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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
March 28, 2021

Palm/Passion Sunday

Prayer Before Worship: Compassionate God, your love finds full expression in the gift of Jesus Christ your Son, who willingly met betrayal and death to set us free from sin. Give us courage to live obediently in these days until we greet the glory of our risen Savior. 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 = Worship hymnal (cranberry)

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 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 in person or online today, we are glad to have you with us. Please join us again soon!*

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

‡**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS**‡

***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.

Sovereign God,
you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest! (*waving Palm Branches*)

***Song of Praise:**

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

ELW #344
vv. 1

**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.**

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

‡GOD’S WORD SPEAKS TO US‡

Epistle 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.

The Word of the Lord.
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.
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 all 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 upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

*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: Mark 11:1-11**

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

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

Kids Sermon

Angie Hinze

Sermon:

Pastor Chris

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Song of the Day: "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"**

**ELW #334
vv. 1&3**

**1. Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,
in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of hist'ry,
still you rise with ev'ry morn,
still you rise with ev'ry morn.**

**2. We remember truth once spoken,
love passed on through act and word;
ev'ry person lost and broken
wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.**

**3. Christ, you lead and we shall follow,
stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow,
we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.**

***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:**

W&P #27

(Sung Prayer Response)

**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.

***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

Come for the gifts of God are ready for the people of God.

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 one station in the front of the church with the
pulpit side of the church being dismissed first.*

*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.)*

*For those worshipping with us online who are interested in receiving Holy Communion,
Drive-Through Communion will be available in the parking lot immediately following the
worship service this morning from approximately 10:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m.*

"The Messiah Has Come"

Choir

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you ‡ that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

***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**

Marked with the cross of Christ, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dave Holdt, 4/2

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

✝In Our Thoughts and Prayers✝

Prayers for healing: **John Rahrs** (heart surgery—Val Rahrs' dad), **Kristi & Jack Baker** (health issues—Pam Eskam's daughter & son-in-law), **Barb Gorr** (recovering from back surgery), **Syl Holdt** (recovering from knee surgery), **Greta Mehling** (Health Issues), **Ron Wegelin** (health issues), **Shirlie Schuldies** (health issues-mainly her heart), **Caleb Payne** (health issues), **Bruce** (Cancer treatments—friend of Jean Collins & Cathy Johnson), **Laynette Van Anne** (brain tumor—friend of Dee Brady), **LaDonna Schmidt** (colon cancer), **Bill Steele** (Recovering from COVID-19), **Beth Janecek** (Radiation), **Rich** (COVID-19 recovery—brother of Barb Gorr), **Cathy Rahrs** (rehab @ home), **Nancy & Tracy Steele** (COVID-19 health issues), **Harlan Meyer** (Lonnie Miller's uncle), **Reuben & Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **Julie** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family), **Barb** (cancer—Marlene Downer's sister-in-law), **Joan** (cancer—niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for our church, community, nation, and world: in this time of Covid-19 and general unsettledness. For everyone in need!

Prayer Requests



If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, during the week you may notify Christy in the church office or let us know by filling out the online Attendance and Prayer Request card under the worship tab on our website or on Sunday morning inform one of the ushers of your prayer request and they will make a list and give those to the pastor before worship begins.

YOUR GIVING ONLINE

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Scan the **QR code** to the right, go to our website: www.calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org and click on the **Give Online** button OR download the **Give+Church App** on your smartphone. It's safe and secure.



APRIL FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: Pancake Mix
BACKPACKS: Mac 'n Cheese Bowls
Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.
Thanks for your generosity.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA APRIL MISSION PROJECT:

We encourage every member of Calvary to participate in our monthly Mission Projects. April's project is the Bake-less Bake Sale. Monetary donations may be dropped off at the church office. Mark CLCW Mission Project on the envelop and leave it with, Christy, the Office Manager. Thank you from the Women's Board.

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 March 28 - April 3 and may take it home after the Easter Sunday services to enjoy at home.

Calling all 4th-8th graders! We would like to set up an acolyte schedule again, so if you would like to be put on the acolyte schedule call/text Angie at 631-2768.

6-week digital course on **faith & money**



Enroll today in a six-week digital course on money and faith. Discover how a grace-filled way of thinking and feeling about money can bring hope and freedom to strengthen our relationship with Jesus and enhance our generosity.

Explore money focused on values, agility, options, scarcity, integrity, and giving.

<https://start.sixweeksonmoney.com/courses/ELCA>

Lutheran Family Service Telehealth Mental Health Services Now Available Here at Calvary

2020 has been a stressful year. If you have found the disruption of the holidays the last straw in your ability to cope there is help available through Lutheran Family Services. LFS (Lutheran Family Services) has partnered with several remote sites to provide counseling and other needs through computer teleconferencing (or Telehealth).

If you would like to take advantage of these services, specifically talking with an LFS counselor, come to Calvary and we can help connect you to a counselor! Or go online at www.LFSneb.org. (You can also call LFS directly at 402-441-7940 or 1-833-903-2376.) Be prepared to spend about 15 to 30 minutes doing online paperwork, including your insurance information. Counseling fees will be handled directly through LFS, there is no fee for use of the computer here at Calvary, (it was provided by LFS) or for the use of the private space.

