

WE ARE TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST
TO SHARE THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE.

Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025



HOSANNA!

**BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES
IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!
BLESSED IS THE KING OF ISRAEL!**

JOHN 12:13

Sunday of the Passion.



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Palm Sunday (Palmarum)

April 13, 2025

Good morning, Welcome to Holy Cross

--THIS WEEKS ALTAR FLOWERS— Fresh palm greenery arrangement on front altar is donated by Bill and Vicki Surman. This week's fresh mixed flower arrangement has been generously donated by the congregation of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for Pastor Jim Kirk and his loving wife Ruth. The fresh flower arrangement is located in front of the Lection. We thank God for his good graces in providing us with this wonderful gentleman, whose guidance, leadership, and support have been immeasurable. Pastor Jim Kirk's years of service have been timeless, and we are grateful for his continued presence and dedication with our community.

Palm Sunday Breakfast. There will be breakfast following this service it will be downstairs come join us for food and fellowship.

Upcoming dates are available to purchase fresh flower arrangements for the altar: the flower chart to sign up is on the wall above the water fountain/kitchen doorway. Just sign who is giving the flowers, then the occasion. Please put **\$25** in an envelope; mark it: "Flower Fund"; and place it on the offering plate. **Thank you for making the altar beautiful.**



APRIL EVENTS



April 13,2025-Palm Sunday Service at Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Starting at 9 a.m. – Remember Breakfast to follow today the wonderful smells of food leading us downstairs.



April 17,2025-Maundy Thursday Service at Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Starting at 6 p.m.



April 18,2025-Good Friday Service at Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Starting at 6 p.m.



April 20, 2025-Easter Sunday at Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Starting at 9 a.m.



**Remember other Lenten Services are available in the outside area
More information on bulletin board in Narthex. Some areas serve potluck dinner!!**



NEW MELLE PASSION PLAY. April 5TH, 6TH, 12TH, AND 13TH. Seating is on a first come first-seating basis. 4700 Hwy Z New Melle, Missouri 63365.
There is more information available on the bulletin board.

The Order of Service

The Greeting

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We are transformed in Christ.
To share the hope of eternal
Life.

Welcome- The Sharing of the Peace

Opening Hymn • 443

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

The Invocation

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

Matthew 28:19b;(18:20)

Confession and Absolution

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 1 24:8

If you, O Lord, keep a record of our sins, O Lord, who could stand?
But with You, there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

Psalm 1 30: 3-4

Almighty God, merciful father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, and enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Responsive Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;

he who helps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel

will never slum-ber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;

the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day,

nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;

he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in

from this time forth and for - evermore.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit

as it was in the beginning

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Kyrie ∞ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, on this day long ago you were welcomed as an earthly king. Five days later you would be crucified for our sins. Lead us this Palm Sunday to grasp at a deeper level all that you have done for us as you have won eternal life as our eternal King!

Amen.

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 36: 36 - 39

The Old Testament Reading

³⁶ For the LORD will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants,
when he sees that their power is gone
and there is none remaining, bond or free.

³⁷ Then he will say, 'Where are their gods,
the rock in which they took refuge,

³⁸ who ate the fat of their sacrifices
and drank the wine of their drink offering?

Let them rise up and help you;
let them be your protection!

³⁹ "'See now that I, even I, am he,
and there is no god beside me;

I kill and I make alive;

I wound and I heal;

and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

The Holy Gospel**John 12: 12 - 19****The Holy Gospel according to John the Twentieth Chapter**

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

The Object Lesson

“ Does your cup overflow?”

Sermon Hymn • 442

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Sermon

Pastor Jim Kirk

The Offering

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

Three ways to give:

- 1) offering plate—cash or check.
- 2) online at holycrossstegen.org • Click the “Give” icon.
- 3) by mail.

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

The Prayers of the Church

Thankfulness for Christ being our king of kings,

For Holy Week worship services here and everywhere else,

For our witness to a dying world,

For the call process,

For any who are ill and for those prayers requested by worshippers,

Service of the Sacrament

The Preface

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:2

And also, with you.

Lift up your heart.

Colossians 3:1

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

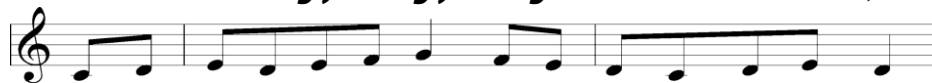
Psalms 136

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

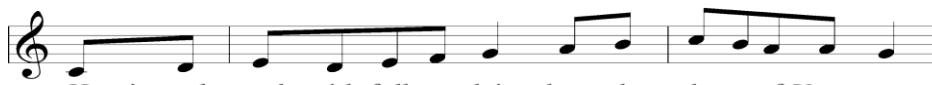
It is truly good, right and salutary that we should always and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

The Sanctus *∞ Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

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 power and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24:
Luke 22:19-20:1; Corinthians 11:23-25*

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

remembrance of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, and remembrance of Me.

