

# **Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church**

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## **Palm/Passion Sunday**

**April 2, 2023**

**9:00 am**



9:00 am Traditional Service

10:00 am Sunday School for all ages

10:55 Alive! Contemporary Worship

**Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church** is  
a partner in the NC Synod of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



## – GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER –

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/PALM PARADE

Pastor Emily

PROCESSIONAL READING

Matthew 21:1-11

Pastor Emily

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying 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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"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."

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The 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!"

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

PALM PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*"Hosanna!"*

1. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!  
Lord, we lift up Your name, With hearts full of praise;  
Be exalted, O Lord my God! Hosanna in the highest!
2. Glory, Glory, Glory to the King of kings!  
Glory, Glory, Glory to the King of kings!  
Lord, we lift up Your name, With hearts full of praise;  
Be exalted, O Lord my God! Glory to the King of kings!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (\*Indicates to Stand if able)

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ☩ forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**Amen.**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*\*\*We will share the peace of Christ by whichever way you are comfortable.*

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**FIRST READING: Matthew 21:12-17**

**Chris Beaver**

<sup>12</sup>Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. <sup>13</sup>He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it a den of robbers." <sup>14</sup>The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. <sup>15</sup>But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did and heard the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry <sup>16</sup>and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself'?" <sup>17</sup>He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

## REFLECTION & PRAYER

TEMPLE HYMN

*"Lift Up Your Heads"*

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### \*APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### **– WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE –**

### \*APOSTLES’ CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, 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 THE PEOPLE

SECOND READING: Matthew 27:1-2, 11-14, 27-37

Chris Beaver

<sup>1</sup>When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. <sup>2</sup>They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

<sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” <sup>12</sup>But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” <sup>14</sup>But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

<sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. <sup>28</sup>They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” <sup>30</sup>They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup>As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup>they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup>And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; <sup>36</sup>then they sat down there and kept watch over him. <sup>37</sup>Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

## REFLECTION & PRAYER

### OFFERING AND COLLECTING FOOD IN BASKETS

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Behold the Lamb"*

#### \*OFFERING SONG

*"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*

#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

#### \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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#### \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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#### \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### \*THE 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**

#### \*WELCOME TO COMMUNION

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

*\*Communion is taken around the altar rail. Please come forward via the center aisle when an usher directs you. Kneel (or stand) around the rail and wait to partake communion. Once taken, remain for a blessing, then return to your seat by the side aisles.*

*\*\*If you need communion brought to you in your seat, please alert an usher.*

#### LAMB OF GOD

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#### COMMUNION MUSIC

*"The Cup of Life Outpoured"*

## – GOD EMPOWERS US AND SENDS US –

### \*BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

**Amen.**

### \*BENEDICTION

God, the giver of love, ✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Holy Week.

**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*"Ah, Holy Jesus"*

HYMN 349

### FINAL READING: Matthew 27:45-54

Pastor Emily

<sup>45</sup>From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

<sup>46</sup>And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." <sup>48</sup>At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." <sup>50</sup>Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. <sup>51</sup>At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup>The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. <sup>53</sup>After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup>Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

DISMISSAL - Leave in Silence

## PRAYER CONCERNS:

**Active Concerns:** JJ Brava, Dan Gleason, Linda Barringer, Rod Stuver, Joann Foster, Beckie Perkins, Betty Barringer, Mike Price\*, LeaAnn Buckwell\*, Ed D'Aloiso\*, Bishop Tim Smith\*

**Continued Prayers for:** Annie Stancil, Junior Barringer, Nancy Wilcox, Tony Stancil, Butch Stowe, Todd Stuver, Roxanne Fox, John Hahn\*, Kathy Benson\*, Barry Granda\*, Tom Kennedy\*, Lucy Kennedy\*, Jim Bottoms\*, Martha Summers\*, Elender Coile\*

**In Special Facilities:** Jeanine Woody (First Assembly Assisted Living)

\*Indicates a friend or family member

*If any name can be removed from the prayer list, please let the pastor know. Thanks!*



**Flowers in the Sanctuary are given today by:**

Anita Campbell - "To the Glory of God"

"In Memory of Doyle Campbell"

## Thank you to those serving today - April 2

Rev. Emily Lemoine

Chris Beaver

Patti Stuver

Ron & Kitty Smith

Gary Frank & Patti Stuver

Annette York & Cheryl Opel

Luke & Owen Fox, Anthony & Andrew DiBernardo, Brett Gosse

Caleigh Beaver, Cyrus & Gideon Sousley, Hunter Pallasch

Chris Beaver

Diane & Valerie Frank, Luther & Rebecca Beaver, Mike Fox, Jay Perkins

Ross Gosse

Mike Faggart

Melissa Fox or Nancy Jones

Pastor

Reader

Altar Guild

Communion Assistants

Ushers

Counters

Crucifer &

Acolytes

Accompanists

Vocalists

Streaming Tech

Sound Tech

Power Point

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Calling all men!!** - It's time to get ready for the Easter breakfast. Please get your griddles and be ready to go at 5 AM on Easter morning, **next Sunday**, April 9th. See you there!

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

**Maundy Thursday:** April 6, 7:00pm

**Good Friday:** April 7, 12:00pm & 7:00pm

**Easter:** April 9, Sunrise: 6:30am, followed by breakfast,  
9:00am traditional, 10:55am contemporary.

**NEWS TO KNOW:** Pastor Emily will be leaving for vacation following Easter services on April 9th and returning late Friday April 14th.

**Lutheran Friendship Sunday:** Invite a friend to church on April 23rd. Invitations are available in the narthex and table downstairs.

## READINGS FOR APRIL

April 6: **John 13:1-7, 31b-25**; Ex. 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Cor. 11:23-26)

April 9: **Matthew 28:1-10**; (Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4)

April 16: **John 20:19-31**; (Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9)

April 23: **Luke 24:13-35**; (Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19, 1 Peter 1:17-23)

April 30: **Psalm 23**; (Acts 2:42-47, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10)

## SERVING NEXT WEEK - April 9

**Reader:** Mike Linker

**Altar Guild:** Patti Stuver

**Communion Assts:** JoAnn Stowe & Shelly Cooke

**Ushers:** Patti Stuver & Gary Frank

**Counters:** Jo-Ann Popham & Karyn Dalton

## FLOWER SIGN UPS (\$35 each)

4/9 Judy Cook

Luther & Rebecca Beaver

4/16 The Sousley Family

Ross Gosse & Susan Pittman

4/23 Mike & Roxanne Fox

JoAnn Stowe

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK: April 2-9

<b>Today:</b>	9:00am Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
	10:00am Sunday School for ALL ages
	10:55am Alive! Contemporary Service (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	6:30pm Handbells (Sanctuary)
<b>Thursday:</b>	7:00pm Maundy Thursday service (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Friday:</b>	12:00pm Good Friday service (Sanctuary)
	7:00pm Good Friday service (Sanctuary)
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	6:30am Easter Sunrise service (Courtyard)
	10:55am Alive! service (Fellowship Hall)