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Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

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*From a triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the hope and dreams of Jesus' followers seem to collapse into failure, betrayal, and denial. The passion story begins with an unnamed woman anointing Jesus as the new Messiah, but Jesus turns the conversation by saying that this anointing is for his burial. Hope seems to be dying. We live our lives in the daily reality of finding hope in the crucified and risen Christ*

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

## **RINGING OF THE BELL**

## **INVOCATION**

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

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*

**Hosanna to the Son of David!**

*Praise to Christ who comes as Messiah and Savior of the world!*

**Hosanna to the Son of David!**

*We gather as the first Christians gathered on this day, laying their garments before you as you entered Jerusalem in triumph. We raise our palm branches and boldly proclaim for the whole world to hear:*

**Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. We hail you as the Son of God, our Savior and King!**

*We worship you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Amen!*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Mark 11:1-11**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then 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.

**OPENING HYMN**    *"All Glory, Laud and Honor"*

#344 VS 1, 3 & 5

*Refrain*

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son, now in  
the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.**

*Refrain*

**The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.**

*Refrain*

**Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we**

**bring, great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. Refrain**

## **GREETING**

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*God,*

**It was your extravagant and incomprehensible love that sent Jesus to become one of us, and suffer death on a cross. In those moments, it seemed as if hope was dying. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to trust your resurrection promise that hope will rise again. May the cross of Jesus Christ be a living sign that you have changed death into life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Mark 14:1-42**

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> by stealth and kill him; <sup>2</sup> for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

While Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard

it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'

But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this

very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” But he said vehemently, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.” He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## **SERMON**

### *“Hope Dying”*

#### **APOSTLES CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**He will come again 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**

## **OFFERING**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*O .. God, we pray to you: save us in your steadfast love.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who are 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.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever  
and ever. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **SENDING LITANY**

*We have gathered with the crowds crying Hosanna!*

**Because even if we were silent the stones themselves would  
have called out.**

*We have shared the hope for a world about to be changed,  
and then it changed.*

*We have walked with another crowd.*

**One that called words of scorn and condemnation.**

*And now we follow the crowd as it leads out to the cross, and yet even  
as the world grows dark, we cannot lose hope.*

**Because God is with us. God will be with us. Whatever  
happens. We are not alone.**

*And so we watch the crowd and we follow...*

## **SENDING HYMN O Sacred Head, Now Wounded #351 v 1,3**

**O sacred head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!**

**Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.  
What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.**

**VISUAL DISMISSAL** (As hymn is sung)

*The wooden cross is brought to the front of the church to remind us of where Jesus' journey will take him before the triumph of the empty tomb on Easter morning.*

*This journey, which we call Holy Week, begins today and ends on Easter morning. It is meant to feel as one worship service flows into another – Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday to Good Friday to Easter Sunday. To assist in honoring the significance of this week, we will not have a formal dismissal. Instead the congregation will be ushered out when the hymn is finished. Pastor Deb will greet you outside.*

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**We Lift in Prayer...**

**\*\*Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the friends and family of Kyle Davis; the victims of the Atlanta, GA shooting and the Boulder, CO shooting**

**\*\*Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized including Gloria Olawsky; Ashley James; Aldean (Cousin of Deanne Hagen); Esther Downen; Linda Morrison; Glen; Bruce Sunding; Michael (cousin of Donna Zuerlein); Brenda Kummer; Bernadean (mother of Alan Johnson)**

**\*\*Those with on-going health concerns, including Fred Steckman (Brother of Wyone and Joy); Dennis Wilkersen; Kitty Aman; Randy (Shotgun) Schumack; Peg Tesch; Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Pepper (nephew of Mike and Dianna Baschnagel); Marlene (Aunt of Jason Virtue)**

**\*\*For the victims and people of Boulder Colorado, and all those effected by gun violence**

**\*\*For those in long-term care facilities**

**\*\*For our firefighters, our first responders and our frontline & healthcare workers.**

**\*\*For our leaders at every level.**

**\*\*For our siblings in Christ our friends and enemies both near and far**

# UPCOMING Events

## **Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30am** Worship @ OSL and live on Facebook and YouTube

**10:30am** Outreach Committee Meets

**3:00pm** Bear Butte Conference Assembly – Calvary Lutheran Church and on Zoom

**6:30-8:00pm** HS Youth Group Meets

## **Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

*No Bible Study*

## **Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

*No DOG Night video*

## **Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**6:30pm** Maundy Thursday Service @ OSL and live on Facebook and YouTube

