

Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019



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OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

We Welcome All who are worshiping with us today. All guests please fill in your complete address. Peace be with you in Christ.

Attention Visitors: Thank you for joining us in Worship today. We invite you to pick up a gift bag, found by both entrances into our church.

Communion is Served at the 7:30 AM Worship Services on the 1st & 3rd Sundays and at the Sunday 10:00 AM Service on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Our Savior in the belief that here God offers His very Body and Blood in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. We are happy to welcome to the Lord's Table those who embrace this understanding of the nature of the sacrament, repent of sins, and seek to forgive and love as Christ forgives and loves us. We believe that such participation is a statement of fellowship and agreement with our church body and its teachings. As the bread and wine are distributed, white grape juice is also available in the individual cup tray for those that prefer an alternative to the red wine. If you have any questions, we ask that you talk with the pastor or one of the elders prior to the service.

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HEARING ASSISTANCE: Our church is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an elder for a receiver. **Large Print Orders of Service with Hymns** are available.

YOUR CHILDREN MATTER TO GOD AND US! A cry room is available for **infants and toddlers** if needed during worship services. The cry room is located close to the front door of the church next to the sanctuary. **A staffed nursery for ages 6-36 months is available during the education hour in the cry room and during the 10 am worship service in the lower level.** Young children can choose one "Jesus Bag" to take with them into church. Please return the bag to the narthex after worship. Children may take a **children's worship bulletin** as they enter church. The yellow bulletin is for ages 3-6 and blue is for ages 7-12.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – All children ages 2 to grade 6 are invited to join us for Sunday school from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. in our lower level. We look forward to seeing you! For more information call Marlene Rieck at (715) 891-0991.

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS – Youth (7-12th graders) are invited to our youth Bible class in our youth room located in our lower level. For more information call Rick Behrens at (715) 617-0114.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS today are presented to the Glory of God by Marv Jarvis in memory of Betty.

THE PULPIT FLOWERS today are presented to the Glory of God by Donna Liedtke's family in celebration of her 70th birthday. Happy Birthday Donna!

PALM SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

The Cross-Shaped Throne

April 14, 2019

AS WE GATHER

Today's liturgy is full of contrasts. We recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, with its pomp and pageantry. Then we plunge into the Passion, which ends with Jesus' burial. There is a unifying factor: On Sunday, the crowds hailed Jesus as the King of Israel, and on Friday He reigned from His cruel throne, the cross. There He destroyed death for the sake of His subjects. We offer thanksgiving for His royal, benevolent rule over us and all who bend the knee and call Jesus Lord.

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live." *John 11:25*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 12:12–19 (Palm Sunday procession)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor: The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out,

People: **"Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"**

Pastor: And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

People: **"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"**

Pastor: His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" LSB 443

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes,

People: **Who comes in the name of the Lord.** *Psalm 18:26*

Pastor: Hosanna to the Son of David.

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

PROCESSIONAL PRAYER

Pastor: O God, who through Your prophets foretold our King's coming: we give You thanks for fulfilling Your Word, and we pray that You would use these palms to remind us of the day He entered Jerusalem. Bless us who bear them, and grant that we may someday rejoice in His salvation in the heavenly Jerusalem; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

PALM SUNDAY ANTHEM "Bring Palm Branches" (Berry) Children Grades 1-6

READINGS *Genesis 22:7-8, 1 Peter 2:24-25, Revelation 5:12-13*

HYMN "The Lamb" LSB 547

Children:
The Lamb, the Lamb, oh Father where's the sacrifice
Faith sees, believes, God will provide the Lamb of price

REFRAIN

Worthy is the Lamb, whose death makes me His own
The Lamb, is reigning on His throne.
The Lamb, the Lamb, one perfect final offering
*The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. **REFRAIN***
The Lamb, the Lamb, as wayward sheep their shepherd kill
*So still, His will, on our behalf the Law to fill **REFRAIN***

Congregation joins in singing:

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. **REFRAIN**
He rose, He rose, my heart with thanks now overflows!
His song, prolong, till ev'ry heart to Him belong. **REFRAIN**

READINGS *1 John 4:9-10, 1 Corinthians 15:55-56, Romans 8:37-39*

ANTHEM "We Are More than Conquerors" (Hall) Children

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We cannot come closer to God as we are. It is only through the gracious forgiveness Christ won for us that we are considered righteous under God's Law. Let us confess our sins, pleading, "Lord, have mercy" and "Save us, O Lord."

Silence for reflection on God's Word and our sinful condition.

