Welcome! We are happy to share God's peace with everyone. Visitors are invited to sign our guest book in the entryway. If you have any questions, the ushers are ready to help. Feel free to visit after the service.

- Aids to assist with hearing (Williams Sound System) are available from the ushers.
- Large Print Hymnal Binders are available on the tract desk for those with vision difficulties.
- Personal prayers for use before church or during the week are printed

on p. 255-258 in the hymnal.

Please note: the Sunday service is being recorded and streamed on YouTube. www.youtube.com/@stlukesvassar

Palm Sunday: April 13 and 14, 2025

Upcoming Events 9:00 AM PALM SUNDAY Sunday 04/013/2025 10:15 AM Bible Class 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Worship Service Monday 04/14/2025 6:30 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY Thursday 04/17/2025 6:30 PM GOOD FRIDAY Friday 04/18/2025 7:00 AM EASTER Communion Sunday 04/20/2025 8:00 AM EASTER Breakfast 9:30 AM EASTER Communion

Monday 04/21/2025

7:00 PM Communion Worship

Attendance

Sunday Service: 99, Communed: 86 Monday Service: 26, Communed: 23

Bible Class: 33, Sunday School: 6, Lenten Worship: 43

Our **Time** to Our Lord

Easter Breakfast: If you haven't signed up for your Easter Breakfast food yet, please do so today.

Easter Flowers: If you would like to donate plants/flowers for our Easter services, please drop them off to the fellowship hall or altar guild room **no later**

than Saturday, April 19th by noon. Spring plants such as lilies, tulips, daffodils, etc. are all welcome. Contact Kerri Hubbard with any questions.

Altar Guild: The Altar Guild will have a meeting in the fellowship hall on **Saturday**, **Mar** 3rd at 10:00 AM. Please plan to attend. Contact Pat Mecham if you are unable to attend.

Our Talents to Our Lord **APRIL SERVERS**

April Sunday Ushers: Paul and Silas Schultz, Carter Korthals, Eric Korthals

April Communion Elders: Sunday 4/20 Jay N. -

Monday 4/20 Dave A.

April Finance: Gabe Fall, Sam Korthals, Carter Korthals April Altar Guild: Kerri Hubbard and Jennifer LaPratt **Organist:** Olivia Marker



Our **Treasures** to Our Lord Last Week's Budgetary Gifts: \$5,778.00 Parking Lot Fund: \$20.00

Memorial Gifts: 90.00

CW 412

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412 All Glory, Laud, and Honor Ref All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1	You are the King of Israel
	and David's royal Son,
	now in the Lord's name coming,
	our King and Blessèd One. (Refrain)
2	The company of angels
	is praising you on high,
	and we with all creation
	in chorus make reply. (Refrain)
3	The people of the Hebrews
	with palms before you went;
	our praise and prayer and anthems
	before you we present. (Refrain)
4	To you before your passion
	they sang their hymns of praise;
	to you, now high exalted,
	our melody we raise. (Refrain)
Please be seated for the final stanza	

As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring, O Source of ev'ry blessing, our good and gracious King. (Refrain)

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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Dear friends in Christ, during the weeks of Lent we have been preparing to commemorate our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection. Today we come together to begin the solemn journey of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Savior and to gain for us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. We follow him in faith and praise him with joy.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Prayer

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Be seated)

Reading

Luke 19:28–44

²⁸After Jesus had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹As he came near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ahead, ³⁰saying, "Go to the village ahead of you. When you enter it, you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you will say this: 'The Lord needs it.'"

³²Those who were sent ahead went and found things just as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵Then they brought the colt to Jesus. They threw their robes on the colt and set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he went along, people spread their robes on the road. ³⁷As he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began to praise God joyfully, with a loud voice, for all the miracles they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

⁴⁰He replied, "I tell you, if these people would be silent, the stones would cry out."

⁴¹As he came near, he saw the city and wept over it. ⁴²He said, "If you, yes you, had only known on this day the things that would bring peace to you. But now, it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³In fact, the days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you, surround you, and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴Within your walls, they will dash you and your children to the ground. And within your walls, they will not leave one stone on top of another, because you did not recognize the time when God came to help you."

Sermon

Apostles' Creed I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering The LES children will sing, *Sing Hosanna*

Reading

Luke 22:1–38

¹The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching. ²The chief priests and the experts in the law were trying to find some way to put Jesus to death, because they were afraid of the people. ³Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, who was one of the Twelve. ⁴He went away and spoke with the chief priests and officers of the temple guard about how he could betray Jesus to them. ⁵They were glad and agreed to give him money. ⁶He promised to do it and was looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus to them away from the crowd.

⁷The day of Unleavened Bread arrived, when it was necessary to sacrifice the Passover lamb. ⁸Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it."

⁹They said to him, "Where do you want us to prepare it?"

¹⁰He told them, "Just as you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters. ¹¹Tell the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" ¹²He will show you a large, furnished upper room. Make preparations there." ¹³They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. ¹⁵He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, ¹⁸for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

¹⁹He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰In the same way, he took the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is being poured out for you.

