

KOUNTZE MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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9:00 & 11:00 AM

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY



GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S GATHERING AT THE ALTAR

(stand)

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

P The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

P The Gospel of our Lord

G Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P 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.

C Amen.

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

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

C Hosanna in the highest!

ENTRANCE HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

ELW 344

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

1 You are the king of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*

2 The company of angels
are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals
in chorus make reply. *Refrain*

3 The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. *Refrain*

4 To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. *Refrain*

5 Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821;
tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

PREFACE

- ☐ 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:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Almighty God,
☑ **you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(sit)

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Hosanna!”

Karl Hitzemann
Kountze Adult & Children’s Choir

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Sam Pierce-Ruhland, *cello*

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus’ compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to “let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.” We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God’s redeeming love.

WORD

GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke

NARRATOR: When the hour for the Passover meal came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

JESUS: "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

JESUS: "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

NARRATOR: Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

JESUS: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

NARRATOR: And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

JESUS: "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!"

NARRATOR: Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

JESUS: "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

"You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

"Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

NARRATOR: And he said to him,

PETER: "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!"

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?"

NARRATOR: They said,

DISCIPLES: "No, not a thing."

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled."

NARRATOR: They said,

DISCIPLES: "Lord, look, here are two swords."

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "It is enough."

NARRATOR: He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

JESUS: "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

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

JESUS: "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."

NARRATOR: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

JESUS: "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

NARRATOR: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?"

NARRATOR: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

DISCIPLES: "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"

NARRATOR: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

JESUS: "No more of this!"

NARRATOR: And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

JESUS: "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? 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!"

NARRATOR: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

SERVANT 1: "This man also was with him."

NARRATOR: But he denied it, saying,

PETER: "Woman, I do not know him."

NARRATOR: A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

ACCUSER 1: "You also are one of them."

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: "Man, I am not!"

NARRATOR: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

ACCUSER 2: "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"

NARRATOR: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

SOLDIERS: "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?"

NARRATOR: They kept heaping many other insults on him.

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

ASSEMBLY: "If you are the Messiah, tell us."

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

NARRATOR: All of them asked,

ASSEMBLY: "Are you, then, the Son of God?"

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "You say that I am."

NARRATOR: Then they said,

ASSEMBLY: "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

NARRATOR: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

ASSEMBLY: **"We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."**

NARRATOR: Then Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: He answered,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

PILATE: "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

NARRATOR: But they were insistent and said,

ASSEMBLY: ***"He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."***

NARRATOR: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

PILATE: "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

NARRATOR: Then they all shouted out together,

ASSEMBLY: **"Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"**

NARRATOR: This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder. Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

ASSEMBLY: **"Crucify, crucify him!"**

NARRATOR: A third time he said to them,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

NARRATOR: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

JESUS: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

(At the mention of the place called the Skull, all should stand, as able.)

NARRATOR: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

JESUS: "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

NARRATOR: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

ASSEMBLY: **"He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"**

NARRATOR: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

SOLDIERS: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

NARRATOR: There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

CRIMINAL 1: "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

NARRATOR: But the other rebuked him, saying,

CRIMINAL 2: "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

NARRATOR: Then he said,

CRIMINAL 2: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

NARRATOR: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

JESUS: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

NARRATOR: Having said this, he breathed his last.

(silence)

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

CENTURION: "Certainly this man was innocent."

NARRATOR: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

☐ God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

☑ **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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: **P** Merciful God,
 G receive our prayer.

(In our prayers today, during a time of silence, pray for those listed below and for others according to their needs)

Sympathy: to the family and friends of Virginia Jensen

Illness: Kay Andersen, Richard Bock, Judy Boelts, Don Burton, Mike Edris, Rodney Edwards, Philip Frye, Richard Holzer, Renee Johnson, Debbie Kee, Jason Klonglan, Rosanne Klug, Laura McCormick, Norma Pafford, John Waterman, Darlene White

Other Prayers: *Those serving in the military* – Brenden Frerck, Wyatt Johnson, Michael McNeill, Daniel Milstead, Cody Ray, Sheldon Skovgaard, Michael Vutov, Joel Woosley

Other Prayers: *Those serving in mission* – Rev. Chandran Paul Martin, India; Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson, Tanzania; Rev. Rachel Ringlaben, Argentina; Meghan Brown Saavedra, Mexico; and Dan & Ginny Rath, international translators

Other Prayers: *Seminarians*—Adam Klinker, Katie Larson, Giselle Loucks, Justin Perkins

THE PEACE IS SHARED

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
G And also with you.

