# LITURGY OF HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023

C – Celebrant D - Deacon A - Assistant L – Lector R – Response

We are a community of the Triune God, nourished by Word and Sacrament, sent forth by the Holy Spirit into the Grantville community and beyond to share the life-changing news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

#### **GATHERING**

# WELCOME PRELUDE \*GATHERING HYMN "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" \*INVOCATION

Hymn #886

We make the sign of the cross in remembrance of our Baptism.

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

# **\*APOSTOLIC GREETING**

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R: And also with you.

# **\*PENITENTIAL RITE**

C: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

C: Most merciful God,

R: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

C: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R: Amen.

\*LORD, HAVE MERCY



#### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

C: Let us pray. Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R: Amen.

Please be seated.

#### **WORD**

#### FIRST READING

L: A reading from Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

This is the Word of the Lord. **R: Thanks be to God.** 

Ezekiel 37:1-14

#### **PSALM 130** (sung responsively)

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, | hear my voice;\* let your ears consider well the voice of my | supplication.

If you, Lord, were to note what is | done amiss,\*

### **O** Lord, | who could stand?

For there is forgive- | ness with you;\* therefore you | shall be feared.

#### I wait for the Lord; my soul | waits for him;\*

## in his word | is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen | for the morning,\*

more than watchmen | for the morning.

# O Israel, wait | for the Lord,\*

# for with the Lord | there is mercy;

with him there is plen- | teous redemption,\* and he shall redeem Israel from | all their sins.

# SECOND READING

#### Romans 8:6-11

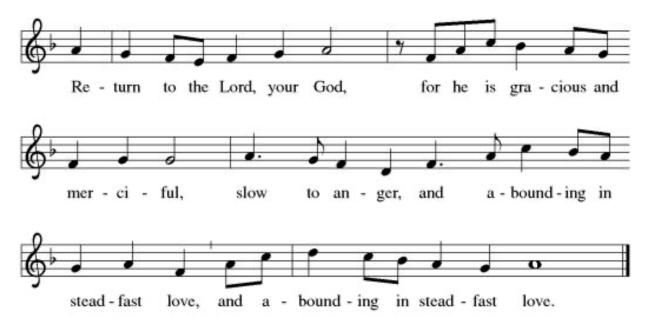
L: A reading from Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the Word of the Lord. **R: Thanks be to God.** 

Please stand in honor of the Gospel.

#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



- C: The Lord be with you.
- R: And also with you.
- C: A reading from the holy gospel according to John.
- **R:** Glory to you, O Lord.

We make the sign of the cross with our right thumb on our forehead, lips, and heart to symbolize the gospel being present in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

#### \*GOSPEL READING

#### John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come

to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. 6So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **R: Praise to you, O Christ.** 

Please be seated.

# HOMILY

Please stand as you are able.

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

Hymn #666

#### **\*NICENE CREED**

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, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven We bow our heads in honor of the mystery of the Incarnation. and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; *Our heads are raised.* 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 catholic 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

#### **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

C: As the time of Christ's suffering and death draws nearer, let us ask the Father to lead us through the dark moments of the Passover of his Son to the glory of his Resurrection. *A brief silence.* 

A: For the holy Church of God, that she may be defended from the snares of the enemies through the Spirit of Christ, who makes his home in her, let us pray to the Lord.

# R: O God, hear us.

A: For those engaged in the Catechumenate Process here at Shells - Emily, Jordan, Gabe, Jacob, Mary, Anna, Riley, Jake, and Audrey, let us pray to the Lord.

### R: O God, hear us.

A: For our law enforcement officers, first responders, and service women & men, especially Matt, Nikolas, Crist, Sam, James, Blake, and Chris, let us pray to the Lord.

#### R: O God, hear us.

A: For the dying, that they may pass peacefully and confidently through the gates of death to meet him who is the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

#### R: O God, hear us.

A: For those who mourn, that the Christ who wept for Lazarus his friend may console them in their grief, let us pray to the Lord.

