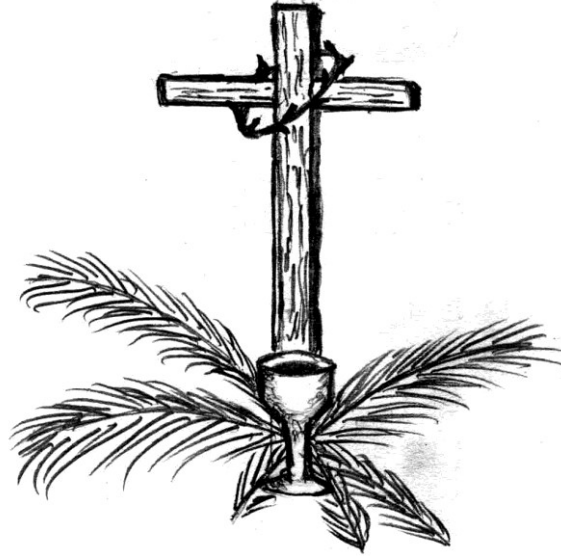


# **PALM SUNDAY**

## **THE PASSION OF OUR LORD**

April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025



### **MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**TODAY'S INTRODUCTION:** Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

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## SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

April 13, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

\*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

### PREPARATION

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship].

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

**C Hosanna in the highest.**

### \* BLESSING OF PALMS (raise your palms)

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### \* PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL.....Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup>So

those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

\* PROCESSIONAL

P Let us go forth in peace.

**C In the name of Christ. Amen.**

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

#108 Green Hymnal

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)

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**

*This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.*

FIRST READING.....Isaiah 50:4-9a

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

Lector: Here ends the reading.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM.....Psalm 31:9-16 (responsively)

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."**

*Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.*

SECOND READING.....Philippians 2:5-11

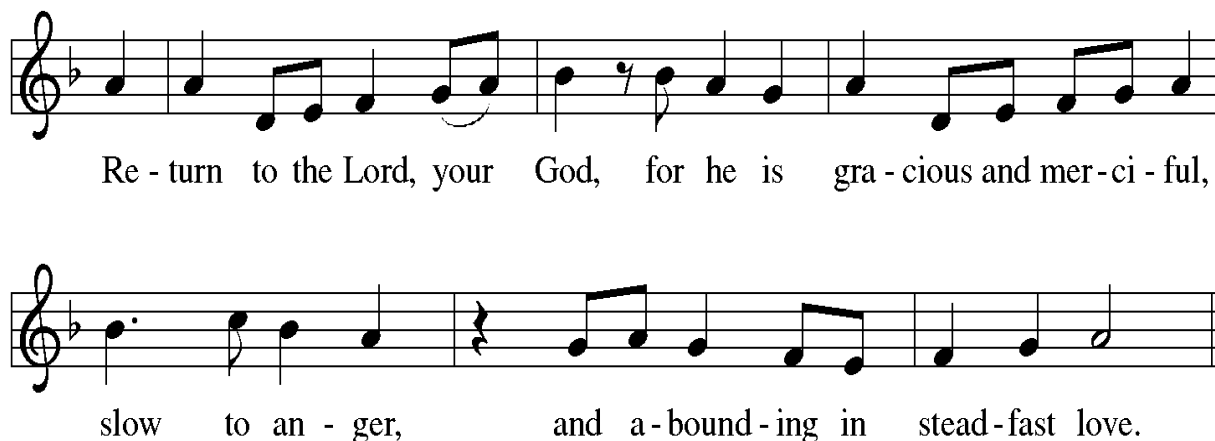
<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,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

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

\* LENTEN VERSE (sung)



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.

*Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God's reign. The leader serves, the empty disciples are able to fill others, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus—the innocent bringer of life—is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.*

\* GOSPEL.....Luke 23:1-49

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)**

<sup>1</sup>Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. <sup>2</sup>They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." <sup>3</sup>Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." <sup>4</sup>Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." <sup>5</sup>But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

<sup>6</sup>When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup>And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.

