

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ^{9a} Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Psalm 118:19-29 (Read together in Unison)**P. 273**¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

²⁰“This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter.”²¹I will give thanks to you, for you answered me, and have become my salvation.²²The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.²³This is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.²⁴On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.²⁵Hosannah, Lord, hosanna! Lord, send us now success.²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.²⁷God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.²⁸“You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.”²⁹Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.**Second 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 emptied himself, by 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.

Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

²¹When 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.”

Matthew 27:15-23

¹⁵Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” ¹⁸For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” ²²Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” ²³Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

PARISH CONCERNS

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Ashley Mielke has flu like symptoms. Chuck Huey is also having such symptoms. Neither has an official diagnosis yet.
- Joyce Price had a stroke recently. She is now home. Her address is:
PO Box 512 Kirkland, IL 60146-0512
- Kelly Boettger had gall bladder surgery on Friday.
- Pamela Andrews' uncle, Franz Neff, passed away recently.
May all grieving people be comforted during this time.
- All those who are working to provide essential services during this crisis and all affected by this crisis!
- All suffering serious physical or mental illness or injury, dementia, chronic pain, anxiety, depression, or addictions, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- All pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- All victims of natural disasters, violent crimes, and accidents.
- May God bless America, our president, elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

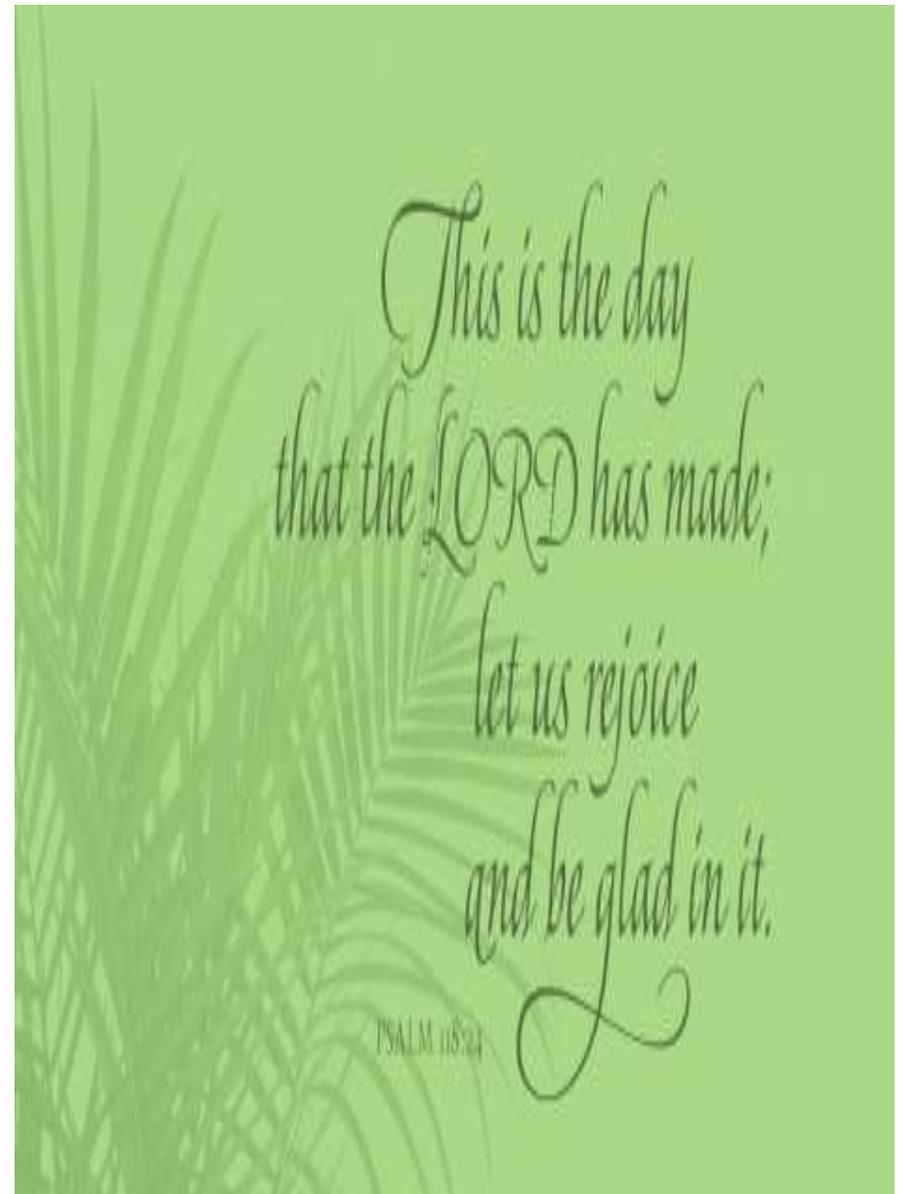
DAILY DEVOTIONS: Pastor is recording a daily devotion and it is on the front page of our website; please take a moment to listen to it. If you miss one, you are still able to find it on the website. Select the "Church News" tab, then "ALL NEWS."

