

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

PALM SUNDAY

Blessed is the king who
comes in the name of
the Lord!

Luke 19:38

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 13, 2025 | 8:30 AM

The Sunday of the Passion

This day, the last Sunday in Lent, is a hybrid. Palm branches in hand, we join a procession of children and their elders singing sweet hosannas. This process, begun centuries ago in Jerusalem, encircles the earth with ceaseless praise and now winds around our worship space. We are part of a long line of people in need of God's saving grace who rejoice as Christ comes to open the gates of justice and bring heaven's peace.

The procession leads us, in a striking contradiction then, to the cross of Christ and into the mystery of his passion. The one we praise as Savior is the servant who suffers our betrayal, denial, cruelty, and fear. Through these mortal wounds flow streams of mercy, filling the death-bound world and bringing it to life.

We proceed from the passion reading into the meal that, as always, holds together Christ's death for us and his life for us, feeding us with both. "Hosanna!" we sing again. Blessed is the One who comes in gifts of bread and wine. Blessed is Christ Jesus, the infinite love of God.

The Sunday of the Passion is the only Sunday during the year set aside for a complete reading of the passion narrative. For many Christians, there is no other occasion during the year on which they will hear the entire synoptic passion read. The centrality of this story to the Christian faith makes this reading profoundly important.

A nursery room is available with an audio/visual of the service. Please consult with an usher if you need assistance.

"Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you."

Romans 15:7

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church warmly welcomes people of any age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, life circumstance, and physical or mental capability.

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SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

APRIL 13, 2025

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

*You are invited to stand

∞ GATHERING ∞

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GREETING

- P** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C** Hosanna in the highest.

*PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

- P** The holy gospel according to Luke. **Luke 19:28-40**
- C** Glory to you, O Lord.

At conclusion of reading

- L** The gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to you, O Christ

*BLESSING OF PALMS

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you, through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

*PROCESSION

- A** Let us go forth in peace,
 - C** in the name of Christ. Amen.
- The assembly follows the ministers into the church, holding our palm branches high.*

Refrain

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 are 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. Their prais - es you ac - cep - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals 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.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

***CONCLUSION OF PROCESSION**

- Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
- Hosanna in the highest.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- Let us pray. O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL

P The Passion of our Lord, according to Luke.

Luke 22:14-23:56

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

L The Passion Narrative According to St. Luke:

L ¹⁴When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

L ²¹But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²²For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" ²³Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this. ²⁴A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷For who is

greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

²⁸You are those who have stood by me in my trials; ²⁹and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, ³⁰so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

³¹Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, ³²but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." ³³And he said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!" ³⁴Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

³⁵He said to them, "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said,

G **"No, not a thing."**

L ³⁶He said to them, "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one.

³⁷For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled." They said,

G **"Lord, look, here are two swords."**

L He replied, "It is enough."

³⁹He came out and went, as was his

custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." ⁴¹Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴²Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done. ⁴³Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. ⁴⁴In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. ⁴⁵When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

L ⁴⁷While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; ⁴⁸but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" ⁴⁹When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

C "Lord, should we strike with the sword?"

L ⁵⁰Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? ⁵³When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

⁵⁴Then they seized him and led him

away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." ⁵⁸A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" ⁵⁹Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." ⁶⁰But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed.

⁶¹The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶²And he went out and wept bitterly.

L ⁶³Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; ⁶⁴they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

C "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?"

L ⁶⁵They kept heaping many other insults on him.

⁶⁶When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. ⁶⁷They said,

C "If you are the Messiah, tell us."

L He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; ⁶⁸and if I question you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand

of the power of God." ⁷⁰All of them asked,

Q "Are you, then, the Son of God?"

L He said to them, "You say that I am." Then they said,

C "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

L Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²They began to accuse him, saying,

Q "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."

L ³Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." ⁵But they were insistent and said,

Q "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

L ⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹²That same day Herod

and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

¹⁸Then they all shouted out together,

Q "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

L ¹⁹(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.)

²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹but they kept shouting,

Q "Crucify, crucify him!"

L ²²A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." ²³But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. ²⁶As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it

behind Jesus. ²⁷A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

☒ "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

☒ ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying,

☒ "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

☒ ³⁸There was also an inscription on him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying,

"Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

⁴⁶Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." ⁴⁸And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

⁵⁰Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, ⁵¹had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had

ever been laid. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid.

