

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



*THE PASSION OF OUR  
LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST  
ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW*

**PALM and PASSION SUNDAY  
APRIL 5, 2020**

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**APRIL 5, 2020 ~ PALM and Passion SUNDAY**  
**SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER FROM WITH ONE VOICE**

*\*Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.  
**BOLD** indicates congregational responses.*

**GATHER**

**WELCOME AND PRELUDE**

**PARISH NEWS**

**GATHERING**

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

**C: Hosanna in the highest.**

**PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**

**MATTHEW 21:1-11**

Response after announcement

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Jesus enters Jerusalem*

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*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.

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**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.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

**ISAIAH 50:4-9a**

*The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.*

<sup>4</sup>The 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.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I 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.

<sup>7</sup>The 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;

<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

L: The Word of the Lord

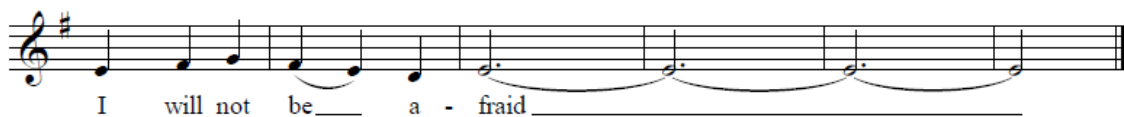
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 31**

*"My Refuge"*

Dennis Vesells accmp. Sheryl Soderberg

**Congregational refrain:**



<sup>1</sup>In Your justice save me, turn Your ear to me.

O Lord, make haste to answer me.

<sup>2</sup>You, O God, are my rock, my fortress and my strength;  
for Your name's sake You will lead and guide me.

**Refrain:**

<sup>3</sup>I will rejoice in the Lord, be glad of Your kindness to me.

Lord, let Your face shine upon me Your servant.

**Refrain:**

<sup>4</sup>You will free me, O Lord, from out of my captor's snares,  
for You are my refuge, You are my hope.

<sup>5</sup>Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit to You.  
For You will redeem me, faithful God.

**Refrain:**

## THE SECOND LESSON

## PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

*Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.*

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

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and 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.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*“Return to the Lord, your God”*

*Joel 2:13*



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**\*GOSPEL**

*“The Passion of our Lord according to St. Matthew”*

Matthew 26:14-27:66

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day,  
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.



## **\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate this on the prayer card and talk to an usher or the pastor.*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence 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.**

AM: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith:

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

AM: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

AM: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3*

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

AM: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

AM: God of mercy, awaken your church to new proclamations of your faithfulness. By your Spirit, give us bold and joyful words to speak, that we sustain the weary with the message of your redemption. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Prayers conclude:*

P: According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

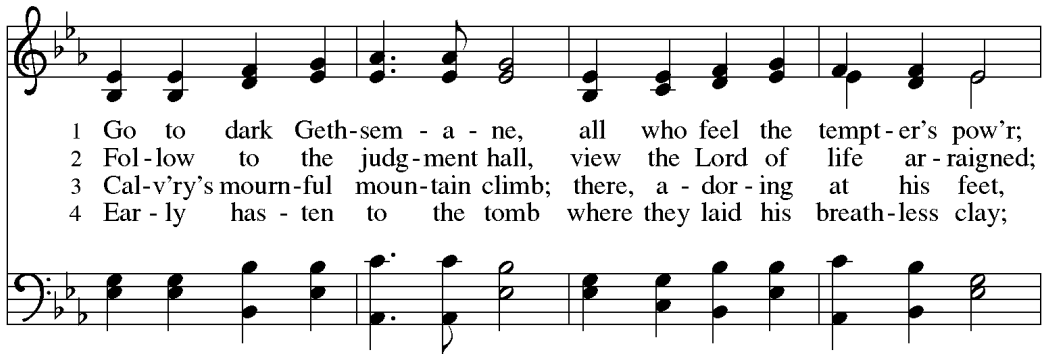
P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

