

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Flute Prelude

***Gathering Song:** PW 172 “Come into His Presence”

***Call to Worship:**

L: We gather together,

C: Waving palms of joy,

L: Waving palms of peace,

C: Eager to see Jesus, anxious for his healing touch, hoping to receive a blessing.

L: We gather together,

C: Waving palms of joy,

L: Waving branches of peace,

C: Hoping we are ready to walk with Jesus through the night of anguish, the morning of waiting, the noon of despair, the hours of darkness.

L: We gather together,

C: Waving palms of joy,

L: Waving branches of peace.

ALL: HOSANNA, LORD, HOSANNA! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!

***Song:** PW 203 “In the Name of the Lord”..... solo verse, Jan Helfritz
(congregation - solo - congregation)

Processional Gospel Luke 19:28-40

P: Rejoice, people of God! Give glory to the one who comes to you in triumph!

ALL: HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST! GLORY TO THE KING!

***Processional Song:** PW 83 “Glory to the King”

Sunday School Choir: “You Can't Get to Heaven”

Prayer of the Day:

C: 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 and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Confession: (sit or kneel)

C: O Lord, we come before you to confess our shortcomings, and to once again hear of your undying love for us. We have hailed you as our Lord and King, yet we have not always put you first in our hearts. We often turn our backs to your promises, and fail to respond to your love. Forgive our lack of devotion, and keep us ever faithful to your kingdom.

God's Forgiving Love:

P: Our God gives us the strength to remain faithful, and grants forgiveness to all who believe that Jesus Christ is the Lord. Jesus is the true gift of the creator's love, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. We praise him for his forgiving and redeeming love!



HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD

Lesson Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel - Passion Story Luke 23:1-49

Luke 23:1-25

Song: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom”

Luke 23:26-43

Song: “Jesus, Remember Me”

Luke 23:44-49

Song: “Jesus, Remember Me”

Reflection..... Pastor Kathy Fullarton

***Song:** PW 164 “Behold the Lamb”

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Statement of Faith:**

C: We believe in one true God, the creator and source of all goodness and love. We believe that Jesus is God's Son. While being truly human, Jesus is truly God. He is the Lord, the Christ, the Savior. Because Jesus lived as a true human being he knows both the joys and sorrows of life. He experienced the awful pain of rejection and injustice. He understands what it is to suffer. With his death on the cross he has defeated sin. With his resurrection he has overcome death. We believe that the Spirit of God is among us and involved in the life of the whole Christian church on earth. Through the Spirit of God we are forgiven, brought into relationship with God, and one day, we will be given everlasting life. Amen.

Offering: “He Was Despised and Rejected” (worship team)

Prayers of the Church (kneel or sit)

***Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer**

Holy Communion

Songs during Distribution:

“I Come to the Cross” (worship team)

PW 113 “Oh, How He Loves You and Me” (congregation)

PW 112 “Lamb of God” (congregation)

Communion Blessing

***Benediction**

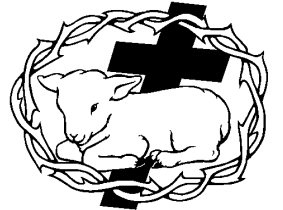
***Closing Song:** PW 111 “There Is a Redeemer”

***Sending:** John 3:16-17

L: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but may have eternal life.

C: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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Acolytes: 9:00 a.m. Faith Kauffmann, Jesse Meyer

Assisting Worship Leader: 9:00 a.m. Bill Groskreutz, Jr.

Scripture Readers: 9:00 a.m. Megan Ehlert

Communion Helpers: 9:00 a.m. Dennis & Diane Lutteke, Carol Jacobson

Today, we march with Jesus into Jerusalem crying joyfully in loud voices, "Hosanna to the King!" But our cries soon give way to "Crucify him!" for our king has come to die. The king has become a servant to all. May the story of Jesus' passion be a reminder to us of our call to servanthood as well. God's blessing upon you this Holy week!

Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 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. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 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, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Birthdays - March 24-30 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

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| 24-Andrea Groskreutz | 26-Kameron Lutteke | 28-Elmer Ehlert | 29-Dianna Soto |
| 24-Kathy Raimann | 27-Chris Warmka | 29-Weston Korman | 30-Matthew Beyer |
| 25-Brian Niebuhr | 28-Linda Buendorf | 29-Jolette Linde | 30-Lacy Schroeder |
| 26-Bill Harnack | | | |

In Honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, which is Aug. 3rd, Elmer & Kathy Ehlert have given a gift to the 50th Anniversary Fund.

The Adult Bible Study - The study of "Modern Parables" will take place on March 24th. Everyone is welcome. You can join the Bible study at any time.

Palm Sunday Brunch - March 24th, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Serving Egg Bake, Muffins, Juice and Coffee. Proceeds go to the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

If you are thinking of becoming a member of Good Shepherd, you are invited to attend a Prospective Membership Orientation on Saturday, April 20 at 4:00 p.m. or on Sunday, April 21st at 10:15 a.m. These meetings will be held in the kitchenette. Pastor Kathy will go over Good

Shepherd's mission statement and other information. Attending the orientation class does not obligate you to join if you are not ready at this time. New members will be welcomed into the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church membership on the weekend of April 27th and 28th. We are looking for volunteers who would serve as shepherds for our new members. A shepherd encourages, calls, and invites the new member to be a part of the church family at Good Shepherd. If you are willing to be a shepherd please call the church office at 553-3513.

50th Anniversary - We are looking for old pictures of church events, group or individual photos, etc. from 1963 to the present for a photo presentation for the anniversary. If you have such pictures, please drop them off at the Church Office, be sure to write your name on the back of them so they may be returned to you

Adult Forum - Have you ever gone to the Good Shepherd's website at www.goodshepherdwells.org? There are lots of wonderful opportunities at this site to learn more about your church and its activities. Come to an informational meeting on Sun., April 7th at 10:15 a.m. in the social hall and learn how to access a lot of useful material. You will be able to find the Voice, the church service, daily devotions, a calendar of events, the weekly bulletin, and much more.

Spring Valley Creek Clean Up Project - Sat., April 6th at Good Earth Village. Please register with Good Earth Village at 507-346-2494 if you are able to help.

The Area Community Choir directed by John Degner presents: *Wondrous Love*:

Sun., March 24th, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wells

Tues., March 26th at Calvary Baptist Church, Albert Lea

Fri., March 29th at Freeborn Congregational UCC, Freeborn

all performances start at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Garden - We will again have an Easter Garden on Easter Sunday. We would like a variety of spring flowers, not just lilies, to adorn the altar. If you would like to donate an Easter plant, please feel free to purchase and bring it to the church or have them delivered by Saturday, March 30th. Let Andy know you are donating a plant by Tue., March 26th so she can publish it in the bulletin. Use the following form and place it in the offering basket or return to the church office. Flowers and plants may be picked up after the 9:00 a.m. Easter Festival Worship.



EASTER GARDEN FLOWERS

I plan to purchase an Easter plant and bring it to the church to add to the Springtime decorations:

Name _____ Phone _____

This plant is in memory of _____

This plant is in honor of _____