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MARCH 24TH, 2024 + PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

SPECIAL MUSIC (10:30 a.m.) | OSLC CHOIR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/PALM BLESSING

God bless these palms, and those who carry them. Take these ordinary branches and ordinary hands and make them holy. Take this old story and tell it in new ways. Amen.

OPENING LITANY/PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1 – 10

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"

⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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GREETING (p. 203)

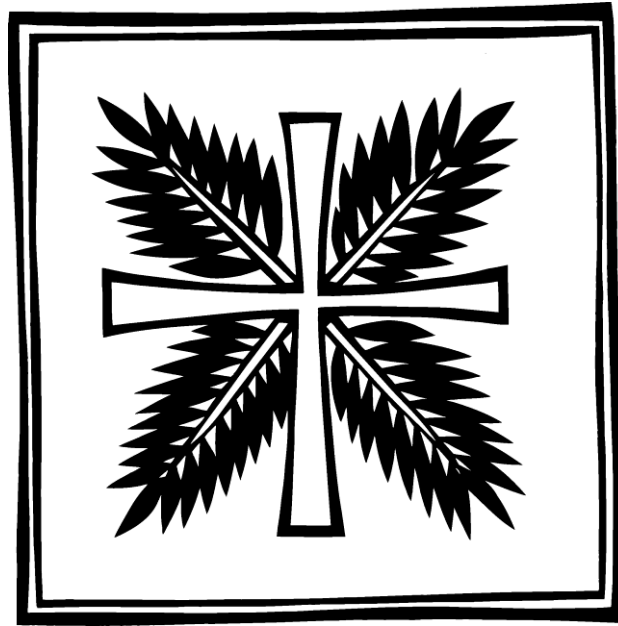
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...**Sovereign 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:30 a.m.) | OSLC CHOIR

The Passion of Jesus Christ According to the Gospel of Mark



Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, Jesus' joyous entry into Jerusalem. But we will also turn to the events that followed, walking through the moments that led up to Jesus' arrest. Together, we will imagine the scenes from that Holy Week using an ancient Jewish tradition of midrash. Midrash weaves together the art of storytelling and the truth of scripture so that we might imagine and wonder about the details that exist between the lines.

Mark 11:11 – 18 | *The Woman in the Temple*
Mark 14:1 – 9 | *The Woman with the Alabaster Jar*

HYMN: “Where Charity and Love Prevail” **#359**

Mark 14:10 – 31 | Judas
Mark 14:32 - 72 | A Disciple in the Garden of Gethsemane

HYMN: "Go to Dark Gethsemane" #347

Mark 15:1 – 20 | A Pharisee
Mark 15:21 – 47

HYMN: "There in God's Garden" v. 1 – 4 **#342**

Midrash reflections used with permission from "Wilderness: Journey from Palms to Passion" by Rev. Sarah Are

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLES' CREED (p. 105)

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 | PSALM 31:9-16 (Read Responsively)

⁹Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God.**

¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love." Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERING HYMN:

"Create in Me a Clean Heart" x2

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*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free Spirit.*

HOLY COMMUNION (p. 206)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (p.206)

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...we join their unending hymn:

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*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER (p. 208)

BLESSING

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

HYMN:

"Lift High the Cross"

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SENDING (p. 209)

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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2024 Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday | Thursday, March 28th @ 6:30 p.m.
with Celebration of First Communions

Good Friday | Friday, March 29th @ 6:30 p.m.
"Way of the Cross" Worship Service with Choral Anthem from the Choir

Community Good Friday Service @ 12:10 p.m.
Hosted at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, and sponsored by the Barnes Co. Ministerial
Association
"Why is it *Good* Friday?"

Easter Sunday | Sunday, March 31st @ 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.



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GIVE ONLINE

We, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, welcome all to share Christ's love, grow in faith, and to live a life of service glorifying God.

The Radio Broadcast is in memory of Leon Bellmore, LeVerne Henne and Mavis Stearns given by the Women of Our Savior's.

Join Us for Holy Week

- **Palm/Passion Sunday-March 24 at 8:30am and 10:30am**
- **Maundy Thursday-March 28 with/ 1st Communion Celebrations at 6:30pm**
- **Community Good Friday-March 29th at 12:00-1:00pm**
- **Our Savior's Good Friday-March 29th at 6:30pm**
- **Easter Sunday-March 31st at 8:30am and 10:30am**

ELCA Youth Gathering Fundraising Opportunities: **Stockholders** - be a "Stockholder" by making a financial gift to help get our kids to New Orleans. Fill out a white stockholder tag with your name and address and leave a check or cash in the amount requested. Checks can be made payable to OSLC, memo: Youth Gathering. Stockholders will get personal thank you from our attendees later this summer.

OUR NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE BEGINS APRIL 7TH. A single worship will be held at 9:00 a.m., with coffee fellowship at 8:30 a.m. and again following service at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School will run from 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. This schedule was approved by the Council at the direction of the Congregation. Please direct questions or concerns to Pr. Kyle or a member of the Council.

Growing in Faith | Sundays, 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room – A new opportunity in the life of the congregation. Join Pr. Kyle for a time of conversation and wondering about scripture, faith, and our call as God's people. This month: *Our Lutheran Faith* (4/7); *Our Lutheran History* (4/14); *Our Lutheran Worship* (4/21); and *Our Lutheran Call* (4/28).

Red Willow Bible Camp Registration is now open for grades K-12 and All Family Camp! Camp tuition is 100% covered through the generous support of your OSLC Foundation, so make plans for Red Willow to be a part of your summer. Visit redwillowministries.com to register, and contact Pr. Kyle or the church office for the OSLC registration code.

Christ In Our Home daily devotional booklets (in regular and large print) for April, May and June are now available at the information Counter. Pick up your copy today and begin the daily practice of bible reading and reflection.

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. To that end, be alert and persevere in praying for all the Lord’s people.” (Ephesians 6:18). This week we hold these people of Our Savior's in prayer, as well as those concerns close to our hearts: Tyler & Kelli Stearns, Axton, Murray, Jordy, Frankie; Russell & Lynette Stephens, Nathaniel, Blake; Curt & Terri Stevens, Tyler; Casey & Lacey Stoudt, Avery; Janice Stowman; Lance & Chelsea Straabe, Peyton, Sawyer; Jon Strang, Joshua, Jonathan, Angela, Joel, Kyle.

March 24-31, 2024

TODAY: Palm Sunday
 8:30 a.m. Worship-Choir
 8:30 a.m. Facebook Live
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
 10:30 a.m. Worship-Choir
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast

MON: 11:05 a.m. Sr. High Lunch

TUES: 9:00 a.m. Quilters
 1:30 p.m. Text Study

WED: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
 No Confirmation

THURS: Maundy Thursday
 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship-1st Communion Class

FRI: Good Friday
 12:00-1:00 p.m. Community Good Friday Worship
 6:30 p.m. Our Savior’s Lutheran Good Friday Worship

SAT: 7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Fellowship

NEXT SUN: Easter Sunday
 8:30 a.m. Worship-Choir
 8:30 a.m. Facebook Live
 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast

Mission Support

January-February 2024

Year To Date Income	\$56,055.96
Year To Date Expense	53,099.30
YTD Expense over Income	2,956.66
A week of OSLC ministry:	\$6,875.75
General Fund Offering:	\$7,950.38

2021-2024 Growing in Grace Capital Appeal



\$822,560.00 Total Pledged
 By 125 Households
 through June 4, 2023

\$811,334.78 Total Given
 through March 18, 2024