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Mark 14:30

Sunday of the Passion; Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018

8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

The first and second readings and psalm are the same this Sunday every year: Christ emptying himself of divine power and protection, willingly becoming vulnerable to those who struck him and put him to death. With Christ we lament his suffering and all human suffering, but expect God's final vindication. Mark's passion story begins with an unnamed woman anointing his head, perhaps to proclaim him Messiah, and Jesus saying she has anointed him beforehand for burial. Mark's Easter story will begin with women going to anoint Jesus for burial, only to find that he has been raised, God's living Anointed One.

*The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God
by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through
worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.*

HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Five

✠ GATHERING ✠

The assembly gathers along the sidewalk in front of the church. Palm crosses are distributed.

RINGING OF THE BELL

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

Hosanna in the highest!

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.' " They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

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.

Amen.

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace,

In the name of Christ. Amen.

The assembly follows the choirs and ministers into the church. "All glory, laud, and honor" is sung by the assembly upon entering the sanctuary.

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise,
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

After the prayer the assembly responds: **Amen.**

We sit.

WELCOME

ANTHEM The Simplest and the Best

Alfred V. Fedak

Jubilate Choir and Lobchor

✝ WORD ✝

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a

The 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. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. 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. 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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:9-16



- ⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I [|] am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat [|] and my belly.
- ¹⁰For 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.
- ¹²Like 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.
- ¹⁴But 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.
- ¹⁶Let your face shine up- [|] on your servant;
save me in your [|] steadfast love.”

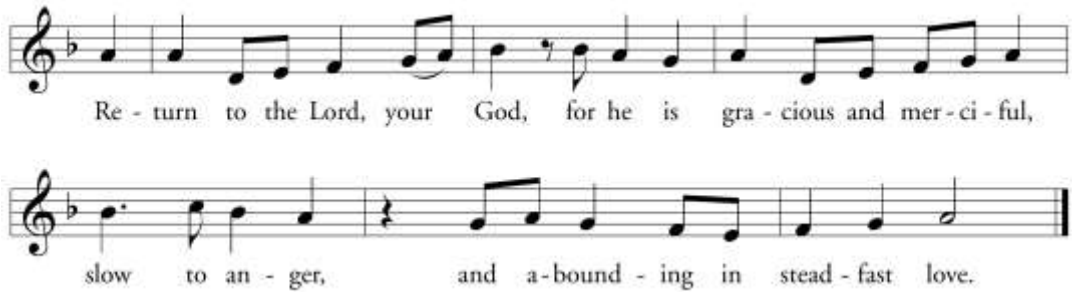
SECOND READING Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Mark 14:1-31

The holy gospel according to St. Mark.



It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.” While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.” Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready.

Make preparations for us there.” So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I?” He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” Peter said to him, “Even though all become deserters, I will not.” Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” But he said vehemently, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And all of them said the same.

The Gospel of the Lord.



We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY 343 My Song Is Love Unknown

Leigh Anna Voigt

Pastor Wollner

LOVE UNKNOWN

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each portion of the prayers concludes:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

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

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.

We sit.

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Ave Verum Corpus

W.A. Mozart

*Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria virgine,
Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine,
Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine,
Esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine.*

Hail, True Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
Truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for man,
Whose pierced side flowed with water and blood,
Be for us a foretaste in the trial of death.

We stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN



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

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:

our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered,

in feeding the world with your love,

through the one who gave himself for us,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

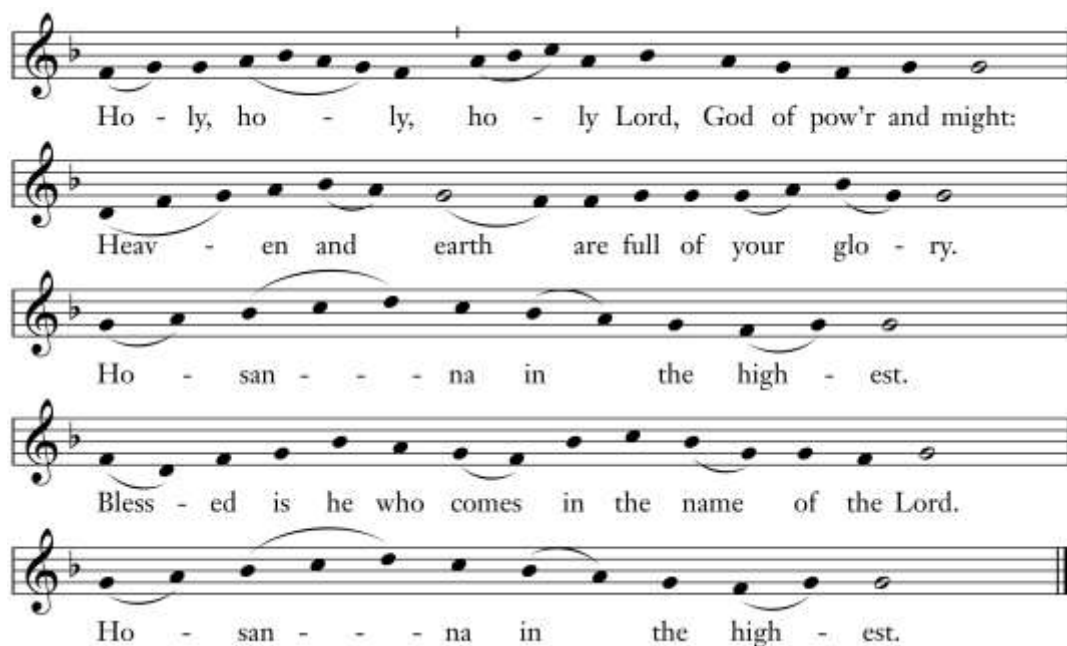
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves are continuous. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - - - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - - - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.



