

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR LUTHERAN CHURCH
PALM/PASSION WEEKEND
SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025
SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025



Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

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DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

“Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

PROCESSIONAL: (9:30) “ProceSSIONal in C”

Handbell Choir

HYMN ELW #344 ALL GLORY LAUD AND HONOR

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 - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

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.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

PROCLAMATION

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

CHOIR ANTHEM (9:30): “Antiphonal Hosanna” -Smith

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (9:30)

Kelly Sachse

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant’s obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

⁴The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: “Stones Cry Out”

Rev. Brian Hooper

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO LUKE (22:14—23:56)

HYMN OF THE DAY #343 My Song is Love Unknown

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

L: Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. We lift to you those who live in the crossfire of war and conflict, especially the people of Ukraine, Gaza and Israel. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Bring healing and comfort to all those who are sick, facing medical procedures, dealing with addiction, lonely, afraid or in any way afflicted. We name now, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts, those who are near and dear to us. *(pause)* God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

CHOIR ANTHEM (9:30): “Ah, Holy Jesus” -Althouse

OFFERING

Thank you for sharing your gifts. Offerings can also be made electronically using the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app. More information can be found on our website ssmelca.org. or use the QR codes listed here:



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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: 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.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Partaking of the elements will occur after the Lord's Prayer. You will have the opportunity to come forward to receive communion. If you are unable to come forward please inform an usher and communion will be brought to your seat, otherwise prepare your prepackaged elements by opening the two separate parts, wafer and juice (if you need assistance, please wave to an usher).

WORDS OF INSTITUTION - “In the night...”

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.

COMMUNION HYMN – ELW #342 There in God’s Garden

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: 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.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be sure to read the announcements in your bulletin.*

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN – ELW #811 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE (5:00) “Rest in Peace” (from St. John Passion) -J. S. Bach
(9:30) “On My Heart Imprint Your Image” arr. Ruth Garchow Mackie

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THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN THE WORSHIP

Reader: (5:00) Julie Starks **(9:30)** Bonnie Zimmermann

Narrative Gospel Readers:

Mara Dean (Sunday), Heidi Hennessy (Saturday) Jim Hennessy (Saturday), Pastor Hooper, Diane Moraza, (Sunday) Faith O'Connell (Sunday), John Rech (Saturday), Denise Sanders, Julie Starks, Bonnie Zimmermann, and Kipp Zimmermann

Ushers: (5:00): Jim Hennessy and Patti Nelson

(9:30): Dan Resterhouse, Mason Resterhouse, John & Marge Muroi

Communion: (5:00) Set Up Bonnie Court, **Serve** Patti Nelson

(9:30) Cheryl & Dan Stefanski

St. Stephen the Martyr Welcome Statement

St. Stephen the Martyr Lutheran Church is a spiritual community grounded in the belief of Welcoming all, Worshiping God, Serving others.

Recognizing that there are those who have historically experienced rejection within congregational life, we strive to welcome and affirm the participation of all people into our community of faith – people of all ages, races and ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, physical and mental abilities, educational backgrounds, family statuses, and economic circumstances.

We are driven to be a welcoming congregation, offer a safe place to worship, and celebrate the diversity of God's family. We are committed to racial equity and invite all people to join us in our faith journey toward greater love, understanding, and mutual respect.

We proclaim that we are an open and affirming congregation, and you are invited to join us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for Easter Breakfast! Relax and let us make you breakfast with a menu of ham and rolls, pancakes and sausage, and more. Share a time of fellowship with the SSM community between the Easter worship services. Breakfast will be served from 8:15 to 9:15. There is no cost, but donations are encouraged. All proceeds will be shared with area food ministries. Please sign up on the bulletin board (or email the office) so we have a good estimate.

Food donations for April will benefit the Unity food pantry. We will be collecting non-perishable food items that are not past their expiration date throughout the month. If you prefer, a monetary donation given to St. Stephen the Martyr and designated for *Food Ministries* can be made. Your continued support of our food pantry collections is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Mount Meru Coffee Tumbler This double-wall, 16 oz. insulated tumbler has a stainless-steel exterior with plastic interior and is designed for both hot and cold beverages. It includes a plastic spill resistant slide action lid for convenience when traveling. You will also receive a "perfect-pot" packet of regular coffee included with your order to jump-start your Mount Meru coffee experience. The cost is \$15.00. Contact Shelly Rosenstock at 414-403-0509 if you are interested in purchasing one.

