



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sharing God's Love with All!

Palm Sunday

April 9, 2017, 9:15 am

Prelude

Announcements

Prayer of Brokenness/Confession (*Let us pray together*)

Holy Jesus, we confess that we all have, at times, betrayed you. We all have, at times, doubted you. We all have, at times, denied you—we have deserted you and your ways. Forgive us. Help us to turn back to you, so that death may have no power over us in your name, our Savior Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Blessing/Assurance of Pardon (from Lamentations 3:22-23)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning; great is God's faithfulness. God forgives. God restores. God sets our feet on right paths. God journeys with us, and sees us through to the end. Know that you are not alone, and that God is with you, even when you stumble and turn away, God will help lead you home. Amen.

Prayer of the Day (*Let us pray together*)

Author of Life, on this day we remember how the people came, shouting "Hosanna, Save Us!" and we cry out to you to save us. Save us from the ways of this world that pull us away from relationships. Save us from the ways of this world that turn our relationship with you into a set of rules and checklists to live by. Save us from the ways of this world that water down your sacrifice into being only about getting ourselves into heaven, instead of transforming our lives to live for others and to lay down our own lives for the sake of Your love, justice and mercy. In the name of Christ, we pray all things. Amen.

Offering

THE CRY OF THE WHOLE CONGREGATION

Worship for the Way of the Cross

The Entry Into Jerusalem – The Palm Sunday Procession

NARRATOR: When Jesus drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent ahead two of his disciples, saying:

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

PEOPLE: AND AS THEY WERE UNTYING THE COLT, ITS OWNER SAID TO THEM, “WHY ARE YOU UNTYING THE COLT?”

PETER: 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: 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:

(Congregation stands. The Congregation holds its Palm branches high during the anthem. After the anthem, the branches are laid aside.)

Hymn: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (Congregation)

Refrain:

All glory, laud and honor, To thee redeemer king, To whom the lips of children, Made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the king of Israel, Thou David's Royal son, Who in the Lord's name comest, The king and blessed one.

Refrain.

The Company of Angels, Are praising, thee on high, Creation and all mortals, In chorus make reply. *Refrain.*

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

PHARISEE: 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!"

JESUS: "I tell you, if these were silent the very stones themselves would cry out."

Hymn: "*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*" (Congregation)

Refrain:

All glory, laud and honor, To thee redeemer king, To whom the lips of children, Made sweet hosannas ring.

To thee before thy passion, They sang their hymns of praise; To thee we too repeat them, And melodies we raise. *Refrain.*

Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the prayers we bring, Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious king. *Refrain.*

(Congregation be seated)

NARRATOR: And when he drew near and saw the city he wept over it, saying "If you only knew those things needed for peace. But now you are blind to them. O Jerusalem, O world! The days are coming when your enemies will build a wall around you, surround you, hem you in and kill you and your children within you. No stone will

be left, complete destruction will come because you did not recognize your opportunities for peace.”

Choir: Anthem

The Preparation and the Eating of the Last Supper – The Passion of Our Lord

NARRATOR: 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.

JUDAS: 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 Jesus to them in the absence of the multitude.

NARRATOR: Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying,

JESUS: “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: 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. And when the hour came, he sat at the table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them,

JESUS: “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.” 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. 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?”

JESUS: “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.”

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

JESUS: “You have said so.”

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

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

PETER: 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.

(Congregation stands)

“The Agony in the Garden” (Congregation)

Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter’s power; Your redeemer’s conflicts see, Watch with him one bitter hour; Turn not from his griefs away, Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

(Congregation be seated)

NARRATOR: 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,

JESUS: "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

PEOPLE: **LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US, DELIVER US.**

NARRATOR: And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed,

JESUS: "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 BY THY NAME, THY KINGDOM COME: THY WILL BE DONE. THY WILL BE DONE. THY WILL BE DONE —**

NARRATOR: And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, and he said to them,

JESUS: "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.**

JUDAS: 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.

