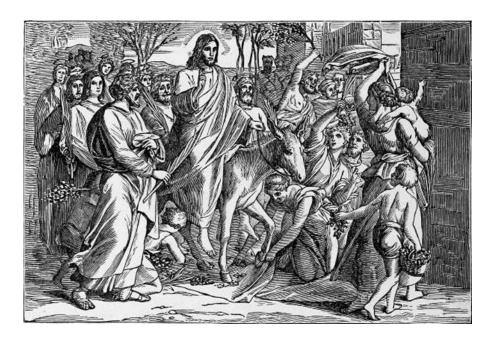
Palm Sunday



"Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

Matthew 21:5

Welcome

Welcome to all members and visitors! We are pleased to have you with us as we receive Christ's gifts and as we respond in thanks and praise. Guests, please sign the guest register in the narthex. If you need assistance, please ask one of the ushers. Prayers of preparation for worship can be found on the inside front cover of the hymnal.

The Lord's Supper is offered every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of closed communion. Members of sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. We ask visitors who are not members of the LCMS to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices. Those who are not communing with us at this service are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

Those Serving Us

Preacher: Rev. Nathan Sherrill

Pianists: Rev. Timothy Frank, Sarah Ruth Johnson (8 a.m.)

Choirs: Cantate Domino and Gloria Dei

The Word in Music

Prelude: "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" – Georg Philipp Telemann

Offering: "O Bride of Christ, Rejoice" – Elizabeth Grimpo

Distribution: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" – Valerie Floeter (8 a.m.)

Postlude: WINCHESTER NEW – Musikalisches Handbuch

The Congregation at Prayer

Those ill or recovering: Pastor Lindau, Wanda Mathisen, Lance Maness, Marcia Timm, Jayne McIlrath, Elizabeth Bowerman, Karen Brandenburg, Bobbie Carter, Floyd Foreman, Gertrud Rossbund, Shirley Gust, Ryan Pedersen (son of Art & Julie Gardner), Ryker Nihsen (relative of Denise Krohn), Ann McClelland (sister-in-law of Sue Trede), Trent Casey, John Shafer (father of Kelli Salin), Robert Henning (brother of Brenda Wurdeman), Ken Ripley (brother-in-law of Brenda Wurdeman)

Roger Escritt and all our shut ins.

Our Sunday School, Christ Academy, Early Childhood Center, and Music Conservatory

Our missionaries: Deaconess Sandra Rhein & Ms. Becky Bartelt

Our sister congregations in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Our nation, city, and community

Those serving in the armed forces

Divine Service Setting 3

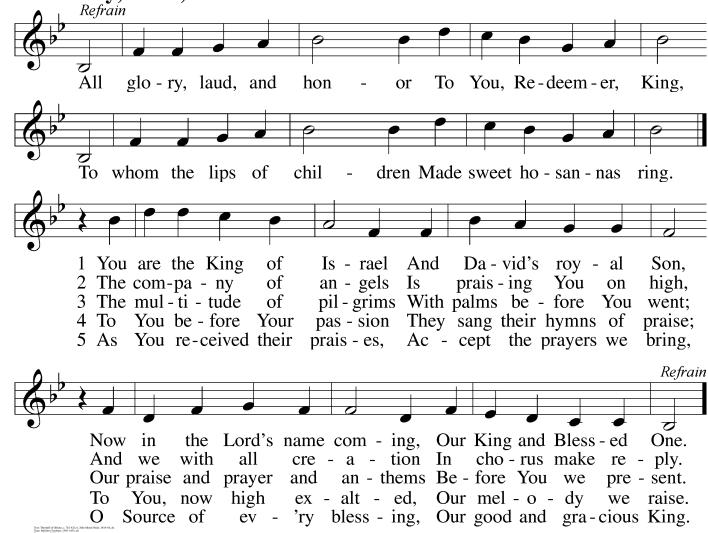
Following the prelude, the congregation stands to face the processional cross, symbolic of Christ's presence among us.

- **P**: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit

 → be with you all.
- **C**: And with your spirit.
- **P**: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
- **C**: Hosanna to the Son of David.
- P: Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet your dearly beloved Son when he came into his Holy City, grant that we may ever hail him as our King and, when he comes again, may go forth to meet him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.



442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor



Stand

Confession and Absolution

LSB 184

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Confession of Sins

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 22:1, 7–8, 11; antiphon: vv. 19, 21

But you, O LORD, do not be far off!

O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

Save me from the mouth of the lion!

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

All who see me mock me;

they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

"He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;

let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

Be not far from me, for trouble is near,

and there is none to help.

But you, O LORD, do not be far off!

O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

Save me from the mouth of the lion!

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

Kyrie LSB 186

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross.

 Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual (Choirs): A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

LSB 438

- 1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
 The guilt of sinners bearing
 And, laden with the sins of earth,
 None else the burden sharing;
 Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
 To slaughter led without complaint,
 That spotless life to offer,
 He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,
 The mockery, and yet replies,
 "All this I gladly suffer."
- This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend,
 The Lamb of God, our Savior,
 Whom God the Father chose to send
 To gain for us His favor.
 "Go forth, My Son," the Father said,
 "And free My children from their dread
 Of guilt and condemnation.
 The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
 But by Your passion they will share
 The fruit of Your salvation."
- "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly
 I'll bear what You command Me.
 My will conforms to Your decree,
 I'll do what You have asked Me."
 O wondrous Love, what have You done!
 The Father offers up His Son,
 Desiring our salvation.
 O Love, how strong You are to save!
 You lay the One into the grave
 Who built the earth's foundation.
- 4 Lord, when Your glory I shall see
 And taste Your kingdom's pleasure,
 Your blood my royal robe shall be,
 My joy beyond all measure!
 When I appear before Your throne,

Your righteousness shall be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in garments richly wrought, As Your own bride shall we be brought To stand in joy beside You.

Epistle 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 made himself nothing, 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.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Tract *Psalm 22:1, 4–5*

My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?*

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

In you our fathers | trusted;*

they trusted, and you de- livered them.

To you they cried and were | rescued;*

in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.

Holy Gospel Matthew 21:1–9

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.
- **C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village in front 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, you shall say,

'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5"Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed LSB 191

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

> the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,

being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made:

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

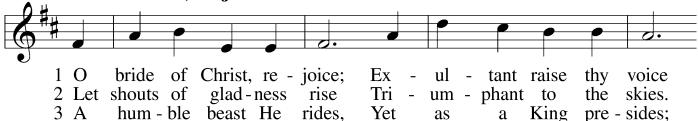
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

335 O Bride of Christ, Rejoice



4 The weak and tim - id find How meek He and kind: is 5 Then go thy Lord to Strew palm leaves His feet; meet; at



of glo-ry To hail the Fore-told dav in sa - cred sto - rv. King most glo-rious To comes the reign o'er all vic - to - rious. Though not ar - rayed in splen-dor, He makes the grave sur-ren - der. To them He gives a trea-sure Of bliss be-yond all mea-sure. gar-ments spread be-fore Him And hon - or and Thy a - dore Him.



Ho-san-na, praise, and glo-ry! Our King, we bow be - fore Thee.

Sermon: "Behold, your King"

Matthew 21:1-9

Offertory LSB 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

We welcome members of our sister congregations of the LCMS to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper. Other visitors are welcomed forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

Preface LSB 194

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

Sanctus LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer LSB 196

P 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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 197

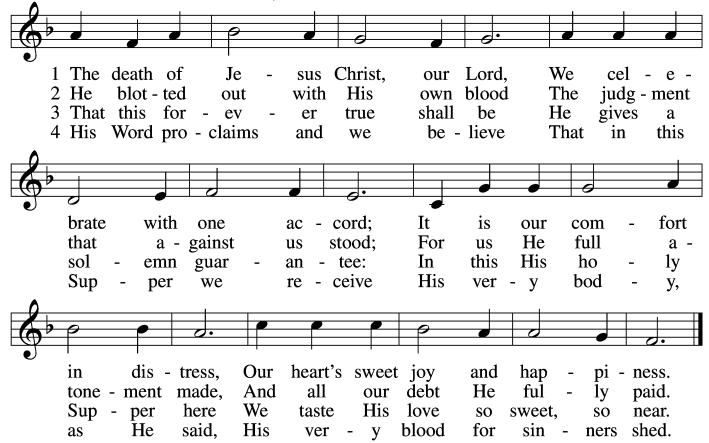
- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 198

- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 - O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 - O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

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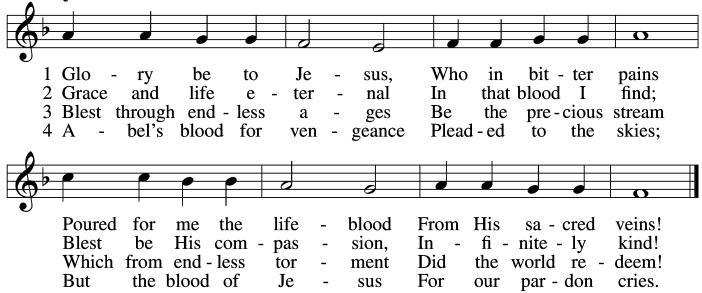
634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord



- We dare not ask how this can be, But simply hold the mystery And trust this word where life begins: "Given and shed for all your sins."
- They who this word do not believe
 This food unworthily receive,
 Salvation here will never find—
 May we this warning keep in mind!
- 7 But blest is each believing guest Who in these promises finds rest; For Jesus shall in love remain With all who here His grace obtain.

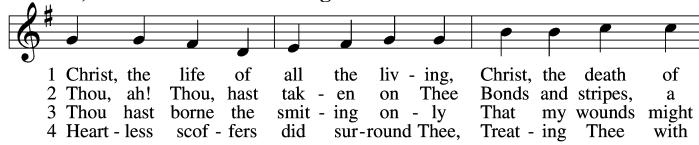
8 Help us sincerely to believe
That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest.

433 Glory Be to Jesus



- Oft as earth exulting
 Wafts its praise on high,Angel hosts rejoicing
 Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,
 Swell the mighty flood;
 Louder still and louder
 Praise the precious blood!

