Hymn**

"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

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- 1     I lay my sins on Jesus,  
       The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us  
       From the accursèd load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus  
       To wash my crimson stains  
Clean in His blood most precious  
       Till not a spot remains.
  
- 2     I lay my wants on Jesus;  
       All fullness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases;  
       My soul He does redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus,  
       My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases;  
       He all my sorrows shares.

3 I rest my soul on Jesus,  
This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces;  
I on His breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus,  
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes  
His name abroad is poured.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore; You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel if you are able.

Take a moment to confess in your heart what is on your mind.

**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Introit

Psalm 43:3-5

- D Vindicate me, O God,  
and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
- C **from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!**  
**For you are the God in whom I take refuge.**
- D Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;  
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!
- C **Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,**  
**and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.**
- D Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

### Kyrie

(from Mark 10:47)

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☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- D The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.** (from 2 Timothy 4:22)
- D Let us pray.  
Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

## Old Testament Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>2</sup>He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together. <sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>12</sup>He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

Hebrews 9:11-15

<sup>11</sup>When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

<sup>15</sup>Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able.

## Holy Gospel

John 8:42-59

D The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. <sup>43</sup>Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. <sup>44</sup>You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. <sup>45</sup>But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. <sup>46</sup>Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? <sup>47</sup>Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

<sup>48</sup>The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my

Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” <sup>52</sup>The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’” <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’” <sup>55</sup>But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” <sup>57</sup>So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” <sup>59</sup>So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

D This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

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C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the**

**Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I  
acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for  
the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated.

**Hymn of the Day**    “My Song Is Love Unknown”

LSB 430:1-4

- 1     My song is love unknown,  
      My Savior’s love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown  
      That they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I  
      That for my sake  
      My Lord should take  
Frail flesh and die?
  
- 2     He came from His blest throne  
      Salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange, and none  
      The longed-for Christ would know.  
But, oh, my friend,  
      My friend indeed,  
      Who at my need  
His life did spend!
  
- 3     Sometimes they strew His way  
      And His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day  
      Hosannas to their King.  
Then “Crucify!”  
      Is all their breath,  
      And for His death  
They thirst and cry.



4 Why, what hath my Lord done?  
 What makes this rage and spite?  
 He made the lame to run,  
 He gave the blind their sight.  
 Sweet injuries!  
 Yet they at these  
 Themselves displease  
 And 'gainst Him rise.

**Sermon**

**Offertory**

(from Psalm 51:10-12)

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Please stand if you are able.

## Prayer of the Church

D Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, everlasting Father, You saw Israel in their despair and raised them up to hope by placing Your Spirit upon them. Join us together with the communion of saints in Christ. Raise up our dry and weary spirits by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be strong in faith, bold in witness, holy in life and steadfast in hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

D Lord God, You called Father Abraham to offer his beloved son to You, yet You spared him for the sake of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Help all godly parents to bring up their children in Your fear and love, to direct their ways according to Your Holy Word, and to commend them to Your fatherly care. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

D Almighty God, preserve our nation in peace, and allow Your people to live quiet and peaceable lives in godliness and honesty. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

D O Lord, because of our sins we are not worthy to pray to You, yet in Your mercy You receive our prayers through the intercession of Jesus Christ, our great High Priest. Hear our supplications for those in need [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Answer our petitions on account of the merits and mediation of Your Son, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

D Prepare our hearts, O God, and give us faith in the Word of Your Son, our great High Priest and the Mediator of the new testament in His blood. Make us worthy to eat His body and drink His blood, that in full confidence we may go to the altar of God, to our exceeding joy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.** (from 2 Timothy 4:22)

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.** (from Colossians 3:1)

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.** (from Psalm 136)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally.

Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## Sanctus

(from Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21-9)

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;

Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

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**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord's Prayer

(from Matthew 6:9-13)

**C** 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

(From Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini (from John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

## Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God John 1:29

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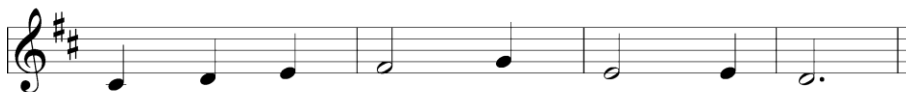
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated.

**Anthem**

"Let Light Shine Out of Darkness"

Holy Cross Choir

**Distribution Hymn**

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.

Please stand if you are able.

**Nunc Dimittis**

(from Luke 2:29-32)

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1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### Post-Communion Collect

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**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Benedicamus

(from Psalm 103:1)

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction** (from Numbers 6:24-26)

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you His peace.

**C** **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

LSB 809

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. **Refrain**

**Refrain** Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain**

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**THOSE WHO SERVE IN OUR WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND**

**DEACON/ELDERS**

Saturday 5:30 Steve Northcott  
Sunday 10:00 Deacon Larry Hoeft,  
Lary Llewellyn

**USHERS**

Saturday 5:30 Dan & Sue Jager  
Sunday 10:00 Dave Difatta, Jim Marquette  
Kevin Atkinson

**SCREEN OPERATORS**

Saturday 5:30 Carol Dehnke  
Sunday 10:00 Suzanne Adler

**LAY READERS**

Saturday 5:30 Steve Northcott  
Sunday 10:00 Denise Vandenberghe

**GREETERS**

Sunday 10:00 Ron & Joanne Vollbrecht

**ALTAR GUILD**

Michelle Hoeft, Maurya  
Withrow, Ana Conrad

**BIBLE CLASS HOSTS** Yusko's -Coffee,  
Set-up, Pastor Eric-Donuts/Bagels,  
Steve Northcott-Clean-up

**ATTENDANCE** 3/9/2024 – 42,  
Bible Class – 7, 3/10/2024 – 88,  
Bible Class – 20, Sunday School – 13,  
Confirmation – 1, Lenten Midweek - 27

