



Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Sunday of Passion, Palm Sunday
April 9, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

Today's liturgy begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Quickly the tone of the service changes as we meditate upon Jesus' passion and death. Because this story is so central to our faith, we hear Matthew's account of the passion today and John's version on Good Friday. Though Jesus is obedient even unto death on the cross, he is exalted by God. We gather to remember his offering for the life of the world, and to be fed by his life-giving mercy. This holy week will culminate in the celebration of the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection.

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PRELUDE *The Palms*

Jean Baptiste Fauré

BELLS

GATHERING

ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. (Three times)

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: **MATTHEW 21:1-11**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus enters Jerusalem

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept.*

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL SONG

Blessed Is He Who Comes

Lloyd Larson

Olivia Schoonover & Summer Sterrenberg. The Congregation will join.

- 1. All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer King
To whom the lips of children make sweet hosannas ring
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went:
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.**
- 2. Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One;
To Thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise!**
- 3. Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.
All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosanna ring.**

THE PROCESSION CONCLUDES WITH:

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Silence is kept. Then the presiding minister prays the prayer of the day.

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.

WORD

READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

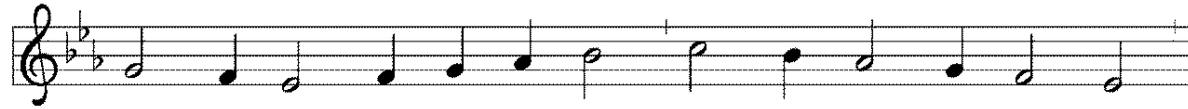
SPECIAL MUSIC

Ride on King Jesus

Erik Nelson

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 26:14-27:66

See insert

HYMN OF THE DAY*Jesus, I Will Ponder Now***ELW #345**

1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
 2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,
 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,
 4 Let me view your pain and loss with re - pen - tant griev - ing,



let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.
 bonds and blows and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;
 but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.
 nor pre - pare a - gain your cross by un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
 make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,
 For I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;
 May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.
 how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.
 this the shame - ful cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.
 that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

A brief silence. Please respond at the end of each petition:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD**OFFERING****OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

SENDING**BLESSING**

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor

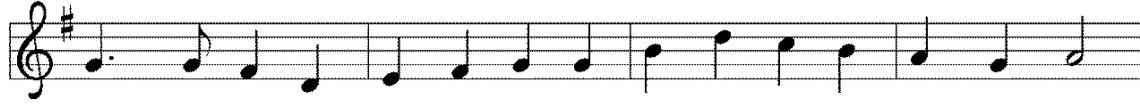
and give you ☩ peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Christ, the Life of All The Living

ELW #339



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson
Assisting: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Ushers: Rita Anderson, Margaret Okland
Acolytes: Josie Gilbertson and Megan Knudtson
Reader: Drake Abbey **Video Coordinator:** Carol Abbey
April Altar Guild: Gloria Kvale and Kathy Nelson

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Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Bonnie Sanden, from her family.

The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of Vera Larson from her family.

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

Reserve your special date to sponsor the 2017 8:30 a.m. worship service broadcast on KIOW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City. The service can also be heard at 8:30 a.m. on cable channel 2.

Call the office to reserve your dates. Cost for 2017 is \$83.

Dates available: April 23, 30, May 7, July 9, 16, Aug. 13, Sept. 17, Oct. 29.

We also have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the 8:30 a.m. worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. **Call the office to reserve a date in 2017.**

2017 Offering envelopes are on table outside the Chapel.

Those worshipping April 1st & 2nd: 236 March giving: \$23,486.51

PRAYER

changes things

Please remember in prayer this week:

The family and friends of Elaine Ingebritson, Bonnie Sanden and Stanley Stover.

24 Hour Prayer Vigil

To commemorate Jesus hour of trial in the Garden of Gethsemane, Salem will be holding a 24 hour prayer vigil in the chapel. It will take place from after the Maundy Thursday, April 13th, until the Good Friday service begins on April 14th. Please sign up for one hour time slots to "watch and pray with Jesus". Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.