MEAL

(sit)

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes the ministries of this church possible. We encourage everyone to give. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate in this portion of worship. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online. If you are able, please mail in your offering or donate online. Thank you!



THE TABLE IS PREPARED

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“*Pieta*”


Joseph M. Martin
Sam Pierce-Ruland, *cellist*
Kountze Adult Choir

(stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

ELW 599 vs. 1-3



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;

from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.
let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.

OFFERING PRAYER

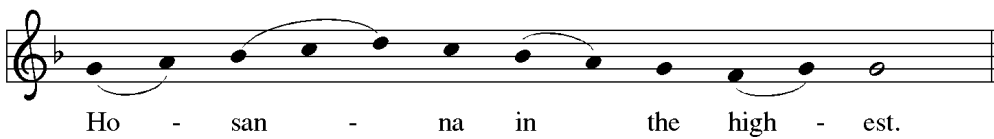
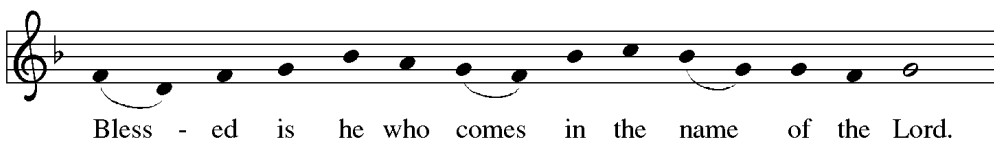
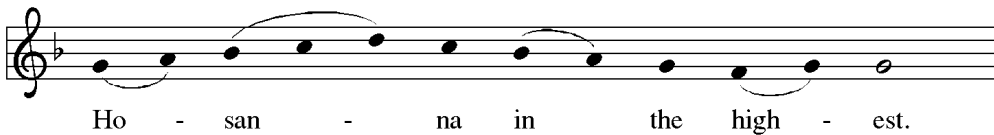
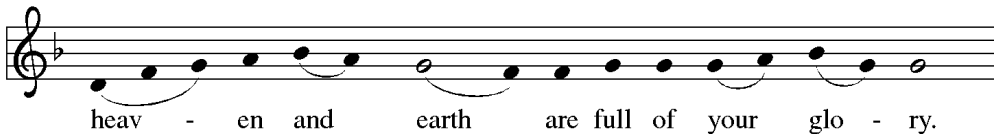
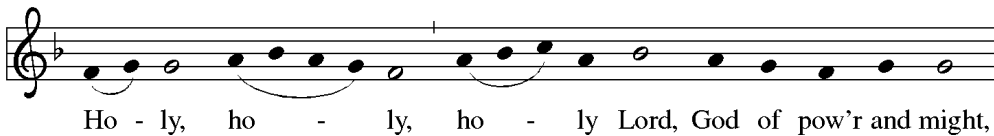
- P** Generous God,
C you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE FOR THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

THE SANCTUS

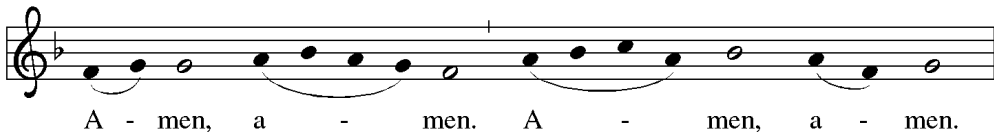


THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



...be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us all 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☐ Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

☑ **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*All baptized Christians who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and his Real Presence in, with and under the bread and wine, are welcome to the Lord's Supper. We believe that this is the Lord's table and is he who invites you. So you who are strong in faith, come with gratitude. You feel weak in faith, come to be strengthened. And you who feel you have no faith, come so that the God of steadfast love will touch your heart with hope and joy. The form of distribution is **intinction**, you will receive the consecrated bread and you may then dip it in the wine.*

Gluten free bread is available; simply request it.

(sit)

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Sam Pierce-Ruhland, *cello*

(stand)

COMMUNION BLESING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Tender and merciful one,

C at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. 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.

HYMN

"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

ELW 345

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| <p>1 Jesus, I will ponder now
on your holy passion;
let your Spirit now endow
me for meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
may the image cherish
of your suff'ring, pain, and death,
that I may not perish.</p> <p>2 Make me see your great distress,
anguish, and affliction,
bonds and blows and wretchedness
and your crucifixion;
make me see how scourge and rod,
spear and nails, did wound you,
how you died for those, O God,
who with thorns had crowned you.</p> | <p>3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
make me see your passion,
but its cause to me make known
and its termination.
For I also and my sin
wrought your deep affliction;
this the shameful cause has been
of your crucifixion.</p> <p>4 Let me view your pain and loss
with repentant grieving,
nor prepare again your cross
by unholy living.
May I give you love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
that I may in heav'n above
sing your praise forever.</p> |
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Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626-1681;
tr. August Crull, 1846-1923, alt.