⁵⁶Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

At conclusion of reading

L The Passion of our Lord. **C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MEDITATION

Pastor Karen Boda

*HYMN OF DAY

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

ELW #343

*APOSTLES’ CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Assisting Minister will close each petition with the words, “God, in your mercy,” worshippers respond with the words, “receive our prayer”.

*PEACE

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** **And also with you.**

(Please greet one another with a friendly word or gesture of God’s peace.)

MEAL

OFFERING

The “Who’s Who in the Pew” pads are passed as the offering is received.

OFFERING ANTHEM

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

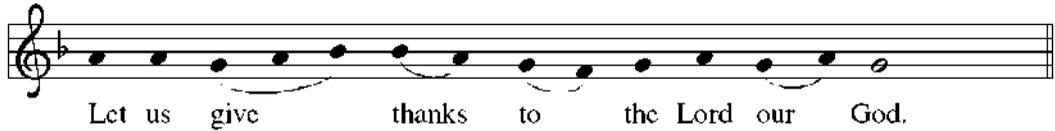
Chancel Choir

-Eugene Oldham

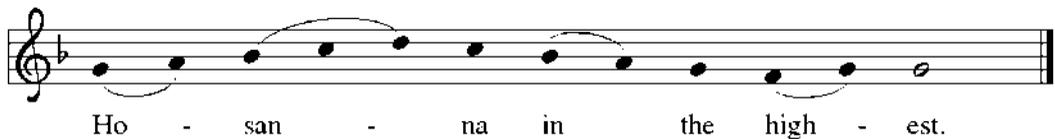
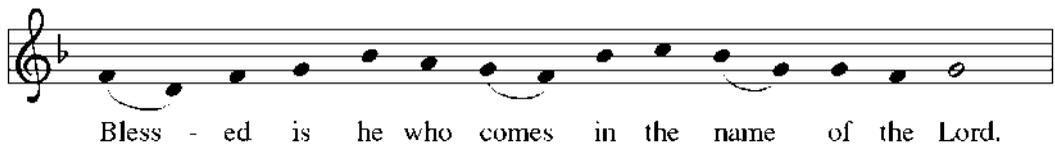
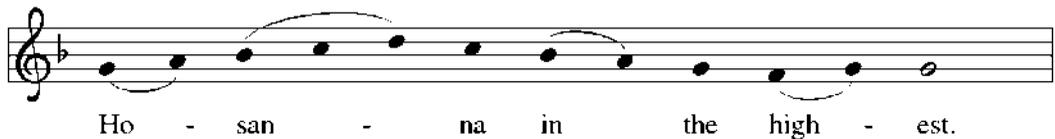
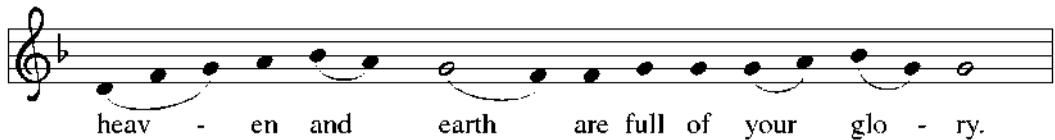
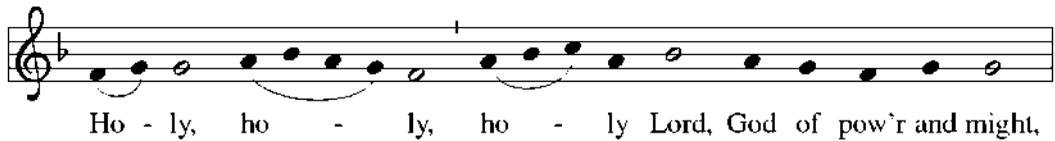
*OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **C** **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION



📌 It is indeed right...praise your name and join your unending hymn



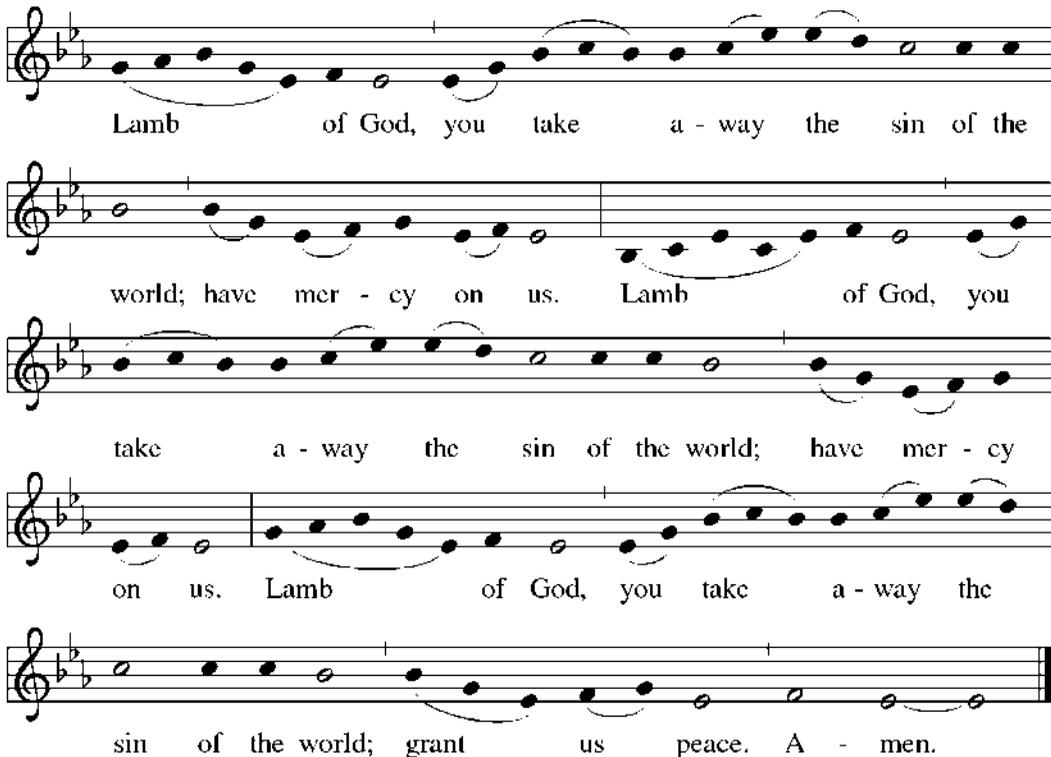
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

“Now Behold the Lamb”

ELW #351

ELW #341

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

☞ May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. ☞ **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

☞ Let us pray. Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. ☞ **Amen.**

☞ SENDING ☞

*BLESSING

☞ God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ☩ bless you now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

ELW #339

*DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in E Minor”

Chase Petersen

—J. S. Bach

Come and Experience Our Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday (April 17th, 12 PM | 7:30 PM)

The term “Maundy” comes from the Latin “mandatum”, meaning “to give” or “to order” — command. After Jesus and the disciples finished the Last Supper, Jesus taught them a new commandment — “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another” (John 13:34).

Our worship service that day will be experiential, with a set of love filled rituals enacted by the church for centuries. We will include corporate confession and forgiveness then the individual laying on of hands and absolution of sins. We will remember Jesus who, illustrating his humility, performed the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging us to do the same for one another. We will share a meal, using the freshest of breads and wine. Finally, we will strip the altar to symbolize the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers before his crucifixion. The altar will be empty, draped in black, with a crown of thorns resting on top. We will depart in silence.

Good Friday (April 18th, 12 PM | 7:30 PM)

It’s “Good” Friday because the events that led to Jesus dying on that cross were primarily about God – God acting in such love for the world that he allowed his beloved son to die. We will enter in silence into the empty room, the unfolding story, the widening hour, and the mystery of faith. We will enter in silence and the shadows of darkness. We will hear the seven last phrases spoken by Christ during the time of his crucifixion, revealing both the divinity of Jesus as well as his humanity. A cross will enter into our space, and we will repent our sins, those known and left unknown, nailing them into the cross. We leave in silence. In darkness. Prepared for the celebration of Easter.

EASTER SUNDAY (April 20th, 8:30 AM Traditional | 10:45 AM Praise | Easter Brunch between services)

*Finally, join us for **Easter Sunday** when God’s love in Jesus transformed the cross, an instrument of terror and death, and made it a symbol of life, hope and forgiveness.*

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AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

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