Sunday of the Passion April 13, 2025

From Palms to Passion: Jesus for You

As We Gather - Today we are brought to the threshold of Holy Week. This was the day the Jewish people chose the Passover Lamb. How quickly things can change in a week! On this Palm Sunday, we see Jesus enter Jerusalem with palms, a symbol of victory, strewn in the road and being waved. Yet it was from that entry that Jesus went to show His true love—His passion—by dying on the cross on Friday. That death showed His love for you. By faith, we believe what Jesus did was for us. Everything about us—our sin, our eternal destination—changed that week because Jesus took the road from palms to passion. Receive what Jesus did for you by faith, knowing your home in heaven was paid for with the King's ransom—His own blood.

Offering and Registry of Worship Cards: Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

Saturday Worship: Offerings and Worship Cards will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

About Protecting the Healthy: To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms of an infectious illness are highly encouraged to stay home. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.

Prelude and Meditation: Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

Prelude:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Greeting and Sharing of Peace (stand)

PREPARATION

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Opening Sentences

- P Hosanna!
- **G** Hosanna to the Son of David!
- **P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
- **G** Hosanna in the highest!

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

LSB 185

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Collect

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Processional Gospel

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶His 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. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

P Let us go forth in peace,

G in the name of the Lord.

John 12:12–19

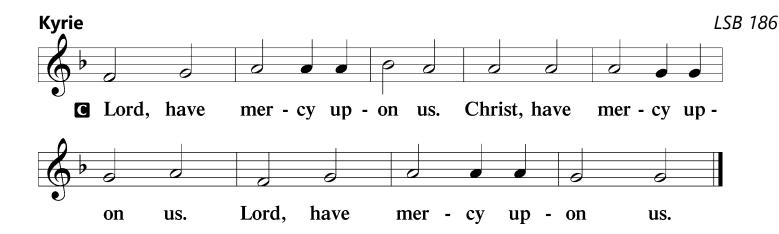


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Greeting

- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
- **G** Hosanna in the highest!



Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

• And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, on this day, You entered Jerusalem with pomp and circumstance, yet Your true passion was to be sacrificed for our sins. Help us, we pray, to look past the pomp and circumstance and see Your passion for us; we ask this in Your name, who with the Father and Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

³⁶ 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.
³⁷Then he will say, "Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge,
³⁸who 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! Deuteronomy 32:36–39

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."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 118:19-29

- Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
- **C** This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.
- **P** The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
- **C** This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- P This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- **G** Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!
- Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless You from the house of the LORD.
- **C** The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!
- P You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;
- **G** You are my God; I will extol You.
- P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
- **G** for His steadfast love endures forever!

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 22—23

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Month: W	/ater, Blood, and Spirit CryingLSB 597
1 Wa - ter, blood, and 2 In a wa - t'ry 3 Dark the way, ye 4 Though a - round us 5 Spir - it, wa - ter	grave are bur - ied All our sins that Christ pre - cedes us, Past the scowl of death is seeth - ing, God, His two - edged
tes - ti - fy - ing Je - sus car - ried death He leads us; sword un - sheath - ing its com - plet - ing	; Christ, the Ark of Life, has fer - ried Spreads a ta - ble where He feeds us By His Spir - it life is breath-ing
Life has come Us a - cross With His bod Through the liv Life has come	death's rag - ing flood. - y and His blood. - ing, ac - tive Word.

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Apostles' Creed

G I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- Almighty God, King of the universe, we come before You humbly asking that You would hear our prayers and answer them according to Your will. We bow before You and give unto You our worship and praise.
- **C** We worship You not because we love You, but You loved us first and gave the King's ransom to pay our sin's debt. Thank You, Jesus, for loving us so much.
- We thank You for the working of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives both to bring us to faith and keep us in the faith.
- Continue to open the eyes of our hearts and those around us, that we might see Your entry with palms for what it really was—Your passion to save us.
- P As we near the day of Your return, we see a world in turmoil.
- **G** Help us, Prince of Peace, amid all the chaos, to keep our eyes fixed on You.
- P You are a benevolent King, known to grant requests.
- **C** While You walked this earth, You granted the requests of the blind, the lame, the deaf, and even the widow at Nain, who did not ask You for anything, and You raised her son back to life.

P We lift up those who are sick and those who are suffering, [*including*...].

G Be with them, ease their pain, and bring relief from sicknesses through doctors, nurses, medicines, and miracles to accomplish Your will in their lives.

You tell us in Your Word to remember those in authority. We lift up those who hold seats of power.