Pastor: Father in heaven, David thanked You for answering him and becoming his salvation.

People: **Your Son humbled Himself and became a human being to die in our place. But we confess that in our disobedience we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: He was obedient to death and took our sins with Him to the cross. You have exalted Him, that every knee should bow.

People: **We confess that without Your help we are bound to continue in sin as Your rebellious children. Hosanna! Save us, O Lord!**

Pastor: For Jesus’ sake, our gracious God has given us His Son’s own righteousness. The stone the builders rejected has become our salvation. 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.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 32:36–39* (The Lord is the only God.)
³⁶ For the Lord will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. ³⁷ Then he will say, ‘Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, ³⁸ who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection! ³⁹ “See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Philippians 2:5–11* (“At the name of Jesus every knee should bow.”)
⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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HYMN OF THE DAY “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” LSB 442

SERMON “A One Trick Pony” John 12:12-19

CREED Early Service – Apostles’ Creed Late Service – Nicene Creed
(Creeds can be found on the screens and on the back cover of the hymnal.)

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
After each petition, please respond with the following:

Pastor: Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
People: **Amen.**

Late Service please continue with the Sacrament

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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 peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty” LSB 441

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE “Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty” (*arr. Behnke*)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

LORD’S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God” LSB 550

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“O Christ, You Walked the Road” LSB 424

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” LSB 436

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

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IN HIS SERVICE

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| <u>Elder/Helper</u> | Early – Pat Crum
Late – Gary Fawcett, Glenn Finger |
| <u>Ushers</u> | Early – Bob Merz, Jean Walker, Todd & Brenda Otto
Late – Jerry Baerenwald, Ken Holdmann, Ray Hutts, Joyce Litchfield |
| <u>Greeters</u> | Early – Bonnie Jozwowski
Late – Joan Holdmann, Debbie Holewinski |
| <u>Readers</u> | Early – Bonnie Jozwowski
Late – Rick Behrens |
| <u>Acolytes</u> | Early – Gaige Marien
Late – Cameron Birchbauer |
| <u>Media Operators</u> | Early – Mike Rieck
Late – Shele Fawcett |
| <u>Altar Care</u> | – Mara Rothenbach, Terry Cherney |
| <u>Nursery</u> | - Education Hour – Katrina Kadlec
Late Service – Nicole Rogers |

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***THE MISSION OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IS TO EQUIP AND ENCOURAGE FOLLOWERS
OF CHRIST TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN THE
WORLD SO THAT ALL MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.***

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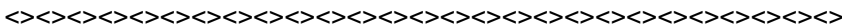
This week at Our Savior:

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| Monday | 15 | |
| Tuesday | 16 | 9:00 am Bible Class
9:30 am Quilters
6:00 pm JuBELLation
7:00 pm Choir |
| Wednesday | 17 | |
| Thursday | 18 | 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service celebrating Holy Communion |
| Friday | 19 | Office Closed
1:00 pm Good Friday Service
7:00 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service |
| Saturday | 20 | 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation |
| Sunday | 21 | 7:30 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion
8:45-9:45 Easter Breakfast
10:00 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion |

ATTENDANCE: Early: 89, Communion: 83, Late: 119, Sunday Bible Study: 29, Sunday School: 32,
Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study: 5, Tuesday Bible Study: NA

ACTUAL to DATE (as of March 31, 2019)

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| TOTAL GIVING | \$ 94,405.85 |
| OPERATION EXPENSES | \$ 73,324.91 |
| BALANCE | \$ 21,080.94 |



God's richest blessings to you on YOUR special day!

Birthdays:

15 – Theresa Cherney **16** – Hilde Becker **19** – Diane Jensen, J.D. Husing
20 – Pastor Kufahl

Anniversaries:

16 – Donald & Kristy Secord **17** – Daryl & Robin Nikolaus



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Prayers For Our Families – Without a doubt, one of the most important aspects of our relationship with the Lord our God is our prayer life with Him. We are instructed to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17), and to pray for one another (James 5:16). For we are under attack from the devil and his minions constantly, and we need the best protection we can get! At Our Savior, we are blessed to be surrounded by families whom our Lord has called to walk together in the light of Jesus. Each one of our families has good days and bad, and each one of our families deserves our prayers. Each Sunday we will be praying for members of Our Savior. Those whom we will be praying for are selected at random from our membership roster, and don't be surprised if you will be receiving a phone call from Pastor Kufahl to let you know that your family will be in our prayers this week. We encourage you to use this list in your personal, daily prayers as well. Each one of us is precious in God's sight. May our Lord open our eyes to see the gift that each family is!

