

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"A Disciple Making Community"*

*"KNOW, GROW, and GO"*

West Salem, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Palm Sunday – March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026



***\_Welcome! We are glad you are here today!***

Our mission here at Prince of Peace is to exist to be a disciple making community for the Lord Jesus Christ. Our message is that we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you have questions about the Christian faith or Prince of Peace, our pastor or one of our elders would be happy to talk with you.

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**Our Communion Practice:** *Prince of Peace is a member congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). The LCMS practices the Biblical and historical practice known as Close or Closed Communion (1 Corinthians 11:18-22). In this Supper of Our Lord, we receive the real presence of Jesus Christ’s true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25). Since this is also a sign of our communion, or common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:16-17), we welcome to the Lord’s Supper all those who are catechized members in good standing of the congregations of the LCMS or those in fellowship with the LCMS, such as The American Association of Lutheran Churches (TAALC).*

*It is indeed a consequence of the division in Christianity that we cannot extend a general invitation to receive the Lord’s Supper. Reception of the Sacrament of the Altar by those who are not fully united with us would confess a oneness that does not yet exist and for which we must all pray. New member classes are offered regularly, so that those who are not in fellowship with us can be welcomed to the Lord’s Table in the future! We thank you for your respect for our Biblical and historical practice. Guests, please ask an elder or Pastor Adelsen before the service if you have any further questions concerning the Sacrament of the Altar, including the desire to become a member so we can all join together at the Lord’s Table.*

**Please let us know you were here. Please fill out a Connection Card. You may leave it on the table at the back of the sanctuary or place it in the offering plate. Or leave it at the end of your row and an Usher will collect it. Thank you!**

**Theme for Today's Service:** Crowds pursue Jesus to see Him, hear Him, ridicule Him, and finally crucify Him. The sequence from popularity to persecution unfolds on this Sunday of the passion. Hosanna accolades would be stifled by jeering mockery. The imagery of palm branches would be obscured with the bloodied palms and wounded head of Jesus. Within a week, Christ is adorned in beauty and fame, scorning and shame. For us, He decidedly unravels death's hideous sting.

## PROCESSION OF PALMS

### Greeting

**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** Amen.

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** Hosanna to the Son of David.

### Collect

**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; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Holy Gospel

**John 12:12-19**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>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!" <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as

it is written, <sup>15</sup>“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord

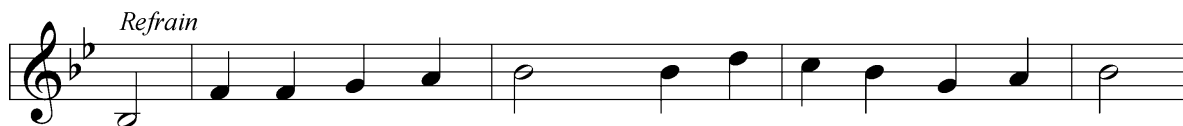
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**P** Let us go forth in peace.

**C** in the name of the Lord.

### Processional Hymn

### LSB 442 All Glory, Laud and Honor



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re - deem - er, King,



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
- 4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
- 5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
 And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.  
 Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.  
 To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

(remain standing)

Order of Service: Divine Service 3)

## Service of the Word

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### Introit

Psalm 24:7-10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26



**P** Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!\*  
We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

**C** **Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,\*  
that the King of glory | may come in.**

**P** Who is this King of | glory?\*

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in | battle!

**C** **Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O | ancient doors,\*  
that the King of glory | may come in.**

**P** Who is this King of | glory?\*

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of | glory!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!\*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

### Kyrie

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#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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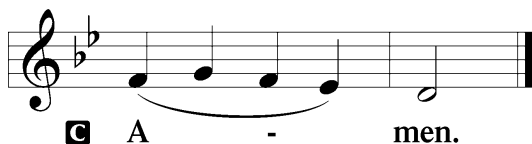
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.  
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.



### Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. <sup>7</sup>But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. <sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty?

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood,  
**thus securing an eternal redemption.**

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,

**so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

He sent redemption to his people;

**he has commanded his covenant forever.**

### Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in

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

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Lent Verse

### 198 O Come, Let Us Fix Our Eyes on Jesus

O come, let us fix our eyes on Je - sus, the  
found-er and per - fect - er of our faith, who  
for the joy that was set be - fore Him en - dured the  
cross, de - spis - ing the shame, and is seat - ed at the  
right hand of the throne of God.

### Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

### Holy Gospel Reading

**Matthew 27:11-66**

<sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." <sup>12</sup>But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, "Do

you not hear how many things they testify against you?" <sup>14</sup>But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

<sup>15</sup>Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" <sup>18</sup>For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. <sup>19</sup>Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." <sup>20</sup>Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. <sup>21</sup>The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." <sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" <sup>23</sup>And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

<sup>24</sup>So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." <sup>25</sup>And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" <sup>26</sup>Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. <sup>28</sup>And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup>And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup>And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup>As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup>they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup>And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. <sup>36</sup>Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup>And over his head they put the

charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." <sup>38</sup>Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." <sup>41</sup>So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, <sup>42</sup>"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" <sup>44</sup>And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

<sup>45</sup>Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup>And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup>And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." <sup>48</sup>And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." <sup>50</sup>And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup>And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup>The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, <sup>53</sup>and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup>When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

<sup>55</sup>There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, <sup>56</sup>among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

<sup>57</sup>When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup>He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. <sup>59</sup>And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud <sup>60</sup>and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and





Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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### **Prayer of the Church**

*Following each prayer read aloud ending "Lord in Your Mercy," the congregation may respond "Hear our prayer."*

### **Service of the Sacrament**

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### **Distribution Hymns**

LSB 971 There Is a Redeemer (print)

LSB 441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

LSB 443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

### **Post-Communion Canticle Nunc Dimittis**

**LSB p. 199**

### **Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Collect**

**LSB p. 200**

### **Salutation, Benedicamus and Benediction**

**LSB p. 201-202**

### **Closing Hymn**

**LSB 444 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet**

### **Announcements**

*Go in peace, serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!*



Prince of Peace News and Notes, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026



Serving the Lord and One Another Today: Accompanist: Deb Dunnum, Song Leaders: Holly Ford; Ushers: Randy & DeAnne Otto; Money Counters: Deb Dunnum, Lori Peters; Acolyte: Caleb Kolander; Altar Guild for March: Sharie Brunk and Lizbeth Novak

Table with 6 columns: Role, Thurs. April 2, Fri. April 3, Sat. April 4, Sun. April 5,6am, Sun. April 5,9am. Rows include Song Leader, Ushers, Counters, Acolyte, and Altar Guild.

Our Response to God’s Gifts Last Week:

Attendance: 64 (Sun & Mon) Offering: \$2,763.35
Weekly Need 2026 Budget: \$3,172.46
(Full Financials are posted on the kiosk in the lobby.)

THIS HOLY WEEK AT PRINCE OF PEACE

Table listing services for Today, Mon. Mar. 30, Wed. Apr. 1, Thur. Apr. 2, Fri. Apr. 3, Sat. Apr. 4, Sun. Apr. 5 (6:00 am and 9:00 am).

**LWML Bake Sale Today!** – If you need a little help with your baked goods for Easter, please stop at the table set-up in the Fellowship Hall and buy some goodies!

**Join Us for Adult Bible Study Today at 10:30am** – **THE APOCRYPHA** We will explore what we, as Lutherans, think about the Apocryphal Books.

**Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Concordia Publishing House** – The church will be placing an order with CPH. Discounts and sale items available. Visit their Website at [CPH.org](http://CPH.org) for shopping. Also, there is a limited item printed catalog on the counter by the mailboxes for browsing. Send an email to [OFFICE@wspop.org](mailto:OFFICE@wspop.org) if interested or leave a note at the church office.

