

Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024
9:30am Worship

The Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

*** Confession & Forgiveness p. 94-96**

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.***

P: 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.

*P: Most merciful God, **C: 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.***

*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.***

*** Gathering Hymn #344**

“All Glory, Laud And Honor”

*** Greeting p. 147** *P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.***

*** Kyrie p. 147** *P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

*P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.***

*** Glory to God p. 148**

*** The Prayer of the Day (all pray)** **Father in heaven, as we walk together, on the road to the cross, during the season of Lent, we pray that the Holy Spirit will fill our hearts, with a desire to know Jesus, more deeply than we have ever known him before. Set our hearts on fire, so that our lives may bear witness to the world, about the love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9

⁴The 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. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But 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. 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. ⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading – Psalm 31:9-16

L:9 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.

C:10 For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.

L:11 Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

C:12 I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.

L:13 For I hear the whispering of many— terror on every side!— as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

C:14 But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.”

L:15 My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

ALL:16 Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!

Second Lesson: 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 emptied himself, by 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 151

* **Gospel Announcement**

* Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **The Gospel Lesson: Mark 11:1-11**

11 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples² and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it."³ If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately."⁴ And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it.⁵ And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go.⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it.⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

¹¹ And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Hymn #225 (*TOSB-sing twice*)

"I Love You, Lord"

The Sermon

"The Messiah That We Need"

(*sermon text: Mark 11:1-11*)

Pastor William Shields

* **Apostle's Creed** p. 105

The Hymn of the Day #842

"Oh, Worship The King"

Offering

* **Offering Response #186**

"Create In Me A Clean Heart"

Prayers

* **The Lord's Prayer** p. 154 **C: 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**

* **Sending Hymn #534**

"Savior, Again To Your Dear Name"

* **Dismissal** *P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.* **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Announcements:

***Altar Flowers
Given to the Glory of God by
Karen and Pete May***

Weekly Schedule of Activities

Tues. 3/26 7:00am Jr. High Study
10-12 Prayer Shawl
Wed. 3/27 6:30am Men's Bible Study
7:00am Sr. High Bible Study
1:00pm Prayer Group
7:00pm Choir
Thurs. 3/28 **1:30pm OWLS Worship**
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service
Communion & Stripping Altar
Fri. 3/29 **7:00pm Good Friday Service**
Sat. 3/30 7:00am Gideons
Sun. 3/31 **EASTER SUNDAY**
7:00am & 9:30am WORSHIP & COMM.
8:00-9:15am EASTER BREAKFAST
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
(Monday, April 1st – Church Office is Closed)

**LWR
Personal Care Kits**

**Any items from the list may be
brought in through March 24th.
Then the display will be removed
before Easter Sunday.**

EASTER BREAKFAST

Will be served by the
Old Wheels committee from
8-9am Easter morning
If anyone would like to donate food for
this event, please talk to Rick.

**The April Newsletter
will not be send until the first week
in April. Calendars & At Your
Service Schedule will be posted on
our website & in the building.**

**Error on March Calendar
Quilters
will not meet on
March 28th.**

**Special Needs Prom
"A Night To Remember"
Saturday, April 20th
5:30pm
At the BC Metro Center**

HOLY WEEK

**March 28 Maundy Thursday
1:30pm – OWLS Worship
7:00pm – Worship & Communion**

**March 29 Good Friday
7:00pm Tenebrae Service**

**March 31 -Easter Sunday
Communion Service
7:00am & 9:30am
Easter Breakfast
8:00 – 9:15 am**

**OWLS MAUNDY THURSDAY
WORSHIP & COMMUNION
1:30pm 3/28
Cookie Fellowship to follow.**

**Old Wheels Meeting
Saturday, April 6th
8:00am
Scruggs' Pond
Breakfast**