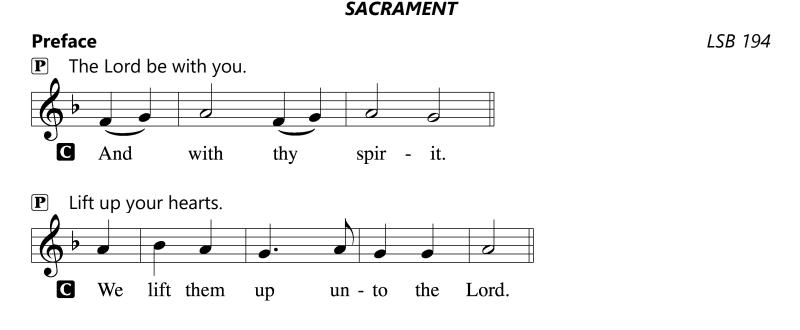
G For rulers in all places, high and low, north, south, east, and west, we ask that Your Spirit would guide them and Satan's power be thwarted in all places.

- For Your church in all places, that the Gospel would be powerfully proclaimed this week, and the Holy Spirit stir faith in the hearts of many,
- **G** use us according to Your will, that others may see the life of Jesus in us.
- Before Your throne, almighty King, we lift these and all petitions of our hearts, trusting You will answer all according to Your will.
- **W**e pray in the name of Jesus, who with the Father and Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem: (Sunday Only) "Hosanna, Hosanna"

Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (Sunday Only)

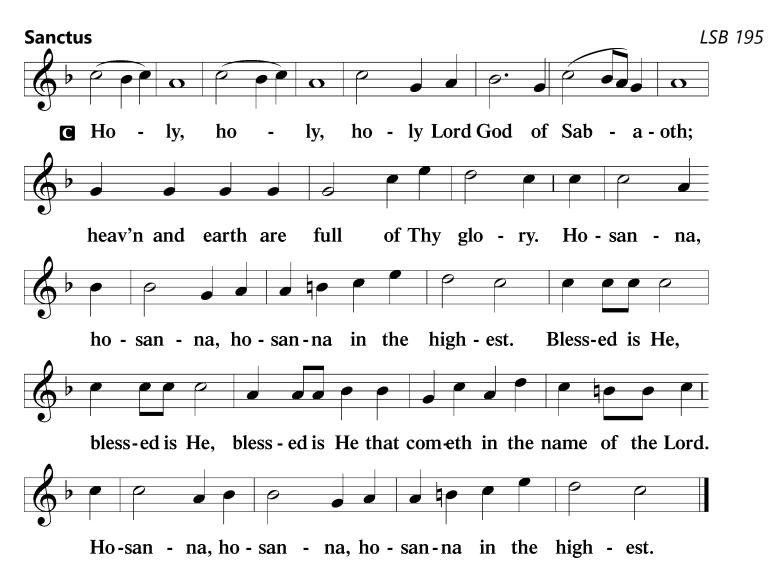
Registry of Worship Cards (Sunday Only)– Please pass your completed cards to the center aisle





Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

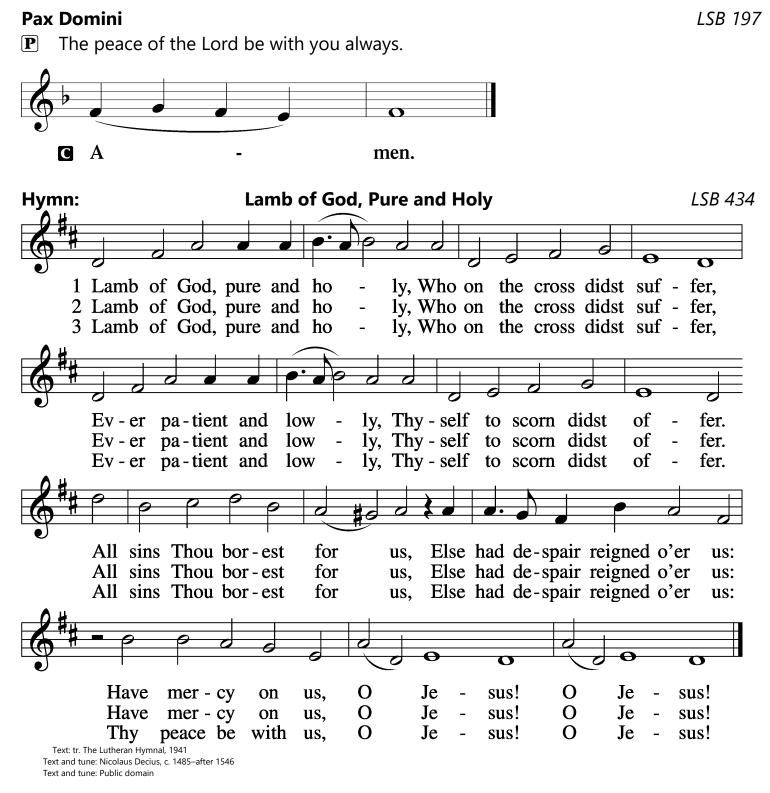
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