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** We celebrate the risen Lord together! **Easter Breakfast** between the 6am Sunrise and the 9am Divine Services. This is pot-luck style. Looking for Main Dish, Fruit, Beverages and other goodies! Sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex.



**Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** Hot dog **Cook-out** and beverages provided at the fire pit while we do a little church property spring **Cleanup** from 11am – 1pm. See you there! See Randy Otto if you have follow-up questions.

**Building a Lawn Mowing Team** – There's a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex if you would be willing to be in the rotation to mow the church's property. See Randy Otto if you have follow-up questions.

**Church Building Cleaning** – There's a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Remaining for 2026 is monthly commitments for June and November and weekly commitments in December. It takes about 2 hours a week to clean. Thanks!

**Food Pantry Runner** – Once and a while we need someone to take our collections of Food Pantry donations out to distribution points in the community. Leave a note at the church office if this is something you can help with this.



# HOLY WEEK

**MAUNDY THURSDAY  
DIVINE SERVICE: 7 PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY  
TENEBRAE VESPERS: 7 PM**

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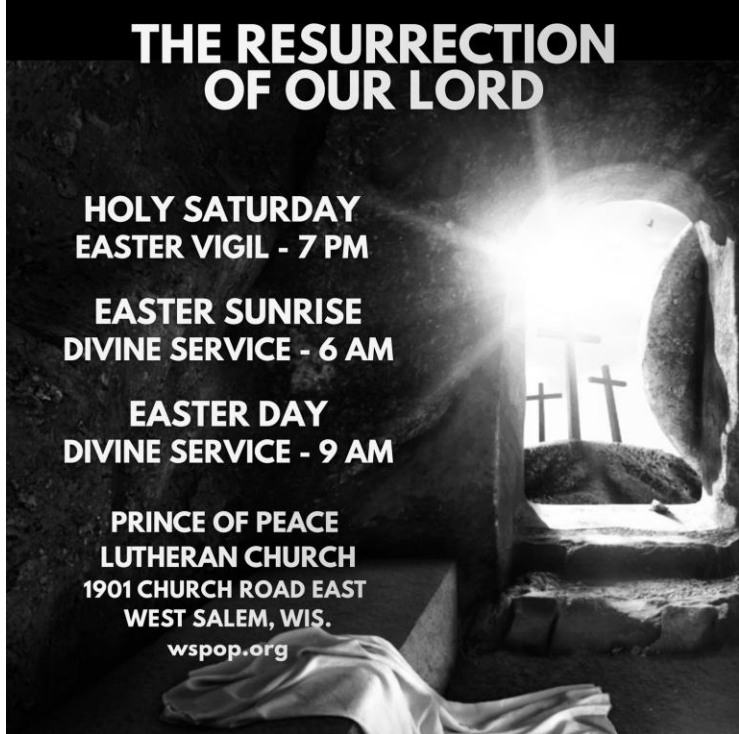
**HOLY SATURDAY  
EASTER VIGIL - 7 PM**

**EASTER SUNRISE  
DIVINE SERVICE - 6 AM**

**EASTER DAY  
DIVINE SERVICE - 9 AM**

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## **Bible Studies at Prince of Peace**

•**Wednesday Morning Bible Study (9:30 a.m.), ISAIAH Meets again on April 8<sup>th</sup>.** Like Israel of old, we, too, sometimes look to other “gods” for help in time of need. We obey God’s Law – when it’s convenient and when we’re afraid of getting caught. Our love is halfhearted, and our other sins, many. In the pages of Isaiah, we find comfort and hope, especially as he describes the coming Savior.

•**Selected Tuesdays, at Features (5:00pm), Men’s Bible Study Meets again on April 14<sup>th</sup>** We continue focusing on three minor prophets: Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephania. The people of Assyria were notorious for their brutality, and they believed that their kingdom would last forever.

