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**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**April 10, 2022**

## Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

**Prayer Before Worship:** Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, strengthen us to move beyond the festive parade of palms and to follow Jesus into the way of the cross, that united with him and all the faithful, we may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and having shared in Jesus' journey of sorrow and pain, we may share as well the joy of Christ's victory. Amen.

*(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)*

**KEY:** ELW and any page number = Worship hymnal (cranberry),  
OSB = Other Song Book (red), W&P = Worship & Praise (purple).

\* Indicates please stand if able. Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

**A Warm Welcome** to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and increase your desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

*Visitors, if you are worshipping with us online today,  
we are glad to have you with us. Please join us again soon!*

**Prelude Music**

**“Knowing You”**

**BOB #138**

**“Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery”**

**ELW #334**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**‡WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS‡**

**\*Procession with Palms**

*(waving Palm Branches)*

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

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**\*Processional Gospel: Luke 19:28-40**

<sup>28</sup>After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>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. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

<sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As 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, <sup>38</sup>saying,

"Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!"

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

**\*Blessing of the Palms** (*with Palm Branches raised*)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We praise and bless you, O God,  
for the acts of love by which you have redeemed  
us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Everlasting God,

**In your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace,  
**In the name of the Lord.**

**\*The Processional**

(*with Palm Branches raised*)

**\*Song of Praise:**

**“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

**ELW #344**

*(Verses sung as needed)*

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**1. You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.**

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**2. The company of angels are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.**

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**3. The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.**

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**4. To you, before your passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise.**

**To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.**

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**5. Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.**

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

## ‡GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

Kids Sermon

Angie Hinze

### First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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;

<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

<sup>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 31:9-16

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;**

**I am as useless as a broken pot.**

<sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.**

**I have said, “You are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine up on your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.”**

### **Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death —

even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*Lenten Verse:**

**“Return to the Lord”**

**Jay Beech**

**Return to the Lord, your God,  
Return to the Lord, your God,  
Who is gracious and merciful,  
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

**\*Gospel: Luke 23:1-49**

*Response after the announcement of the gospel:*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*See Passion Reading Booklet*

*Response after the gospel reading:*  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon:**

**Pastor Sheryl**

*(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)*

**✠WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD✠**

**\*Song of the Day:**

**“There is a Redeemer”**

**W&P #140**

- 1. There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**

*Chorus:* **Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;  
And leaving Your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.**

- 2. Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. *Chorus***

- 3. When I stand in glory I will see His face,  
And there I’ll serve my King forever, in that holy place. *Chorus***

**\*Profession of Faith: The 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 the Church:**

*(Sung Prayer Response)*

**W&P #27**

**I cast all my cares upon you;  
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.  
And anytime that I don't know what to do,  
I will cast all my cares upon you.**

**\*Exchange of Peace**

**The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
And also with you.**

**“Hosanna” (Praise is Rising)**

**Choir**



### **\*Offertory Prayer**

Having offered ourselves and our gifts to God, let us pray.

**We spread our cloaks before you, O Lord, and honor you with the offerings of our hearts and lives. Receive them for the sake of all whom you love and came to deliver. In your most precious name we pray, Amen.**

### **†HOLY COMMUNION†**

*Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **\*Words of Institution**

#### **\*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**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Come! Meet Jesus again in the sacrament of our salvation,  
the meal of our strength and preservation.

### **Distribution of Communion:**

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

**All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.**

*(Communion will be served continuously at two stations in the front of the church.*

*WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.*

*Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)*

- 1. When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss  
and pour contempt on all my pride.**
- 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.**
- 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**
- 4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Gracious God, we have heard once again the story of your sacrificial love through Jesus' death on the cross. May the gifts of bread and wine we have received nourish us and strengthen us as we journey with Jesus to the cross and empty tomb. Amen.

**✠WE DEPART TO SERVE✠**

**\*Benediction**

May God who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you,  
and who calls you by name,  
✠ bless you now and at the day of his coming. **Amen.**

(Sunday School youth are invited to go to Sunday School during the singing of the closing hymn.)