SERVICES:

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be combined. The service will be on YouTube on Good Friday, April 10 at 7pm.

There will be an Easter service at 9am, this will be on YouTube as well.

There will be no IN-CHURCH Prayer Vigil but we encourage you to find quiet time with God at home. There will be a photo of the stripped altar on the website as a visual aid to your at-home prayer vigil.



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Palm Sunday*

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LBW – green hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude: “What Wondrous Love Is This?” – Lani Smith
Piano/Organ Duet, Pastor & Nancy Rasmussen

*Processional Hymn: vv. 1, 3, 5 **LBW 108**
“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” – Wave your palms high!

*Brief Order for Public Confession P.98

*Sharing of Peace

*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P.99

*Glory to God in the Highest P.100

*Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 118:19-29 (Together in unison) p. 273

Second Reading Philippians 2:5-11

*Lenten Sentence P.104

*Gospel Matthew 21:1-11

Matthew 27:15-23

Pulpit Hymn: “What Wondrous Love Is This” **LBW 385**

Sermon: Based on the Gospel

“WHO IS THIS? THIS IS JESUS!”

*Hymn of the Day: “Who Is He” **BC 211**

*Apostles’ Creed P.106

Offering

*Create in Me A Clean Heart (Back Hymnal Cover)

*Prayers P.106

For Learning God’s Ways

Holy One, you have sent teachers and prophets to your people since the beginning of time. Grant us ears to hear and hearts to be open to the power of your Holy Word. Help us to be faithful in discernment and in obedience to you as we hear you speak through the Scriptures.
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

For This Holy Week

Lord of Life, grant us the gift of new life as we follow Jesus to the cross during this Holy Week. Remind us of his selfless sacrifice for humanity,

and fill us with a renewed understanding of what Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection means for all who trust in you.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

For a Time of Peace

Prince of Peace, bring about your reign of peace in this world where trouble strikes daily, where the hungry cry out for food, and the victims of injustice cry out for help. Give us peace in our hearts even as we practice peace in our churches, homes, and workplaces.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

For Renewal of Life

God of all healing and wholeness, pour out your healing Spirit we pray, on those who are struggling with issues of health, trauma, or grief. Bring hope to all who are suffering, [especially...]. Fill with relief and new energy those who cry out to you. Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

*The Lord’s Prayer P.113

*Closing Hymn: “Ride On in Majesty!” vv. 1, 2, 5 **LBW 121**

Tune: The Doxology, LBW 565

*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*P: May God be merciful to us and bless us, as we enter this holy week.

***Congregation: May God be merciful to us and bless us.**

Postlude

BC 211 “Who Is He”

1. Who is he in yonder stall at whose feet the shepherds fall?

Who is he in deep distress, fasting in the wilderness?

Refrain: It is the Lord, oh wondrous story, ‘tis the Lord, the King of glory! At his feet we humbly fall.

Crown him, crown him Lord of all!

2. Who is he to whom they bring all the sick and suffering?

Who is he that stands and weeps at the grave where Laz’rus sleeps?

3. Who is he the gath’ring throng greet with loud triumphant song?

Lo at midnight who is he praying in Gethsemane?

4. Who is he on yonder tree dies in grief and agony?

Who is he who from the grave comes to succor and to save?