



## Witnesses to it All: The Gift of Holy Week



# holy week

Dear Friends in Christ,

This next week (April 2-9) we travel a centuries old road known as Holy Week. From Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to the night of his betrayal, to his crucifixion and death, and finally his triumphal resurrection, we walk this Holy Week path together with a cloud of witnesses spanning two millennia. Not only do we walk it, we also reenact parts of the story in action, words, and music.

On Palm/Passion Sunday, we grab our Northwest Palms (aka sword ferns) and enter the congregation singing "Hosanna" and praises to God. Just like that week in Jerusalem, the mood shifts quickly from shouts of praise to betrayal and calls for the death of Jesus. We are invited to see ourselves in the readings, imagining what it must have been like to see the embodiment of hope and love hanging from a cross.

On Maundy Thursday, we remember the night before the crucifixion. "Maundy" comes from the Latin "mandatum"

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**GOOD FRIDAY**  
April 7 @ 7pm



**EASTER SUNDAY**  
April 9 @ 10 am

### April Readings

**Saturday, April 1:**

[Psalm 31:9-16;](#)  
[Lamentations 3:55-66;](#)  
[Mark 10:32-34](#)

**Sunday, April 2:**

[Liturgy of the Palms](#)

**Monday, April 3:**

[Monday Holy Week](#)

**Tuesday, April 4:**

[Tuesday Holy Week](#)

**Wednesday, April 5:**

[Wednesday Holy Week](#)

**Thursday, April 6:**

[Maundy Thursday](#)

**Friday, April 7:**

[Good Friday](#)

**Saturday, April 8:**

[Holy Saturday](#)

**Sunday, April 9:**

[Resurrection of the Lord](#)

meaning “commandment”. At the last supper, instituted that night, Jesus said, “A new commandment I give you, that you love one another. Jesus showed what love looked when he grabbed the towel and basin and washed his disciples feet. This day is also known as Holy Thursday.

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. We hear the passion account according to St John, where Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life.

Then at Easter, we see the culmination of Jesus’ triumph over death and the grave at the empty tomb. We shout with Mary Magdalen and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!” Not only is Easter the culmination of the week, it is also a reminder that even in the midst of death and tragedy, life finds a way. Even at the grave, we sing our song. Alleluia!

Allow yourself this week, especially in the midst of the readings, to imagine yourself within the story. Where are you? Where do you hear your own voice? Are you despairing, hoping, or rejoicing? Or maybe all of those things at the same time? You are not alone.

Welcome to Holy Week!

Peace!

Pastor Craig

**Monday, April 10:**  
[Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;](#)  
[Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21;](#)  
[Colossians 3:5-11](#)

**Tuesday, April 11:**  
[Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;](#)  
[Exodus 15:1-18; Colossians 3:12-17](#)

**Wednesday, April 12:**  
[Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Joshua 3:1-17; Matthew 28:1-10](#)

**Thursday, April 13:**  
[Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 2:8-15;](#)  
[Colossians 4:2-5](#)

**Friday, April 14:**  
[Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 5:9-6:3; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11](#)

**Saturday, April 15:**  
[Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 8:6-7;](#)  
[John 20:11-20](#)

**Sunday, April 16:**  
**[Second Sunday of Easter](#)**

**Monday, April 17:**  
[Psalm 114; Judges 6:36-40;](#)  
[1 Corinthians 15:12-20](#)

**Tuesday, April 18:**  
[Psalm 114; Jonah 1:1-17;](#)  
[1 Corinthians 15:19-28](#)

**Wednesday, April 19:**  
[Psalm 114; Jonah 2:1-10;](#)  
[Matthew 12:38-42](#)

**Thursday, April 20:**  
[Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 25:1-5; 1 Peter 1:8b-12](#)

**Friday, April 21:**  
[Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 26:1-4; 1 Peter 1:13-16](#)

**Saturday, April 22:**  
[Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 25:6-9; Luke 14:12-14](#)

**Sunday, April 23:**  
**[Third Sunday of Easter](#)**



**Monday, April 24:**  
[Psalm 134; Genesis 18:1-14;](#)  
[1 Peter 1:23-25](#)

**Tuesday, April 25:**  
[Psalm 134; Proverbs 8:32-](#)  
[9:6;](#)  
[1 Peter 2:1-3](#)

**Wednesday, April 26:**  
[Psalm 134; Exodus 24:1-11;](#)  
[John 21:1-14](#)

**Thursday, April 27:**  
[Psalm 23; Exodus 2:15b-25;](#)  
[1 Peter 2:9-12](#)

**Friday, April 28:**  
[Psalm 23; Exodus 3:16-22,](#)  
[4:18-20; 1 Peter 2:13-17](#)

**Saturday, April 29:**  
[Psalm 23; Ezekiel 34:1-16;](#)  
[Luke 15:1-7](#)

**Sunday, April 30: [Fourth Sunday of Easter](#)**

## **“Shout Out” to our Talented Musicians**

It can be easy to take a gift for granted when you are surrounded by it every Sunday. At least, until you are reminded by others who experience that gift for the first time.

