

Orthodox icon depicting the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Palm Sunday

Divine Service 3

March 24, 2024

Scripture of the Day

John 12:12–19 Zechariah 9:9–12 Philippians 2:5–11 John 12:20–43

A Prayer before Worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Prelude: "Solfeggiotto", C. P. E. Bach

Please stand and face the Processional Cross.

Palm Sunday Procession

- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit + be with you all.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C Hosanna to the Son of David!
- 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; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.
- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

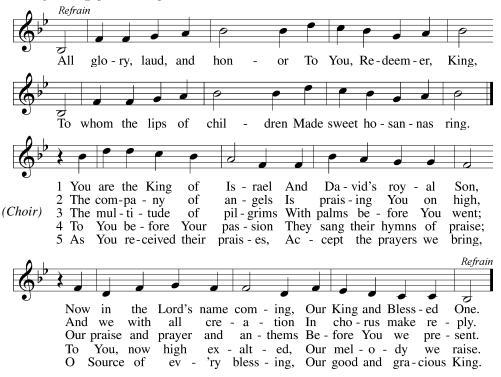
The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming sitting on a donkey's colt!" His 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. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him." - John 12:12-19

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.
- **P** Let us go forth in peace.
- In the name of the Lord!

Processional Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

LSB 442

Stanza 3 sung by Choir only



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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]
- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

 [Hebrews 10:22]
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- 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.

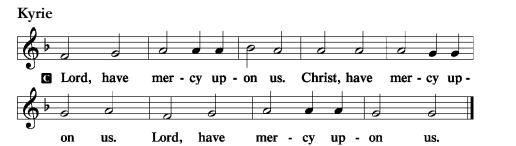
 [John 20:19-23]
- C Amen.



+ Service of the Word +

Mark. 10:47

2 Timothy 4:22



Salutation and Collect of the Day



Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Choral Anthem (8:30): "Lo, He Comes", J. Horman

The Old Testament Reading Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a

donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

The Epistle Reading 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.

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

Stand



During the Season of Lent, we focus on our sin, repentance, and the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so do not sing "Alleluia" until the Great Vigil of Easter. Though every Sunday is a "little Easter" we restrain our praise at this time until the Feast of the Resurrection, when all of Christendom joins in singing alleluias to our King.

The Holy Gospel John 12:20–43

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



²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?' But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

Isaiah 53:1

³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them." *Isaiah 6:10*

⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴²Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

☐ I believe in one God,	Deuteronomy 6:4, Isaiah 44:6
the Father Almighty,	Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3
maker of heaven and earth	Genesis 1:1; John 1:1
and of all things visible and invisible.	Colossians 1:16
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,	Romans 10:9
the only-begotten Son of God,	John 3:16; Matthew 16:16
begotten of His Father before all worlds,	John 1:2
God of God, Light of Light	John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1
very God of very God,	Colossians 2:9
begotten, not made,	John 1:2
being of one substance with the Father,	John 10:30
by whom all things were made;	Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3
Who for us men and for our salvation	Matthew 20:28; Galatians 4:4-5
came down from heaven	John 3:13, John 6:38
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary	Luke 1:34-35
and was made man;	John 1:14
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.	Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18
He suffered and was buried.	John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures	1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6
and ascended into heaven	Acts 1:9
and sits at the right hand of the Father.	Acts 7:55
And He will come again with glory	Matthew 26:64
to judge both the living and the dead,	Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12
Whose kingdom will have no end.	2 Peter 1:11
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,	John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38
the Lord and giver of life,	Titus 3:5; 1 Corinthians 12:3
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,	John 15:26
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and	l glorified, Mt. 3:16-17; Lk. 2:14
Who spoke by the prophets.	Ezekiel 11:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,	1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,	Ephesians 4:5, Acts 2:38
	ns 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
and the life $+$ of the world to come.	Isaiah 65:17-19; Revelation 21:1-4
Amen.	Psalm 106:48

Please remain standing for the Hymn of the Day.