### R: O God, hear us.

A: For those who suffer in any way, especially - Mim, Ed, Al, Angie, Randy, Alfred, Doug, Keira, Tregan, Lincoln, Lisa, Nancy, Iva, Lucas, Larry, our homebound members and those we name out loud or in the silence of our hearts..., let us pray to the Lord.

#### R: O God, hear us.

A: For the faithful departed, that the Lord may unbind them and let them go free into the kingdom of his glory, let us pray to the Lord.

# R: O God, hear us.

C: Father, hear the prayers of your Church. Bring forth to resurrection the people who trust in your promises. We ask this, through Christ our Lord. **R: Amen.** 

Please be seated while the bread and wine are brought forward for consecration and the offering is collected for the ministry of Christ's Church.

# **MEAL**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" Senior Choir

Please stand as you are able.

**\*PRESENTATION HYMN** 

"God Loved the World"

Hymn #323

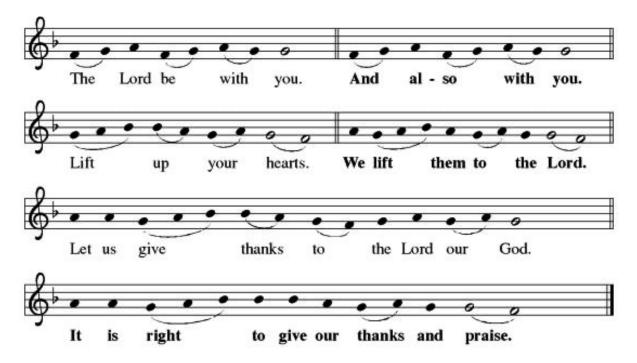
#### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

C: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice of praise and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

**R:** May the Lord accept our sacrifice of praise for the glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

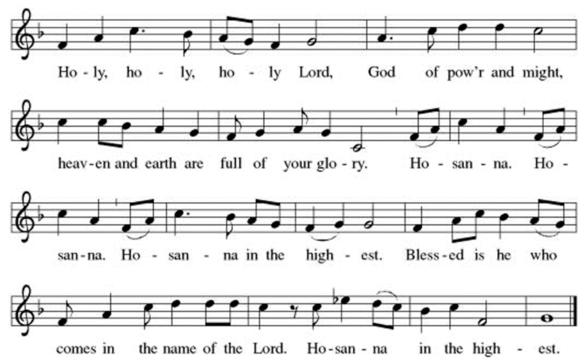
C: Almighty God, may this communion take away the sins of those whom you enlighten with the Christian faith. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **R: Amen.** 

**\*DIALOGUE** 





\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### **\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

C: Father, we acknowledge your greatness;

all your actions show forth your wisdom and love.

- You formed humankind in your own likeness and set us over the whole world to serve you, our creator, and to rule over all creatures.
- Even when we disobeyed you and lost your friendship you did not abandon us to the power of death, but helped all to seek and find you.
- Again and again you offered a covenant to us, and through the prophets taught us to hope for salvation.
- Father, you so loved the world that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior.
- He was conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, a man like us in all things but sin.
- To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation,

to prisoners, freedom, and to those in sorrow, joy.

In fulfillment of your will he gave himself up to death;

but by rising from the dead, he destroyed death and restored life.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves but for him,

he sent the Holy Spirit from you, Father, as his first gift to those who believe, to complete his work on earth and bring us the fullness of grace.

Father, may this Holy Spirit sanctify these offerings.

Let them become the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord as we celebrate the great mystery which he left us as an everlasting covenant.

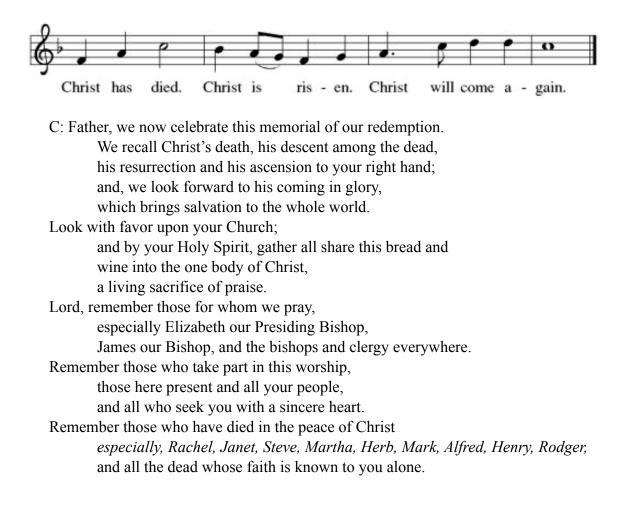
He always loved those who were his own in the world.