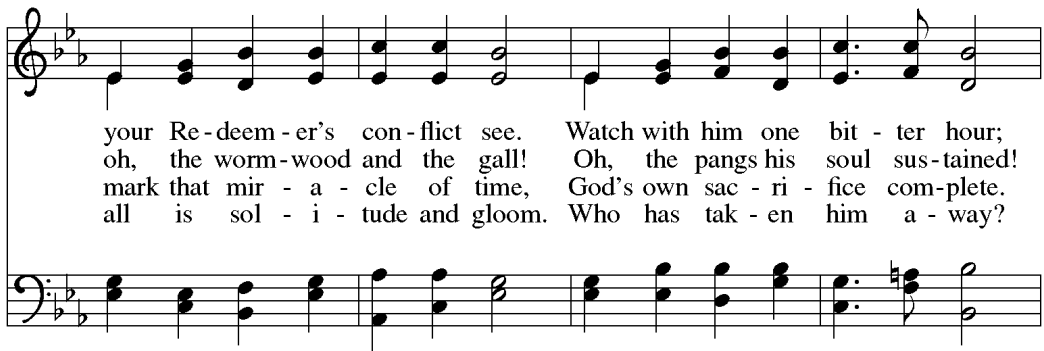
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**\*THE BLESSING**

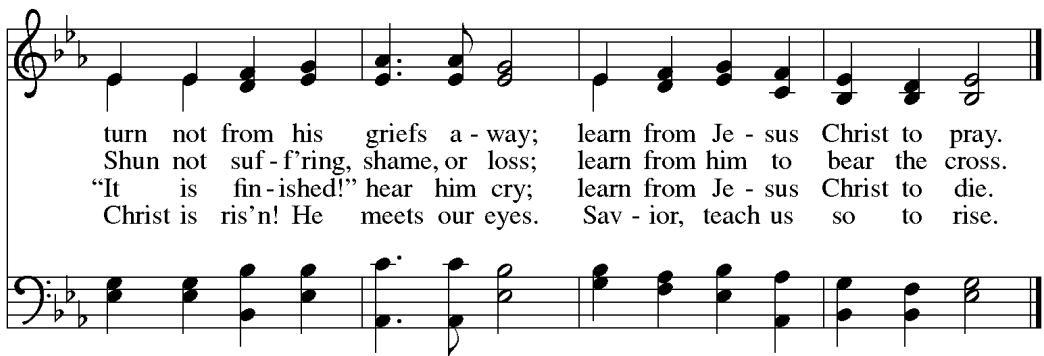
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1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt-er's pow'r;  
 2 Fol-low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;  
 3 Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath-less clay;



your Re-deem-er's con-flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
 oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!  
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.  
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

## **\*THE DISMISSAL - LUTHERAN CHAPEL CHILDREN AND POSTLUDE**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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### **PARISH NEWS**

**WORSHIP SERVICES:** As the coronavirus shut down continues, Lutheran Chapel will stream worship services on Facebook Live at Lutheran Chapel Church in Gastonia, NC on Wednesday at 7PM and Sunday at 10:30AM. The daily lessons are at *Our Daily Bread* ([odb.org/subscribe](http://odb.org/subscribe)) and the Sunday lessons from the Revised Common Lectionary are at [dailyLectio.net](http://dailyLectio.net). A pdf of the weekly bulletin is available on the church website and Facebook.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** An on-line Sunday School lesson will be held via Zoom Sunday mornings at 9:30. Please email Steve Laws at [stephenclaws@gmail.com](mailto:stephenclaws@gmail.com) to sign up. Also, Sunday School books with the weekly Bible study may be picked up at the church office or mailed to you upon request.

**YOUTH:** Roots will meet on **Sunday evening from 5:00PM – 6:00PM via Zoom** for a combined Sunday School and Youth. Amy Carpenter will send out Zoom link to youth via email. Questions contact Amy [amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org](mailto:amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org)

**TITHES & OFFERINGS:** Some church members have asked how they can send tithes and offerings to church since we are not meeting in person. Options include: utilizing offering envelopes to mail (or a regular envelope) or giving on-line through our church website: [lutheranchapelchurch.org](http://lutheranchapelchurch.org), top right-hand corner “give” which is a link to Easy Tithe. Any questions or concerns call our Treasurer Ed Robinson.

**FOOD DRIVE:** During this difficult time, as we try to continue to meet the needs of each other and our community, ministries such as Crisis Assistance Ministry continue to help our neighbors in need of food. We have placed the blue CAM box under the drive through outside the office. If you are able, please continue to place non-perishable items in this box and it will be checked every couple days and delivered to Crisis Assistance Ministry. Some items in need are – pancake mix and syrup, cereal, canned fruits, meat, soup and vegetables (no green beans or corn), spaghetti and sauce, grits, oatmeal, rice, crackers and personal care items. We realize that shopping can be

complicated at this time, however, if you are able to pick up (or order if you are having your groceries delivered) a few extra items to place in our donation box, it would be greatly appreciated as CAM struggles to meet the needs of those who do not have the money to grocery shop. Thank you so much!