The presiding minister lifts the bread and cup and says

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

The assembly responds

Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace. A - men.

We sit.

COMMUNION

Today we will be communing by intinction. Receive the bread and dip it in the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available on the organ side of the church. Visitors and children are welcome to receive communion. All who do not receive communion are welcomed forward to receive a blessing.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN 342 There in God's Garden

SHADES MOUNTAIN

We stand.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

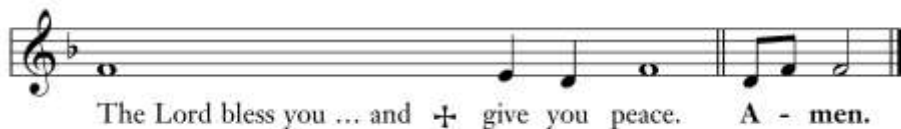
Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks
that you have set before us this feast,
the body and blood of your Son.
By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING

The Lord bless you...and ✠ give you peace.



SENDING HYMN 346 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

THE KING'S MAJESTY

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Fantasy in C Minor, BWV 537

J.S. Bach

Soli Deo Gloria

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Providing Service

Today

Bulletin Cover Artist

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Acolytes

8:30 TBD and Daniel Nolting

11:00 Kate Kirkeeng and Travis Pipes

Crucifers

8:30 Abbey Linnell

11:00 Stuart Martin

Offering Bearer

Jenna Collins

Lay Readers

8:30 Lee Fowler

11:00 Rob Ulery

Communion Assistants

8:30 John Bandle and Mary Jane Hefner

11:00 Lisa Crozier and Jan Wiles

Nursery

8:30 Kevin Kookan

SS Katherine Wollner

11:00 Elizabeth Tippet

Ushers

8:30 John Collins, Susan Doran,

Steve Lineberger and Roger Riggs

11:00 Don Eppert, Carrol Epting,

Pat Holland and Jack Strandhoy

Visitors Welcoming Table & Greeters

8:30 Bobbi Baker

11:00 Keith Kookan

Sunday Morning Fellowship

Gretchen Troutman/Sarah Hartman

Oblation Bearers

8:30 David and Deb Grossnickle

11:00 Bobbie and Mark Galchutt

Assisting Ministers

8:30 Julia Grossnickle

11:00 Don Armitage

Preaching and Presiding

Pastor Wollner

Next Sunday

Bulletin Cover Artist

Lauren Key

Acolytes

8:30 Meghan Ballard and Caroline Bevis

11:00 Ethan Olsen and TBD

Crucifers

8:30 Alex Ballard

11:00 Ethan Horn

Torch Bearers

8:30 Mary Claire Bevis and David Johnson

11:00 Zachary Olsen and TBD

Banner Bearers

8:30 Zane Johnson

11:00 Cassidy Cashion

Offering Bearer

Faith Cashion

Lay Readers

8:30 TBD

11:00 Martha Foreman

Communion Assistants

8:30 Dick DiBlasio and Effie Sue Utt

11:00 Lara Carter and Kathie Eppert

Nursery

8:30 Elizabeth Tippet

11:00 Kyle and Leigh Anna Voigt

Ushers

8:30 John Bandle, Matt Brown,

Dave Kinley and Paul Meyer

11:00 Debbie Byorick, Bruce Griffin,

Frank Martin, and Dave Planitzer

Visitors Welcoming Table & Greeters

8:30 Mary Lou Leonard

11:00 Nell Rose

Sunday Morning Fellowship

TBD

Preaching and Presiding

Pastor Wollner

Announcements

WELCOME all who enter the Lord's house this day! We invite you to fill out the Friendship Register found on each pew. If you are visiting Augsburg, please stop by the Visitor Welcoming Table after today's service to pick up a welcome package. The visitor's table is located at the bottom of the ramp leading to the lobby.

The altar flowers and palms today are given to the glory of God by Herbert Thomas in loving memory of his parents Herbert N. & Laura M. Thomas; his aunt and uncle, Henry V. & Frances M. Miller; and his grandparents, Mr. Van B. & Mrs. Zella Melchor.

The bulletins today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of George and Emily McCandless in recognition of their 65th wedding anniversary.

On the center aisle of each pew is a folder known as the "Friendship Register." Please sign the register and check if you are communing today. Be sure to review the sheet to identify visitors. Please hand the completed pages from the register to an usher during the singing of the Hymn of the Day.