Hymn of the Day: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



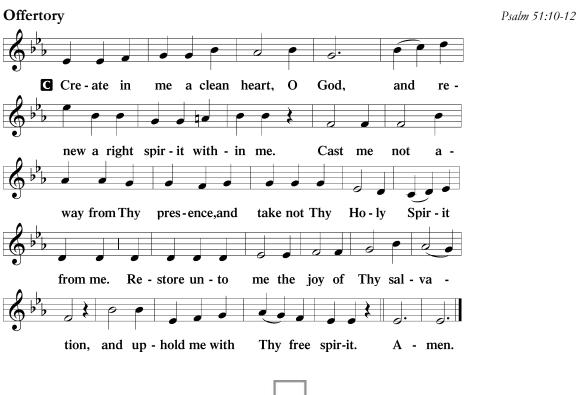
Sermon Rev. Emmett Bartens

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- **P** Lord, in your mercy.
- C Hear our prayer.

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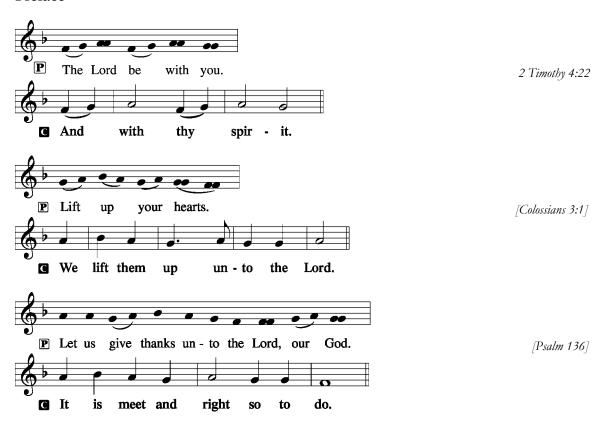


+ Service of the Sacrament +

About Receiving the Lord's Supper at Bethany

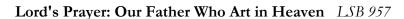
As we receive the Lord's Holy Supper according to His institution, we receive the salvation, forgiveness, and life eternal won for us on the cross. Also, we believe that when a person communes at an altar, one confesses unity with the teachings of that church. Therefore, if you are not in fellowship with the teaching of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we ask that you refrain from communion until you have had opportunity to speak with one of the pastors about Christ's bodily presence and the forgiveness of sins given in this meal. However, all are welcome to receive a blessing, for the forgiveness of Jesus is still yours. Please indicate this as your intention by crossing your arms over your chest when the pastor comes by.

Preface

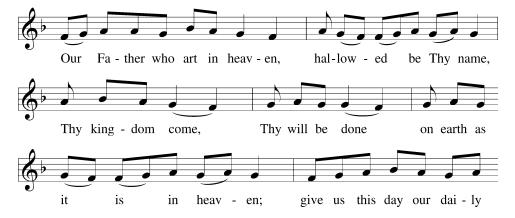


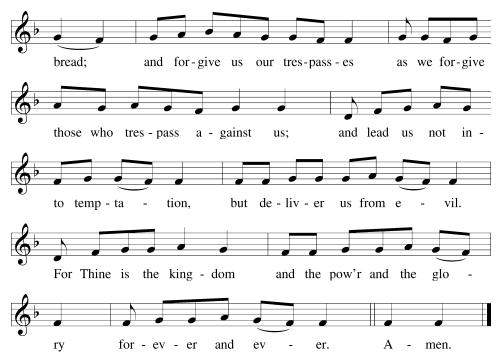
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:











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The Words of Our Lord

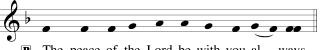
Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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 H blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



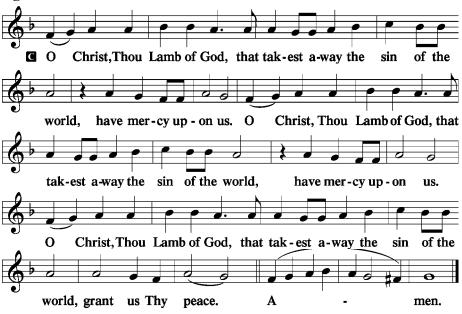
Pax Domini John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



Agnus Dei John 1:29



Sit

A Prayer for Right Reception of the Lord's Supper

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Music during Distribution: "Let Us Break Bread Together", Traditional

LSB 444

Distribution Hymn: No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet 1 No of diers' feet tramp sol march ing 2 And He chil yet comes. The dren cheer; 3 What fad flow'rs His ing road a dorn; 4 Now He bore for mor tals' sake who With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's With palms His path is strown. With ev -'ry the step palms, how soon No bloom The laid down! or leaf but The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's mar - tial beat: "The King of glo comes!" ry glo cross draws near: The King of ry's throne. 1y thorn The King of crown. on glo ry's form take, The King to of glo reigns. rv To greet what pomp of king ly pride stride Α a colt He pass es by The sol diers mock, the rab ble cries. Ho san na the Sav ior's name to No bells tri-umph No in ring, cit У gates swing ho -As loud san - nas ring, Or else the ver y The streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late the to Till heav - en's raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed wide: "Be - hold, King!" be hold your pen stones would "Ве hold. King!" cry be hold your

