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Luke 19:40, ESV



Welcome to worship at Spirit of Christ!

We are a member congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. We gather here as the living body of Jesus Christ to be nourished and empowered by the Holy Spirit in what we call the “Means of Grace” — God’s gifts of Word and Sacrament. Through these Means of Grace, we receive the promise of the Gospel: that in the Spirit of Christ God forgives us, remakes us, and reigns in us. May the Lord bless your worship today!

April 13, 2025

Palm/Passion Sunday

AS WE GATHER

Holy week begins with the cheers and seeming triumph of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. No sooner, however, do we say, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" than we realize we have been ushered to the foot of the cross and the darkness of the shocking outcome of his coming---suffering, hatred, blood, and death. Our joyful, hopeful expectations have been dashed and we have been reduced to despair. This is what John the Baptist meant when he called us to repent; to totally give up on ourselves so that God can move in his mysterious way to perform the wondrous gift of forgiveness. So, he will take the repentant, tearful soul and restore life in the resurrection---life even better than we had ever dreamed or hoped. Life doesn't always turn out the way you expect! Thanks be to God!

The congregation gathers in the narthex.

ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

Narrator 1: When Jesus drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent ahead two of his disciples, saying, “Go into the village opposite. There you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of it.’”

Narrator 2: So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them...

People: And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

Narrator 3: And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt, they set Jesus upon it.

Narrator 2: And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and to praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying:

People: “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in Heaven and glory in the highest!”

(The people process into the sanctuary, laying their palm branches along the aisle and around the altar, then you may be seated.)

We will Glorify/ Sing Hosanna

Choir

Narrator 4: And some of the Pharisees in the multitude cried to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples! They’re calling you the Christ. Tell them to shut up!”

Narrator 1: He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent the very stones themselves would cry out.”

Stand

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

LSB 442 st.1,3,4

***ref 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. *Refrain***

**3 The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before you went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before you we present. *Refrain***

**4 To you before your passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. *Refrain***

Sit

Narrator 3: And when he drew near and saw the city he wept over it, saying, "Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hid from your eyes. O Jerusalem! The days shall come upon you, when your enemies will cast up a bank about you and surround you, and hem you in on every side, and dash you to the ground, you and your children within you; because you did not know the time of your visitation."

THE PREPARATION AND THE EATING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Narrator 1: Now, the feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. And the Temple Priests were seeking how to put Jesus to death; for they feared the people.

Narrator 4: Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the temple priests and officers how he might betray him to them. And they were glad and engaged to give him money. So he agreed, and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of the multitude.

- Narrator 3: Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.”
- People:** **They said to Him, “But where, Lord? Where will you have us prepare it, and what are we to do?”**
- Narrator 2: He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house which he enters, and tell the householder, “The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I am to eat the Passover with my disciples?” And he will show you a large upper room furnished; there make ready.” And they went and found it as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.
- Narrator 1: And when the hour came, he sat at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”
- Pastor: And he took bread and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And likewise the cup after supper, saying “This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

We believe that as we partake of the bread and wine in Holy Communion, Jesus the Messiah is feeding us with his own body and blood. In eating his body and drinking his blood we receive the promise that our sins are forgiven, and that we will therefore live eternally with God. We also believe that this eating and

drinking is a confession of our faith. If you share our faith, and particularly if you share our understanding of Christ's Real Presence in this meal, you are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood for your benefit. If you do not confess this understanding of the Christian Faith and this meal, you may still come to the altar to receive a blessing. Please fold your hands to indicate that you will not be receiving the sacrament.

