

Palm & Passion Sunday

Gospel according to Luke

April 14, 2019



Passion Sunday (also known as Palm Sunday) marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concentrates on both the glory and the passion of Christ. On Passion Sunday, we reenact Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem by processing into the sanctuary with palms and glad "Hosanna's." This act symbolically foreshadows God's promise that Jesus will lead us into the new Jerusalem (heaven). We also hear the entire Passion story, Jesus' crucifixion and death on the cross. This tradition began (in the Church) because many people do not attend Good Friday worship, and to miss the crucifixion story is to miss the entire point of the significance of Easter.

You will notice two liturgical colors today: Purple is the color of humility and melancholy, as well as the color of penance. Red is the color of Christ's Passion, blood and cross.



Procession of Palms

Gather in Narthex

Arise in body or spirit.

Processional Gospel *Luke 19:29-38*

☐ The holy gospel according to Luke.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

☐ ²⁹When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “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. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

☐ ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.

☑ ³³**As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”**

☐ ³⁴They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As 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, ³⁸saying,

☐ “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

☑ **Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”**

Call to Procession

Waving palms, congregation processes into sanctuary.

Song of Procession

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

- P** The grace and mercy of God, who in Christ bears our burdens and saves us from sin through the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- G** **And also with you.**

Song of the Crowd
(wave palms)

All Glory Laud and Honor

ELW 344 (red book)

The assembly prays the Prayer of the Day.

- P** As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.
- A** Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross.
- G** **In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

Judas' Betrayal of Jesus

Passion Reading: *Luke 22:1-5*

- A** Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. ²The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.
- P** ³Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; ⁴he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. ⁵They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money.



Offering & *Setting the Table*

Arise in body or spirit.

Offering Song

Come to the Table of Mercy

ELW 481

Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

The third system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

The fourth system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

- Ⓟ The Lord is with you.
- Ⓞ **And also with you.**
- Ⓟ Let us give thanks to God.
- Ⓞ **Thank you God, for everything.**
- Ⓟ In the spirit of Joseph of Arimathea who gave his burial tomb to Jesus, we return what we have to God through this offering.

Offering Prayer

- Ⓐ Let us pray ...Gracious God,
- Ⓞ **we offer you all that we are. Use us for the work on earth begun by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**



Passover Meal with the Disciples

Passion Reading: *Luke 22:14-23*

Institution of the Lord's Supper

- Ⓟ ¹⁴When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."
- Ⓟ ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of 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." ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²²For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!"
- Ⓐ ²³Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.
- Ⓞ **And they asked, "Who of us would do such a thing?"**

Ⓐ Lord Jesus teach us to pray.

Lord's Prayer

☐ Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

Lord's Supper

All

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: give us your peace.

Communion Hymns

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

ELW 777

In the Singing

ELW 466

Here Is Bread

ELW 483



Children's Message/Children's Church

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children's sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message.

Sermon

Pastor David Sprang

Passion Reading: Luke 22:24-38

A ²⁴A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵But he said to them,

P “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

²⁸“You are those who have stood by me in my trials; ²⁹and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, ³⁰so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

³¹“Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, ³²but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

C ³³And Simon said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!”

P ³⁴Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.”

P ³⁵He said to them, “When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?” They said,

C “No, not a thing.”

P ³⁶He said to them, “But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. ³⁷For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, ‘And he was counted among the lawless’; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.”

C ³⁸They said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.”

P He replied, “It is enough.”

Mount of Olives

Into the Garden of Gethsemane



Passion Reading: *Luke 22:39-40*

A ³⁹Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰When he reached the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

Kneel or sit as you are able.

Prayers of Intercession

A Led by Christ in our journey of repentance and moved by his compassion, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

C *Sing: O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer: when we call, answer us.
O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer: come and listen to us.*

A We pray for the church, that congregations be a home for the lost, a haven for the oppressed, and a source of healing for those broken by life's circumstances. We pray for new life springing forth from the earth; for those who groan in labor, those who are adopting children, and those who are unable to conceive. We lift our prayers to you.

C *Sing: O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer: when we call, answer us.
O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer: come and listen to us.*

A We pray for Christians who do not have the freedom to worship openly, for political prisoners, refugees, widows, and orphans. We pray for those who care for the weary and vulnerable: nurses, hospice workers, childcare providers, and social workers. We pray for those in any need. We lift our prayers to you.

C *Sing: O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer: when we call, answer us.
O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer: come and listen to us.*

A God, most holy and humble, plant in your church Christ's spirit of humility. Remove any barriers preventing us from seeing his saving work on the cross. We ask you to reveal your will for all creation through stones, seas, mountains, and meadows. In the splendor of what you have made, show us your care for everything, both great and small. We lift our prayers to you.

C *Sing: O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer: when we call, answer us.
O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer: come and listen to us.*

A We trust in you, so we lift our individual prayers to your tender care at this time.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We lift our prayers to you.