JESUS: "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a Kiss?"

JUDAS: "Hail, Master."

PEOPLE: **WHEN THE DISCIPLES SAW WHAT WOULD FOLLOW, THEY SAID, "LORD, SHALL WE STRIKE WITH THE SWORD?"**

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

NARRATOR: 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.**

JESUS: "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 —

(Congregation stands)

"The Judgment" (Congregation)

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.

(Congregation be seated)

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

PETER: 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."

PETER: 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."

PETER: 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."

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

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

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

NARRATOR: Now the men who were holding Jesus mocked Him and beat Him, they blindfolded Him and demanded:

PEOPLE: "PROPHECY! WHO IS IT THAT STRUCK YOU?"

NARRATOR: 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."

JESUS: "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?"

JESUS: "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: 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!"

PILATE: And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

JESUS: "You have said so."

PILATE: And Pilate said to the Chief Priests and 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."

PILATE: And when Pilate heard that he was a Galilean, of Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod,

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

PILATE: Pilate said to the rulers 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: Barabbas!—a man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and for murder—

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

PEOPLE: BUT THEY SHOUTED OUT, "CRUCIFY HIM! CRUCIFY HIM!"

PILATE: "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: And their voices prevailed.

PILATE: 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.

(Congregation stands)

Friday Morning: Crucifixion

(Congregation singing)

CALVARY'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: 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: But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, Daughters of the World, do not weep for me but weep for

yourselves and your children. For the days are coming when they will say, blessed are those who cannot have children, who have never given birth, whose breasts have never fed. For in times like these, it is better to have no children than to see them suffer and die. For if they do these things when times are Prosperous, what will they do when prosperity is gone?"

Hymn: *"Were You There?"* (Congregation)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

NARRATOR: 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.

SOLO: "Were You There?"

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

NARRATOR: And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know now 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.

ALL WOMEN: THERE WAS AN INSCRIPTION OVER HIM: “THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.”

ALL MEN: FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES. FORGIVE US O LORD, OUR TRESPASSES!

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

PETER: 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: And Jesus said to him—

PEOPLE: AND THE POWER—

JESUS: “Truly, truly, I say to you—“

PEOPLE: AND THE GLORY

JESUS: “Today you will be with me in Paradise.”

PEOPLE: FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN!

SOLO: “Were You There?”

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

NARRATOR: 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!” 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

SOLO: “Were You There?”

Were you there when God raised him from the tomb? Were you there when God raised him from the tomb? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?

PILATE: Now there was a man named Joseph from the town of Arimathea, 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: 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: On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

(Congregation be seated—all remain silent for meditation)

Hymn: *“Come To The Table of Blessing”* (Congregation)

Come to the table of mercy, Prepared with the wine and the bread. All who are hungry and thirsty, Come and your souls will be fed. Come at the Lord's invitation, Receive from His nail-scarred hand. Eat of the bread of salvation, Drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Communion

The Lord's Prayer

The Distribution

The Post-Communion Prayer

The Benediction *GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD **THANKS BE TO GOD!***

Announcements

Cinnamon Roll Breakfast: Youth and Family will be selling Cinnamon Rolls after church today. A free will donation will be collected and it will be used to help pay for the Confirmation students week long stay at Luther Park this summer.

Holy Week Schedule: Maundy Thursday - April 13th at 7:30pm, **Good Friday** - April 14th at 7:30pm, **Easter Sunday** - April 16th at 9:15am.

Holy Cow! Survey: Members we need your help! Please go to the link below to complete the following survey. This information will be used by our Transition Team and the Synod in helping to find us a pastor that will fit our needs and expectations. You may also find the link on our church website: [oslcwhitehall.org](http://www.oslcwhitehall.org) or you may request a written copy to take. Thanks for your cooperation! **<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OurSavioursWhitehall>**

Holy Week Cantata: Our Saviour's Senior Choir, along with the Senior Choir from Peace Lutheran in Pigeon Falls, will be performing a cantata during Holy Week. They will perform at Our Saviour's during the Good Friday service on April 14th at 7:30 PM. "The Shadow of the Cross" is a contemporary Tenebrae cantata. Its message is a reminder that the cross stands for love, stronger than hate, and that hope prevails in times of despair. We hope you

will attend.