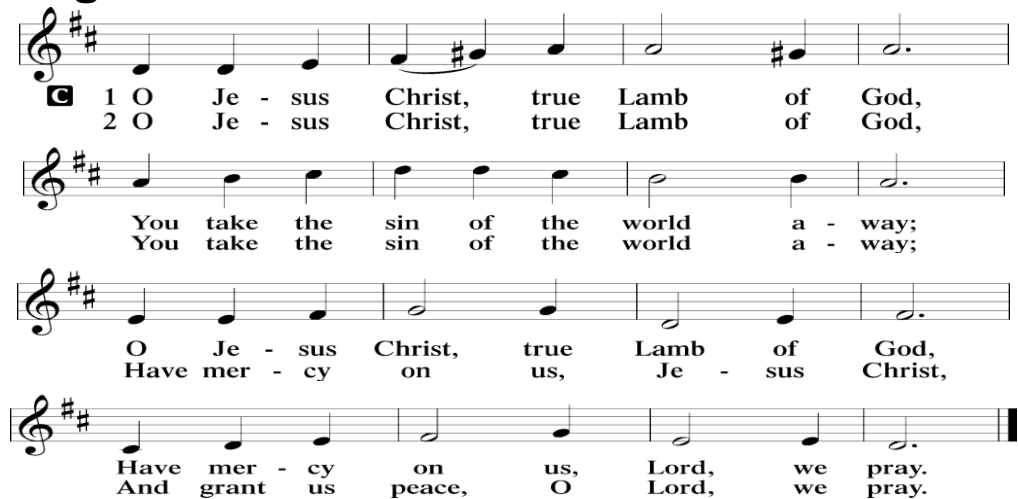
The Pax Domini ∞ **The Peace of the Lord**

John 20:19

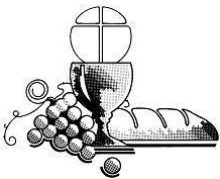
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

The Agnus Dei ∞ **The Lamb of God**

John 1:29



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, Lord, we pray.



Holy Communion □ *The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine. We believe the Lord's Supper is a means of grace in that it provides forgiveness of sins and strengthening of our faith. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal*

Participants are encouraged to ask these questions: Do I believe that I am a sinner and am truly sorry for my sins? Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior and that it is His true body and blood given to me along with the bread and wine? Do I intend with the help of God to repent of sin as I seek to follow Him?

If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold to a different confession of faith, please come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

The Nunc Dimittis  **The Song of Simeon**

Luke 2:29-32



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

The Benedicams and Benediction

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen

Numbers 6:24-26

Closing Hymn • 441

“Ride on, Ride On in Majesty”

Pastor:	Jim Kirk
Lay Reader:	Cathy Dew
Organist:	Faustina Blumenfeld
Ushers/Communion:	Rick Hutson
	Wayne Schremp
	Randy Ruzicka

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY April 13	TUESDAY April 15	WEDNESDAY April 16	THURSDAY April 17	FRIDAY April 18	NEXT SUNDAY April 20
9:00 AM PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion Bible Class	Bible Study 10:30am To 11:30am	Office Hours 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM	6:00 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY Office Hours 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM	6:00PM HOLY FRIDAY Office Hours 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM	9:00 AM EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion No Bible Class

Needs For Pastoral Care in OUR Area
Please Call One of The Elders Below:
Rick Hutson (573-780-9390)
Randy Ruzicka (314-210-4279)
Wayne Schremp (573-883-6060)

We need your help

There are 3 more spots that need to be filled for services if you could check it out on the round table and see if you could help it would be much appreciated.

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In Our Prayers This Week



Throughout the week, please keep these people in your daily prayers. As a model for prayer, consider going through the **A.C.T.S. of prayer**. **Adoration**: praising God for who He is. **Confession**: confessing your sins to God, especially those that weigh on your heart. **Thanksgiving**: thanking God for specific blessings. **Supplication**: asking God for help.

For those who are homebound • Val Rakey, Barb Jones, Sharon Estes, Wanda Bollinger, Doug Arnold, Doris Bayuk, Nick Krege, Caryl Phillips, Pansy Meyer.

For healing and continued recovery • Bill Staffen (Bonnie Keir's brother, cancer), Dustin Hutson (recovering from a brain bleed), Pastor Jim Kirk (treatment for myeloma), Carol Steiger-Rudoff cancer (Connie Schwent's Sister In-law), Bonnie Zerwig and Maryann Roth, and Laura Pruneau Fallert (Cancer Surgery). God touch everyone with recovery.

For those celebrating birthdays in April • Levi Huck (April 5), Christa Reiter (April 10), Stephanie Schlueter (April 1), John Inman (April 15) Paula Boland (April 15), Frank Rolfe (April 19), Glenn Fluegge (April 28).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in April • John & Bonnie Zerwig (April 6), Glenn & Vickie Eisenbeis (April 14) and Dan & Kelly Sullivan (April 16).

For those who mourn. • Continued prayers for the Raymond Kern family

For local, state, and national elected officials • that they uphold goodness and work humbly for those they serve.

For our community • that more people believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For our circuit congregations & missionaries

For our church family • that we are transformed in Christ to share the hope of eternal life.

For all prayer requests not listed here.

Would like a prayer request printed in the bulletin, contact the church office at 573-883-5361 or holycrossstegen@gmail.com by Wednesday noon. For other requests, write them on the attendance card at service, fold it, give it to an usher or place it on the offering plate. To remove your bulletin request please contact the church office.