When I Survey the Wonderous Cross

Bell Choir

Song of the Shadows

Choir

Glory be to Jesus

LSB 433

- 1** **Glory be to Jesus,
 Who in bitter pains
 Poured for me the lifeblood
 From his sacred veins!**

- 2** **Grace and life eternal
 In that blood I find;
 Blest be his compassion,
 Infinitely kind!**

- 3** **Blest through endless ages
 Be the precious stream
 Which from endless torment
 Did the world redeem!**

- 4** **Abel's blood for vengeance
 Pleaded to the skies;
 But the blood of Jesus
 For our pardon cries.**

- 5** **Oft as earth exulting
 Wafts its praise on high,
 Angel hosts rejoicing
 Make their glad reply.**

- 6** **Lift we, then, our voices,
 Swell the mighty flood;**

Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435

- 1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.
- 2 Come in poverty and meanness,
Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white;
Ye shall walk with God in light.
- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition,
Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission,
Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore;
They that drink shall thirst no more.
- 4 They that drink shall live forever;
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never
Break his covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when he was glorified.

O Living Bread from Heaven

ELW 542

- 1 O living Bread from heaven,
How well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,

With praises overflows.

- 2 My Lord, you here have led me
To this most holy place
And with yourself have fed me
The treasures of your grace;
For you have freely given
What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven,
That now I shall not die.**
- 3 You gave me all I wanted;
This food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted
The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
The favor you have shown,
And all my soul and spirit
Bow down before your throne.**
- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
To serve with holy fear.
And when you call my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through your merit,
Where joys unmingled flow.**

Dismissal

Narrator 3: But behold: the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined: but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"

People: And they began to question, "Who, Lord? Who is to betray you? Is it I? Is it I?"

Narrator 2: He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the

dish with me will betray me. Oh, it would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

Narrator 4: Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Is it I, Master?”

Narrator 1: Jesus said to him, “You have said so.”

Narrator 3: Simon Peter was indignant. “But not I!” he said. And he declared, “Though they all fall away from you, I will never leave you.”

Narrator 2: “Peter, truly I say to you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”

Narrator 3: Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will never deny you!”

People: And so said all of the disciples, over and over again.

THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

LSB 436 v. 1

1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter’s pow’r;
Your Redeemer’s conflict see,
Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Narrator 1: And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives: and the disciples followed him. And when he came to the place he said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

People: Lead us not into temptation but deliver us. Deliver us!

Narrator 2: And he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, “Father, if thou art willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done.”

People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done. Thy will be done. Thy will be done –**

Narrator 3: And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them, “Why do you sleep?” Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

People: **Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, even the evil within ourselves.**

Narrator 4: While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him,

Narrator 1: But Jesus said to him, “Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?”

Narrator 4: Judas said, “Hail, Master.”

People: **When the disciples saw what would follow, they said, “Lord shall we strike with the sword?”**

Narrator 3: And one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

Narrator 1: But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him.

People: **Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

Narrator 2: Jesus said to those who had come out against him, “When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”
Then they seized him—

Homily

Presentation of the Offering

THE JUDGMENT

Go to Dark Gethsemane

LSB 436 v. 2

**2 Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
Learn from him to bear the cross.**

Narrator 1: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him to the High Priest's house.

Narrator 3: Peter followed at a distance; and when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them.

**People: Then a maid, seeing him sit in the light, said,
"This man also was with him."**

Narrator 3: But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him."

**People: And a little later someone else saw him and said,
"You also are one of them."**

Narrator 3: But Peter said, "Man, I am not."

**People: An hour later another insisted, saying,
"Certainly this man also was with him; for he is
a Galilean."**

Narrator 3: But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!"

Narrator 2: And immediately, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.

Narrator 3: And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and he wept bitterly.

Narrator 4: Now the men who were holding Jesus mocked him and beat him; they blindfolded him and demanded:

People: **“Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?”**

Narrator 1: And they spoke many other words against him, reviling him.
When the day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together and led him to their council;

People: **And they said, “If you are the Christ, tell us.”**

Narrator 2: But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I ask you now, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God-“

People: **And they said, “Are you the Son of God, then?”**

Narrator 1: And he said to them, “You say that I am.”

People: **And they said, “Blasphemy! What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips. Blasphemy! Oh, Blasphemy!”**

DAWN FRIDAY: JESUS BEFORE PILATE

Narrator 1: Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pontius Pilate.

People: **And they began to curse him, saying, “We found this man perverting our nation, and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ the king!”**

Narrator 4: And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Narrator 2: And he answered him, “You have said so.”