C *Sing: O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer: when we call, answer us.
O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer: come and listen to us.*

A Finally, let us give thanks for the saints, whose faithful witness, even unto death, has given to us the gift of the gospel. Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. We lift all these prayers to you.

C *Sing: O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer: when we call, answer us.
O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer: come and listen to us.*

Song of Prayer

Stay with Me

ELW 348

Soloist sings first time and the assembly sings the verse twice.

Passion Reading: Luke 22:41-46

L ⁴¹Then Jesus withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴²“Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.” ⁴³Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. ⁴⁴In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. ⁴⁵When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”



The Hour is at Hand

Passion Reading: Luke 22:47-54

A ⁴⁷While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; ⁴⁸but Jesus said to him, “Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?” ⁴⁹When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

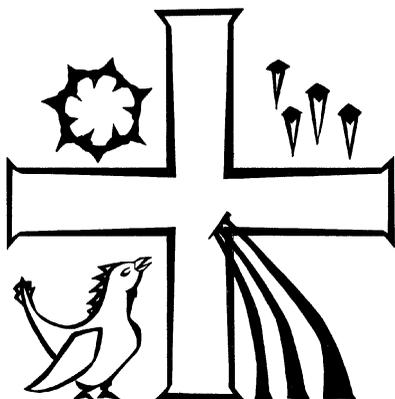
C **“Lord, should we strike with the sword?”**

- Ⓛ ⁵⁰Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, “Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? ⁵³When 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!”
- Ⓐ ⁵⁴Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance.

Grace Choir

A Lenten Walk

Hal H. Hopson

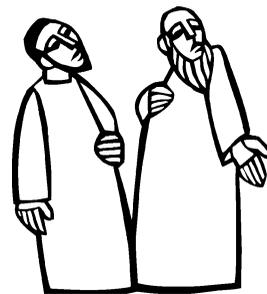


Peter’s Denial of Jesus

Passion Reading: *Luke 22:55-65*

- Ⓛ ⁵⁵When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, “This man also was with him.” ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.” ⁵⁸A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, “You also are one of them.”
- ⓐ **But Peter said, “Man, I am not!”**
- Ⓛ ⁵⁹Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, “Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.”
- ⓐ ⁶⁰**But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about!”**
- Ⓛ At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. ⁶¹The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” ⁶²And he went out and wept bitterly. ⁶³Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; ⁶⁴they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,
- ⓐ **“Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?”**
- Ⓛ ⁶⁵They kept heaping many other insults on him.

Jesus before The High Priest



Passion Reading: *Luke 22:66-71*

- Ⓐ ⁶⁶When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. ⁶⁷They said, “If you are the Messiah, tell us.” He replied, “If I tell you, you will not believe; ⁶⁸and if I question you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.” ⁷⁰All of them asked, “Are you, then, the Son of God?” He said to them, “You say that I am.” ⁷¹Then they said, “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!”



Jesus before Pilate

Passion Reading: *Luke 23:1-31*

- Ⓐ ¹Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.” ³Then Pilate asked him,
- ⓐ “Are you the king of the Jews?”
- Ⓐ He answered, “You say so.” ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.” ⁵But they were insistent and said,
- ⓐ “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”

A ⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹²That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

L ¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶I will therefore have him flogged and release him.” ¹⁸Then they all shouted out together,

C **“Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!”**

A ¹⁹(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹but they kept shouting,

C **“Crucify, crucify him!”**

A ²²A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.”

C ²³**But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed.**

A ²⁴So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

L ²⁶As they led Jesus away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸But Jesus turned to them and said,

P “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”



Crucifixion of Jesus

Passion Reading: *Luke 23:32-43*

- Ⓛ ³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said,
- Ⓐ “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”
- Ⓛ And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,
- Ⓢ “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”
- Ⓐ ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Kneel or sit as you are able.

Death of Jesus

Passion Reading: *Luke 23:44-45*

- Ⓛ ⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last.

Silence is kept for reflection.

The Centurion's confession

Passion Reading: *Luke 23:47-49*

- Ⓟ ⁴⁷When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.” ⁴⁸And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Arise in body or spirit, facing the baptismal font.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- Ⓟ Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.
- ☩ **Amen.**
- Ⓟ Come, let us acknowledge our sin and seek God's face that we may live.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- Ⓟ Holy God,
- ☩ **we confess that we have turned away from you and from our neighbors, and in toward ourselves. We have sought security in possessions and the place of power in relationships. We have trusted ourselves most of all. Turn us back to you, O God. In your mercy, forgive our sinfulness and cleanse us from guilt and shame. Guide us on the path of freedom that is your gift to us in Christ our Lord. Amen.**
- Ⓟ Hear for yourselves: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. In the waters of baptism grace abounds for you and for all. God turns to you in love and puts away every sin, every wrong turn, for the sake of + Jesus, the one God sent to save the world.
- ☩ **Amen.**

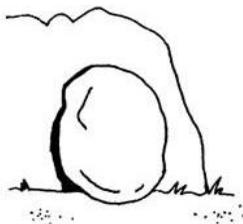
Sit



Jesus' Body brought Down from the Cross

Passion Reading: *Luke 23:50-53*

- Ⓐ ⁵⁰Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, ⁵¹had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.