**CARE LINE & PRAYER CONCERNS:** An effort to gather a group of volunteers for a “love and caring” phone tree to check in with our church family while we practice social distancing is underway. Please contact Debbie Laws, Katherine Sanders, or the church office if you are interested in serving as a caller. Finally, if there are any urgent prayer needs or concerns during this time, please call or text Pastor Michael at 704-787-6439.

### **HOLY WEEK AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL**

*All services will be streamed on Facebook Live*

#### **Maundy Thursday, April 9 at 7PM**

As Jesus has loved and served us, so we are to love and serve one another and all the world in His Name. The Lord’s Supper is established for all His disciples. Sadly, we cannot share this great means of grace this year but we still remember and look forward to the fulfillment.

#### **Good Friday, April 10 at 7PM**

The Stations of the Cross are a meditation on Jesus’ last words and actions. Jesus dies for us.

#### **Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, April 11 at 8PM**

From the stories of the Law, the Prophets, the Psalms, the Epistles, to the glorious good news, **Jesus Christ is Lord**. This is the story of our salvation. This is the time when we affirm our baptisms and dedication to the great mission of Christ to save all who will believe.

#### **Easter Sunday, April 12 at 10:30AM**

This is the feast of feasts. Let us celebrate with great joy in Christ who has conquered sin, death and devil that we may be with Him forever. Now the time to sing Hallelujah has come!



## DAILY PRAYER

**EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD. (Psalm 1:2)** A prayer list, daily lessons to read the Bible together each year, and a song of praise are below. The “*Our Daily Bread*” devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit [odb.org/subscribe](http://odb.org/subscribe). Fill out a prayer card to share or notify the church office with concerns.

**PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP:** Braylon Beam, B.T. Bradley, Donna Carpenter, Jerry Carpenter, Sharon Carpenter, Hunter Clark, Tonya Dowdy, Michael Ellington, Kathy Finch, Alfred Lineberger, Robert Park, Betty Petty, Doug Rhyne, Fran Rice, Barbara Robinson, and Bill Robinson.

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** Ruth Benoy, Andy Clapham, Josh Dockery serving in South Korea, Amelia Edwards, John Heavner serving in Kuwait, Travis Hogue, Ernie Kincaid, Suzanne Ledford, Sam & Lara Raisanen, Martin Salois, Pastor Peter Setzer, Charlene Sorenson, Dana Williams, and Lulu Zizak.

### WEEK 14: APRIL 5, 2020 to APRIL 12, 2020

**04/05** Morning Reading: Luke 8:26-56—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 1, 2, 3

**04/06** Morning Reading: Luke 9:1-17—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 4, 5, 6

**04/07** Morning Reading: Luke 9:18-36—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 7, 8, 9

**04/08** Morning Reading: Luke 9:37-62—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 10, 11, 12

**04/09** Morning Reading: Luke 10:1-24—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 13, 14

**04/10** Morning Reading: Luke 10:25-42—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 15, 16

**04/11** Morning Reading: Luke 11:1-28—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 17, 18

**04/12** Morning Reading: Luke 11:29-54—Evening Reading: 1 Samuel 19, 20, 21

**Song Of Praise**

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

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### Next Sunday, APRIL 12, 2020 ~ Easter Sunday

10:30 Service of the Word: Matthew 28:1-10 ~ “*Great Joy*”

Note: [dailyLectio.net](http://dailyLectio.net) provides the complete Revised Common Lectionary for both Sunday and daily lessons.

**This QR** code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.



**CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2020**

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| <b>Sun-05</b>  | 9:30 am  | Sunday School via Zoom  |
|                | 10:30 am | Palm Sunday Service ~ Streamed on Facebook Live               |
|                | 5:00 pm  | Roots via Zoom ~ Combined Sunday School & Youth Group         |
| <b>Thur-09</b> | 7:00 pm  | <b>Maundy Thursday Service</b> ~ Streamed on Facebook Live    |
| <b>Fri-10</b>  | 7:00 pm  | <b>Good Friday Service</b> ~ Streamed on Facebook Live        |
| <b>Sat-11</b>  | 8:00 pm  | <b>Holy Saturday Easter Vigil</b> ~ Streamed on Facebook Live |