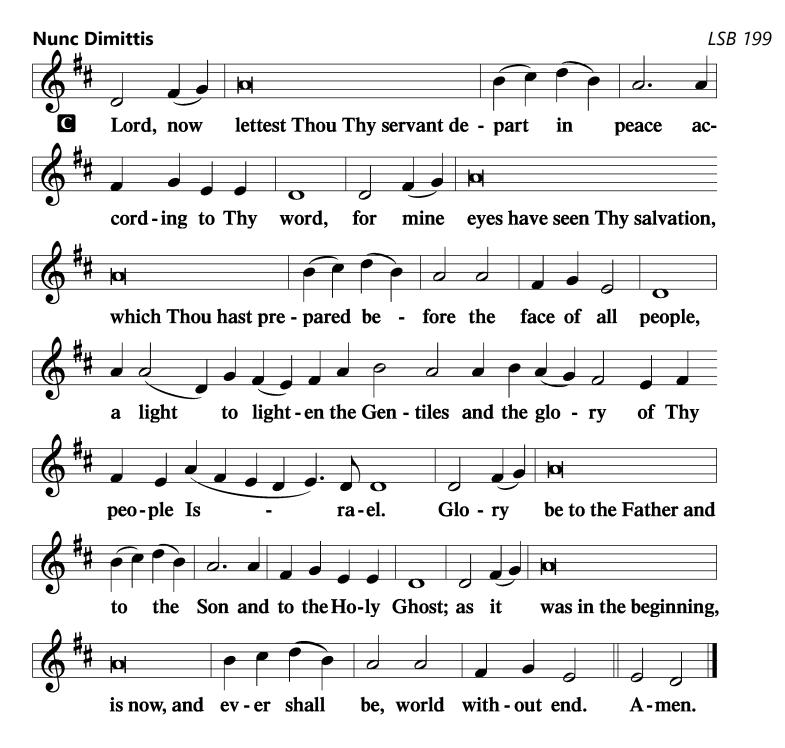
- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **G** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



LSB 437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed LSB 560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed LSB 443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



Post-Communion Thanksgiving

(Saturday)

P Let us pray together.

☑ I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

(Sunday)

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:23-26

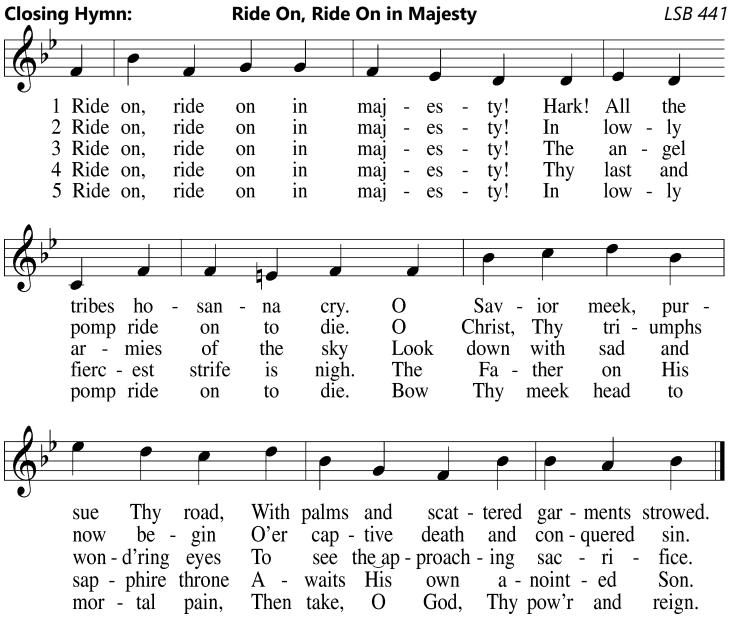
Your King cares for you! Receive His blessing through the words of the Aaronic benediction, by which He said, "Thus you shall bless the people." Receive that benediction, your King's blessing:

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.

C Amen.



