

Our Journey Together

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The Holiest of Weeks
a word from
Pastor Teresa



He was oppressed and tormented, but didn't open his mouth. Like a lamb being brought to slaughter, like a ewe silent before her shearers, he didn't open his mouth. - Isaiah 53:7

This month all of Christendom will celebrate Holy Week and Easter as we wrap up the season of Lent. I think that all Christians are familiar with the celebration of Easter as the day the church remembers that Jesus Christ did indeed rise from the dead. But what exactly is Holy Week, and is this something we need to think about?

Technically, Holy Week is the time the church commemorates Jesus' time in Jerusalem before and including the crucifixion. A lot happens during that time, beginning with the triumphant entry into the city as people waved palms and shouted Hosanna! (By the way, the word Hosanna is just another word for praise). From there Jesus encounters the Pharisees, celebrates the Last Supper with his disciples, prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, is betrayed, arrested, denied, tried, beaten, hung on the cross, dies, and rises again on Easter Morning.

Why is this week important to our faith? Well, from the highs to the lows of Holy Week we have the entirety of our experience wrapped up. There are times all is well, and we freely and openly praise God, there are times we hunger for a closeness with Christ, there are times we betray him, deny him, hurt him. And there are times we celebrate that he has overcome death itself. Holy Week is the time in which all of our experiences with God get played out—for good and for ill. So, let's walk that road with Christ once more this year, as we strive to draw closer to God in all of our life. It is not an easy walk, but it is honest, it is true, and it is necessary for us to truly feel the joy of Easter Morning.



Content Due

Do you have items you would like included in next month's newsletter? If so, please have them into the church office no later than April 18.



Financial Update from Administrative Council



Financial Update as of February 28, 2022:

2022 General Fund Income Year to Date:	\$23,042.37
2021 General Fund Expenses Year to Date:	\$27,526.87
General Fund Difference:	-\$4484.50



Challenge

At the start of a New Year there is a time for new beginnings, for fresh starts. So, this year I have a challenge and an invitation for all of you. Would you join with me in reading through the Bible this year. Each month in the newsletter I will include a daily reading schedule. This schedule takes a bit from the Old Testament, a bit from the New Testament, and a bit from the Psalms and Proverbs each day. This is a fun way to learn and grow together as a body of faith—if we are all reading the same pieces of Scripture on the same days, and seeing how God uses that to bless us, and our community through us. If there is a desire, I would also love to hold a weekly discussion group on our readings to further our understanding of the readings. Please contact Pastor Teresa if you are interested in that.

Let's take up this challenge, and see what great things God will do!

Birthdays:



Apr 1 Barbara Slunecka
 Apr 2 Savanna Bowar
 Apr 4 Faith Bowar
 Apr 4 Julie Canham
 Apr 6 Heidi Hoftiezer
 Apr 7 Heather Kopecky
 Apr 7 Shelley Moncur
 Apr 8 Kadie Fernholz
 Apr 9 Noah Grogan
 Apr 10 Lyle Goodall
 Apr 15 Mary Breitling

Apr 23 Allison Grogan
 Apr 23 Kael Ruhnke
 Apr 25 Lucas Blackburn
 Apr 25 Violet Moncur
 Apr 29 Katie Otteson

Anniversaries:

