



Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion

March 24 at 9:30AM, In-Person Worship

WORSHIP WITH US

Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a

PSALM 31:9-16

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

Dramatic Reading of Mark's Passion

Seminarian Lindsie Struth preaching

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For good.

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WHO COMES
IN THE NAME OF THE
LORD!

MARK 11:9

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work. ~

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HOLY WEEK

Schedule



March 24

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30AM

March 28

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP 7:00PM

March 29

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP 7:00PM

March 31

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30AM

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Welcome

PASTOR

TRICIA SCHNECK

CLC has called a new pastor to serve our church!

The Rev. Tricia Schneck will begin her call here on May 1st.

Look for more information soon about this important news for our congregation.



SWPA Synod Assembly 2024

Friday, June 14 @ 9:30 AM - Saturday, June 15 @ 12:30 PM

PennWest California (Formerly Cal-U)

swpasynod.org/assembly2024

Registration opens April 1. Voting members from your congregation have an important responsibility on behalf of all the members of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This assembly is the highest legislative authority of our synod; they will be making decisions that impact 143 congregations covering 10 counties in southwest PA. Please speak with Pastor Erin or Lennie Jansen if you'd like to attend. ~

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 SPRING SOCIAL EVENT

Sip And Snip!

Learn the art of flower arranging and take home a beautiful bouquet! \$20 covers all flowers, supplies, beverages, light appetizers, and a donation to CLC.

SATURDAY APRIL 6
4:00PM - 6:00PM

Please register by March 17th - call the church office at 412.821.4300 or sign up the in narthex



CAMP LUTHERLYN

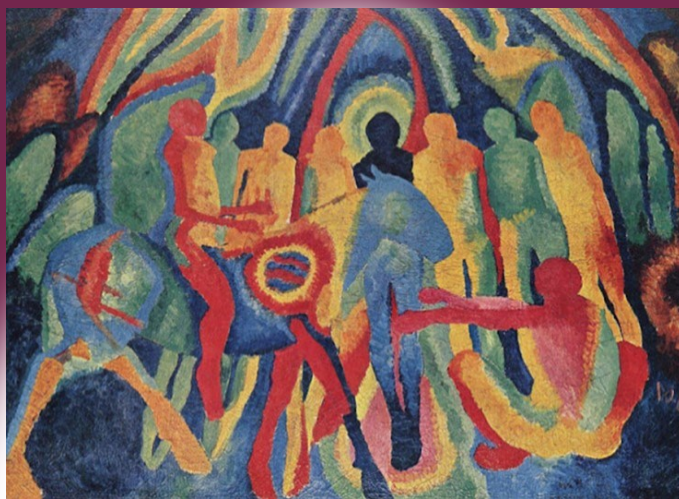
For seventy-five years Lutherlyn has been combining the love of God, fun, friends, swimming, playing in the woods, adventure challenges, Bible study, worship, cookouts, campfires, discoveries in nature, games, and a few surprises into an unforgettable experience!

Lutherlyn offers a variety of week-long, half-week, and day programs for children entering 1st grade through those who have finished their senior year of high school.

CLC has had a long relationship with Lutheran Outdoor Ministries at Lutherlyn and has scholarship funding available for YOUR child to attend a week at camp this summer! Check out <https://www.lutherlyn.com/summercamp> for all the details.

Camp Lutherlyn is located in Prospect, PA. Go visit for FREE on May 11th for their Annual CAMP BLAST showcase to learn about all camp has to offer!

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Palmarum

Joseph Imhoff

There was a time when many Sundays of the Church year were known by Latin names even after services were held in the common language of the people. Those names indicated the theme of the day based on the lessons and announced by the first word of the introit in the liturgy, a holdover from the original Latin Latin. Palmarum or Palm Sunday was different in that it denoted an object of great significance.

In ancient times when an important figure entered a city it was customary for the population to greet that person by laying their garments or branches on the way much like today's ticker tape parades without the litter left behind or as a souvenir of the event. The palm branch in the Roman Empire was considered a symbol of triumph and victory, in ancient Egypt it represented eternal life. The cutting of palm branches for celebration was part of the Jewish tradition commanded in Leviticus. This would have been a common practice for a crowd to greet a popular figure of the day.