<sup>8</sup>When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. <sup>9</sup>He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him.

<sup>11</sup>Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup>That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

<sup>13</sup>Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, <sup>14</sup>and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. <sup>15</sup>Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. <sup>16</sup>I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

<sup>18</sup>Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" <sup>19</sup>(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.)

<sup>20</sup>Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; <sup>21</sup>but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!"

<sup>22</sup>A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." <sup>23</sup>But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup>So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup>He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

<sup>26</sup>As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup>A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. <sup>28</sup>But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' <sup>31</sup>For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

<sup>32</sup>Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and

one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

<sup>44</sup>It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup>while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. <sup>47</sup>When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." <sup>48</sup>And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. <sup>49</sup>But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Sam Leister

SERMON

Pastor Sam Leister

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Were You There"*

#92 Green Hymnal

\* NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
**Amen.**

\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P God, in your mercy,  
**C receive our prayer.**

\* PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**C And also with you.**

(The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord from their pews at whatever level of physical contact with which they are comfortable).

ANTHEM

OFFERING PRESENTATION

\* SUNG OFFERTORY (“Create in Me”)



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 your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

\* OFFERING PRAYER

P Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
**C Amen.**

MEAL

\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P With his body and Blood, Jesus Christ delivers us from the power of darkness,  
**C and leads us into the Kingdom of God.**  
P Christ has humbled himself and become obedient unto death,

**C even to death on a cross.**

P He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities,

**C and on him was the chastisement that made us whole.**

P Here at his holy table he feeds us now with his Body and Blood.

**C Glory to you, our Lord and Savior; with your Body and Blood you redeem the world.**

**\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**C Amen.**

**\* THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)**

**C 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.**

(If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in the front of the chancel).

**\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

**\* LAMB OF GOD (sung)**

**C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**DISTRIBUTION**

**["At the Chancel Rail"]** – come forward by the CENTER aisle; take a communion cup from the table by the front pew. Approach the altar to partake, then move to the chancel rail to pray. Then, return to your seat using the left or right SIDE aisle]. (Fellowship cups are available for those who wish to remain in their seat for communion).

**\* COMMUNION BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen.**



\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING**

\* BLESSING

P God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, + bless you now and forever.

**C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)**

\* SENDING HYMN      *“Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak”*      #403 Green Hymnal

\* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**C Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Beward Family

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES –

NEXT WEEK'S COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS –

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Barb Geedey & Jessie Reed (4/7/25 – 5/4/25)

NEXT WEEK'S MANNA BREAD BAKER – Diana Wise

COLLECTION COUNTERS FOR APRIL:

Today: Ron & Christie Yorks

April 20: Slone Smith & Nick Beward

April 27: Clint Miller & Nick Beward

**WELCOME TO ALL!**

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to worship at Messiah. We invite you to register your visit in the guest book provided in the Narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the Pastor. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Thank you for worshipping with us.

VISITORS ARE INVITED TO COMMUNE with us if they are baptized, and if with us in our faith, they trust Jesus' promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ.

THE INDIVIDUAL PALMS are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Ira (Floss) Smith, who for many years donated the palm fronds on Palm Sunday.

TODAY OUR CHANCEL is decorated with palms as we observe Palm Sunday. We are also reliving the events of Holy Week that culminate with Christ's crucifixion. Therefore, our altar vases hold not only palms but also 5 red flowers reminding us of the five wounds of Christ (the nails in his hands and feet and the spear in his side) as he hung on the cross.

JUST A THOUGHT – Eli Cass, Christian Thinker: The cross is the invincible sanctuary of the humble.

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS **THURSDAY NOON**.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Pastor Leister at [mlcsleister@gmail.com](mailto:mlcsleister@gmail.com).

