# Palmarum



"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

# Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023 9:30 a.m.

<u>This Morning's Hymns</u> 438 443 561 537 454 441

# + PROCESSION OF PALMS +

The congregation gathers in the narthex.

# Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit 
  → be with you all.
- C Amen.
- **P** Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.
- **C** Hosanna to the Son of David.

### Collect

- P Let us pray. Most Merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your Dearly Beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Holy Gospel

Luke 19:29–40

- **P** The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:
- **C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time: <sup>29</sup>When Jesus drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. <sup>33</sup>And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>And they said, "The Lord has need of it." <sup>35</sup>And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>And as He rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As He was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of His disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the Name of the Lord! Peace in Heaven and glory in the highest!" <sup>39</sup>And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." <sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.
- P Let us go forth in peace,
- **C** in the Name of the Lord.

# All Glory, Laud, and Honor



- P Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.
- C Hosanna in the highest!

# Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- Let us pray. Almighty and Everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Zechariah 9:9–12

*In those days the prophet Zechariah said:* 

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your King is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is He,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and He shall speak peace to the nations;

His rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the Blood of My covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual \*

You hold my | right hand.\*

You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will receive me to | glory.

Psalm 73:23b-24, 1

Truly God is good to | Israel,\* to those who are | pure in heart.

**Epistle**Philippians 2:5–11

Brethren: <sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the Name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, in Heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

**Tract** *Psalm* 22:1, 4–5



My God, My God, why have You for- I saken Me?\*

Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of My | groaning?

In You our fathers | trusted;\*

they trusted, and You de- | livered them.

To You they cried and were | rescued;\*

in You they trusted and were not | put to shame.

# The Passion of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew

The congregation remains seated and participates by reading the sections in underlined, bold type.

When Jesus had finished all these sayings, He said to His disciples, "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified." Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill Him. But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people."

Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came up to Him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on His head as He reclined at table. And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor." But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to Me. For you always have the poor with you,

but you will not always have Me. In pouring this ointment on My body, she has done it to prepare Me for burial. Truly, I say to you, wherever this Gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."

Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I deliver Him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray Him.

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will You have us prepare for You to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.'" And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, He reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, He said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." And they were very sorrowful and began to say to Him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with Me will betray Me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." Judas, who would betray Him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's Kingdom."

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of Me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter answered Him, "Though they all fall away because of You, I will never fall away." Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." Peter said to Him, "Even if I must die with You, I will not deny You!" And all the disciples said the same.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." And taking with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then He said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with Me." And going a little farther He fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And He said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again, for the second time, He went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, Your will be done." And again, He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes

were heavy. So, leaving them again, He went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. Then He came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, My betrayer is at hand."

While He was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The One I will kiss is the Man; seize Him." And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed Him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him. And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once send Me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" At that hour, Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture Me? Day after day I sat in the Temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left Him and fled.

Then those who had seized Jesus led Him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. And Peter was following Him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put Him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, "This Man said, 'I am able to destroy the Temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days." And the high priest stood up and said, "Have You no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against You?" But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of Heaven." Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard His blasphemy. What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." Then they spit in His face and struck Him. And some slapped Him, saying, "Prophesy to us, You Christ! Who is it that struck You?"

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you mean." And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." And again he denied it with an oath: "I do not know the Man." After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you." Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the Man." And immediately the rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." And he went

out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death. And they bound Him and led Him away and delivered Him over to Pilate, the governor.

Then when Judas, His betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." And throwing down the pieces of silver into the Temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money." So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers. Therefore, that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of Him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me."

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked Him, "Are You the King of the <u>Iews?</u>" Jesus said, "You have said so." But when He was accused by the chief priests and elders, He gave no answer. Then Pilate said to Him, "<u>Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?</u>" But He gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered Him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous Man, for I have suffered much because of Him today in a dream." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let Him be crucified!" And he said, "Why? What evil has He done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let Him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; see to it yourselves." And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered Him to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before Him. And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head and put a reed in His right hand. And kneeling

before Him, they mocked Him, saying, "<u>Hail, King of the Jews!</u>" And they spit on Him and took the reed and struck Him on the head. And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the robe and put His own clothes on Him and led Him away to crucify Him.