DISMISSAL

- ☞ Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
- ☞ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Sam Pierce-Ruhland, *cello*

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We thank Sam Pierce-Ruland and the Kountze Choirs for their musical offerings this Palm Sunday

Passion readers:

9:00 AM

Narrators: Dannika Rees

Jesus: Stephen Urlaub

Peter: Sarah Penn

Disciples: Lilly Kassal, Robin Perkins, Sarah Penn

Servant 1: Lilly Kassal

Accuser 1: Robin Perkins

Accuser 2: Lilly Kassal

Pilate: Robin Perkins

Soldiers: Lilly Kassal, Robin Perkins, Sarah Penn

Criminal 1: Lilly Kassal

Criminal 2: Sarah Penn

Centurion: Lilly Kassal

Assembly: **Congregation**

11:00 AM

Narrators: Ashley Sum

Jesus: Jacob Rump

Peter: James Holzer

Disciples: Carl Ekstrom, James Holzer, Margo Ward

Servant 1: Margo Ward

Accuser 1: Carl Ekstrom

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Pilate: Carl Ekstrom

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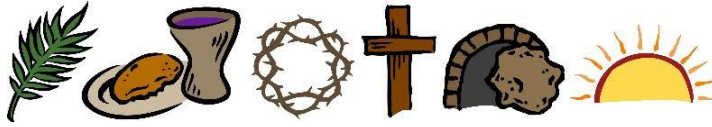
Criminal 1: Margo Ward

Criminal 2: James Holzer

Centurion: Margo Ward

Assembly: **Congregation**

HOLY WEEK



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, April 11, 12, & 13

12:15 PM Eucharist in Rotunda Chapel

Maundy Thursday, April 14

11 AM Lunch (free-will offering)

12:15 PM Worship

5:30 PM Dinner (free-will offering)

6:30 PM Worship & First Communion (Nursery care is available for children ages infant – 4 years in the nursery located near the Fellowship Hall. Please ask an Usher for directions.)

Good Friday, April 15

12-3 PM Ecumenical Good Friday Service: Seven Words from the Cross with Guest Speakers, String Quartet and Kountze Choir

6:30 PM Tenebrae (Veneration of the Cross and Service of Shadows) (Nursery care is available for children ages infant – 4 years in the nursery located near the Fellowship Hall. Please ask an Usher for directions.)

Holy Saturday, April 16

10 PM Easter Vigil (Fire, Word, Water, Eucharist) (There will be no 5 PM Saturday service)

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Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is a vibrant, historic faith community that welcomes all and provides ministries for all ages and walks of life. We are a “City-wide Church with a World-wide Ministry” and have been worshiping, growing, and serving in downtown Omaha for over 160 years. If you are new to Kountze Memorial, we invite you to visit the Welcome Desk in Fellowship Hall for more information about who we are and what we do.

Holy Communion

All who are baptized and trust in Christ's presence in Holy Communion are invited to commune at the Lord's Table. Children not yet communing will receive a blessing. Instructions will be provided during worship. It is the understanding of the universal Church that those who wish to commune with bread only (especially for health reasons) have communed fully.

Children in Worship

We believe that all are welcome in worship and encourage families to worship together. Activity bags, children's bibles, and bulletins are available, as well as a room just off the west side of the main sanctuary, that includes a TV and a variety of toys, games, and books for young children.

Nursery

Our nursery is available from 9 AM—noon for children 0—2 years. Please ask an usher if you are unsure as to where our nursery is and would like to use it

Attendance Cards

All those attending worship are encouraged to fill out the card included in your bulletin and place in the offering plate.

Large Print Bulletins and Listening Devices

Please speak to an usher if you would like a large print bulletin or an assisted listening device.

E-news & Social Media

If you would like to receive our weekly e-news and monthly e-newsletter, add your e-mail address to the attendance card in your bulletin or text your e-mail address to 22828.

Today at Kountze

Sharing of the Peace

As we return to worship practices, we encourage you to begin again sharing the peace in a way that is comfortable for you. Please be mindful that your way might not be for everyone. Handshakes, elbow or fist bump, a bow, a nod, a wave all work. Take this time to connect with others in a way that allows for the Peace of Christ to flow through and amongst us.

