



CROSS-WORD

NEWSLETTER



Christ
is
Risen!

Alleluia

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HOLY WEEK



Palm
Sunday



Maundy
Thursday



Good
Friday



Easter
Sunday

<p>March 29 9:00 AM Holy Communion</p>	<p>April 02 6:00 PM Holy Communion</p>	<p>April 03 6:00 PM</p>	<p>April 05 9:00 AM Holy Communion</p>
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Palm Sunday-

*Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service for a potluck brunch. *

*Breakfast will be shared among everyone, and we'd love for you to attend. *

Preacher Cake Recipe

This tender, moist cake recipe with crushed pineapple, pecans, coconut and cream cheese frosting is an old Southern tradition to serve when the Pastor 😊 comes by for a visit!

INGREDIENTS

Cake:

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 20-ounce can crushed pineapple
- 1 cup finely chopped pecans
- 1 cup flaked coconut (optional)

Cream Cheese Frosting:

- 8 oz cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup butter, at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup finely chopped pecans for garnish (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

Cake:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 3-quart 13x9 baking pan with cooking spray. Set out butter and cream cheese for frosting so that they are very soft when it's time to use them.
2. Combine flour, baking soda, salt and cinnamon in a bowl then whisk together; set aside. *3 c. flour, 2 tsp baking soda, 1 tsp salt, 1/2 tsp cinnamon*
3. Combine sugar, eggs, oil and vanilla in a large bowl then whisk together until well combined. *2 c. sugar, 3 eggs, 1 c. oil, 2 tsp vanilla*
4. Stir in pineapple (with juice). *1 20-oz can*

5. Stir flour mixture into wet ingredients.
6. Stir in chopped pecans and coconut then mix all ingredients until everything is thoroughly combined. *1 c. pecans, 1 c. coconut*
7. Pour cake batter into pan then bake at 350 degrees for 45-55 minutes or until cake is set in the center and a toothpick inserted comes out clean.
8. Cool cake completely in pan then the frost with Cream Cheese Frosting.
9. Cover and store at room temperature up to 3 days.

Cream Cheese Frosting:

1. Whip cream cheese, butter and vanilla with an electric mixer until fluffy (about 2 minutes). *8-oz cream cheese, 1 stick butter, 1 tsp vanilla*
2. A powdered sugar then continue mixing until smooth and creamy. *2 c. powdered sugar*
3. Sprinkle chopped pecans evenly over cake.

NOTES

If making into a layer cake (or anything you're not going to leave in the pan), grease and flour the pans instead of using cooking spray.

Double the frosting if making a layer cake to ensure you have enough. Feel free to omit pecans or coconut if desired.

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WHY IS IT CALLED PREACHER CAKE?

From what I've been told over the years, Preacher Cake got its name because it was a cake you usually had the ingredients for in your pantry, so if the preacher told you he was coming to visit, you could whip one up.

But I'm not sure that theory holds water. This isn't a "whip it up quick" cake. It's not hard or fussy, but it's no dump cake either. And I don't know about y'all but I can't see too many people keeping pineapple, pecans, coconut and cream cheese in stock.

What makes more sense to me is, since it's made in a 13x9 dish, it's easy to tote around. So when it's time to make a dessert for a fellowship dinner, Sunday school, bible study, etc. you might be likely to make this cake. And it's special without requiring any fancy cake decorating skills.



Jesus Christ, He can only be one of two things. Either He's a liar and a demon from hell, a blasphemer under God's judgment, or the Lord of life, calling you to trust Him, receive His sacrifice on your behalf, take up your cross in love for your neighbor, and follow Him.

This special programming for Holy Week includes dramatic multi-voice readings of the account of the betrayal, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth as recorded in Matthew 26-28, one of the four ancient biographies of Jesus. Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler and Mark Eischer reflect on the unique features of Matthew's account of history. Part 1 focuses on the events of Holy Thursday, part 2 on the events of Good Friday and the resurrection. These specials invite listeners into the Passion of Jesus, prompting them to consider the questions: Who is this Jesus? And why does He matter?