Narrator 4: And Pilate said to the Chief Priests and the

multitudes, “I find no crime in this man.”

People: **But they were urgent, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout Galilee even to this place.”**

Narrator 4: And when Pilate heard that he was a Galilean, of Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod,

Narrator 1: Where he was vehemently accused, and treated with contempt and mocked, and arrayed in gorgeous purple, and then sent back again.

Narrator 4: Pilate said to the ruler of the people, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people: and after examining him, behold, I did not find him guilty of any of the charges against him. Behold, nothing deserving death has been done by him. I will therefore chastise him and release him—“

People: **But they all cried out together, “Away with this man! Away! Away! Release to us Barabbas-”**

Narrator 2: Barabbas!- a man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and for murder—

Narrator 4: Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus—

People: **But they shouted out, “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!”**

Narrator 4: “Why? What evil has he done? I’ve found no crime in him deserving death. I’ll chastise him. I’ll release him.”

People: **But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified.**

Narrator 3: And their voices prevailed.

Narrator 4: So, Pilate gave sentence that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been jailed for murder. But Jesus he delivered up to their

will.

FRIDAY MORNING: CRUCIFIXION

Go to Dark Gethsemane

LSB 436 v. 3

3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

Narrator 3: But Jesus he delivered over to their will.

All Men: And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus.

All Women: and there followed him a great multitude of women who bewailed and lamented him—

Narrator 2: But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed!' For if they do this when the wood of the tree is green, what will happen when it dries!"

Narrator 1: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place which is called the Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left.

We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died

LSB 429 v 1 (tune 595)

1 We sing the praise of him who died,
Of him who died upon the cross.
The sinner's hope let all deride;

For this we count the world but loss.

2 **Inscribed upon the cross we see**
In shining letters, “God is love.”
He bears our sins upon the tree;
He brings us mercy from above.

Narrator 2: And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.”

All Women: Forgive us our trespasses.

All Men: And they cast lots to divide his garments.

All Women: Forgive us our trespasses.

All Men: And the people stood by, watching. But the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God!”

All Women: Forgive us our trespasses.

All Men: the soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar.

Narrator 4: One of the criminals who were hanged with him railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

Narrator 3: But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence, and we justly? But this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

People: Forgive us our trespasses. Deliver us from evil. Thine is the kingdom—

Narrator 2: And Jesus said to him—

People: and the power—

Narrator 2: Truly, truly, I say to you—

People: and the glory—

Narrator 2: "Today you will be with me in Paradise."

People: Forever and ever. Amen!

We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died

LSB 429 v 2 (tune 595)

2 **Inscribed upon the cross we see
 In shining letters, "God is love."
 He bears our sins upon the tree;
 He brings us mercy from above.**

Narrator 1: It was now about the sixth hour—and there was
 darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour,
 while the sun's light failed....And the curtain of the
 temple was torn in two, from the top to the
 bottom....Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice,
 said, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit!"

(Silence)

 And having said this, he breathed his last.
 And all the multitudes who had assembled to see
 the sight,

**People: When they saw what had taken place, returned
 home beating their breasts.**

*All Women: And all his acquaintances and the women who
 had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance
 and saw these things—*

LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON: BURIAL

We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died

LSB 429 v 3(tune 595)

3 **The cross! It takes our guilt away;
 It holds the fainting spirit up;
 It cheers with hope the gloomy day
 And sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.**

Narrator 4: Now there was a man named Joseph from the town
 of Arimathea, a good man, a righteous man, one

looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud, and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb, where no one had ever yet been laid.

Narrator 2: It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning.

All Women: The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments—

Narrator 1: On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died

LSB 429 v 6 (tune 595)

**6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace
By bitter grief and anguish sore,
Be praise from all the ransomed race
Forever and forevermore.**

(People leave in silence)

Serving in Worship

April 13, 2025

Pastor

Jason Neel

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Eddie Kothrade

Usher

Art Hayden

Elders

Chuck Johnson

Reader

Renee Chambard

Sarah Skogerboe

Mike Voegele

Lois Spadgenske

In our prayers

Celebrating Birthdays: Kathy Trapp 4/15, Gretchen Lynn 4/16, Karen Callies 4/16, and Angie Hagel 4/18.