Such is the case with the talented musicians of our congregation. For a relatively small church, we are blessed with great music every Sunday. I have recently been reminded by visitors and folks new to the congregation what a gift our musicians are. I would like to acknowledge them this month.

Everything begins with our Music Director Kaden Christensen. A music educator by profession, his talent and encouraging spirit bless us every week and his love for what he does is contagious.

Our praise band is blessed with gifted musicians, young and seasoned alike. Nancy and Randy Beyers helped start our Praise Band over 20 years ago and they continue to be its heart. Kim Beyers on guitar has blessed us with his gifts for years and young Amelia Gianella continues to inspire us with her vocals, keyboards, guitar, and violin.

Others from the congregation join in to fill things out and add a special something for a particular song. I’m thinking of Sharon Garrick and Lorrie DyrdaHll, both of whom have joined our congregation in just the last few years.

Folks from the community come when they can and they are gifted. I’m thinking of Andree on vocals and the Gianella brothers on special holidays. Finally, Kaden has a knack for inviting former and present students to play with us from time to time and to share their talents. How many congregations are blessed by “The Ballad of Jed Clampet” on banjo for a rousing postlude?

I’m sure there are others that I am forgetting, but musicians past and present have and continue to bless us. We are truly grateful to God for you all!

Pastor Craig



- 5 Chris Fisher
- 9 Molly Gunther
- 10 Robyn Adney
- 14 Pastor Craig
- 15 Donna Comfort
- 15 Kiera Will
- 17 Kate Johnson
- 22 Scott Caufield
- 27 Barb Bannister

**Spring Oregon Synod Lay Education Course: Engaging Conflict for Growth: In Ourselves, Relationships, and Communities**

Beginning April 13, the class meets for six Thursday evenings in a row from 6:30-8 pm. The course is designed with a Lutheran lens and inclusive heart; all are welcome. Course participants and/or their congregations are encouraged to donate, as they are able, on a sliding scale between \$20-\$160, but donations are not required to participate. [Register here](https://tinyurl.com/yzfwjjk2) (<https://tinyurl.com/yzfwjjk2>).

**Council Thank you goes to...**

Tom Ripple for kicking so many building projects into top gear.



**Camp Lutherwood Oregon Spring Work Days:**

**May 6 & June 3.** Spend a Saturday (9 am to 3 pm) volunteering with friends or family to get camp spruced up for summer. Work Days are also a great opportunity to introduce new campers to the site. Lunch is provided. The June 6 Work Day will include the dedication of new property and buildings. Call 541-998-6444 or email [office@lutherwoodoregon.org](mailto:office@lutherwoodoregon.org) to RSVP.

## In Our Hearts & Prayers

### Prayers for

Amy Elliott  
Angela Thompson  
Anna (Grider) Westcott  
Barb Bannister  
Beth Brandt  
Betty Gerhardt  
Bob and Sally Boonstra  
Brant Popma Family  
Brian Wolfe  
Brooke  
Burt Aus  
Carol Smith  
Colin Brown  
Dave Stegmeier  
Dexter Walter Family  
Elaine Bloomquist, family  
Eric Wechter  
Guy Bernard, family of  
Heidi Daniel and family  
Helen D  
Howard & Kathy Brandt  
JoAnn Caufield  
Joyce Colvin  
Kate  
Kylie McMinimee  
Larry Marnella  
Laurie Boyce and Family  
Lawson Roberts  
Linda Bradley  
Lynn Bloomfield  
Mankin family  
Margaret Schultz  
Matt H  
Mike McCue  
Norman Colvin  
Piper  
Roy Steven  
Sandi & Robbie Helman  
Shirley Ann Andreason  
Stetson McMinimee  
Sylvia Peter  
Tom & Joy Nelson  
Traci  
Vern Hopper, family of  
Vi Anderson  
Victims of violence