*No Evening Bible Study*

## **Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**6:30pm** Good Friday Service @ OSL and live on Facebook and YouTube

## **Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**10:00am** Free Community Drive Thru- Easter Baskets and Breakfast Burritos –  
(See more info in bulletin ad)

## **Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30am, 9:30am and 11:00am-** Easter Sunday Services @ OSL and live on Facebook and YouTube

## **Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Church office closed*

[www.facebook.com/OSLHermosa](http://www.facebook.com/OSLHermosa)

[www.youtube.com/TheOSLHermosa](http://www.youtube.com/TheOSLHermosa)

## **WANTED: Flowers for Easter**

Would you like to loan OSL Easter lilies or other flowers for Easter Sunday? We are loving the idea of filling the altar with beautiful flowers, but will not be having a fundraiser this year. We just need the flowers loaned and then picked up.

Or, if you would like to donate money for flowers to be purchased, in honor or memory of someone, please let Josie know by March 29<sup>th</sup>. A Memorial/In-Honor-Of list will be included in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. Plants/flowers can be dropped off at OSL starting Maundy Thursday, but preferably not until Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. They can then be picked up after the 11:00 Easter Service, or the following week during office hours Tuesday-Thursday 10am-3pm. The office will be closed the Monday following Easter.



# HOLY WEEK @ Our Savior's Lutheran Church



Palm  
Sunday

Sunday, March 28th  
9:30am



Maundy  
Thursday

Thursday, April 1st  
6:30pm



Good  
Friday

Friday, April 2nd  
6:30pm



Easter  
Sunday

Sunday, April 4th  
7:30am  
9:30am  
11:00am

All services will be both in the building and live on Facebook and YouTube. Masks will be worn in the building. The whole community is invited. Bring your friends!

Please call or email the church office to make reservations for the Easter service of your choice so we can keep in check with the CDC guidelines. 605-255-4662 osl@mt-rushmore.net

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## Free Community Drive-Thru Easter Baskets and Breakfast Burritos



**Saturday, April 3rd**  
**10:00am-until we run out of baskets/food**  
**Our Savior's Lutheran Church Parking Lot**

**THE GOOD NEWS CONTINUES!!!**

Join us in the parking lot to receive free Easter baskets for the kids and Breakfast burritos/drinks for everyone! We are not going to let COVID cancel or ruin our Easter fun and celebrations! FREE for the whole community. Spread the word and bring your friends!

**\*\*Children and/or adults must be present to receive burritos and/or baskets.\*\***

*\*Sponsored by the OSL Outreach Committee*



LuMin: The Hills, under the direction of Rachel Nelson, offers post-secondary students opportunities for community, service, fellowship, discipleship, worship, and Bible study at The Luther House in Rapid City and The Living Room in Spearfish. In the last couple of years and in the midst of the pandemic, this ministry has expanded to post-secondary schools beyond just Mines & BH. Students from SDSU Nursing, USD Nursing, WDT, Mines and BH now participate in LuMin activities, building relationships and deepening faith. Rachel has been finding out-of-the box ways during the pandemic to continue to build relationships and deepen faith among students and their families for those who have children. One fun activity has been Zoom meal preparing, conversations and devotions. Rachel delivers meal ingredients to students twice a week and they gather via Zoom to prepare the meals and eat together wherever they are at. It costs about \$160 per student per year to fund this part of the ministry. Your financial donations will help support this wonderful meal ministry as well as all of the other LuMin activities. Your donation will also help OSL retain the title of "Most Tickets Sold/Largest Financial Donation" given at the LuMin Chili Cook-Along fundraiser on March 21. This means we can keep the trophy for another year! 😊 Contributions can be placed in the Globe offering, the offering plate, mailed to OSL or given to the Mission of the Month using Tithely. Checks can be made out to OSL with "Mission" in the memo line. Thank you for your help.

## ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

Because of the amazing generosity of our congregation, we have raised over \$14,000 for our Sound and Broadcasting Systems Project! This includes two previous challenges that were met for \$1000 each!

**A third \$1000-matching challenge has been issued by anonymous members of the congregation! Yes, they will match up to another \$1000!**

If you can give to this challenge, please do. And a huge thank you to everyone that has already donated.