Our Savior entered Jerusalem on a donkey which is significant in its own right. Horses were considered animals for war but the donkey represented peace; kings would enter cities on donkeys as a sign of peace unless they were coming as conquerors. The cries of hosanna in Hebrew were appeals to help or save but have now become cries of praise.

So many elements come together on this Sunday: the Prince of Peace enters the city riding on a donkey passing the crowds shouting 'hosanna' and waving palm branches along the way.

Let us join them and wave our palms and shout "Hosanna!" ~

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SUNDAY OF THE PASSION / PALM SUNDAY

The Heart of the Story

Martin Luther called the Psalms a “little Bible.” He wrote that all the rest of the Holy Scriptures could be found in them. Luther went so far as to suggest that in the Psalms the church can glimpse the death and resurrection of Christ. In these ancient songs and prayers of the Hebrew people, every human emotion is laid bare: joy and contentment, anger and sorrow, hope and despair. The Psalms give voice to the wide spectrum of experiences that mark our human lives. This is their power—they speak the heart’s language, turbulent as our hearts may sometimes be.

In a similar way, Holy Week places us at the center of the whole story of Christ’s life, death, and resurrection. From the “hosannas” of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the seeming abandonment of the cross, emotions run high this week as the story of Christ’s passion reaches into the depths of our human experience. The palm and passion stories are themselves a “little Bible” of salvation for the church within the wider story of God’s saving love for all.

As we gather to hear the story of Christ’s passion anew, the words and rituals of the church’s worship life invite us to feel our way into this story from the inside out. We hear the shouts of blessing and come to the Passover in quiet hope. We follow to Gethsemane and to the cross, with mixed emotions. What does betrayal feel like in our bodies? What about amazement? Fear? How have we experienced ridicule or shame? How have we ourselves dismissed or derided others?

The palm and passion stories offer us a chance to contemplate Christ’s sufferings and meditate on our salvation—to come side by side with Christ’s passion and so to know and access our own. We are invited to honestly glimpse the workings of our own hearts. Nothing is off limits to God’s grace. No human experience is untouched by the story of God’s redemptive love. ~

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This Week at CLC:

Palm Sunday, March 24 -

8:30am Sunday School

CLC Palm Sunday

Worship Service at 9:30am



Monday

March 25 - 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry

5-6 TOPS Club, 6-7 Yoga

Tuesday

March 26 - 9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue,

6-8pm Violin

Wednesday

March 27 - 4-8pm Anchorpoint Community
Counseling, 5-7pm **FOOD PANTRY**

6-7pm Choir Practice

Maundy Thursday

March 28 - 6pm ESL Tutoring ,

6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts Pack 162

Maundy Thursday Worship at 7pm

Good Friday

March 29 - 9:30 to 11:30am **FOOD PANTRY**

Good Friday Worship at 7pm

7pm NA meets-Library

Saturday

March 30 - 9am AA meets in the Library

7pm NA meets in the Library

Easter Sunday

March 31 - 8:30am Sunday School

CLC Easter Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

March						
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Upcoming Commemorations



Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyr, died 1980

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Romero was deeply concerned with injustices evident toward the poor and powerless in El Salvador, and worked forthrightly against political repression. He was assassinated while presiding at the eucharist in a chapel near the cathedral in San Salvador.



**Annunciation of Our Lord
Monday, March 25, 2024**

Nine months before Christmas we celebrate the annunciation, in which the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God. The ancient

church believed that this was also the date of the world's creation and of Jesus' death on the cross.



Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church, died 1824

Friday, March 29, 2024

Hauge was a layperson who wished to revitalize the church in Norway. As a result of a mystical experience, he felt called to preach. Many professionals in the church feared his motives and influence, and he was imprisoned for leading unauthorized gatherings.

The Food Pantry is Open
Mondays and Fridays from
9:30am to 11:30am,
and on Wednesdays from
5pm to 7pm.

Donations are requested for
◆ **PEANUT BUTTER**
and
◆ **JELLY**

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Online Giving

No matter the amount, the most helpful way to give to the ministries of the congregation is regularly and consistently. Whether it's weekly or monthly, make a prayerful decision ahead of time this Lent, and commit to a consistent amount.

With our online giving platform, Vanco, it's super easy! Go to:

<https://www.clcmillvale.com/donate/>

See the **Online Giving Code** here, and **Thank You!**



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