If you would like to donate an Easter lily for our Easter Sunday services in honor of or in memory of a loved one please call the office (641.592.1771) or email (salem@wctatel.net) the office with that information by **WEDNESDAY MORNING April 12th. Lilies may be brought to the sanctuary on Friday or Saturday before Easter. Put your name on the bottom if you wish to pick it up after 10:30 worship on Easter Sunday.**



SUMMER CAMP AT RIVERSIDE LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP

Attending Summer Camp between the milestones of a child's First Communion and their entering our Confirmation ministry can be a wonderful way for a child to build relationships, gain confidence, and grow in faith. **This year we have chosen August 6-11 as the week our youth can join Pastor Joel at Riverside, Story City IA, with other youth attending Junior High Camp.** The week includes everything that is awesome about Riverside: chapel, games, free time, Bible studies, swimming, optional horseback ride, slingshot paintball, and fellowship with other campers, challenge course, exciting speakers and much more! Come ready to have an awesome time with others your age in a place that is like no other.

Registration forms will be available in the office, during Sunday School, or can be downloaded from the Riverside Bible Camp website. **Registrations must be returned to the church by Easter Sunday along with a non-refundable check in the amount of \$75. The remainder of the \$450 registration fee is being provided through the generosity of Salem's Enduring Gift Fund.**

We, and/or the camp, can scholarship the non-refundable deposit if it is a financial hardship for any individual. Our goal is to offer every child at Salem entering in our Confirmation Ministry program this faith-forming opportunity.

JUNIOR HIGH
ENTERING GRADES 6-9

Junior High Camp includes everything that is awesome about Riverside: chapel, games, free time, Bible studies, swimming, optional horseback ride, slingshot paintball, fellowship with other campers, challenge course, exciting speakers and much more! Come ready to have an awesome time with others your age in a place that is like no other!

Registration Form Included in this packet

1. Program options: Choose August 6-11. You may choose a cabin mate. They must choose you as well.
2. Be sure to choose a second option in case your first choice is full. We will contact you if your choice is full.
3. COMPLETELY FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM.
4. Have your parent/guardian sign the form.
5. Enclose your deposit of \$75, which is non-refundable and non-transferable. Riverside will accept your check, money order, VISA, MasterCard or Discover.
6. The registration form includes a section for **Optional Care Packages**. If you choose this option, please include the cost with your deposit.
7. Return to Pastor Melinda by Easter Sunday.

****REGISTRATION PACKETS ARE ON THE TABLE BENEATH THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD.****
If you need assistance with the deposit, contact one of the pastors or Helen in the office.
Any Salem child will be able to attend camp. PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATIONS BY APRIL 16TH.



Holy Week

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



SUNDAY, APRIL 9

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Palm Sunday Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Praise Creature Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Faith Formation – Chapel; 1st Communion Class Bakes Bread
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Palm Sunday Worship – Sanctuary



THURSDAY, APRIL 13

- 6:15 p.m. 5th Grade 1st Communion Meal – Fellowship Hall
- 7:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday/1st Communion Service – Sanctuary
- 8:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Easter Vigil - Chapel



FRIDAY, APRIL 14

- 12:00 a.m. - 7:15 p.m. Easter Vigil - Chapel
- 7:15 p.m. Good Friday Service – Sanctuary



SUNDAY, APRIL 16

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Easter Service – Sanctuary
- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
- 9:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Easter Service - Sanctuary

Rejoice



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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MONDAY, APRIL 10

1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

5:30 p.m. Council – Library

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

10:00 a.m. Caregivers Support Group – Lounge

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #4

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

2:15 - 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Instruction – Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Youth Group – Room #9

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

9:30 a.m. Fine Arts Guild – Lounge

6:15 p.m. 5th Grade 1st Communion Meal – Fellowship Hall

6:20 p.m. Choir Practice – Choir Room

7:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday/1st Communion Service – Sanctuary

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Readings for next Sunday: Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4, Matthew 28:1-10

A memorial service for Stanley Stover will be held Saturday, April 22 at 11:00 a.m. at Salem.

A memorial service for Elaine Ingebritson will be held Saturday, April 29 at 1:30 p.m. at Salem.

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