These specials feature new original musical arrangements of hymns by internationally known vocalist Erin Bode. These beautiful hymns allow the listener a time of introspection in the holiest season of Christianity.

The program is narrated by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. It includes performances by the cast members: Christy Bond, Rev. Dr. Jason Broge, Jonathan Christopher, Mark Eischer, Dean Evans, Chris Macky, Megan Mehrle, Jeremy Knapp, and John Spangler.

Play Holy Week Special – Promo:

Play Holy Week Special – Holy Thursday:

Play Holy Week Special – Good Friday:

The Easter Story

Holy Week is a remarkable moment in the church calendar. Over the course of Holy Week, we experience Christ's passion; His triumphant entry into Jerusalem; the institution of the Lord's Supper; His death on the cross; and His glorious resurrection on Easter morning.

Palm Sunday (March 29) marks the day when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, welcomed by the shouts and singing of the people who hoped He would be their Messiah. "Hosanna!"

Maundy Thursday (April 02) takes its name from the word "mandare," which means "command." It was on Thursday after supper with His friends that Jesus commanded all of us to love one another just as He has loved us. On the first Maundy Thursday, after they had eaten, Jesus gave the disciples His body and blood together with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of their sins.

On **Good Friday (April 03)**, we remember the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ. We know that if God is present in death on a cross, there is nowhere in all creation where God cannot be. In all our grief, misery, oppression, and death, Jesus is here with us.

Easter (April 05)—the resurrection of our Lord: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! On Easter Sunday, we celebrate Christ's victory over death and the promise that we, too, will experience resurrection.

Don't Be Afraid!

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. ..." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid." (Matthew 28:5-6, 8-10a)

Death is terrifying. The people of Israel knew this, caught between the Egyptian army and the Red Sea. Jesus' followers knew this as they dealt with the aftermath of His crucifixion.

God knows we are afraid, and His heart goes out to us. And so He says to us: "Do not be afraid!" "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord." "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" (Matthew 28:10b; Exodus 14:13b; Isaiah 43:19a)

To all our fears, God gave one overwhelming, everlasting answer: He raised Jesus from the dead. Jesus is the first of the human race to rise from death in this way, never to die again. But He will not be the last!

Jesus is the guarantee of our own resurrection, because everyone who trusts in Him will share His victory. This is why we can say with Paul: "'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?' ... Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:54b-55, 57).

This is the answer to our fear—a Savior who loves us and who has conquered death. We do not face death alone. He is with us, and He will bring us back.

News and Notes

Spring is just around the corner! We're looking for volunteers to help water the four large planters in front of the church and the small flower garden beside Harold's Bee Shop. If you're interested, you can sign up on the sheet placed on the round table at the back of the church—it will be available after Easter. Thank you!



Holy Cross now has online giving!

To sign up, go to: www.holycrossstegen.org and click on the blue “give” icon. You may then give via credit card or by linking your bank account. There is a small fee for credit card transactions, but there is no fee with a bank account transaction. Because of this, if you plan to use online giving routinely, we suggest using the bank account option. Thank you for your generosity and support of the Lord's work through Holy Cross!



There are still available spots on the flower chart if you wish to donate flowers to someone special. Please locate the flower chart next to the kitchen area, sign up, and place your \$25 contribution in the collection box. Thank you for your generosity.

Easter Word Search

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BASKET

BONNET

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CARROT

CELEBRATION

CHICK

CHOCOLATE

COTTONTAIL

CROSS

DECORATE

DYE

EASTER

EGG

FIND

RABBIT



WORSHIP WITH US!

Everyone is welcome at Holy Cross!

Join us for worship each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

The online service is now being live-streamed on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and can be watched then or any time after.

Mask-required Service: Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Bible Class follows the church service.

Tuesday Morning Bible Class: 10:30—11:30

Visit our church's website:

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and our Facebook page:

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If you have Charter Cable TV in Ste. Genevieve, you may watch our sermon from the previous Sunday on Channel 991 on Sundays at 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. and on Wednesdays at 6:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M.

The sermons are also posted online at our church website: holycrossstegen.org

and on our YouTube channel:

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