Apr 24 Gordon & Barbara Slunecka

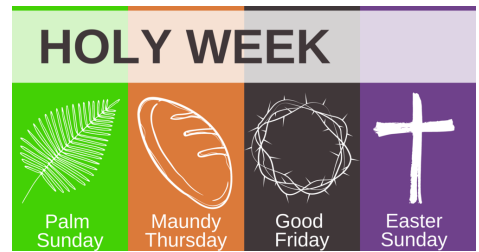
April Bible Readings

Day	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms & Proverbs
Apr 1	Numbers 31:25-54, Numbers 32	Luke 8:40-56, Luke 9:1-9	Psalms 40:1-8
Apr 2	Numbers 33, Numbers 34	Luke 9:10-27	Proverbs 8:22-31
Apr 3	Numbers 35, Numbers 36:1-12	Luke 9:28-56	Psalms 40:9-17
Apr 4	Deuteronomy 1, Deuteronomy 2:1-23	Luke 9:57-62, Luke 10:1-24	Psalms 41:1-6
Apr 5	Deuteronomy 2:24-Deuteronomy 4:14	Luke 10:25-42, Luke 11:1-4	Psalms 41:7-13
Apr 6	Deuteronomy 4:15-49, Deuteronomy 5	Luke 11:5-32	Proverbs 8:32-36
Apr 7	Deuteronomy 6, Deuteronomy 7, Deuteronomy 8	Luke 11:33-54	Psalms 42:1-6
Apr 8	Deuteronomy 9, Deuteronomy 10	Luke 12:1-34	Psalms 42:7-11
Apr 9	Deuteronomy 11, Deuteronomy 12	Luke 12:35-59	Psalms 43:1-5
Apr 10	Deuteronomy 13, Deuteronomy 14	Luke 13:1-30	Proverbs 9:1-12
Apr 11	Deuteronomy 15, Deuteronomy 16:1-20	Luke 13:31-35, Luke 14:1-14	Psalms 44:1-12
Apr 12	Deuteronomy 16:21-22, Deuteronomy 17, Deuteronomy 18	Luke 14:15-35	Psalms 44:13-26
Apr 13	Deuteronomy 19, Deuteronomy 20	Luke 15:1-32	Psalms 45:1-9
Apr 14	Deuteronomy 21, Deuteronomy 22	Luke 16:1-18	Proverbs 9:13-18
Apr 15	Deuteronomy 23, Deuteronomy 24, Deuteronomy 25:1-19	Luke 16:19-31, Luke 17:1-10	Psalms 45:10-17
Apr 16	Deuteronomy 26, Deuteronomy 27, Deuteronomy 28:1-14	Luke 17:11-37	Psalms 46:1-11
Apr 17	Deuteronomy 28:15-68	Luke 18:1-30	Psalms 47:1-9
Apr 18	Deuteronomy 29, Deuteronomy 30:1-10	Luke 18:31-43, Luke 19:1-10	Proverbs 10:1-10
Apr 19	Deuteronomy 30:11-20, Deuteronomy 31:1-29	Luke 19:11-44	Psalms 48:1-8
Apr 20	Deuteronomy 31:30, Deuteronomy 32	Luke 19:45-48, Luke 20:1-26	Psalms 48:9-14
Apr 21	Deuteronomy 33, Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Luke 20:27-47, Luke 21:1-4	Psalms 49:1-20
Apr 22	Joshua 1, Joshua 2	Luke 21:5-38	Proverbs 10:11-20
Apr 23	Joshua 3, Joshua 4, Joshua 5:1-12	Luke 22:1-38	Psalms 50:1-15
Apr 24	Joshua 5:13-15, Joshua 6, Joshua 7	Luke 22:39-62	Psalms 50:16-23
Apr 25	Joshua 8, Joshua 9:1-15	Luke 22:63-71, Luke 23:1-25	Psalms 51:1-9
Apr 26	Joshua 9:16-27, Joshua 10	Luke 23:26-56	Proverbs 10:21-30
Apr 27	Joshua 11, Joshua 12	Luke 24:1-35	Psalms 51:10-19
Apr 28	Joshua 13, Joshua 14	Luke 24:36-53	Psalms 52:1-9
Apr 29	Joshua 15, Joshua 16	John 1:1-28	Psalms 53:1-6
Apr 30	Joshua 17, Joshua 18	John 1:29-51	Proverbs 10:31-32, Proverbs 11:1-8


Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week is fast approaching, and as usual, we have many events planned. On Palm Sunday (Apr 10th) we will have a waving of the palm branches, and a parade around the sanctuary by the kids during children’s time. On Maundy Thursday, we will be joined by the Presbyterians for worship at 6pm. On Good Friday, we will worship with the Lutherans and the Presbyterians at the Lutheran Church at 6pm. We will celebrate Easter here in our sanctuary at our normal worship time of 10:30.

I hope you will join us for all of the Holy Week Activities.



Fun & Games




A POWERFUL CALLING

Before his ascension, Jesus tells the disciples they will receive a gift and carry out a job.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

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☞	S	P	W
⚓	O	A	I
⊗	T	N	E



“But you will receive _____ when the Holy _____ comes on you; and you will be my _____ in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the _____.”

ACTS 1:8, NIV

Answer: power, Spirit, witnesses, earth



As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, crowds praised him loudly. When Pharisees told him to silence the people, what did Jesus say would shout if his followers didn't?

- A. Stones
- B. Palm branches
- C. Trees
- D. Hillsides


Answer: A (See Luke 19:40.)

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Bible Quiz

All four Gospels tell of a woman anointing Jesus. Details vary; clearly, she isn't the same person in all accounts. In John, who is she?

- A. Jesus' mother, Mary
- B. Mary Magdalene
- C. Mary of Bethany (sister of Martha and Lazarus)
- D. None of the above



Answer: C (See Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-39; John 12:1-8.)

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



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Held in God's love

We would like to think that once we turn our lives over to Christ, everything will run smoothly. When such is not the case, we might question whether our faith is strong enough or what we are doing wrong. The fact is, we live in a broken world, and sufferings come upon all people.



In the words of 14th-century mystic Julian of Norwich: "If there is anywhere on earth a lover of God who is always kept safe, I know nothing of it, for it was not shown to me. But this was shown: that in falling and rising again we are always kept in that same precious love."

We might take comfort in the fact that our struggles are not so different from those experienced seven centuries ago. We are "normal," after all! But the greatest assurance is that no matter what we face in life, Jesus walks with us, the Holy Spirit strengthens us, and "we are always kept in God's precious love."