Morning of Renewal: All women are invited to the WELCA “Morning of Renewal” on April 19th, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Strum. Registration begins at 8:30am with coffee and treats. The meeting begins at 9:30am. A noon lunch will also be served. Deb Gilbertson will entertain and enlighten us with her topic "Anger is No Fun". Registration is \$8 by April 14 or \$10 at the door. Love gifts will be collected for area food pantries. Please call Kay Nelson at 715-983-5760 to arrange car pooling and with your registrations so they can all be paid at once. Please join us!

Girl Scout Taco Supper: Come join the local Girl Scouts during their Taco Supper on Wednesday, April 19th in Our Saviour’s Fellowship Hall. Serving will take place from 4:30pm until 7:00pm. There will be Tacos with all the fixings and our famous deep fried "Buenolos" with cinnamon and sugar for dessert. The cost is \$5.00 with all proceeds going to benefit the area Girl Scout troops.

Jogging For Jesus: Reminder to register for the Youth and Family “Fun” raiser taking place on April 22nd. It will include a 5K Run or 3K Run/Walk. \$20 registration fee includes an event T-shirt (if registered by April 10th) local door prizes, and post race refreshments. See the church office for a registration form or contact Patti Zimmerman at 715-530-1350 for more information.

Help Needed: Our Saviour’s is looking for a part-time secretary to work 10-14 hours per week. Contact Viola Jacobson ([715-538-2150](tel:715-538-2150)) or any other member of the Finance & Property Committee (Fred Staff, Karen Witte, Mary Ann Watson, Brenda Loga, or Joanne Foss) if you are interested or know of someone who is interested. Thanks!

Lutheran World Relief Mission Kits: Why wait for fall to begin collecting supplies for mission kits? Each month we will try and collect certain items so the kits will be ready to go by October. For **April** we will be collecting **Socks** (Baby socks up to 24 months) **T-Shirts, Sleepers** (Long and short sleeve sleepers without feet up to 24 months) and **Gowns**.

Special Music: Do you have a musical selection you would like to share during one of our church services? If you can answer “Yes” to this question, please sign up in the Narthex of the church for a Sunday that works well for you! If it is more convenient for you, call the church office at 715-538-4334 to sign up. We look forward to your special music as part of our worship!

Happy Birthday: Wishing a happy birthday this upcoming week to: **Lori Berg, Cody Blaha, Liam Hegge, Shay Olson, Nicholas Koxlien, McKenna Pientok, Savannah Rieck, Taytum Koxlien, Linda Blaha, and Brenda Loga.**

Please pray for the following: Barb Harms, Karl Fernholz, Roy Arneson, George Przybilla, Vicki Windjue, Steven Hanvold, Ralph Johnson, Lara Schansberg, Bob Guinn, Jeff Betthauser, Mary Eid Everson, Jerry Betthauser, Elaine Foss, Christin Stoutner, Kaye Henrickson, Mark Windjue, Donna Fernholz, Diane Sesvold, Dale and Sonja Lyngen, Tom Leo, Delores Coburn, Sue Lyga, Ivan Semb, Claire Hanson, Bambi Beck, Fern Moe, and Deb Zwick.

Coming Up This Week:

Monday - Bible Study 6:15pm
Praise Team Practice 7:00pm

Wednesday - Bible Study 9:30am
Senior Choir Practice 6:30pm

Thursday - Worship 7:30pm (Maundy Thursday)

Friday - Worship 7:30pm (Good Friday - Senior Choir Cantata)

Sunday - Sunday Worship 7:00am and 9:15am (Easter Sunday)

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