As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry His cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered Him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when He tasted it, He would not drink it. And when they had crucified Him, they divided His garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over Him there. And over His head they put the charge against Him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross." So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked Him, saying, "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in Him. He trusts in God; let God deliver Him now, if He desires Him. For He said, 'I am the Son of God." And the robbers who were crucified with Him also reviled Him in the same way.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This Man is calling Elijah." And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him." And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up His spirit.

[Pause for silence and meditation. A bell is tolled 33 times for the years of our Lord's humiliation.]

And behold, the curtain of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "<u>Truly this was the Son of God!</u>"

There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the

tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while He was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples go and steal Him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

Stand

#### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose Kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in One Holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

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The Prayer of the Church

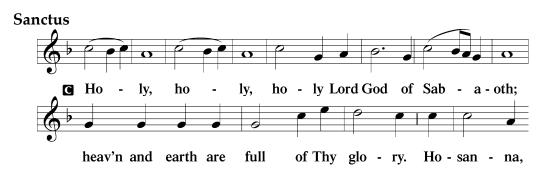
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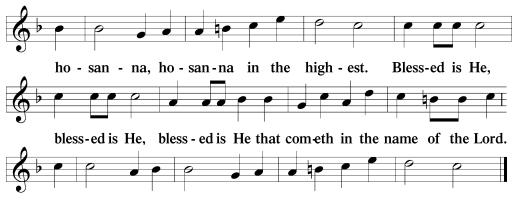
## **Preface**



## **Proper Preface**

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your Glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:





Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

# The 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.

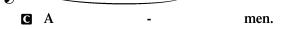
#### The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

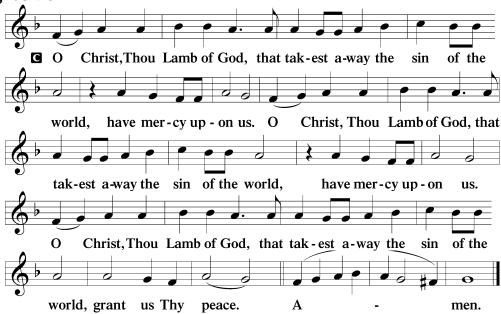
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My + Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always.







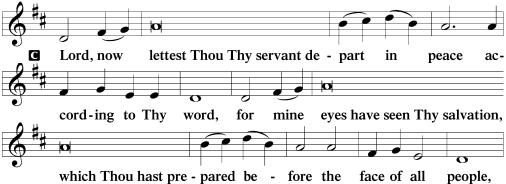
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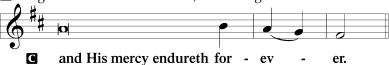
# **Nunc Dimittis**





# **Thanksgiving**

P O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.



P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your Only-Begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# Salutation and Benedicamus



### **Benediction**

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and 

→ give you peace.



## Hymn

# Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

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# **BULLETIN NEWS**

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, April 2	9:30am	Divine Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	Adult Bible Class	Irmer Hall
		Sunday School	Mueller Hall
Wednesday, April 5	1:00pm	Bible Study	Library
	3:30pm	Confirmation Class	Pastor's Study
Thursday, April 6	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Sanctuary
Friday, April 7		Church Office Closed	
	12:30pm	Graveside Service for	Resthaven Park
		Arbutus Wood	Cemetery
	7:00pm	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
Saturday, April 8	8:30am	CPR Class	Irmer Hall
	7:00pm	Easter Vigil	Atonement LC
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<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>	BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS	
03/03 – Robert Moreno	03/01 – Judith Kuhajda	
03/04 – Joan Jastram, missionary family	03/09 – Lutecia Belleh	
03/06 – Barbara Sand	03/14 – Dylan Parcenka	
03/18 – Isabella Parcenka	03/23 – Leanna Acuña	
03/25 – Jeanne Schubring	03/26 – Jorge Jimenez	
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	04/07 – Pauline Belleh	
	04/07 – Felicia Suzar	

# **ANNIVERSARIES**

03/22 – Charlie & Sharon Cook

#### GRAVESIDE SERVICE FOR ARBUTUS WOOD

There will be a graveside service for Arbutus Wood at 12:30pm on Friday, April 7, 2023. Her remains will be interred at Resthaven Park Cemetery in Glendale. The address is 6450 W Northern Ave. The congregation is welcome to attend.

#### LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR EASTER LILIES

Please sign up for EASTER Lilies TODAY! The cost for Lilies is \$10.00 per plant. **The deadline for orders is today**. Please use the white pew envelopes under, "LILIES FOR EASTER." Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church (please write Easter Lily on the memo line). If you would like to include a Dedication or Memorial, please note that as well.