Please consider using your special envelopes or making donations marked for these specific days. 60% of the funds collected will go to:

Palm Sunday – Lutheran Social Services Maundy Thursday – ELCA World Hunger

Good Friday – Bread of Healing Clinic Easter – Mbaaseny Parish

The Other 40% goes into the general fund. Thank you for your continued support of these missions.

<i>This Week at SSM</i>			
Wednesday, 4/16	9:30am	Men's Bible Study	
	5:45pm	Handbell Rehearsal	
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday, 4/17	6:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship at Greendale Community Church	
Friday, 4/18 Good Friday (Office Closed)	2:00pm	Cross Walk beginning at St. Thomas of Canterbury	
	3:00pm	Ecumenical Worship at St. Alphonsus	
	6:30pm	Tenebrae Worship	Ushers: Dennis Lucchesi and Bob Rasmussen Readers: Kelly Sachse, Karen Rasmussen and Sandy Wesolowski
Saturday, 4/19 Easter Vigil	5:00pm	Worship	Ushers: Larry & Sue Stasiewski
			Readers: John Rech and Bonnie Zimmermann
			Communion Set Up: Betty Kroll
			Communion Server: Heidi Hennessy
Sunday, 4/20 Easter	7:00am	Prayer Garden Worship	Ushers: Diane Moraza and Dan Resterhouse
			Reader: Diane Moraza
			Communion: Diane Moraza and Patti Nelson
	8:15am	Easter Breakfast	
	9:30am	Worship	Ushers: Nancy Mineau, Bob Rasmussen, Shelly Rosenstock and Kim Sussman
			Reader: Faith O'Connell
			Communion Set Up: Tracy & Jason Covert
			Communion Servers: Tracy & Jason Covert, Cathy Peterson and Denise Sanders

KEEP THESE SSM MEMBERS IN PRAYER

Pastor Gail Brodersen-Heins, Penny Dowling, Diana Gastrau, Sue Jarchow, Carolyn Kahl, Joy Kilimann, Sally Kowalewski, Carol Kucharski, Shirley Lieske, Karen Palasz, Joan Retzlaff, Mary Rockstad, Dick Rutzen, Bob Soderstrom, Richard Sontvedt,

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Helen, mother of Jenny Koeff
Scott, friend of Mary Luedtke
Steve, friend of Dan Stefanski
Lenny Alt, friend of Don & Carol Manning
Sandy Bell, sister of Bill Bravner & friend of SSM
Bart Bohne, friend of Kelly and Greg Sachse
Rich Bonner, friend of Al Behling
Irene Bonnert, mother of Deb Perl
Julie Francis, daughter-in-law of Sally Kowalewski
Karen Gastrau, daughter-in-law of Diana Gastrau
Liane Guthrie, daughter of Dianne Niese
Ronald Hause, friend of Don & Carol Manning
Tim Ingram, grandson of Ron Ropel
Beth Klosinski, daughter of Linda Schmidt
Dan Knapik, friend of Don & Carol Manning
Jon Kowalewski, husband of Sally Kowalewski
Susan Kueny, friend of Mary Luedtke
Kelly Lawson, daughter of Cathy Peterson
Gerald Neumann, father of Denise Sanders

Tim Noonan, friend of Jean Brownell
Ted & Ellen P., family of Gail Jakus
Shari Palmeri, friend of Nancy Schneider
Sarah Reyes, daughter of Debbie and Vic Barth
Leroy Robinson, father of Linda Schmidt
Larry & Lori Sachse, family members of Kelly & Greg Sachse
John Schatzman, nephew of Marion Walton
Gloria Simley, sister of Dave and Rae Ann Simley
Dale and Barb Starks, parents of Julie Starks
Andy Stein and his family, son of Barb Stein
Ann Stiff, Mother of Andrea Woerpel
Sandra Van Remmen Prosser, friend of Carol & Don Manning
Billy Waters, husband of Darlene Waters & Stepdad of Lori Salas
Susan White, sister of Sally Kowalewski
Cohen Zettle, family of Pam Young