When the time came for him to be glorified by you,

his heavenly Father, he showed the depth of his love.

- While they were at supper, he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, saying: Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you.
- In the same way, he took the cup, filled with wine. He gave you thanks and giving the cup to his disciples, said: Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for many so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



Father, in your mercy grant also to us, your children, to enter into our heavenly inheritance in the company of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, and your apostles and saints.Then, in your kingdom, freed from the corruption of

sin and death, we shall sing your glory with every creature through Christ our Lord, through whom you give us everything that is good.

Through him, with him, in him,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honor is yours,

almighty Father, forever and ever.



# \*LORD'S PRAYER

C: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us.

R: 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.

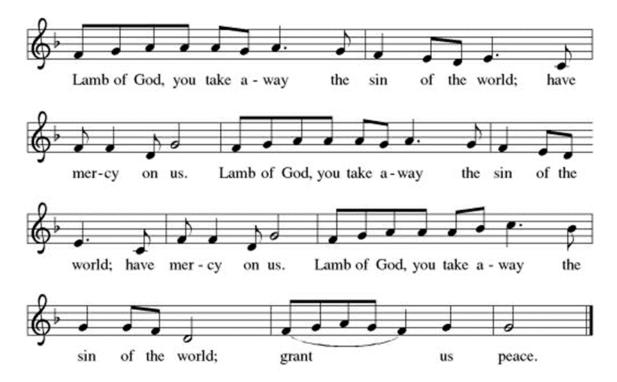
# \*PEACE

C: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

# R: And also with you.

C: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Please remain standing after sharing the Peace.



### **\*INVITATION**

C: This the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**R:** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Please be seated.

#### SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER (for those viewing via live-stream)

A: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

#### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

All baptized Christians who acknowledge the Real Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Bread and Wine are welcome to receive the Sacrament. If you would prefer a blessing come forward and cross your arms over your chest. Beginning with the front pews, form one line and make your way down the center aisle. Please pick up a communion glass from the tray on your right. Receive our Lord Jesus' Body from the Celebrant and, according to where you are seated, receive his Precious Blood from the Assistant and consume both elements. Upon receiving our Lord's Body and Blood, respond Amen. Please place your used communion glass in the tray on the table and return to your seat by the side aisle. Taste and see that the Lord is good!

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

"Lamb of God" Hymn #336 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Hymn #803 "Jesus. Remember Me" Hymn #616

Please stand at the direction of the Celebrant.

# **\*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

#### **\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

C: Let us pray. Almighty Father, by his sacrifice may we always remain one with your Son, Jesus Christ, whose body and blood we share, for he is Lord forever and ever. R: Amen.

#### **SENDING**

# **\*BLESSING**

C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

We make the sign of the cross as God blesses us this day.

C: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

## **\*SENDING HYMN**

"You Are the Way"

Hymn #758

# **\*DISMISSAL**

C: The Worship is ended, go in peace.

R: Thanks be to God.

**\*POSTLUDE** 

We are still in need of children/youth to sign up to serve as acolytes for Sunday and weekday liturgies as well as lectors, prayers/intercessors, and greeters/ushers on Children in Worship Sundays (First Sunday of the Month). Please check your calendars and sign up ASAP! Here is the direct link to the page for you to sign up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/

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practice using this format as well as the Newsletter to notify you.

