



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Ministers: All The People of The Congregation

Called by God to: Grow; Serve; Love; Care and Worship

Palm/Passion Sunday*..... *Contemporary Worship
April 13, 2014. 9:00 a.m.

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Violin & Flute Prelude

***Gathering Song: “Come into His Presence” Gray Book #172**

***Call to Worship:**

We gather to worship,
Waving palms of joy,
Waving branches of peace.

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

We gather together,
Waving palms of joy,
Waving branches of peace,

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.

We gather together,
Waving palms of joy,
Waving branches of peace.

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

Song: “In the Name of the Lord” Gray Book #203 Solo verse, Jan Helfritz
(congregation - solo - congregation)

***Proclamation Gospel Matthew 21:1-11**

Rejoice, people of God! Give glory to the one who comes to you in triumph!
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST! GLORY TO THE KING!

***Proclamation Song: “Glory to the King” Gray Book #83**

Sunday School Choir

***Prayer of the Day:**

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.

Confession: (sit or kneel)

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 faithful to your kingdom.

God's Forgiving Love:

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

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.

Dramatic Reading of the Passion Story Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

Jesus: “...I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom”

Song: “Lamb of God” (verse 1) Gray Book #112

Narrator: “...and led him away to crucify him,” “Lamb of God” (verse 2)

Narrator: “... The Gospel of our Lord” “Lamb of God” (verse 3)

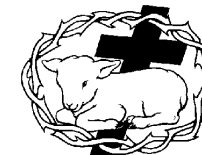
RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Statement of Faith:**

We believe in one true God, the creator and source of all goodness and love. We believe that Jesus is God's Son. 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



Words of Institution/The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion:

“Come to the Table” (ALL). Printed on Insert

“I Come to the Cross” (worship team)

“Oh, How He Loves You and Me” (ALL) Gray Book #113

***Blessing**

***Benediction**

***Sending Song: “There Is a Redeemer” Gray Book #111**

***Dismissal: John 3:16-17**

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.

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.

Birthdays -April 13-19 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

13-Bunny Elmore Grace Weyhrauch Elaine Sellner 18-Heather Warmka
Leona Harpestad 16-Nathaniel Cummings 17-Bill Groskreutz, Jr. 19-Kristin Vogelsang
Nancy Kruger

Waterpark Family Outing - Sun., April 13th, at the Serengeti Holiday Inn in Owatonna. Cost is \$8.00/person with a \$4.00 deposit as soon as possible. We will meet at Good Shepherd to car pool at 1:00 p.m. and returning by 6:00 p.m. Please sign up on the church office door.

Palm Sunday Brunch will be April 13, 2014 sponsored by the Women of the ELCA. Serving from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Egg Bake, Muffins, Juice and Coffee.

The Area Community Choir directed by John Degner, presents "The Seven Last Days, a Tenebrae Service" Sun., April 13th at 3:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd; Tues., April 15th at 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, Albert Lea and Fri., April 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Freeborn Congregational UCC, Freeborn. All are invited.

Senior Saints - Join us for a sharing of Easter traditions at Senior Saints at the Broadway Apartments on Wed., April 16th at 11:00 a.m. After a short program we will join in fellowship as we enjoy the food provided by the April service group. Everyone 55 and older is welcome to attend.

Kitchen Cleaning will be April 26th at 8:30 a.m. With many hands the work will be light. If you are able to help clean the church kitchen please come, we should be done by 12:00 p.m. Please bring rags and pails.

Lutheran Social Service Man-Fair Region Auxiliary Spring Rally - April 22, 2014, 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Elmore. "Conquering Debt"-Who we are and what we do. Speaker, Julie Zacharison, Supervisor and Credit Counselor for LSS Financial Counseling. Ingathering: quilts, treasure boxes for the Homeless Youth programs and the Reach Drop-in Center in Mankato.

Summaries from the Let's Talk sessions are available in the Narthex and on the table by the church office.

The Mankato Reiverblenders present "Back 40" celebrating 40 years. Sat., April 26th 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. at Crossview Covenant Church, 2000 Howard Dr, North Mankato. Tickets available from chorus members, Cub Food and Hy Vee in Mankato or 507-420-5847. Medo Lutheran plans to go with a group, please let Pastor Laurie know you have tickets to attend to arrange rides.

Daily Scripture Readings

Apr 14 -Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11 **Apr 17** - Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14
Hebrews 9:11-15 John 12:1-11 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Apr 15 - Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
1 Corinthians 1:18-31 John 12:20-36 John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Apr 16 - Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70 **Apr 18** - Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1—19:42
Apr 19 -Romans 6:3-11
John 20:1-18

Easter Garden - We will again have an Easter Garden on Easter Sunday. We would like a variety of spring flowers and Easter 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, April 19th. Let Andy know you are donating a plant by Tue., April 15th 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 10:30 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 _____

Good Shepherd has seen many exciting and new things happening in the past few months. With the Wednesday night services we now have a need for workers to help in the kitchen/dining room when the before church meal is being served from 5:00-6:00 and communion servers. Since the time and talent sheets were completed before these jobs were needed we would like to know who is available and willing to help in either of these capacities.

_____ I am willing to help in the kitchen/dining room on Wednesday evenings from 4:30-6:30.
_____ I am willing to help serve communion at the Wednesday evening service.

Name Phone number