### Requested by

Barb B.  
Cindy C  
Jim & Doris Grider  
PC  
Mary W.  
Kenton and Mary Wolfe  
Doris Grider  
PC  
Kenton & Mary  
Heather W  
PC  
Helen D  
Heather W  
Dan and Lonnie Harms  
Kay  
Helen D  
PC  
Helen D  
PC  
Mary W.  
Cindy C  
Susan W  
PC  
Barb B.  
Ilene Marnella  
PC  
PC  
Barb  
Lonnie and Dan Harms  
Julie  
Marie Gunther  
PC  
Heather Wechter  
Nancy  
Heather W  
Joyce  
Terri Weatherly  
Ilene Marnella  
Barb B.  
PC  
Mary W.  
Barb B.  
Susan W  
Judi  
Lance

## April Sunday Helpers



April 2

Reader: Kenton Wolfe

Ushers: Kenton and Mary Wolfe

Donut Host: Kimberly Pearson

April 9

Reader: Burt Aus

Ushers: Burt and Judi Aus

Coffee only

April 16

Reader: Doris Grider

Usher: Lance Lyon

Coffee Host: Kimberly Pearson

April 23

Reader: Lynn Ries

Ushers: Lynn and John Ries

Coffee Host: Barb Bannister, Birthday Celebration

April 30

Reader: Marvis Gilnett

Ushers: Lynn Bloomfield and Ilene Marnella

Coffee Host: Helen David

Sweet and Savory Smorgasbord

Please bring a a small plate of something sweet or savory

- Those with memory care issues and those who care for them.
- Those receiving radiation or chemotherapy.
- Those who are in hospice care.
- Our loved ones serving in the armed forces, especially those serving overseas.



***"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." – Frederick Buechner***

**The Joyful Servant Grant Application: 2023  
Funds for \$600 or less to fund community outreach projects**

**What is the Joyful Servant Grant?**

Joyful Servant Grants are Endowment funds that are available to our congregation for local projects that serve those who are struggling in the community. The **applicant** will be the person who completes the application and oversees the project to its completion. We ask that you turn in receipts for money spent. Outreach Endowment funds are available for projects to help serve the community in the sense of Matthew 25:31-46 (bottom of page). Grants may be for any season of the year. What are we called to do? How do we feed, clothe, comfort, lift up, or otherwise connect with those who need us?

**Where does the money to fund this grant come from?**

The Christ Lutheran Church Endowment Fund. Within the overall endowment, the Outreach Endowment serves the express purpose of outreach and evangelism efforts of the congregation within the community. As an endowment, the principal is maintained and the income generated is used for its intended purposes. The costs incurred come from this fund.

**What can the grant be spent on?**

Grants may be, but are not restricted to, those run as specifically faith-based. Awarded amounts will be determined by project needs as well as the overall pool of applications, so smaller projects are certainly welcome! We can award 8-\$600 grants. If we have smaller grant requests, it may be possible to award additional grants. Money may be spent on materials or outside services, but not ongoing salaries. Projects are not open ended, they are only supported financially for one year unless resubmitted and selected again. Cost may be estimated.

**What is the time line for this grant?**

**Applications are available beginning April 2 and must be submitted by April 16, 2023 to Barb Bannister's mailbox or emailed to [1brbann@gmail.com](mailto:1brbann@gmail.com) (preferred).**

If you have questions see Barb Bannister, Linda, Bradley, Marie Gunther, Lance Lyon, or Dale Williamson. Ask for an application by email from Barb Bannister. Winning grants will be announced following the Endowment Committee meeting on May 7th.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. Your congregation appreciates your time, talents and passion!

**Love is Something You Do**  
MATTHEW 25:31-46

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| 1-Hungry         | a-gave me something to eat   |
| 2-Thirsty        | b-gave me something to drink |
| 3-A stranger     | c-invited me in              |
| 4-Needed clothes | d-clothed me                 |
| 5-Sick           | e-cared for me               |
| 6-In Prison      | f-visited me                 |

# April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10 am Palm Sunday Worship 7 pm AA Meeting	3	4 6 pm AA Meeting	5	6 No Maundy Thursday Service this year.	7 Good Friday Worship 7 pm	8
9 10 am Easter Worship 11:15 am Mutual Ministry 7 pm AA Meeting	10	11 6 pm AA Meeting	12	13	14	15 Pastor Craig on Vacation
16 10 am Worship 7 pm AA Meeting  Pastor Craig on Vacation	17  Pastor Craig on Vacation	18 Backpack Buddies ----- 6 pm AA Meeting ----- Joyful Servant Grants Due	19	20	21 Pastor Craig Ethics Convention	22 Pastor Craig Ethics Convention
23 10 am Worship 11:15 am Council 7 pm AA Meeting	24	25 6 pm AA Meeting	26	27	28 Creative Gathering 10 am	29
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Pastor Craig on Vacation April 15-17.  
Thank you Pastor John Reutter-Harrah

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