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Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 17 – Worship at Greendale Community Church – 6:00pm
(6015 Clover Lane, Greendale)

Good Friday, April 18

Cross Walk beginning at St. Thomas of Canterbury – 2:00pm

Ecumenical Worship at St. Alphonsus – 3:00pm

Tenebrae Worship 6:30pm

Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 19 – 5:00pm

Easter, April 20

Prayer Garden Worship – 7:00am

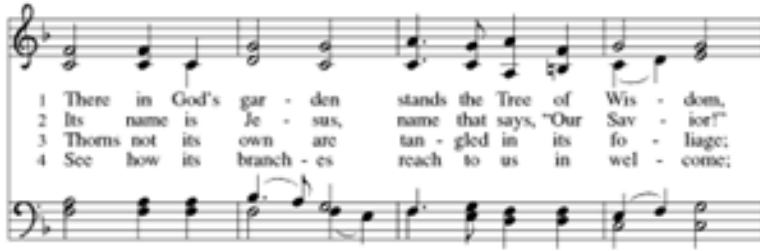
Easter Breakfast – 8:15am

Easter Worship – 9:30am

HYMN ELW #343 My Song Is Love Unknown

- 1 My song is love unknown,
my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own
would not its Savior know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes we strew his way
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to our king.
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath,
and for his death we thirst and cry.
- 4 We cry out; we will have
our dear Lord made away,
a murderer to save,
the prince of life to slay.
Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes
that he his foes from thence might free.
- 5 In life no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.
- 6 Here might I stay and sing—
no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend! (Text: Samuel Crossman, 1624-1683, alt.)

HYMN ELW #342 There in God's Garden



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drills of our hu - man -
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending,
 this my resurrection;
 into your hands, Lord,
 I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for;
 now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it, take it freely!"
 Amen! My Master!

Text: Katelyn Innes von Pletzeby, c. 1390-c. 1641; R. Erik Routley, 1917-1982

Music: K. Lee Scott, b. 1950

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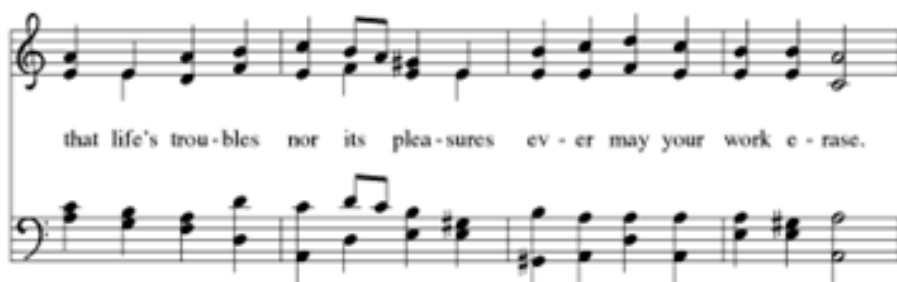
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HYMN ELW #811 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



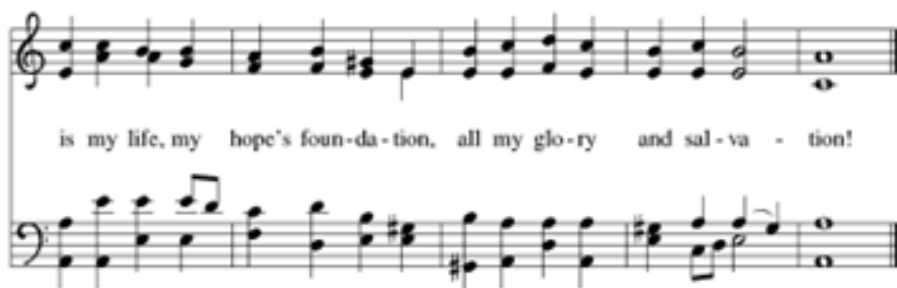
On my heart im - print your im - age, bless-ed Je - sus, king of grace,



that life's trou-bles nor its plea-sures ev - er may your work e - rase,



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



is my life, my hope's foun-da-tion, all my glo-ry and sal - va - tion!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.
Music: DER AM KREUZ, Johann B. König, 1691–1758

