

# *Cross of Christ Lutheran Church*

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*Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!*  
*In the Cross of Christ I glory †*

*Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion*  
*April 10, 2022*

*Weather permitting we gather outside in front of the Church. Palms are distributed before the service begins.*

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

**Amen**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
**Hosanna to the Son of David**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray, mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation:

**that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*JOHN 12:12-19** (ESV)

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Thanksgiving & Blessing of the Palms**

*As the Thanksgiving begins we raise our palm branches.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

Let us go forth in peace,  
**in the name of the Lord.**

\*PROCESSION WITH PALMS

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”* LBW 108

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Let us pray: Almighty God,

**You sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN’S CHURCH

**FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 32: 36-39 (ESV)**

<sup>36</sup>For the LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. <sup>37</sup>Then he will say, ‘Where are their gods, the rock

in which they took refuge, <sup>38</sup>who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection! <sup>39</sup>“See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

The Word of God for the people of God!

**Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM 118: 19-29**

**READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE**

<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>**This is the gate of the LORD;**

**the righteous shall enter through it.**

<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>**The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.**

<sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>**This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

<sup>25</sup>Save us, we pray, O LORD!  
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

<sup>26</sup>**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

<sup>27</sup>The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.  
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

<sup>28</sup>**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.**

<sup>29</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11 (ESV)**

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being

born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Passion of our Lord according to St. Luke, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> chapters.  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

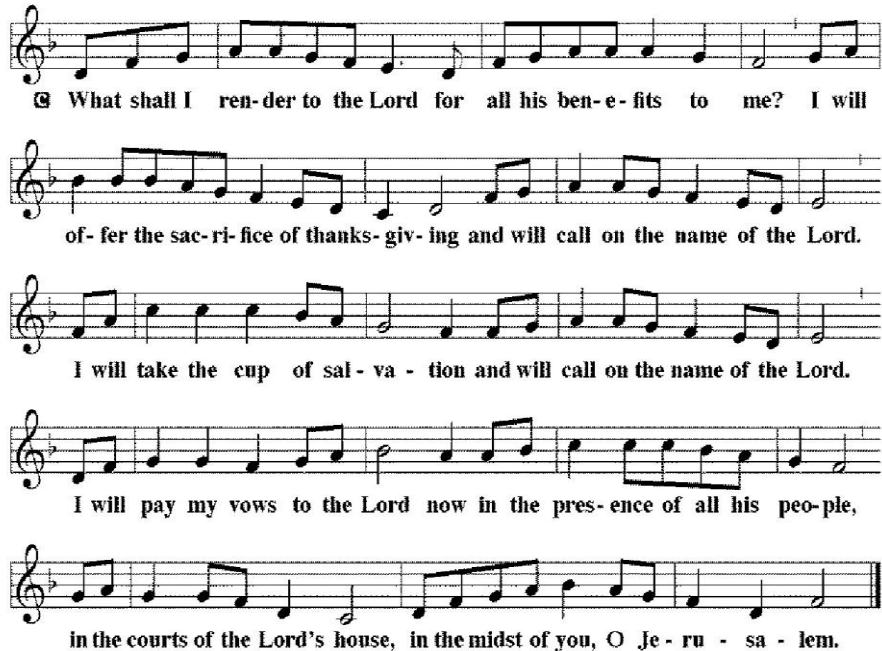
**THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Luke 22: 1- 23: 56** (too long to print) (ESV)  
*The congregation may remain seated as the reading of the Passion begins but will stand for the final portion beginning at Luke 23: 33. There is a pause for silent meditation at the announcement of Jesus' death. (Luke 23: 45)*

**A Moment of Silent Prayer & Reflection Follows the Reading**

\*SERMON HYMN      **“Rejoice, The Lord Is King”**      **LBW 171**

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*THE OFFERTORY



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-fits to me? I will  
of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of sai-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all his peo-ple,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

\*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
**Amen**

\*SENDING HYMN      **“Alas! And Did My Saviour Bleed”**      **LBW 98**

\*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*POSTLUDE      (*\* Please stand as you are able*)

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## **Palm/Passion Sunday**

John 12:12-19

Finally, we have arrived at Holy Week! It may have seemed like a long Lenten season, but it has been filled with writings from the Gospel of Matthew and, of late, Paul's Epistle to the Romans. We have been enlightened by events in the life of Jesus, as told by Matthew, and pondered the deep meaning of Jesus and the Gospel of God's gift of grace in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Now we are ready for the palm procession into Jerusalem and the events to come.