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<b><u>MARCH 10, 2024</u></b>	<b><u>BUDGET INCOME</u></b>
<b>Weekly Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$6,767.00</b>
Church at Home	\$2,325.00
Church at Large	\$35.00
Other Income for budget	\$1,820.00
<b>Total Income for Budget</b>	<b>\$4,180.00</b>
Over / (Under)	(\$2,587.00)

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<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE</u></b>
<b>Y-T-D Weekly Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$67,670.00</b>
Y-T-D Actual Received for budget	\$63,644.00
Over / (Under)	(\$4,026.00)

**MARCH TELLERS** Pat Stewart, Phyllis Ullmer  
Maurice & Mary Hintze

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**THOSE WHO ARE GOING TO SERVE IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT WEEKEND**

**DEACON/ELDERS**

Saturday 5:30 Kevin Atkinson  
Sunday 10:00 Deacon Larry Hoeft,  
Steve Northcott

**USHERS**

Saturday 5:30 Steve Northcott  
Sunday 10:00 Ray Marchionda

**SCREEN OPERATORS**

Saturday 5:30 Becky Northcott  
Sunday 10:00 Roger Withrow

**LAY READERS**

Saturday 5:30 Kevin Atkinson  
Sunday 10:00 Pat Stewart

**GREETERS**

Sunday 10:00 Mike & Margaret Yusko

**ALTAR GUILD**

Cinda Coon, Angela  
Leithead, Kris Llewellyn

**BIBLE CLASS HOSTS** OPEN-Coffee Set-up,  
Pastor Eric-Donuts/Bagels, OPEN-Clean-up

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# THE SUNDAY HERALD

March 18 – March 24, 2024

<b>MONDAY</b>			
<b>TUESDAY</b>		<b>SATURDAY</b>	
Women of the Year Luncheon	11:00am	Glutton Free Class	10:00am
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		Bible Class	4:30pm
Film & Discussion	7:00pm	Praise Band rehearsal	4:30pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>		Communion Worship	5:30pm
Prayer Group	3:00pm	<b>SUNDAY</b>	
Bells	6:30pm	Bible Classes for all ages	9:00am
Choir	7:30pm	Communion Worship	10:00am
<b>FRIDAY</b>		NO Jr. Confirmation	
Bulletin Assembly	10:00am		

## BIBLE READINGS FOR PALMARUM (PALM SUNDAY)

Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:1-9; 26:1-16

### PALM SUNDAY & SATURDAY

We will be starting our worship services next weekend in the Narthex. We will follow the choir or Michael into the sanctuary, while singing our Palm Processional Hymn and waving our palm branches. If you are not able to start in the Narthex, please take your seat and join in the singing of the hymn and waving of the palms.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Beth Shutko State Farm. **Saturday March 30th at 10:00am.** Join us for an

Easter message followed by our egg hunt. Sunday School is collecting plastic eggs and wrapped candy now through March 24th. We will also need help on the day of the event with registration and the prize table. If you are interested in helping contact Laurel Clemons.

### GLUTEN FREE INFO CLASS

#### ONLY \$15

Would you like to learn the basics of gluten free food prep in a fun interactive 2-hour class which is taught by Laurie Santavicca, MS, RDN? Join us on Saturday, March

23 from 10-12 Noon in Haggerty Hall. Each participant will make 5 GF dinner rolls. RSVP is required. The sign-up sheet is on the Women's Ministry bulletin board. Please bring 2 bowls and 1 mixing spoon. The cost of ingredients is included in the \$15 fee.

### **LENTEN JOURNEY**

Our Lenten midweek services will be on Wednesdays through March 20. This year during the Lenten midweek services we will be watching the film, "The Gospel of John" with famous actor Henry Ian Cusick. We'll split up the 3-hour film into 5 Wednesdays with prayer, discussion, popcorn and drinks in Haggerty Hall, 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Bring a friend, bring a neighbor, bring your kids. See you there.

### **STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

Maundy Thursday we will be stripping the Altar at the end of service. If you would like to help, please see Sharron Haggerty or Kathy Green. There will be a short rehearsal on Wednesday 3-27 at 7:00pm. Hope to see you then.

### **EASTER BREAKFAST**

Easter breakfast is back with some changes. This year everyone is invited to help, cook, serve, set up and clean up. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Breakfast will be served from 9:45-11:00 am.

## **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Palm Sunday Weekend**, Worship with Holy Communion, Saturday, March 23, 5:30 pm and Sunday, March 24, 10:00 am. **Maundy Thursday**, Worship with Holy Communion, March 28, 7:00 pm. **Good Friday**, Worship Service, March 29, 11:00 am & 7:30 pm. **Resurrection of Our Lord**, Worship with Holy Communion, Saturday, March 30, 5:30 pm, and Sunday, March 31, 8:45 & 11:00 am, with Easter breakfast between services.

### **TELLERS NEEDED**

We need additional tellers to count offerings on Sundays. The commitment is about 32 – 40 hours for the year. No teller experience needed. If you would like to be part of the Sunday fun, please reach out to Denise Vandenberghe. Thank you.

### **COVENANT TRAVEL 2024**

**Day Trip** to Turkeyville, Cornwell's Dinner Theater in Marshall, MI to see the musical "Oklahoma" on **Tuesday, May 7 at 8:30 am**. The cost is \$95 per person which includes: motor coach transportation, a delicious turkey dinner with all the fixings, the show and all tips. Contact Alison Werner (a member of Trinity Lutheran in Utica) (586) 599-8066 for full information. Reservation forms are on the communion bulletin board. **Deadline to register is April 2.**