



Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 9, 2022 5:00pm Sunday, April 10, 2022 8:00am

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.

GATHERING

ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸After he had said this, [Jesus] 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ. Amen.

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.

ANTHEM "At the Cross" Jubilation

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face

from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GoD helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like 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 are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GoD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

9Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

DRAMATIC GOSPEL READING

"The Cry of the Whole Congregation" (Insert)

HYMN OF THE DAY "We Remember You" Jubilation

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *Each prayer petition will conclude,* "Lord, in your mercy," *The congregation responds,* "hear our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

We give thanks to God for the gifts that God provides, and for the gifts that you share with the church. Offerings to the church in these days may be placed in the box at the entrance or sent through the mail, through automatic withdraw, or through the Tithe.ly app on our website.

OFFERING SONG "Help Us Oh Lord" Jubilation

OFFERING PRAYER

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name.

Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs, we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert. pouring out his life for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

COMMUNION SONG

"Lamb of God"

Jubilation

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table. Please follow the directions of the pastors to receive communion. Both wine and grape juice are available for communion. The grape juice is the darker color in the middle of the tray. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion will receive a blessing.

Those worshiping with us at home may use their own bread and wine or juice for communion.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Amen.

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, + bless you this day and always.





DISMISSAL

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

Lord, & Hear Our Prayer &	Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.				
Michelle Weltzin-	Sarah Costello	Sue Vogel			
Trainor	Madison Russo	Andrew Arp			
Ron McFate	Anna Schneider	Jan Carlson			
Nancy Meyer	Ed Stoltz	Craig			
H.O. Nelson	Judy Knoer	Lois			
Sheila Baustian	Jan Kluever	John			
Sally Puls	June Dierks	Mary			
Duane Miller	Michael Schafer	Dorie			
Tim Winter	Peyton Langebartles	Clif			
Jensen Spencer	Meyer Mixdorf	Kelly			
Ann Kuehl	Bob Morehead	Vaughn			
Carol Judge	Patty Mixdorf	_			
Carolyn Scheibe	Melissa Alden				



Our **Maundy Thursday** service on **Thursday**, **April 14**, **at 7:00 pm**, will include the celebration of First Communion for several of our children.

On **Good Friday, April 15**, we will gather for a Service of Light and Darkness at **7:00 pm**.

Join our Easter Vigil Service on **Saturday, April 16 at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary.**

Easter Sunday, April 17

8:00 am – Worship Service in the Sanctuary

9:15am—Easter Egg hunt on the front lawn

9:15am-10:00am—Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

10:30am – Worship at the Outdoor Chapel (Weather Permitting) - Please bring chairs and join us for Easter Worship



Thanks to all those who attended the Wednesday evening Lenten worship services and acted as the jury for "The People vs. Jesus". As you traveled your own personal Lenten journey this year, you listened intently to the "trial", already knowing how it turns out. But take a moment and think about what it might have been like for those who journeyed with Jesus at the time---not knowing how it would all play out and what the ending would be. If you were one of those people, would you have blindly believed every word Jesus spoke? Would you have accepted His miracles---or "magic tricks"---as Herod called them? Would you have questioned His association with those on the fringes of society?

Or, maybe you would have believed at first---but then struggled to remain a faithful follower. We'd all probably like to think that we would have been steadfast in our faith, and been unwavering and devoted believers like the disciples (although they sometimes doubted, too). But would we have, really? It's impossible to know, of course. But thankfully, we live today, knowing "the rest of the story", and that Jesus' claim that He is the Son of God---the Savior who will take away our sins---is true. Even though the darkest day of Good Friday is yet to come, we know that

true. Even though the darkest day of Good Friday is yet to come, we know that ultimately the victory has been won, and with utmost confidence, we can go out and share the good news of the One who sacrificed everything to save us all.

Thanks again for attending. Susan Becker



Cinnamon Roll Sunday

Youth who will be attending the High School Mission Trip to Nashville will be making and selling cinnamon rolls the weekend of April 9 and 10 to help raise funds for their trip. You can purchase these delicious rolls in person around worship April 9 and 10, or pre-order by signing up online (link found on our website and on Facebook) or on the sheet in the gathering space. Cost is \$1/roll, \$5/6 rolls, and \$10/dozen. Along with baked rolls, we will have the option to purchase unbaked rolls by the dozen. Thank you for supporting our youth!

If you wish to contribute toward Easter lilies that will decorate the altar area this year, please list your name and the name(s) of those you wish to honor on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex area on at the link on our website. We are asking for a contribution of \$14.00 to help offset the cost of the plants. Please indicate 'flowers' on your envelope so we know how to allocate the funds. Names will be published in the Easter worship bulletin.





A huge thanks to all of the folks who so willingly gave of their time and talent to participate in, and bring to life, our 2022 Lenten drama series, "The People vs. Jesus". They are: Jim Schneider, Lucas Golinghorst, Neal Becker, Jared Penning, Linda Golinghorst, Mike Garner, Jim Gruenhagen, and Kathryn Zelinko. Please extend your thanks to them when you see them. The "trial" gave us all food for thought as we experienced our own personal Lenten journeys this year.

~ Susan Becker



Season of Lent Collection

This coming May, the North Scott Food Pantry plans to provide cleaning supplies to clients. The Service in the World committee would like to contribute to this effort by collecting cleaning supplies during Lent which begins on March 2, 2022. The food pantry provides laundry soap, dish soap and bar soap on a regular basis, but all

other cleaning supplies are needed and appreciated.

If you would like to contribute, donations can be dropped off in the marked collection box under the coat rack. The cleaning supply collection will continue up until Easter.

Easter Egg Hunt

We invite your family to participate an egg hunt on the church lawn at 9:15am on **Easter Sunday**. Bring your basket, or we will provide bags. We will celebrate the good news of Jesus' resurrection together.



Easter Egg Hunt

Join us as we celebrate the truth that "Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!"

The youth who are going to Tennessee for the mission trip in July and their families will serve breakfast on Easter morning, April 17, from 9:00-10:15 am. A free will offering will be collected to help with the costs of the trip.

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Saturday, April 9 7am Cinnamon Roll Baking

9am Spring Cleaning5pm Jubilation Worship

Sunday, April 10 8am Worship

9am Coffee Hour 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Jubilation Worship

Monday, April 11, Office Closed

5:30pm Lion's Club (FH)

Tuesday, April 12 1pm Bible Study

5:30pm Food Pantry

Wednesday, April 13 5pm Confirmation Meal

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7pm Lenten Service 7:45pm High School Youth

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