There is much in these seven verses. We hear that a great crowd came out to meet Jesus and welcome him to the holy city. The disciples only understood after Jesus was crucified, risen, and glorified that this was in fulfillment of the Scriptures. The crowds that went out to greet Jesus had been with him along the way, when he called Lazarus forth and restored life to his beloved friend. And we hear how the Pharisees begin to see that they are losing the battle against Jesus—they can do nothing; the world has gone after him!

Sadly, we know that while many have gone after Jesus, it's not everyone. Certainly, the whole world is not going after Jesus. We wish it were so. We wish all people, everywhere, would come to Jesus and know him and his life, death and resurrection. We wish the whole world would confess Jesus as Lord, that we would enter a new era of love, peace and hope in our day. This is not to be, however. We continue to be disciples and followers of Jesus and we continue to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them all that Jesus has commanded. And yes, we observe Holy Week as a public witness to the world, praying that some may notice and join us for worship on these special days.

We hope that the congregation is bold in getting the news out about services during Holy Week. There are those who are just waiting to be invited to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services by a friend, family member or neighbor. **We want to reach the whole world with the invitation to walk with Jesus to Golgotha and to visit the empty tomb!**

*Father, bring the whole world to Jesus, and use me to share the good news.*

*Amen.*

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Johnnie Blackwelder and Nettie Furr's birthdays by Ann Benson and Mary Catherine, Joe, Ann Safrit and Cabot Grew.

**Easter Egg Hunt at Cross of Christ NEXT Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 3 PM till 4:30 PM**, egg hunt, cookie decorating, Easter stories, crafts and Photo Booth. Rain or Shine

**Sunrise Service** is next Sunday is at **7:00 AM** at the outdoor altar. You are asked to bring a chair and **fresh flowers** to decorate the cross. Breakfast is served after sunrise service. Sunday School after breakfast.

### **A-Meal-A-Month Parish Hall Fundraiser – April 16th**

Our next monthly fund-raising meal is this Saturday, **April 16th - Country Breakfast from 7:00AM until 11:00AM**. Come enjoy breakfast and invite others to join you!

**A graveside service will be held for Albert Weast** by his immediate family on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 2 pm at the Cross of Christ church cemetery. The congregation and relatives are welcome to attend. Masks are optional. Light refreshments will be available in the parish building.

### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE – 2022**

Thurs.	Apr. 14	Maundy Thursday	7:00PM Worship
Friday	Apr. 15	Good Friday	7:00PM Worship
Sunday	Apr. 17	Easter Sunrise Service	<b><u>7:00AM</u></b> Worship
Sunday	Apr. 17	Easter Morning Breakfast	7:30AM Meal
Sunday	Apr. 17	Easter Holy Communion	10:00AM Worship



**April 10, 2022**

*We ask that you always have an individual's permission before requesting their name be added to our Prayer List. Contact Pastor Allison or Prayer List Coordinator Belinda Campbell to request additions or changes.*

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people... 1Timothy 2:1*

**In the Fellowship of Cross of Christ**

Kay Barbee; Marilyn Barringer; Kevin Blackburn; John Faggart; Wayne Furr (Recovery from shoulder surgery); Candice Horton; Doris & Frank Klutz; John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast; Bob Yost

**Serving in the Military**

Eaven Allison ( Okinawa , Japan )

**Friends of Cross of Christ**

Family of Bonnie Albright (Friend of Robin Drye – the family asks for prayers during this time of loss)

Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart; Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr; Dave Goff (on Hospice Care); Tommy and Eva Harrel; Brady Krimminger; Doris McCarn; Ensley Morgan; Dianne and Steve Parker; Ronnie Procter; Susan Starling; Connie Walters; Beth Weast (Ben's wife – Dot Daughter-in-law, upcoming test)

**General Prayer Concerns**

Those impacted by COVID  
The People of Ukraine

**Cross of Christ Shut-In**

Sylvia Loggans (Five Oaks, Room # 301)

**Today – April 10, 2022**

Sunday Church School 9:45 AM  
Family Worship Service 11:00 AM  
Easter Egg Hunt 3:00 PM

***This Week***

**THURS:** 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service

**FRI:** 7:00 PM Good Friday Service

**NEXT SUNDAY**

7:00 AM Sunrise Service (outdoors weather permitting)  
7:30-8:30 AM Easter Breakfast  
9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Holy Communion Service

**Next Sunday's Readings**

*Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter*

Isaiah 65: 17-25

Psalms 16

1 Corinthians 15: 19-26

St. Luke 24: 1-12

**\*\* Please remember our shut-ins with a visit, phone call, card, or email along with your prayers**

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