*Deborah Behrens, Donn & Cindy Gauger, Mike & Cheryl Jenkins, Donald Lohr,
Mark & Karen Olson, Justin Scafaro Family, Harold & Marilyn Versh*

Our Savior Email List - If you have not yet subscribed to our email list, follow the link on our website to sign up. If you are signed up and did not receive it, please check you spam folder and then make sure oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com is in your address book. Gmail users – these emails will appear in your "promotions" tab.

2019 Offering Envelopes are on the table in the narthex. Please be sure to pick yours up today.

A Text Database Is Being Created - In order to reach out to our members through the many methods available today, we are working on creating a database of cellular numbers in order that we may reach you through a text message. This may be for emergency notification, board meetings, or just a Bible verse for the day. Although we may already have your cellular number, there is a specific code from your cellular provider that is needed to enable us to send out mass text messages from a computer. Therefore, please text your name to oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com. Thank you!

We Need One More Number From You - You may recall one Sunday last April, we were hit with a snow storm. Many churches in our area were closed due to the weather, and very few members showed up for worship here. Following discussion at an elders meeting, we have decided to partner up with a company to provide a phone blast to our members to let you know if worship has been cancelled due to the weather. We will use the home phone number which we have on record to reach you. If you would rather have us contact your cell phone, please contact the church office to let us know which number you would like to be notified at. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Nursery Director Needed - We are seeking a director for our nursery for infants & toddlers. This is a paid position. A job description and application are available in the narthex.

Lenten Offerings - During Lent we remember Jesus' sacrifice for us and we respond by loving others as He has loved us. One way to love others is through our Lent mission offerings. This year we are supporting Bethesda Lutheran Communities with our offerings and prayers. Bethesda is a leading provider of person-centered and community-based services that enhance the lives of people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities around the country and throughout the world. Bethesda offers residential and supported-living services, faith and ministry supports, education and training resources, and employment assistance. Through all this they share the Good News of Jesus Christ. If you would like to help, please use a designated offering envelope and mark it "Bethesda". There are also special envelopes at the welcome center that you can use for this specific offering. Thank you for your gifts of love!

Many Hands Lighten the Load - We know the saying well. When we have a big job that needs to be accomplished, we appreciate additional hands. We have some big tasks here at church where we could use your help. We are looking to form a Kitchen Committee and someone to head the committee. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Kufahl or the church office. Thank you!

Disaster Relief - To help our brothers and sisters whose lives have been disrupted through the recent flooding, call 1-888-930-4438, or text LCMSDISASTERS to 41444, or mail a check to The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, PO Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861 with "Disaster Relief" written in the memo.

Fellowship Hour after 10 am Service - Join us for treats and fellowship after the late service TODAY in the fellowship hall and the chance to see Pastor Kufahl take a pie to the face! Pastor agreed to do this since our Sunday school children reached their mission project goal for Camp Luther. Thank you, Pastor!

Vacation Bible School 2019 - It is time to register for Splash Canyon! Children, ages 3 (potty trained) to age 12, are invited to dive into God's Word and fun, July 29th-August 2nd, 9 am to noon. We will have a Camp Luther Fun Day on Wednesday, July 31st, from 9 am to 3 pm. Go to www.oursavioreagleriver.org to register.

VBS Volunteers Needed - Please let Marlene Rieck know if you would like to serve on our VBS team. There are many ways you can help with this great outreach event!

Easter Food Baskets - The members of Our Savior have once again proven to be compassionate and generous. When asked to consider a donation so that Easter food baskets could be provided to less fortunate families in the area, you opened your hearts and your wallets. Thank you everyone for supporting this outreach program that provides not only physical food but also the food of life that only Jesus can provide. This mission project has allowed Our Savior to reach out to these families in need, offering them friendship, care, and an invitation to worship. In John 21:17 Jesus said "Feed my sheep." How wonderful that we can continue the work that our Lord has taught us to do.

LWML Spring Rally - Will be held at Peace Lutheran in Arbor Vitae on Thursday, April 25th. There is an invitation posted in the hallway along with a signup sheet. All women are welcome to attend. Deadline to sign up is April 21st. Any questions call Teri Kressin at 715-337-2091.

Martha Society Card Party – Will be held Wednesday May 8th. Tickets will be available after services at the Welcome Center. Cost \$10.

Easter Breakfast - Our high school students invite you to fellowship and a delicious Easter breakfast on Easter morning at 8:45 am. Hope you can join us!