If life has you down, know there is someone to talk to and help you work through any of life's struggles including depression, relationship issues, parenting difficulties, abuse, as well as getting through this pandemic. Starting the process is available anytime on your home computer and scheduling an appt. with a counselor is very flexible on any computer with camera and internet capabilities. If you would like to use the computer here at Calvary or begin the process with assistance through the office, please come Monday through Thursday from 9-3 PM. (Not available Friday or Weekends.) You may also contact us for more information.

Holy Week Schedule

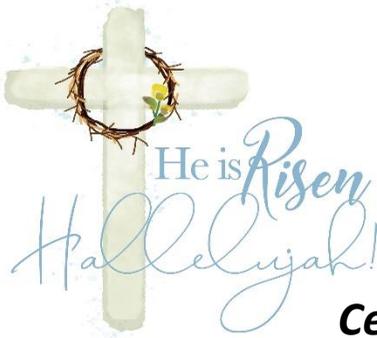


March 28th - Palm Sunday Service @ 10:00 a.m.

April 1st - Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30 p.m.

April 2nd - Good Friday Service with Youth @ 7:30 p.m.

April 3rd - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Service @ 5:30 p.m.



April 4th - Easter Sunday Service

@ 10:00 a.m.

Celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord!

**All Services will be in-person and will broadcast
LIVE on our Facebook Page:
Calvary Lutheran Scottsbluff**

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – March 28

USHERS: Chris & Barb Jensen

LAY READER: Kathy Randall

COMMUNION ASST: Dennis Gorr

POWERPOINT: Matt Payne

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

ALTAR GUILD: Andi Dorn, Shelly Koehler

PIANIST: Dee Brady

Next Sunday – April 4

USHERS: Dennis & Barb Gorr

LAY READER: Shari Copsey

COMMUNION ASST: Barb Jensen

POWERPOINT: Jack Martin

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

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

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

SONG LEADER: Jack Martin

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday

10 a.m. – Worship

10:45-11:15 a.m. – Drive Through Communion

Tuesday, March 30

8:30 a.m. – Men's Study @ Calvary's Fellowship Hall & on Zoom

12 p.m. – Women's Study @ Calvary

1 p.m. – Quilting

Wednesday, March 31

6 p.m. – Good Friday Rehearsal

Thursday, April 1

Maundy Thursday

6:30 p.m. – Worship

Choir Practice following Worship

Friday, April 2

Good Friday

6:00 p.m. – Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. – Worship

Saturday, April 3

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

5:30 p.m. – Worship

Sunday, April 4

Easter Sunday

10 a.m. – Worship

10:45-11:15 a.m. – Drive Through Communion

MARCH 28, 2021
PALM/PASSION
SUNDAY



Jesus' journey to the cross.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

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

Sunday	Mark 14:1-15:47	The passion of Jesus
Monday	John 12:12-16	Jesus enters Jerusalem
Tuesday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	A servant song
Wednesday	Philippians 2:5-11	The Christ hymn
Thursday	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Jesus washes disciples' feet
Friday	John 18:1-19:42	The passion of Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 31:9-16	Prayer for deliverance
Sunday	Mark 16:1-8	The tomb is empty

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[Jesus] 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 2:7b-8 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, we thank you that you humbled yourself on the cross so that we may know you as Savior of the world. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Jesus, we thank you for this food we are about to eat. May we open our hearts and minds to receive you in our lives with love and devotion. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's face shine upon you, and save you with the steadfast love of the Lord. (Psalms 31:16)



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MARCH 28, 2021
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Now Behold the Lamb



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:

- We often don't know important things about others. Who is someone you would like to learn more about? What would you like to ask them?
- Jesus' work as Savior comes through his rejection by others. Think or tell about a time when you were rejected. How did it make you feel?
- What do you learn about Jesus through his death on the cross?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 14:1-15:47.

This long text creates its own devotional mood by walking with Jesus days prior to his death to his anguish in the garden, the trial, suffering, and crucifixion. There is much to choose from and you can consider for yourself what is meaningful to focus on. Is it the hospitality of Simon the leper or the adoration of an unmarried woman anointing Jesus? Is it Judas Iscariot and how we might betray Jesus today or be one of the deserting disciples who scatter like sheep? Do you identify with the disciples in Gethsemane, unable to stay awake for prayer along with Jesus during his time of anguish? How would it be to be a bystander like Simon of Cyrene who is drawn in to carry Jesus' cross? How is it that the centurion from the occupying forces of Rome is the only one to acknowledge Jesus with the words, "Truly this man was God's Son" (15:39)? What was it like for Joseph of Arimathea to take down Jesus' lifeless body and place it in a tomb? Or what other part of the account grips you this year? Whatever it is, reflect on Jesus' great love and sacrifice and our own need for Jesus as savior. How do you honor Jesus as savior today?

Pray: For your great sacrifice and love, help us to adore you and witness to you as the Son of God and hope for the world. Amen.

SERVICE

Do you know someone who will spend Easter alone? Consider sharing the resurrection joy by inviting that person to join you for a meal or call them to let them know that you are thinking about them.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Palm Sunday is the day Christians remember Jesus entering Jerusalem. It signals the beginning of Holy Week. As the week begins, take time in your home to use palms received during worship or make palms out of construction paper and wave them to reenact the crowd shouting as they met Jesus. As you wave the palms, imagine Jesus riding on a donkey past you and shout, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord" (John 12:13b).



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

For a larger printable 'Taking Faith Home' go to our website calvarylutheranscottsbluff.org