Burial of Jesus

Passion Reading: *Luke 23:54-56*

- Ⓛ ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Hymn of Passion

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

ELW 351

Arise in body or spirit.

Liturgy of the PASSION

P Christ has come in triumph to God's people.

C **Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

A To Bethany with friends, to the temple which needs Cleaning...Christ comes!

C **Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

P To the courtyard of the teachers, to the testing of enemies, to the oil of a weeping woman...Christ comes.

C **Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

A The days continue, the night arrives. Triumph turns its face away.

C **Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

P To the clink of silver, to the new feast of body and blood, to the love of serving...Christ comes.

C **Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

A To the agony of prayer and trial, to the hollowness of betrayal, to the indignity of accusation...Christ comes.

C **Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

P To the screaming silent pain of thorns and whip, to the weight and nails of a cross...Christ comes.

C **Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

A To death and to risen life...Jesus has come!

C **Sing Hosanna! Jesus has come!**

Blessing

P The blessing of God's eternal love, the courage to follow the way of the cross, and the guidance of the Spirit in the desert places of our world, + be among you and remain with you forever.

C **Amen**

Depart in Silence

Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 14	Worship Services at 8 am & 10:45 am
Monday, April 15	LACS Rehearsal 6 pm
Wednesday, April 17	Council Mtg 6 pm
Thursday, April 18	Maundy Thursday Service at 7 pm
Friday, April 19	Good Friday Service 7 pm
Saturday, April 20	Easter Vigil 7:30 pm

Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Emma Peck	Mark Anton
Cantor	Jack Vos	Kate Watson
Lector	John Burdick	Carol Morgan
Communion Server	Volunteer	Phyllis Lietz
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Anton	Lexi Watson
Usher	Tom and Cheryl Drumm	Joe Longcor and Gwen Hansen
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Jack and Carol Vos	Doug and Diane Neeb
Children's Church	~	Laura Scheck
Table Guild	Laura Scheck	
Bread Maker	Jeanette Markwart	

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, April 21, 2019

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Ethan Scheck	Traci Wales
Cantor	Mark Anton	Anna Scheck
Lector	John Burdick	Victoria Steadman
Communion Server	Anna Scheck	Mark Anton
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Anton	Lance Ogden
Usher	Kay Marsh and Dave Neeb	Ed and Luke Domke
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Volunteers	John and Mary Kleinbrink
Children's Church	~	Eve Wright
Table Guild	Laura Scheck	
Bread Maker	Jeanette Markwart	

Passion Sunday ~ April 14, 2019

Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 89 Weekly Giving: **\$4,942.00** Budget Amount: \$4,576.53

Please Welcome Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor David Sprang, to the pulpit today. Pastor Sprang is from our North/West Lower Michigan Synod; he will also be conducting the Adult Forum between services.

Easter Candy Donations. Please bring candy that is prewrapped, which fits in plastic eggs. Thank you for your partnership in bringing some fun to our young people.

Noisy Offering will be taken up today during both services for Barry County Cares.

Boxes can be picked up at the display table for ELCA WORLD HUNGER. If you desire to support this ministry, please turn it in by Easter.

Social Activities: Please "save the date" for a *Progressive Dinner* on Saturday, May 18th; more information to follow in upcoming bulletins.

Nursery Attendant. Grace Lutheran Church seeks to hire a paid attendant for our nursery on Sunday mornings. Please submit names of potential candidates to Jana Bishop, Youth and Family Committee Coordinator.

Mutual Ministry: If there is a ministry concern, please contact Pastor Ken. He is our member of the Mutual Ministry Committee that is highlighted this week and can be reached by a phone call or a text message at 269.370.4632.

Easter Plant Payment by April 18th! Submit payment in envelope marked "Easter Plants" to office – make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church with memo EASTER PLANTS.

Maundy Thursday will be this Thursday with a healing service. You are invited to experience the healing of God's presence through oil, bread and wine.

Cross Walk on Friday at 9:30 am. Walk the approximate length of Jesus' journey he took from Jerusalem to Calvary.

Good Friday worship begins at 7:00 pm. We encounter the Seven Last Words of Jesus, as we experience our service from light into darkness.

Easter Vigil will have a Baptism, 3 Affirmation of Baptisms, along with 4 adults who are welcomed into our community of faith.

Prayer List:

Sean Benedict, Buck, Irene Corr, family of Vicky Dame, Gary Edwards, Karl Golnek, Dustin H., Delmer Hansen, Mary Jane Hayner, LaHeige family, Betty Lydy, Elsie Merrow, family of Jackie Main, Gale Morway, Kim Ogden, Kathy Flourde, safe travel for Amy and Phil P., Mary Rider, Barb Swift, George Ulrich Jr.