



Salem Lutheran Church

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Sunday of the Passion

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2015 - 9:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

The first and second readings and psalm are the same this Sunday every year: Christ emptying himself of divine power and protection, willingly becoming vulnerable to those who struck him and put him to death. With Christ we lament his suffering and all human suffering, but expect God's final vindication. Mark's passion story begins with an unnamed woman anointing his head, perhaps to proclaim him Messiah, and Jesus saying she has anointed him beforehand for burial. Mark's Easter story will begin with women going to anoint Jesus for burial, only to find that he has been raised, God's living Anointed One.

Organ Prelude The Palms

Palm Sunday Liturgy

Dialog

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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The Lord be, with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

***Palm Sunday Gospel**

Mark 11:1—10

***The Thanksgiving (*Raise Palm Branches*)**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear, them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of the Christ.

*Processional Songs

“All Glory Laud and Honor” (Verses 1, 4, & 5)

Red Book #344

“Hosanna” (Sunday School students process)

Praise Team

1. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Lord we lift up Your name with hearts full of praise.
Be exalted, oh Lord, my God. Hosanna in the highest!
2. Glory! Glory! Glory to the King of kings!
Glory! Glory! Glory to the King of kings!
Lord we lift up Your name with hearts full of praise.
Be exalted, oh Lord, my God. Glory to the King of Kings!
3. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Lord we lift up Your name with hearts full of praise.
Be exalted, oh Lord, my God. Hosanna in the highest!

Sunday School Children Sing and the Choir Sings

The minister concludes.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*Greeting The grace of our.....

And also with you

*Prayer of the Day *(spoken together)*

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. 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

*Song

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

Red Book #335

Passion Sunday Liturgy

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4–9a

Psalm 31:9–16 (*read responsively*)

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,
a dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, "You are my God.**

¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

Gospel Reflection

The Gospel

Mark 14:1—15:47

Printed script

Music during the Gospel Reading “You Gave Your Life Away”

You gave, you gave your life away.
You gave, you gave your life away.
You gave, you gave your life away for me;
Your grace has broken every chain;
My sins are gone, my debt's been paid;
You gave, you gave your life away for me, for me.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

The Prayers of Intercession

Sharing the peace

The Offering

Music during the Offering

In Christ Alone

Praise Band

***The Offering Prayer**

(Spoken together)

**God our provider,
you have not fed us with bread alone,
but with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts,
which we receive from your bounty,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Words of Institution**

***The Lord's Prayer**

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Invitation to Communion

Pastor: Come to Christ, broken and poured out for you.

“Lamb of God...”

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Distribution of Communion

All who believe in the real presence of Jesus in the sacrament are welcome at the table. Communion will be served by intinction in front of the steps. Come forward as the ushers direct you. You will receive the bread at the center station and then go to the side to dip the bread in the wine (silver chalice) or white grape juice (ceramic chalice). Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

*Table Blessing

*Song *“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”*

Red Book #207

*Prayer after Communion

Pastor: Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days.

Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

*Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of + Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Sending Song

“Wonderful Cross” (Words on Screen)

Praise Band

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Drama readers

Narrator.....	Deb Georgia
Jesus.....	Dan Rice
Peter.....	Casey Shaw
Judas.....	Wayne Van Veldhuizen
High Priest.....	Bruce Adams
Servant Girl.....	Becky Shaw
Pilate/Centurion.....	Keith Johnson

Preaching: Pr. Melinda McCluskey

Assisting: Pr. Peter Soli

Organist: Ruth Sheldon

Contemporary Leader: Bill Georgia

Choir Director: Pr. Peter Soli

Choir Accompanist: Kathy Nelson

Sound: Alan Skellenger

Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey

Next Week's Lessons: Acts 10:34-43, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8

The radio broadcast this morning is in recognition of the 48th wedding anniversary of Mary & the late Wally Swenson .

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KIOW-FM 107.3.

Cost for 2015 is \$83. Call the office to reserve your dates.