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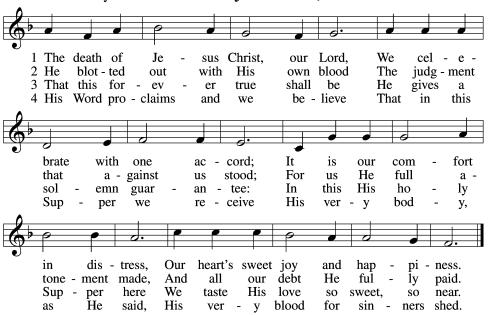
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Distribution Hymn: The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord



- We dare not ask how this can be, but simply hold the mystery
 And trust this word where life begins: "Given and shed for all your sins."
- 6 They who this word do not believe, this food unworthily receive, Salvation here will never find. May we this warning keep in mind!
- 7 But blest is each believing guest, who in these promises finds rest; For Jesus shall in love remain, with all who here His grace obtain.
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe, that we may worthily receive Your Supper and in You find rest. Amen! They who believe are blest.

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Stand

Thanksgiving after Receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Dismissal

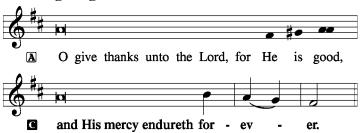
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

Luke 2:29-32

C Amen.



Thanksgiving Psalm 107:1



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Salutation and Benedicamus

Thanks

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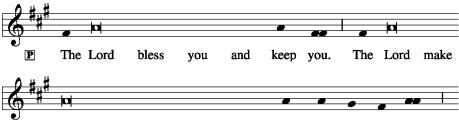
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2 Timothy 4:22

[Psalm 103:1]

Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

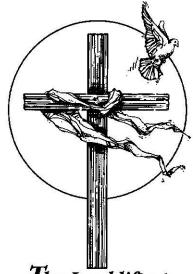


His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and 4 give you peace.

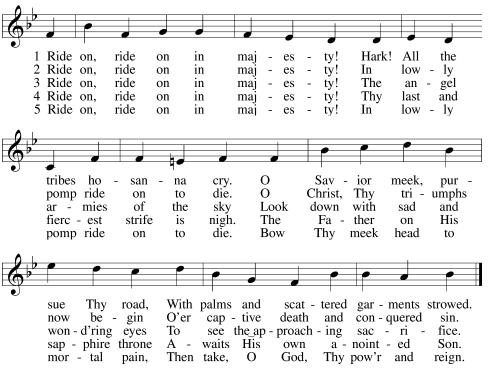




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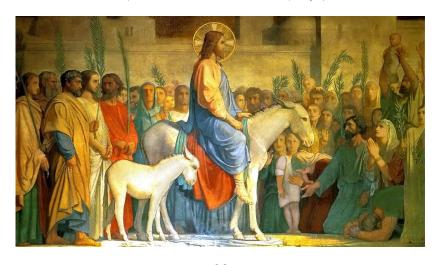
-Numbers 6:26

Closing Hymn: Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



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Postlude: WINCHESTER NEW ("Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"), R. Powell



A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Those Serving You Today

8:30

Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Emmett Bartens

Assisting Pastors: Rev. Seth Clemmer, Rev. Stephen Schumacher

Organist: Kantor Jonathan Swett

Musical Ensemble: Schola Cantorum

Harpist: TT Wyang

Live Stream Tech: Gia Singer

Acolytes: Jonah Swett, Sophia Klein

Sacristans: Dwight Bowman, Rich Fick, Lee Juckett, Exaud Koka **Ushers:** John Campbell, Rick Grimes, Tim Olson, Rich Witkowski

Communion Care: Judy Fick

11:00

Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Emmett Bartens

Assisting Pastors: Rev. Seth Clemmer, Rev. Stephen Schumacher

Organist: Kantor Jonathan Swett

Musical Ensemble: Sunday School Choir

Harpist: TT Wyang

Acolytes: Henry Fox, Lillian Bell

Sacristans: Bill Quinn, Dominic Salvino, Mike Walsh, volunteer needed **Ushers:** Chad Baganz, Andy Crouse, Jeremy Meek, volunteer needed

Communion Care: Barb McKissick



KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Why do we celebrate "Palm Sunday"?