#### **THRIVENT**

LWML is working on a project to help update our kitchen. Did you know that Thrivent can help? If you have a Thrivent (formerly AAL/Lutheran Brotherhood) life insurance policy, you are able to apply for a \$250 grant each year. Contact Jeanne Schubring at (916) 205-7071 for more information.

#### BABY BOTTLE DRIVE ENDS NEXT SUNDAY

**Please return your baby bottle next Sunday, April 9th.** We will be collecting money to support the work of Life Choices Women's Clinic. Baby bottle coin banks will be available on the narthex counter during the season of Lent. Once you've filled a bottle bring it back to church and exchange it for an empty one. The bottle drive will conclude on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023. For more information about Life Choices, visit <a href="https://www.lcwcaz.org">www.lcwcaz.org</a>.

#### TIME TO RENEW ANNUAL LUTHERAN WITNESS

Lutheran Witness renewal for the new subscription year is July 2023. The price is \$19.20 for 11 issues (June/July is a combined edition). They are delivered to your home address. If you are interested in receiving the Lutheran Witness Magazine, please contact the church office. For payment, please use the pew envelopes, designate for Lutheran Witness. Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church (please write Lutheran Witness on the memo line) and place it in the offering collection plate on Sunday. The deadline to subscribe is April 23. You may also subscribe to the magazine directly at <a href="https://www.cph.org/witness">www.cph.org/witness</a>.

#### **HOLY WEEK PODCASTS**

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Hymn "O Lord, We Praise Thee," The Seven Words of Christ from the Cross, The Hymn "Upon the Cross Extended," Apparent Contradictions in the Events of Holy Week, and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

## **LET US PRAY FOR...**

Please keep this list available for your daily devotions. For prayer requests Church office (623) 846-2228, or email at <u>info@stpaullutheran-az.com</u>. Prayer requests are removed after three weeks.

### **IMMEDIATE CONCERNS:**

Kevin Stamm - leakage complications after surgery will require reopening surgical incision

Beulah Richards – for health concerns

Christopher Richards – recovering from fall and receiving physical therapy

Barbara Sand - upcoming doctor appointments to address multiple health issues

Chanel Harrington – recovering from surgery.

#### **ON-GOING CONCERNS:**

Charlie Cook - recovering at home

Bea Hendricks – fell and currently in a care center

Michael Moreno – recovering from surgery

Rose Tressler – health issues

Jon Brant – health problems

Dennis Stonecypher - seeking employment

Suzanne Berna – health concerns

Wayne Bartels – ongoing health issues

**Suzi Riley** – suffering from sleep apnea **Jorge Jimenez** – fighting cancer

Nicholas Jimenez, Linda Rossow, Jim Rucker, Pat Haas, Judith Kuhajda

## **FAMILY AND FRIENDS:**

Darlene Hulteen (sister of Vickie Hulteen) will be leaving Phoenix to return to Georgia on Saturday, April 1.

**Robin Proctor** (mother of Pastor Proctor) broke her wrist and recovering from surgery.

Pam Werdabaugh (mother of Dan Noggle) diagnosed with cancer and undergoing radiation treatment.

Jean Lorenzen (mother of Debbie Dyjak) cognitive function has worsened and has entered a care facility.

#### THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:

Family and friends of Arbutus Wood, died March 5.

#### **MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY ST. PAUL:**

Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram and wife, Joan, serving in Japan.

Rev. Steven Massey and son, Marco, serving in Guatemala. PSWD Missions

Rev. Stephen Oliver and wife, Maggie, and children, serving in Taiwan and the Asia Region.

## PRAY FOR ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH/THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD:

The Rev. Jeff Proctor and family

Sunday School teachers & children

Maryvale Preparatory Academy families & staff

LCMS officers, congregations & schools

Lexington Life Academy families & staff

**OUR NATION:** For all elected and appointed public servants, and all who labor to maintain peace and order.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (members, friends, or relatives): Juan Garcia, Tiffany Gilmore, Robert Gilmore, Ethan Peterman, Robert Majewski, Mike Nguyen, Jacob Wilson, Lucas Butterfass, Nathanael Dyjak, Erich Dyjak

**OUR SHUT-INS:** Anne Smith