•**Saturday’s Online, Women’s Bible Study (9:00am), PROMISED HOPE** – Participants will discover what eight different names and characteristics of God say about who He is and the hope He promises. See Deb Dunnum or Carrie Horstman on how to join online.

**PRAYER CHAIN POP PRAYS!** - Do you know that Prince of Peace has an email prayer chain? If you have a prayer request or want to be on the prayer chain to pray for others, please email Bill Stichman. We rejoice always, pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances. [wstichman@charter.net](mailto:wstichman@charter.net)

**SUPPORTING THE LEYH FAMILY - Update: There is still time to consider this donation. We are preparing to tally the collection and forward it on. Thanks!** Josh Leyh, a member of PoP, is currently in Holy Ministry studies at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. As he, along with his wife Faith and pre-school age son Peter, takes up this task, we, as Christ’s flock at Prince of Peace, are encouraged to support the Leyhs in every possible way through prayer, encouragement, and financial support. Please consider a financial gesture in support of the Leyh family via the Seminary Adopt-A-Student program. We have placed a special collection box for the Leyh family in the narthex. Personal updates from Peter printed and posted on the bulletin board here at church on bulletin board on the way into the Fellowship Hall.

**Weekly Life Thought from Lutherans for Life** - When Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, he gave up, washed his hands, called himself innocent, and let the Innocent One, our Lord Jesus Christ, be taken away and crucified (Mt. 27:24-26). As the world around us continues to call for the death of the innocent, it may seem that we are gaining nothing, and we will be tempted to wash our hands and give up like Pilate. But the Lord, in His mercy, has given you a tongue to speak that you may sustain with His Word those who are weary (Is.50:4). God grant us the strength to speak up on behalf of the innocent ones and let “every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil. 2:11).

## One Thing's Needful

*In Luke 10:42, Jesus says, "one thing is needful," referring to the importance of prioritizing time with God and listening to his word, as exemplified by Mary, over being consumed by worldly tasks like Martha's serving. It emphasizes that nurturing one's spiritual life through intimacy with God is more essential than getting caught up in external activities, even those done with good intentions.*

**INVOCATION** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**INTROIT** Page 5

**MEDITATION** Psalm 31 – is a universal psalm of thanks, prayer and comfort all at the same time. It is spoken in the person of Christ and of His saints who on account of the Word of God, are plagued their entire lives inwardly and outwardly with fears and troubles yet are comforted and delivered by God out of all of them. [FROM READING THE PSALMS WITH LUTHER]

### DAILY READINGS

Palm Sunday	Ex 8:1–32	Heb 1:1–14 (Psalm 118)	
Monday	Ex 9:1–28	Heb 2:1–18	Lam 1:1–22
Tuesday	Ex 9:29 – 10:20	Heb 3:1–19	Lam 2:1–22
Wednesday	Ex 10:21 – 11:10	Heb 4:1–16	Lam 3:1–66
Maundy Thurs.	Ex 12:1–28	Heb 5:1–14	Lam 4:1–22 (Psalm 31)
Good Friday	Ex 12:29–32; 13:1–16	Heb 6:1–20	Lam 5:1–22 (Psalm 22)
Holy Saturday	Ex 13:17 – 14:9	Heb 7:1–22	

### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- That those wandering from the Body of Christ would return to His fold
- The Leyh family, Josh and Faith, and their pre-school age son Peter currently attending Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne Indiana.
- Pray for: Gary & Marietta Adelsen, Barb Alsobrooks, Travis Glick, Bill & Sal Stichman, Tom Schran, Jeff Schmidt, Olivia Gosset (Melissa Adelsen's cousin), Scott Roscovious, Jeramy Schaub

**LEARN BY HEART** Philippians 2:8b *"He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."*

**COLLECT** Page 6

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**BENEDICTION** *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.* (Numbers 6:24-26)

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Acts 5:29-42; 1 Pet. 1:3-9; John 20:19-31