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Postlude:

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LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor	
Organist	Elena Miraztchiyska

Saturday

Elder	Carlos Orellana
Lector	Gerie Slaten/Carlos Orellana
Audio	Robin Fox

Sunday

Elder	Steve Rosane
Lector	John T. Doherty, Jr.
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	Judi Rudolph
Video	Video TD: Josiah Hazzard
	GFX: / Stream: Andrea Hazzard
Altar Guild	Dawn Peters, Gwen Snook, and Jonelle Butler

LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP <u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>

Pastor	Pastor	r Christopher Hazzard
Organist		Pat Calhoon
Elder		Carlos Orellana
Lector		Kim Kaniecki
Greeter		John T. Doherty, Jr.
Audio	(7 AM) Maria Hazzard	(10 AM) Kyle Welch
Video	Video TD: (7 AM) Josiah Hazzard	(10 AM) Kris Welch
	GFX: / Stream: (7 AM) Roland Feickert	(10 AM) Robin Fox
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ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK

Lent Service April 2	35
Saturday Worship Attendance	31
Sunday Worship Attendance	108
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings	\$0
Simply Giving/Vanco	\$0
Paypal Offerings	\$0
Website (ShareFaith)	\$0
Total of Offerings Received	\$0
Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts	\$0

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH - Palm Sunday/Passion of Our Lord – Incarnation, atonement, and resurrection from the dead have earned Jesus Christ authority over the manner of our living and the timing of our dying (Deuteronomy 32:39). Even in surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis, we may commit human life's course to His loving care, for His own humble humanity has sanctified every moment of ours (Philippians 2:8-9).

FLOWER SPONSOR – Scott Seiferth in memory of his brother Stephen Seiferth. **BULLETIN SPONSOR** – No Bulletin Sponsor this week.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (SUNDAY) – Team 1 is serving this week. Next week will be the Easter breakfast served by the Church Council. Everyone is invited. There is no charge and a freewill offering is voluntary. April freewill offerings will go to the Central American Missions.

COUNCIL MEETING – The Church Council will meet Monday, April 14 at 6:30 pm.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES – Join us this Thursday at 6:30 pm for Holy Thursday Service. There will be two Good Friday Services at noon and 6:30 pm.

EASTER BASKETS – LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRIES - Outreach will be doing Easter Baskets for Lighthouse Ministries and the young children of our congregation again this year. We will have a box in the Narthex for candy and trinkets for the baskets.

GRIEF SHARE – A GriefShare grief support group for people grieving the death of a loved one continues on **Tuesdays, at 1 pm.** At GriefShare you'll watch a weekly video with counsel and insights from respected grief experts and relatable personal stories—followed by a time of sharing and support. Session topics include what's normal in grief; how to handle difficult emotions; and what to do with regrets, questions, and worries.

MARY MARTHA QUILTERS - Mary Martha Quilters meet each Wednesday at 10am. All Ladies from the congregation are invited to come. You don't have to be a quilter or know how to sew as we need people who can cut, arrange, and tie.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX – Please check your mailbox in the narthex.

NAMETAGS – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

HELP WANTED- The Church is in need of workers in several positions around the Church. These include Ushers, Offering Counters, Altar Guild, Lectors, Sound Board, Video Assistance, Elders (requires one year membership, and many other opportunities to serve. Please consider using your time and talents in some way here at Christ Lutheran.

ADOPT-A-BLOCK – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED– To reserve your spot on the team or if you have questions, please contact either Robin Fox or Pastor Chris.

TRUSTEE WORKDAY - The Trustee Workday is each Wednesday from 9am – 1pm. If you would like to help with the various needs of the church, come join us. A job, whether large or small can be found to help with. If you notice something you think needs attention, come let us know. Thanks for helping.

DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS – Volunteers are needed to help check- in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Robin Fox at 863-513-4774 to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the narthex for more information or email <u>stewardship@clclakeland.org</u>.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Monday	Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Tuesday	Adopt-A-Block
	GriefShare @ 1 pm
Wednesday	Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran
	Trustee Workday @ 9 am
	Mary Martha Quilters @ 10 am
	Private Communion 1:30 – 2:30 pm
	Jr. Confirmation
Thursday	Bible Study @ 10 am
	Holy Thursday Service @ 6:30 pm
Friday	Good Friday Service @ noon
	Good Friday (Tenebrae) Service @ 6:30 pm
	Church Office closed
Saturday	No Service
	Easter Sunrise Service @ 7 am
	Easter Breakfast
	Easter Worship @ 10 am