Children's Choir

Ages K-6th Grade

No Children's choir Palm Sunday or Easter, but join Barb Carlsen on April 24 during the 9:00 AM sermon (9:15). Those interested in participating in choir will come forward for the Children's blessing and then go to the upstairs choir room for practice before returning for Communion.

Sunday School

Sundays, 10:10 - 10:50 AM

Join us on Sundays on the 2nd floor for Sunday School. Preschool 1 (2-4 yrs) meets from 9:00—10:00 AM (child care for those too old for the nursery).

Youth Forum

Sundays, 10:10 - 10:50 AM

All 7th – 12th Graders are invited to join us!

This Sunday—Boundless Bible Study - Youth Room

Adult Forum

Sunday, 10:10

This Sunday—Fellowship

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall

This Week at Kountze Memorial

April 10 Sunday

Palm Sunday
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:30 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
10:10 AM Sunday School (2yr-6th gr)
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 7-12)
10:10 AM Adult Forum
12:00 PM Order of Saint John Appreciation Lunch
12:15 PM Book Group

April 11 Monday

Monday in Holy Week
10:00 AM Pantry
12:15 AM Worship

April 12 Tuesday

Tuesday in Holy Week
9:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:15 AM Worship

April 13 Wednesday

Wednesday in Holy Week
9:00 AM Sewing Group
11:00 AM Devotions @ deFreese Manor
12:15 PM Worship
6:00 PM Executive Committee

April 14 Thursday

Maundy Thursday
Council Reports Due
First Communion
9:30 AM WELCA Board
11:00 AM Lenten Lunch
11:30 AM Property Committee
5:30 PM Lenten Dinner
6:30 PM Worship

April 15 Friday

Good Friday
Good News Deadline

April 15 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry
6:30 PM Worship

April 16 Saturday

Easter Vigil
10:00 PM Easter Vigil Worship

April 17 Sunday

Easter
No Sunday School
7:30 AM , 9:00, & 11:00 AM Worship
7:45 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:00—10:45 AM Easter Breakfast
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)

Sunday School Talking Points

Today concludes our lessons on the mystery of Easter with our seventh lesson on Jesus' life and his journey to the cross. In today's lesson, we look at Jesus on the cross and on Easter.

In Godly Play, we conclude each lesson with "I Wonder" questions. These are open ended musings on what the students found interesting or meaningful to them. Ask your child the following questions to see what they remember most about the story of Easter.

- I wonder what part of the story you like best?
- I wonder what part of the story is the most important?
- I wonder what part of the story is about you?
- I wonder if there is any part of the story we can leave out and still have the story we need?

Lutheran Women Omaha

Tuesday, April 12

12:00 PM

Augustana Lutheran Church,

Guests are welcome, Lunch—\$7.00—Reservations required, to Faith, 402-734-4629 by Friday, April 8. Program-Restoring Dignity by Hannah Wyble, Freewill offering to Restoring Dignity

Diaper Drive

We are having a diaper drive for the Bowari family. They need diapers size 1 and up (no newborn sizes please). If you would like to provide diapers, please bring them to church and put them in the large brown box next to the box for the Pantry box. Your donations will be appreciated.

Lutheran Disaster Response

Links to our giving page and Lutheran Disaster Response can be found in the Friday e-news or a checked marked "Eastern Europe Crisis Response can be given to Kountze Memorial and we will make sure it gets to the right place. Your gifts designated for "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region.

Kountze Food Pantry

Thank-you to Methodist Health Systems and the Women of the ELCA for their large donations of food and personal care items! We have exciting news at the Kountze Food Pantry! Beginning May 16 we will be returning to a guest choice, indoor service! This means a lot less heavy lifting and more fun for the volunteers. If you choose to join us, you will be expected to stand or sit at a station and offer our guests a choice in your category. There are 12 different stations at each shift. The first shift is from 10-11 and the second shift is from 11-1. In addition we will need greeters and carry out volunteers. You are welcome to sign up for both shifts. We all look forward to returning to normal!

Pantry Volunteers Needed:

Mondays: 7:30 - 9 AM; 9 - 11 AM; 11 AM - 1 PM

Fridays: 4 - 7 PM

If you would like to help, please sign up to volunteer using the following link:

<https://form.jotform.com/200834787701155>

Usher Sign-up for Holy Week and Easter
If you will be available during Holy Week and Easter, we could use your help as Ushers. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Nave for you to add your name according to your availability.

Communion Assistants and Lectors Needed
We need you for Holy Week and Easter - and Sundays in general. If you are already serving as a Communion Assistant and/or Lector, please sign up on Servant Keeper or call the church office to sign up according to your availability. If you aren't currently serving as a Communion Assistant or Lector but would like to, please contact Debbie in the church office to sign up or to get a link to the Sign-up Genius Page. We will walk you through a training session before you serve.