We offer a toddler nursery during the service. If you would like to use the nursery, please ask an usher for directions. The nursery is for children ages newborn to 4.

Our Homebound Member is Mrs. Joyce Kauffman, 3214 Bermuda Village, Advance, NC 27006. Please send Joyce a note.

Contributions: There are two envelopes in your packet for April 1; one stamped "**Easter**" and the other for the regular offering. Unless otherwise designated, contributions received in the Easter envelope will be credited to the **Charity Reserve Fund** and sent to Crisis Control to assist those in need. Loose offerings received on Easter Sunday will be credited to **The Pastors' Discretionary Fund**. Gifts for **Refugee Ministry** can be made by writing "Love Offering" in the memo line.

The Efird L. and Maria F. Hine Fund committee will meet for its Spring Quarter meeting on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. All requests for financial grants should be directed to The Hine Fund and should be in the church office no later than 12 noon on Friday, April 13. Agendas will be ready for members to pick up in the Work Room on Sunday, April 15. Please call or email the Hine Fund secretary if you are unable to attend the meeting. The general purpose and intent of the Hine Fund is to "put into effect a ministry of Christian mercy and concern in meeting human needs as the Church thinks Jesus Christ Himself would have them met."

Lutheridge/Lutherock Summer Camp: If you're sending your child to Lutheridge or Lutherock this summer, please remember that there is financial assistance from the Hine Fund (up to half of the tuition) available to those that request it. All requests for this summer camp assistance should be submitted to the Hine Fund committee no later than May 1. Please specify the program and week your child will be attending camp, which location, the amount of the tuition, and how much you have already paid to Lutheridge or Lutherock.

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry equips disciples to provide confidential, one-to-one emotional and spiritual care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. If you--or someone you know--could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please talk with one of our Pastors or Stephen Leaders.

Readings for next week: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

Worship attendance for services last week: **128** at 8:30; **166** at 11:00; **16** visitors.

AUGSBURG BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

“O. M. Genesis” Study: Pastor Paul's Bible Study meets Mondays at 10:45 A.M. in the Sid Sowers Classroom.

Continue in My Word is an Adult Weekly Bible Study held Monday evenings at 6:00 P.M. in the Youth Area. We are studying Hebrews. Bring your Bible.

7:18 Youth Bible Study meets Wednesday evenings at various locations.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, March 29

Noon Service of Word and Sacrament

7:00 p.m. Service of Word and Sacrament, Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, March 30

Noon Good Friday Liturgy with Bidding Prayer

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae of Good Friday

Vigil of Easter, March 31

7:00 p.m. Festival Service of Word and Sacrament, beginning in the Columbarium with the striking of the new fire and lighting of the Paschal Candle
(Combined worship service with Christ's Beloved Community)

Easter Day—The Resurrection of Our Lord, April 1

8:30 a.m. Festival Service of Word and Sacrament

10:00 a.m. Children's Easter Celebration, beginning in the children's Sunday School area

11:00 a.m. Festival Service of Word and Sacrament

Calendar for March 25 – April 1

25 Sunday of the Passion; Palm Sunday

- 8:30a Festival Service of Holy Communion
(Service begins on front steps, weather permitting)
9:45a Fellowship Breakfast
10:00a Sunday School
11:00a Festival Service of Holy Communion
(Service begins on front steps, weather permitting)
3:30p Music Exploration Class
(Youth Choir Room)
4:00p Confirmation Class
(Various Locations)
4:00p Jubilate Choir Rehearsal
(Youth Choir Room)
5:00p Lobchor Rehearsal
(Adult Choir Room)
5:45p Youth Group
(Youth Area)

26 Monday

- 10:30a Pastor Paul's Bible Study
(Sid Sowers Classroom)
6:00p Continue in My Word
(Youth Room)
6:00p Handbell Choir rehearsal
(Handbell Room)
6:30p Youth Ministry
(Quiet Pint)
7:00p Women's Ministry Team Meeting
(Lounge)

27 Tuesday

- 6:30p Stephen Ministry Meeting
(Youth Room)

28 Wednesday

- 6:30a Bagels
12:00p Staff Lunch
(Conference Room)
7:15p Adult Choir II
(Adult Choir Room)

29 Maundy Thursday

- 10:00a Quilt Ministry
(Youth Area)
12:00p Maundy Thursday Service of Word and
Sacrament
(Sanctuary)
6:00p Adult Choir I
(Adult Choir Room)
7:00p Maundy Thursday Service of Word and
Sacrament, Stripping of the Altar
(Sanctuary)

30 Good Friday

- 12:00p Church Office Closed
12:00p Good Friday Noon Service with Bidding
Prayer
(Sanctuary)
7:00p Good Friday Service of Tenebrae
(Sanctuary)

31 Holy Saturday

- 7:00p Easter Vigil
(Columbarium & Sanctuary)

1 Easter Day

- 8:30a Festival Service of Holy Communion
(Sanctuary)
9:30a Sunday Morning Fellowship
(Family Life Center)
10:00a Easter Celebration
11:00a Festival Service of Holy Communion
(Sanctuary)
No Choir Rehearsals
No Youth Group

2 Easter Monday

- Office Closed



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