²¹"But look, the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. ²²The Son of Man is going to go as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"

²³They began to discuss with one another which of them it was who was going to do this.

²⁴A dispute arose among the disciples about which of them was considered to be greatest. ²⁵But he told them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are called Benefactors. ²⁶But it is not to be that way with you. Instead, let the greatest among you become like the youngest, and the one who leads like the one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, one who reclines at the table or one who serves? Isn't it the one who serves. ²⁸You are those who have remained with me in my trials. ²⁹I am going to grant a kingdom to you, just as my Father granted to me, ³⁰so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom. And you will sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

³¹The Lord said, "Simon, Simon, pay attention: Satan has asked to have you all, so that he may sift you as wheat. ³²But I prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have returned to me, strengthen your brothers."

³³He said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death!"

³⁴But Jesus replied, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today until you deny three times that you know me."

³⁵He said to them, "When I sent you out without money bag, traveler's bag, and sandals, did you lack anything?"

"Nothing," they said.

³⁶Then he told them, "But now, let the one who has a money bag take it, and likewise a traveler's bag. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. ³⁷For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: 'He was counted with transgressors.' Indeed, what is written about me is going to have its fulfillment."

³⁸They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords."

He said to them, "That is enough."

416 When You Woke That Thursday Morning CW 416 sts. 1–2

 When you woke that Thursday morning, Savior, teacher, faithful friend, thoughts of self and safety scorning, knowing how the day would end;
 Lamb of God, foretold for ages, now at last the hour had come when but One could pay sin's wages: you assumed their dreadful sum.

 Never so alone and lonely, longing with tormented heart to be with your dear ones only for a quiet hour apart: sinless Lamb and fallen creature, one last paschal meal to eat, one last lesson as their teacher, washing your disciples' feet.

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Reading

Luke 22:39–54

³⁹Jesus left and went out to the Mount of Olives, as was his custom. His disciples followed him. ⁴⁰When he reached the place, he told them, "Keep praying that you may not enter into temptation."

⁴¹He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴²"Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done."

⁴³An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. ⁴⁴As he was in agony, he prayed more fervently. His sweat became like great drops of blood falling to the ground.

⁴⁵When he rose from prayer, he went to the disciples and found them sleeping as a result of sorrow. ⁴⁶He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and keep praying so that you may not enter into temptation."

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd appeared, and the man called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He came near to Jesus to kiss him. ⁴⁸But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

⁴⁹When those who were around him saw what was about to happen, they said to him, "Lord, should we strike with a sword?" ⁵⁰Then one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

⁵¹But Jesus responded, "Stop! No more of this!" Then he touched the servant's ear and healed him. ⁵²Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as you would against a robber, with swords and clubs? ⁵³Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour—when darkness rules."

⁵⁴Then they seized him, led him away, and brought him into the high priest's house.

Peter followed at a distance.

425 Go to Dark Gethsemane

Go to dark Gethsemane, 1 all who feel the tempter's pow'r; your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour. Turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray. Follow to the judgment hall, 2 view the Lord of life arraigned. Oh, the wormwood and the gall, oh, the pangs his soul sustained! Shun not suffring, pain, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross. Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; 3 there, adoring at his feet, mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.

CW 425

"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die. Early hasten to the tomb where they laid his breathless clay; all is solitude and gloom. Who has taken him away? Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise. Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt. Text: Public domain

Reading

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Luke 22:55-71

⁵⁵When they had lit a fire in the middle of the

courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. ⁵⁶A servant girl saw him sitting near the light. She looked closely at him and said, "This man also was with him."

⁵⁷But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him."

⁵⁸After a little while someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them!"

But Peter answered, "Man, I am not!"

⁵⁹After about one hour had passed, someone else was firmly insisting, "Truly this man was with him too, because he is a Galilean!"

⁶⁰But Peter said, "Man, I don't know what you are talking about!" At that very moment, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the Lord's word, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today you will deny me three times." ⁶²He went outside and wept bitterly.

⁶³The men who were holding Jesus in custody mocked him while they were beating him. ⁶⁴They blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophesy! Who hit you?" ⁶⁵And they went on saying many other blasphemous things against him.

⁶⁶As soon as it was day, the council of the elders of the people met together, both the chief priests and experts in the law. They brought him into their Sanhedrin and said, ⁶⁷"If you are the Christ, tell us."

But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, ⁶⁸and if I ask you, you will not answer me or release me. ⁶⁹But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

^{7°}They all said, "Are you then the Son of God?" He said to them, "I am what you are saying."

⁷¹Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? For we ourselves have heard it from his own mouth!"