Celebrating Baptism: Coen Voegele 4/13, Cindy Johnson 4/18, Deb Parson 4/18, Sierra Carlson 4/18, Ryan Weinhold 4/18, and Zack Weinhold 4/18.

Celebrating Anniversaries: JeRay and Sue Burkle

This Week at a Glance

Today	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Education Hour
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	6:45 p.m.	Jews for Jesus Presentation
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	6:45 p.m.	Maundy Thursday
Friday	6:45 p.m.	Good Friday
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast Set-up
	6:45 p.m.	Easter Vigil
Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Easter Worship Service
	8:15 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	10:00 a.m.	Easter Worship Service

Notes of Information

Foot Washers: If you would like to assist in worship on Maundy Thursday as a foot washer, please let Pastor Jason or Laura know.

Women's Bible Study: Ladies Bible Study- On Tuesday we will look at the conclusion of Samuel's life. As the title of our study book points out, we have our Lord's assurance for times of change. His care and provision are unfailing. The book of Hebrews names Samuel in the "great cloud of witnesses" who preceded Jesus. Like Samuel "we can with endurance run the race set before us". Through the many changes in Samuel's life, his Lord was there to direct him and fill him with faith and hope. All ladies are welcome to attend.

Jews for Jesus: On Wednesday, April 16th at 6:45 PM, we will be joined by Simon Stout, a missionary with Jews for Jesus in Jerusalem. Simon will help us to better understand the connection between the events of Holy Week and the prophetic writings in the Hebrew Scriptures. Though this is not a worship service, we hope you'll join us for this educational and edifying experience.

Game Night: Mark your calendars for April 25th for a fun filled night of fellowship and games. Bring a snack to share and your favorite game! Friday April 25th at 7 pm.

Annual Plant Sale with Twist: The youth's annual plant sale will be held May 3rd. We will be combining the plant sale with a rummage sale. If you have clean, working items to donate to our sale please bring them in. Items can be left in the youth room or Laura's office. We will not be accepting electronics or furniture. If you have any questions, please contact Larua Marquardt or Jeff Fey.

Prayer Opportunity: An Elder will be available weekly at the end of service at the Communion Rail for personal prayer support. If privacy is requested that will be accommodated.

Notes of Gratitude: The Stewardship Board received a letter of thanks from *Hope 4 Youth* for our February donation of \$264.89. *Hope 4 Youth* is a nonprofit organization in Anoka County that helps young people, ages 16 to 24, who are

experiencing homelessness in the northern Twin Cities metro area. *Concordia Seminary* also sent a letter of thanks for our recent gift of \$345.42 in support of the *Adopt-A-Student* program. Our generosity is making a difference and is greatly appreciated.

Book Club: Spirit of Christ Book Club will meet in the fellowship hall at 7 p.m. Dates and books are:

- April 28 – *The Last Letter* by Rebecca Yarros
- May 27 (Tuesday) – *Bluebird* by Sharon Cameron

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mager

NACE: North Anoka County Emergency Food Shelf is currently in need canned fruit, canned tuna, peanut butter and beans of all types. Thank you for your donations. For more information, reach out to Toni Peterson.

Average Weekly Offering	\$7350
<i>Average offering needed per week to fulfill work plan</i>	\$7271

Next Week's Readings

Acts 10:34-43, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, Luke 24: 1-12



Holy Week Services

Wednesday April 16, 2025

6:45 PM

Jews for Jesus Presentation

Thursday April 17, 2025

6:45 PM

Maundy Thursday

Friday April 18, 2025

6:45 PM

Good Friday

Saturday April 19, 2025

6:45 PM

Easter Vigil

Sunday April 20, 2025

7 AM and 10 AM

Easter Worship Service

Easter Breakfast will be served from 8:15 until 9:45. Please join us for fellowship before or after your worship service of choice.



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