420 Christ, the Life of All the Living





Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee, That from pain I might be free;

Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:

Thence I gain security;

Comfortless Thy soul did languish

Me to comfort in my anguish.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,

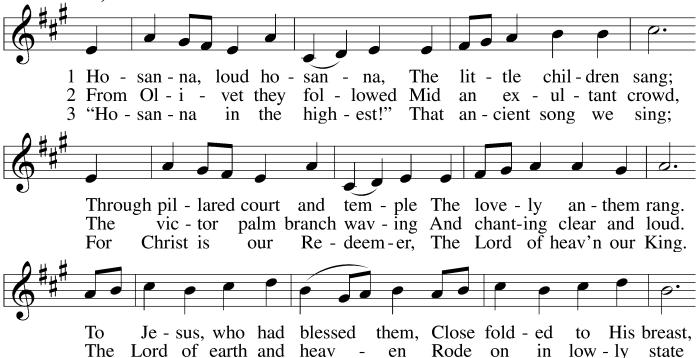
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

- 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently, Even death by crucifixion, Fully to atone for me; Thou didst choose to be tormented That my doom should be prevented. Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon, For Thy sorrows deep and sore, For Thine anguish in the Garden, I will thank Thee evermore, Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing, For Thy bleeding and Thy dying, For that last triumphant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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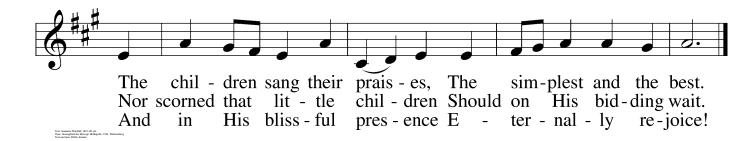
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With heart and life and voice



Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,

for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Thanksgiving LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Salutation LSB 201

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus LSB 202

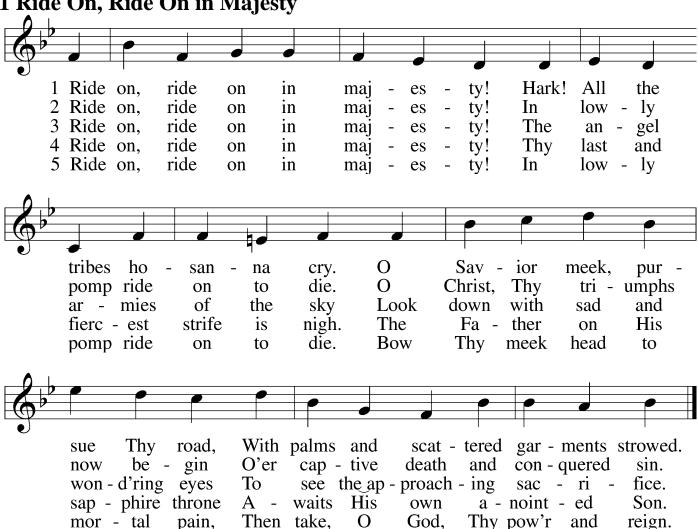
- **A** Bless we the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction LSB 202

 $[\mathbf{P}]$ The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



Postlude:

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Opportunities for Growth

This Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Festival Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday		No Christ Academy
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Divine Service
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil Divine Service
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	9:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service

News and Notes

Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed brunch with the Pancake Man! We had well over a hundred friends join us in showing their support of our Early Childhood Center. We are grateful for the opportunity to enjoy fellowship with both our church and ECC families. Thank you also to Mike Rollins, Silas Lickliter, and Dr. Christensen of St. Paul's Music Conservatory for providing music for our enjoyment.

Soli Deo Gloria!

-Becca Heinicke, Director and the SPLECC Board

Join us for our upcoming Holy Week services this week (see schedule above).

Are you interested in participating in the **Festival Choir** on Good Friday and/or Easter Sunday? Please contact Pastor Frank! We will have rehearsal on Monday, March 25 at 7 p.m.

Eighth Grade Confirmation parents should plan to meet with Pastor Sherrill on Wednesday, April 3 at 6:45 p.m. Contact Pastor Sherrill with any questions.

Kantor's Notes: Someone last week asked a very good question: "Why are the crosses veiled?" This practice is in accordance with a custom which refrains from certain elements of the Service during Passiontide (the last two weeks in Lent). The ancient thought is that we do not deserve to look upon the crosses because we are not worthy of the sacrifice that Jesus has made for us there. The crosses, however, are not taken away completely, for the cross is one of the greatest symbols of redemption and hope for us sinners. The cloth still allows the outlines of the crosses to be visible while dulling their brightness. At the Easter Vigil, the veils will be removed, and we will proclaim with loud shouts of joy, "[Christ] is risen indeed!" Note also that during this time the Gloria Patri is removed both from the Introit and the Nunc Dimittis.

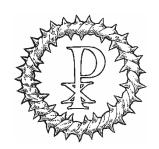
This Week's Memory

Apostles' Creed, Second Article

Psalm 51:1-6

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

Hymn of the Season: LSB 433 "Glory Be to Jesus" (www.stpaulscouncilbluffs.org/hymns)



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