The Sunday before Jesus was crucified by the people, they honored and adored Him as their Lord and king with palm branches. We remember this as the beginning of Christ's bitter walk to the cross.



PRAISE HIMI

CRUCIFY HIM!

Why did the people honor and adore Jesus on Palm Sunday and then kill Him on Good Friday?

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the people began to praise and honor Him as their king. They believed Him to be a powerful leader who would overthrow the Roman government and restore Israel. When Jesus did not do this, the people wanted Him crucified. You and I know what kind of a king He is. He's a king who came to die for the sins of His people. Wow! What a king!



Parents: Remind your children that it was important that Jesus did die for their sins. That is exactly what He came to earth to do. He came to pay the price that we could never pay. Direct your children to the symbols in the church that reflect Christ's death. Remind them that we will hear of His victory over death next Sunday on Easter!!!



Prayers

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- Sandra Bell, liver cancer
- Sheila Bell, osteoarthritis
- Eric Burnell, for successful treatments
- Aiden Goldbeck, infant heart and neurological issues
- Sue Sreniawski, cellulitis
- Nancy D, friend to Donna Linnemeyer, recovering from surgery
- Emma, aunt to Maria LaMartina, wound healing
- Maverick French, NICU, grandson to Rich and Janet Galloway
- Marc Hogden, friend to John Hinze, terminal cancer
- Joe LaMartina, husband to Maria LaMartina, healing from surgery
- Rochelle, friend to Maria LaMartina, breast cancer treatments
- The family to Walter Reinbacher, uncle to Dominic Salvino, who was called to glory

Mothers with child:

Jaimie Bartens, Susan Keller, Sarah Lieb, Hannah Baker (daughter to Dennis and Ina Johnson), Brittany Linnemeyer (daughter-in-law to Donna Linnemeyer), Kelli Lynch (niece to Sue Sreniawski), Brooke Schmidt (niece to Becky McBroom), Erika Vignos (daughter to Richard and Janet Galloway)

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries this month: Mario and Karen Ferrici, Bob and Shirley Grudzien, David and Sue Sreniawski

Those who serve in the Armed Forces and their families:

Quinn Parlier, Jacob Wilson, Andrew Bear (nephew to Beth Hawley), Matthew and Michael Hinze (sons to Don Hinze), Peter Johnson (son to Dennis and Ina Johnson), Savanna Lugay (daughter to Joe and Bethany Lugay), Conor L. McGavern (nephew to Becky McBroom), Aaron Mock (nephew to Debbie Kokaska), Kyle G. Schmidt (nephew to Becky McBroom), Scott Slown (husband to Jennifer Slown), Nicholas Camm-Williams (friend to Nada Salvino)

Those who are shut in or in need of ongoing care: Roger and Charlene Fiene, Marilyn Groth, Bruce Janken, Solomon Robert, Nancy Skibinski, Chuck and Monika Werner, David and Ann Zielke

This Week at Bethany

- March 24, 12:00pm Bethany Brass Rehearsal
- March 26, 1:00pm Bible Reading Group
- March 26, 3:40pm NO Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
- March 26, 7:00pm Proclaim Rehearsal
- March 26, 8:15pm Women's Choir Rehearsal
- March 27, 9:00am NO Ladies' LifeLight
- March 27, 11:00am Midweek Divine Service
- March 27, 7:45pm Praises Ring! Rehearsal
- March 28, 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Divine Service
- March 28, 7:00pm NO 20something
- March 28, 7:00pm NO Evening LifeLight
- March 29, 12:00pm Knitters and Crafts Group
- March 29, 4:00pm Good Friday Chief Service
- March 29, 7:00pm Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers
- March 30, 9:30am Bethany Brass Rehearsal
- March 30, 7:16pm Easter Vigil Divine Service

Looking Further Ahead

- March 31, 8:30am and 11:00am Easter Sunday Divine Service
- March 31, 9:30am Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt
- March 31, 10:00am NO Bible Study, Sunday School, or Confirmation Class
- April 2, 7:00pm Day School Policy Board
- April 3, 7:30pm NO Praises Ring! Rehearsal
- April 4, 9:00am Bethany Guild
- April 4, 7:00pm NO Proclaim Rehearsal
- April 6, 8:00am Men's Bible Breakfast

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