Dates available for 2015: May 3, 10, Oct. 18, Nov. 1, 15, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 27

Please remember in prayer this week:

Darlene Madson, Clarine (Clar) Johnson, and Roy Kvale

The family & friends of Henry Garvick father of Dolly Gregor

Please remember the following Prayer Families in your prayers this week:

Brad/Jolene Helgeson Family, Brian Helgeson, Bruce/Connie Helgeson, Chris Helgeson, Dan/Emily Helgeson, David Helgeson, Tim/Devan Helgeson Family, Don/Julie Helgeson

The 10:30 worship service is streamed live on Salem's new website. Navigate to www.salemlakemills.com on your computer, phone, or tablet to view and listen to the service. Broadcasts are recorded and are available to watch at any time using the link on the Live Streaming page.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked his disciples to watch and pray for an hour. We, too, are asked to watch and pray at a Prayer Vigil in the Chapel starting after the April 2nd Maundy Thursday evening service until the start of the April 3rd Good Friday evening worship. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. The time slots are for ½ hour but you can sign up for a full hour if you wish.



This Lent we're joining Lutheran World Relief's
BASKETS *of* PROMISE

We have everything we need except combs. We are in need of 50 more combs with the wider teeth on them. Thank You for your support.

Let's Talk - There will be a Let's Talk session on Palm Sunday, April 29 at 10:30 following worship. Those who have been unable to attend other sessions are encouraged to participate. This will be the final session.

Join us for Easter morning choir. Rehearsal will April 1st at 7 p.m. Virginia Thomas will direct the Hallelujah Chorus at the 8:30 service

Please save April 12, 2015 for friends and family roller skating.



Roller City in Mason City, from 1:30 – 3.00

Time to think about Bible Camps!

Registrations forms for area Bible Camps are available on the Education Board table or online at these websites:

www.ewalu.org www.okoboji.org www.riversidelbc.org

Salem WELCA and The Enduring Gift Fund

will provide scholarship funds to help with camp costs. We want all kids who would like to attend be able to do so. All kids will receive funding.

Let us know what your needs are.

Contact Pastor Soli with any additional financial needs.

Contact the Salem office if you plan on attending Camp and **register early to take advantage of Camp discounts!**



Video camera operators are needed to record the 10:30 a.m. worship service at Salem.

The service is live-streamed each week.

If you are interested, training will be provided. Contact Pastor Soli at 507.369.6303.

Feeling Down?

Our Stephen Ministry can help. Stephen Ministers aren't just there for "big" crises. They're also available for the little ones, because many times the little things can really add up. So don't wait until you have a really big crisis; consider Stephen Ministry if the little things have you feeling down. Stephen Ministry is a shared ministry between One in Christ, Our Savior's and Salem.

Those worshipping at Salem last week: 200

March 15-18 giving to the glory of God

Last week's giving to the glory of God: \$6545.25

PARISH FELLOWSHIP EVENT

Minnesota Twins vs. Chicago Cubs

Saturday, June 20th

Game Time 1:10 pm

Bus will leave at 10:00 am

Cost - \$70.00 (Bus and ticket)

Left – Field Box Seats (lower level sect 126 seats under overhang – shade!)

Call the Parish Office 641-567-3550 to reserve your seat(s).

Sign-up & payment before May 18th

Fifty-five tickets/bus seats are reserved.

Sponsored by the One in Christ Parish & Salem Lutheran Church



St. Patrick's Catholic Church will have a Good Friday service at 7:15 p.m.

On Easter Sunday they begin having Sunday services at 8:30 a.m.

Let's be good neighbors and please do not park in their lot.

Understanding Grief and Loss Support Group

Sponsored by Hospice of North Iowa

Understanding Grief and Loss is an adult support group providing grief education and support to individuals who have experienced the death of a family member or friend. The next scheduled groups are listed below.

There is no charge to participate.

Evening sessions in Mason City

7 Mondays, April 20 – June 8, 2015 (excluding Memorial Day)

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Hospice of North Iowa Conference Room 232 2nd Street SE, Mason City

Evening sessions in Charles City

7 Wednesdays April 8 – May 20, 2015

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Floyd County Public Health Building

1003 Gilbert Street, Hampton

Space is limited. Groups fill up quickly.

To register please call **Hospice of North Iowa** at

[1-800-297-4719](tel:1-800-297-4719) or **[641-428-6208](tel:641-428-6208)**.

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Holy Week Schedule

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

9:00 a.m. Sunday school
9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Communion Service - Sanctuary
10:30 5th grade 1st Communion-bake bread
10:30 Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
10:30 Let's Talk

MONDAY, MARCH 30

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministers - Lounge

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

6:15 p.m. Choir

Thursday, APRIL 2

2:00 Martha circle in the fireside room (bring goodies)
6:00 p.m. 5th Grade Meal
7:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday/5th Grade 1st Communion Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

7:15 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

7:30 – 10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Tradition Easter Service
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Easter Service