Hymn #811

#### **THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Celebrant/Homilist Assistant Lector Acolyte Communion Assistant Greeters/Ushers Organist Altar Guild The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, *STS* Gen Whitehaus Erica Strang Douglass Howard Don Whitehaus Joe & Diana Budd Barbara Dupler Sandy Mader & Katie Shellenberger

#### THOSE SERVING NEXT WEEK

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Louise Murphy Rich & Nadine Espensahde Barbara Dupler Diana Budd & Carol Gordon

# STEWARDSHIP/GIVING (February 28, 2023) 2023 Approved Budget \$272, 500

Income: \$36,167.35 Expenses: \$41,155.57

Love of Family Contributions: \$20 Local Food Pantry Contributions: \$772.90 Capital Improvement Contributions: \$1085 Abiding Memorial Fund: \$450 With thanksgiving, we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith. This month we remember *Rachel Dodson, Janet Espenshade, Steve Plouse, Martha Reed, Herb Shaull, Mark Zerby, Rev. Alfred M Strang, Henry Turns Jr, Rodger Beck*.

**Race Track Project:** The Adult Sunday School class will be collecting shave cream and razors for the months of March & April . Thank you all for you kind support of this cause.

The Girl Scouts are continuing their sneaker collection for the next few months. We are collecting any size or condition of sneakers. There is a box in the Narthex. Thank you, Anna and Nora

**Fridays in Lent (Shells) - Private Confession and Forgiveness** from the Lutheran Book of Worship **6-7pm** followed by **Stations of the Cross at 7pm**. No appointment is needed for Confession - simply come to the church and wait your turn in the back pews. There will be a chair up front facing the altar for the penitent to sit in.

**Informal Spring Workday. Please join us and our Scouts for a spring cleanup day!** April 1 from 9 until? Projects include: weeding and beautifying the flowerbeds around the church building, various cleaning projects inside the church to include windows, glass in the sanctuary, and other hard to reach places - see Steve Espenshade that day for a list of more specific tasks. And small painting projects. Anyone who is not available that day, but would still like to help on another day, please see Steve.

**April 8 will be our Easter Egg Hunt in conjunction with St. John Hoernerstown. The hunt** will begin on the lawn of St. John at 11am followed by lunch and story time. Please be sure to come out for the festivities!

National Drug Take Back Day is Saturday April 22 from 10-2 at the following locations: Penn State Health main campus-Academic Support Building, Penn State Health - 121 Nyes Road Office, Penn State Health - 941 Park Drive, Palmyra office, We take any medications or needles. Any questions, please see Kathy Espenshade. **This week at Shells:** 

# March 26 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

*The Fifth Sunday of Lent* 9am Children/Youth Sunday School and Confirmation Fellowship and Coffee Hour after Worship 10:30am Palm Sunday Rehearsal

March 27 at 6:30pm – Bible Study @ St. John March 27 at 6:30pm – Card Ministry

#### March 29 at 7pm - Midweek Lenten Worship @ St. John Lutheran

*5:30-6:45pm - Soup Supper* March 30 at 6pm - Scouts

March 30 at 7pm – Choir Rehearsal

March 31 from 6-7pm - Private Confessions

#### March 31 at 7pm - Stations of the Cross

April 1 at 9am - Spring Workday

April 2 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist *Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Children in Worship* 10:30am Hand Chime Choir Fellowship and Coffee Hour after Worship 10:45am Easter Egg Hunt Preparation

#### **HOLY WEEK 2023**

- April 2 @ 9am Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion We begin with shouts of "hosanna" that turn into "crucify" as we read the Passion Gospel
- April 3 @ Noon (St. John) and 7pm (Shells) Monday of Holy Week
- April 4 @ Noon (St. John) and 7pm (Shells) Tuesday of Holy Week
- April 5 @ Noon (St. John) and 7pm (Shells) Wednesday of Holy Week
- **April 6 @ Noon (St. John) and 7pm (Shells) Holy/Maundy Thursday** We gather to begin the Great Three Days with the institution of the Holy Eucharist
- **April 7 @ Noon Stations of the Cross** *We will pray at the stations in the Sanctuary with music*

#### April 7 @ 7pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

We will remember our Lord's death on the cross and offer our prayers of thanksgiving

April 9 @ 6:30am - Easter Vigil/Sunrise Service We will gather outside to light the new fire and illumine the darkness with the light of Christ and the promise of salvation

#### April 9 @ 9am - Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

We will gather to celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ and his victory over sin, death, and the devil

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