**\*Sending Song:**

**“Amazing Love”**

**W&P #8**

- 1. My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly;  
That I, the guilty one, may go free?**

*Chorus:* **Amazing love, oh what sacrifice.  
The Son of God, giv'n for me;  
My debt he pays and my death he dies,  
that I might live, that I might live.**

- 2. And so they watched him die, despised, rejected;  
But oh the blood he shed, flowed for me.**

*Chorus*

- 3. And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers;  
Come, wash your guilt away, live again.**

*Chorus*

**\*Dismissal**

Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## ✚In Our Thoughts and Prayers✚

Prayers for healing: **Shirlie Schuldies** (surgery-pacemaker), **Mary Jo Haack** (Becky Martin's mother), **Allie Meyers** (friend of Marissa Wright), **Mabel Dedlow** (recovering from hip surgery), **Andrew Miller**, **Jean Collins** (recovery from hip surgery), **Kathy Pickett** (cancer—Virginia Pickett's niece), **Kathy Johnson** (back issues), **Kathy Rahrs** (recovering from back surgery—Val Rahrs' mother), **Mark** (Jean Collins & Kathy Johnson's cousin's husband), **LaDonna Schmidt** (chemotherapy), **Gloria Gorr** (health issues),.

Prayers for comfort and peace for: Family and friends of **Steve Kaufman** and **Greta Mehling**.

Prayers for: **B.J. Carr** (deployed to Poland—Dee Brady's son-in-law), the people of Ukraine, for peace and the end of war.

### Prayer Requests



If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, you may notify Christy in the church office during the week or during worship use the Attendance and Prayer Request card and pass them towards the center aisle to be picked up by the ushers (for those worshipping with us online you will find the form under the worship tab on our website and prayer requests will be added to the prayer list in the bulletin the following weekend.)



Robert Zweifel, 4/12;

*If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.*



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## APRIL FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

**FOOD PANTRY:** Pancake Mix

**BACKPACKS:** Mac 'n Cheese Bowls

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



## **CLCW APRIL MISSION PROJECT: CALVARY KITCHEN SHOWER**

A box will be placed in the Reception Area on the table under the CLCW bulletin board next to Pastor Chris's office to receive items needed for the kitchen. The kitchen could use the following:

**paper towels, napkins, and cups.**

Cash donations are also welcome; be sure to clearly mark them 'Kitchen Shower' when sending to or dropping off at the church. Be sure to designate CLCW on the envelope.

## EASTER LILIES

You are invited to bring an Easter Lily to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. If you would like to dedicate your plant *in honor of or in memory* of a loved one, fill out the form located outside the church office and return it to the office so that we can print these remembrances in the Easter bulletins. You may bring your plant between April 11- April 17 and may take it home after the Easter Sunday services to enjoy at home.



## ***Interested in helping with Easter Breakfast?!***

You may sign up to bring an egg casserole, fruit salad or coffee cake/pastries. We will also need some to sign up for set up and clean up duties. A sign up sheet is right outside Christy's office. Questions? Contact Pastor Sheryl, Pastor Chris, or Angie. If we get enough families to sign up come join us & enjoy an Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 17 at 9am.

## April 15: Good Friday Service @ 7:30 p.m.

The Calvary youth will lead the Good Friday Tenebrae service and "Watch the Lamb" Drama this year. All youth are welcome to participate in this service. You will need to dress in plain black attire (from head to toe).

We will meet at the church at 6 pm to rehearse, followed by pizza and drinks. We will also practice on Wednesday (4/13) at 6 pm at the church.



## CHILDREN'S Sunday School

**"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it"**

**Proverbs 22:6**

We believe that children are a precious gift from God. We invite your children to celebrate the love of Jesus Christ through Bible stories, songs, games, and crafts.

every Sunday @ 11 a.m.



Come join us for our Easter Egg Hunt during Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022.

### Coffee and Fellowship

Coffee and fellowship has started back up. We would like to invite people to stay after worship for a time of fellowship. The coffee pot will be on, but if you would like to provide treats, please sign up on the sheet outside the office.

Do you like a treat with your coffee, but you would rather not bake or buy something? **Donate** to the treat fund by dropping dollars or coins in the mug and when no one signs up, there will be treats purchased to enjoy!



### Laundry Love



Calvary has partnered with St. Francis Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church to provide a monthly Laundry Love Event in our community. Calvary will host Laundry Love every 3rd month; our next event is April 16<sup>th</sup>. In preparation for that day, we will need quarters as well as

dryer sheets or softener. Laundry detergent has already been donated. So, save your quarters and drop them in the Laundry Bottle outside the pastor's offices.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer**