CW 429 sts. 2–5

429 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Men mock and taunt and jeer you, 2 they smite your countenance, though mighty worlds shall fear you and flee before your glance. How pale you are with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn! Your eyes with pain now languish that once were bright as morn! Now from your cheeks has vanished 3 their color, once so fair; from your red lips is banished the splendor that was there. Grim death with cruel rigor has robbed you of your life; thus you have lost your vigor, your strength, in this sad strife. My burden in your passion, 4 Lord, you have borne for me, for it was my transgression, my shame, on Calvary. I cast me down before you; wrath is my rightful lot. Have mercy, I implore you; Redeemer, spurn me not!

What language shall I borrow to thank you, dearest Friend,
for this, your dying sorrow, your pity without end?
O make me yours forever, and keep me strong and true;
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love for you.

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Reading

5

Luke 23:1–25

¹The whole group of them got up and brought him before Pilate. ²They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this fellow misleading our nation, forbidding the payment of taxes to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king."

³Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" "It is as you say," Jesus replied.

⁴Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for a charge against this man."

⁵But they kept insisting, "He stirs up the people, teaching all through Judea, beginning from Galilee all the way here."

⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man was a Galilean. ⁷When he learned that he was under Herod's

jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem during those days.

⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad. For a long time, he had wanted to see him, because he had heard many things about him. He hoped to see some miracle performed by him. ⁹He questioned him with many words, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the experts in the law stood there, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Herod, along with his soldiers, treated him with contempt and ridiculed him. Dressing him in bright clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. ¹²Herod and Pilate became friends with each other on that day. Before this they had been enemies of each other.

¹³Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, "You brought this man to me as one who is misleading the people. Look, I have examined him in your presence. I have found in this man no basis for the charges you are bringing against him. ¹⁵Herod did not either, for he sent him back to us. See, he has done nothing worthy of death. ¹⁶So I will have him flogged and release him."

¹⁷Pilate needed to release one prisoner to them at the Festival. ¹⁸But they all shouted together with one voice: "Take him away! Release Barabbas to us!" ¹⁹Barabbas had been thrown in prison for a rebellion in the city and for murder. ²⁰Pilate addressed them again, because he wanted to release Jesus. ²¹But they kept shouting, "Crucify! Crucify him!"

²²He said to them the third time, "Why? What evil has he done? I have found no grounds for sentencing him to death. So I will whip him and release him." ²³But they kept pressuring him with loud voices, demanding that he be crucified. And their voices were overwhelming. ²⁴So Pilate decided that what they demanded would be done. ²⁵He released the one they had asked for, who had been thrown in prison for rebellion and murder, but he handed Jesus over to their will.

414 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet CW 414 sts. 1, 3-4

 No tramp of soldiers' marching feet with banners and with drums, no sound of music's martial beat: "The King of glory comes!" To greet what pomp of kingly pride no bells in triumph ring, no city gates swing open wide: "Behold, behold your King!"
 What fading flow'rs his road adorn; the palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but only thorn the King of glory's crown.
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries, the streets with tumult ring, as Pilate to the mob replies, "Behold, behold your King!"
4 Now he who bore for mortals' sake the cross and all its pains and chose a servant's form to take, the King of glory reigns.
Hosanna to the Savior's name till heaven's rafters ring, and all the ransomed host proclaim "Behold, behold your King!"

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Reading

Luke 23:26–56

²⁶As they led him away, they seized Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country. They placed the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷A large crowd of people was following him, including women who were mourning and wailing for him. ²⁸Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹Be sure of this: The days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never gave birth, and the breasts that never nursed.' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do these things to the green wood, what will happen to the dry?"

³²Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed.

³³When they came to the place called The Skull, they crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.

³⁴Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

They cast lots to divide his garments among them. ³⁵The people stood watching. The rulers were ridiculing him, saying, "He saved others. Let him save himself, if this is the Christ of God, the Chosen One!"

³⁶The soldiers also made fun of him. Coming up to him, they offered him sour wine, ³⁷saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

³⁸There was also an inscription written above him: "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming him, saying, "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we have done, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom."

⁴³Jesus said to him, "Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise."

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun was darkened. Then the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" When he had said this, he breathed his last.

⁴⁷When the centurion saw what had happened, he began to glorify God, saying, "This man really was righteous." ⁴⁸When all the groups of people who had gathered to see this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their chests. ⁴⁹All those who knew Jesus, and the women who followed with him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea, who was a member of the Council, a good and righteous man. ⁵¹He had not agreed with their plan and action. He was looking forward to the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. ⁵³He took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and placed it in a tomb that was cut out of rock, where no one had yet been laid. ⁵⁴It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed after Joseph, and they observed the tomb and how his body was laid there. ⁵⁶Then they returned and prepared spices and perfumes. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

410 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

CW 410 sts. 1-4

- Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my Sov'reign die?
 Would he devote that sacred head for such a worm as I?
- 2 Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!
 3 Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut its glories in when God, the mighty maker, died for his own creatures' sin.
 4 Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears, dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears.

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(Please rise)

Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace. Amen.

(Be seated)

405 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

CW 405

On my heart imprint your image, blessèd Jesus, King of grace, that life's riches, cares, and pleasures have no pow'r to hide your face. Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me, is my life, my hope's foundation, and my glory and salvation.

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