Hot Easter Breakfast
8:00 - 10:45 AM
Plan to have Easter Breakfast with us. Egg Casserole, Fruit, Potatoes, Pastries, Juice, and Coffee are on the menu. If you are able to assist in making this meal for the congregation, we are looking for people to help on Saturday Morning for set-up, Sunday Morning Chefs, Sunday Morning Servers, Sunday Morning Clean-up crew, and Pastry Donations. Let us know how you might help make this Easter Morning time a shared celebration for all.

Festival of the Resurrection in the Link
7:30 AM Easter Morning
This service will take place as we watch the sunrise on Easter Morning. Join us for a 30 minute service with the Eucharist as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord.

Attendance & Giving

Saturday: 38
Sunday: 9:00: 167 **11:00:** 61
Wednesday: 12:15: 35 **6:30:** 48
Total: 349
Streaming: 65
Cox Cable: 164
Pantry Guests Served: 1077 (inc. 362 children)
Medical Clinic Guests Served: 13
Offering:
\$24,108.74 (Regular) \$3,365.89 (Specials)
\$797.50 (Debt Reduction)



Sd 9 & 11 AM Eucharist with Palm Procession and
Passion Reading

12:15 PM Eucharist in Rotunda Chapel

11:00 AM Lunch* (free-will offering)
12:15 PM Worship
5:30 PM Dinner* (free-will offering)
6:30 PM Worship & First Communion
(Nursery care is available for
children ages infant – 4 years in the
nursery located near the Fellowship
Hall. Please ask an Usher for
directions.)

* "In Case You Missed it the First Time" (or didn't get
enough of your favorite...) We will empty the freezer
and use the leftovers from previous meals for Maundy
Thursday. Maybe some of your favorites will be leftover
or you can try something you missed. Come hungry and
join us!

12:00-3:00 PM Ecumenical Good Friday Service:
Seven Words from the Cross with
Guest Speakers, String Quartet and
Kountze Choir
6:30 PM Tenebrae (Veneration of the Cross
and Service of Shadows) (Nursery)

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Christ's suffering shows God's love and glory.

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 19:28-40	Blessed is the king who comes
Monday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	God's servant must suffer
Tuesday	Philippians 2:5-11	Christ shows us true humility
Wednesday	Luke 22:1-6	Judas agrees to betray Jesus
Thursday	Luke 22:7-38	The Last Supper
Friday	Luke 22:47-23:49	The crucifixion of Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 31:9-16	A prayer for protection
Sunday	John 20:1-18	The resurrection of Jesus



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*He [Christ] humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name. **Philippians 2:8-9 (NRSV)***

A Prayer for the Week:

O Holy Jesus, for your love, faith, and courage to do the will of God, we thank you on bended knee and with a humble yet joyous heart. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, with this food let us remember you give us strength to live each day in peace and hope through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God grant you faith to live in peace and love in Christ Jesus.

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When have you been unfairly judged or mistreated by others?
- How does Christ's mistreatment help you when you experience unfair treatment?

Read: Philippians 2:5-11.

In Luke 19:28-40, Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a lowly donkey. Crowds wave palms to honor and acknowledge him as a king. Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem is short-lived as he is then led to a humiliating death within a week. Jesus is obedient to the point of death (Philippians 2:8) at the hands of human authority. Human judgment and power led to the killing of the Son of God, but human powers could not conquer Jesus' act of divine love. God's work of salvation from the cross most fully reveals the depth of God's power over evil and promise of undying love. In the end, Jesus' suffering and death is God's victory over all other powers. Jesus conquers suffering and death that "every knee should bend in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord" (vv. 10-11).

Discuss: How has Christ's victory over evil and death been a comfort for you when you have experienced mistreatment?

Pray: **God of humility and glory, give us faith to trust that in Christ all earthly powers must bow down to you and that your love puts an end to all things that destroy life and love. Amen.**

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you give glory to God and show love through an act of kindness?

Today is Palm Sunday. We wave palms and shout, "Hosanna!" Hosanna means "save us." Jesus humbly and obediently rode into Jerusalem to save us. This day signals the beginning of Holy Week and is also known as Passion Sunday. Passion describes Jesus' suffering and death. It is not easy to read and think about what Jesus went through to save us. Give thanks in your home this week by waving a real palm or one made from construction paper and say: **Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.** Then, if able, kneel and pray. Take a moment to think about Jesus' suffering and death and what it means to you. Finish with the Lord's Prayer.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12