### **This Sunday – April 10**

**USHERS:** Kent & Dawn Holub

**LAY READER:** Angie Hinze

**COMMUNION ASST:** Marlene Downer

**POWERPOINT:** Matt Payne

**ACOLYTES:** Micaela Hess & Brynlee Payne

**MEDIA:** Chris Jensen

**AUDIO:** Trea Hess

**ALTAR GUILD:** Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

**PIANIST:** Dee Brady

**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP:** Please Sign Up!

### **Maundy Thursday – April 14**

**USHERS:** Dennis & Barb Gorr

**LAY READER:** Mary Jo Huelle

**COMMUNION ASST:** Dennis Gorr

**POWERPOINT:** Andi Dorn

**ACOLYTE:** Josh Miller

**MEDIA:** Chris Jensen

**AUDIO:** Val Rahrs

### **Next Sunday – April 17**

**USHERS:** Monty & Shari Copsey

**LAY READER:** Chris Jensen

**COMMUNION ASST:** Barb Jensen

**POWERPOINT:** Angela Bonow

**ACOLYTES:** Allie Baer & Clare Schlothauer

**MEDIA:** Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

**AUDIO:** Jack Martin

**ALTAR GUILD:** Abby Newsom, Maunette Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie Walsh

**ORGANIST:** Rhonda Boettcher

**COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP:** Please Sign Up!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Sunday, April 10**

#### ***Palm Sunday***

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children’s Sunday School

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, April 11**

2 p.m. – Priscilla Circle @ Calvary’s Fellowship Hall

6 p.m. – Council Meeting

### **Tuesday, April 12**

8:30 a.m. – Men’s Study

12 p.m. – Women’s Study

1 p.m. – Quilting

7 p.m. – Pastor’s Bible Study

### **Thursday, April 14**

#### ***Maundy Thursday***

6:30 p.m. – Worship

7:30 p.m. – Choir Practice

### **Friday, April 15**

#### ***Good Friday***

7:30 p.m. – Worship: “Watch the Lamb”

### **Saturday, April 16**

#### ***Holy Saturday***

5:30 p.m. – Easter Vigil Worship

### **Sunday, April 17**

#### ***Easter Sunday***

9 a.m. – Easter Breakfast

10 a.m. – Worship

11 a.m. – Children’s Sunday School & Easter Egg Hunt

11 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

APRIL 10, 2022  
PALM/PASSION  
SUNDAY



*Christ's suffering shows God's love and glory.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 19:28-40	Blessed is the king who comes
Monday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	God's servant must suffer
Tuesday	Philippians 2:5-11	Christ shows us true humility
Wednesday	Luke 22:1-6	Judas agrees to betray Jesus
Thursday	Luke 22:7-38	The Last Supper
Friday	Luke 22:47-23:49	The crucifixion of Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 31:9-16	A prayer for protection
Sunday	John 20:1-18	The resurrection of Jesus

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

*He [Christ] 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. Philippians 2:8-9 (NRSV)*

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

O Holy Jesus, for your love, faith, and courage to do the will of God, we thank you on bended knee and with a humble yet joyful heart. Amen.

**Meatime Prayer:**

Dear God, with this food let us remember you give us strength to live each day in peace and hope through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May God grant you faith to live in peace and love in Christ Jesus.



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**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!*

**WEEKLY MILESTONES**

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.



**CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When have you been unfairly judged or mistreated by others?
- How does Christ's mistreatment help you when you experience unfair treatment?

**DEVOTIONS**

Read: Philippians 2:5-11.

In Luke 19:28-40, Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a lowly donkey. Crowds wave palms to honor and acknowledge him as a King. Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem is short-lived as he is then led to a humiliating death within a week. Jesus is obedient to the point of death (Philippians 2:8) at the hands of human authority. Human judgment and power led to the killing of the Son of God, but human powers could not conquer Jesus' act of divine love. God's work of salvation from the cross most fully reveals the depth of God's power over evil and promise of undying love. In the end, Jesus suffering and death is God's victory over all other powers. Jesus conquers suffering and death that *"every knee should bend in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord"* (vv. 10-11). Discuss: How has Christ's victory over evil and death been a comfort for you when you have experienced mistreatment? *Pray: God of humility and glory, give us faith to trust that in Christ all earthly powers must bow down to you and that your love puts an end to all things that destroy life and love. Amen.*

**SERVICE**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you give glory to God and show love through an act of kindness?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Today is Palm Sunday. We wave palms and shout, "Hosanna!" Hosanna means "save us." Jesus humbly and obediently rode into Jerusalem to save us. This day signals the beginning of Holy Week and is also known as Passion Sunday. Passion describes Jesus' suffering and death. It is not easy to read and think about what Jesus went through to save us. Give thanks in your home this week by waving a real palm or one made from construction paper and say: *Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Then, if able, kneel and pray.* Take a moment to think about Jesus' suffering and death and what it means to you. Finish with the Lord's Prayer.



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