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for **one month**. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact the church office at 436-6213 or [mlchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com). If you have anyone who is a “last minute” addition after the bulletin has been printed on Fridays, please fill out an orange prayer card in the pew and lay it on the stand where the gluten free wafers are placed PRIOR to the morning worship service.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE for any change in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or for any requests for building usage. There are a lot of activities and some coordination is needed so events are not “overbooked” in any specific areas of the church (this also applies to church groups who meet in the church). Please contact the office at 436-6213 or email [mlchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com) for any changes or requests.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY NEEDS OR CONCERNS, please contact Pastor Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Pastor Leister know. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at [mlcsleister@gmail.com](mailto:mlcsleister@gmail.com).

WEIS AND GIANT GIFT CARDS are available to purchase from the Disciples Class. This is a very important outreach ministry that helps neighbors in need in our own community. We thank each and every one for continued support of this very worthwhile project.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL SERVICES while Pastor Sam is recuperating from surgery, please contact Pastor Rick Adams. He may be reached through his cell number at 717-253-0235.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, when congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service, **“God’s Work, Our Hands.”**

APRIL’S “MISSION OF THE MONTH” at Messiah will be for the Juniata County Food Pantry. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to the Food Pantry to continue assisting our friends and neighbors, supplying necessary items and food for their tables. In addition to your generosity, the PPC allocated funds to match congregational donations up to \$1,000.00. This is just one way in which we can continue to extend our mission in Christ’s love beyond the walls of our church building.

A VOTER'S ASSEMBLY will be held on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> following the worship service. Business: approval of audit and sharing of board reports.

## **SUMMER CAMP 2025**

Kate Swailes will be serving as our congregation's camperson for Camp Mount Luther again this year. This year's summer camp season will begin on June 15<sup>th</sup> and will run until August 4<sup>th</sup>. There are programs for all ages from elementary to senior high, and for adults and families. If you're looking for a place where your child can grow in faith and have fun doing it, Camp Mount Luther is that place. If you have any questions about camp, you can contact Kate or the camp office at 570-922-1587 or [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org). The camp brochures are available on the Camp Mount Luther site <https://www.campmountluther.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2025-Camp-Brochure.pdf> and camp brochures will be mailed to campers who attended camp in the past. Brochures and schedules are also available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room. Submit your camp registration online at **Camp Mount Luther Summer Camp Registration** and provide the \$50 payment to Kate Swailes or church treasurer Jen Hutchinson. The remaining portion of the cost of camp will be covered by various fundraising events, donations, etc.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Music Sunday on April 27<sup>th</sup> at Messiah during the 10:00 a.m. worship service when Jeremy Goodling will be performing our special music for that Sunday.

REMINDER: **Please have all information to be placed in the newsletter** to Bob at [stclairb@embargo.com](mailto:stclairb@embargo.com) or the **church office** at [mlchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com) by the deadlines which are listed monthly in the newsletter.

IF YOU HAVE ANY NEWS OR UPCOMING EVENTS, please contact Sheree Goss at 717-436-9613 or email her at [msgoss@gmail.com](mailto:msgoss@gmail.com).

MESSIAH/ST. STEPHEN'S YOUTH GROUP is having a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Messiah. Please plan to attend. If you are able to supply a dessert or basket for the raffle, contact Chris Martin or Tawny Mummah.

## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.      Friday – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

## **WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS**

WOMEN OF THE ELCA DAY OF LEARNING will be held on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Salem Lutheran Church Selinsgrove. The cost to attend is \$25.00 and the deadline to register is April 1. Contact Barb Geedey if you would like to attend.

WELCA CONVENTION will be held on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at Faith Lutheran Church in Lewisburg. The theme will be "For All the Faithful Women." The in-gathering will go to LDR. **The in-kind collection will be items for "period packs" which contain: regular tampons, super absorbency tampons, or packs of 12 pads that are unscented (long, super or ultra-thin).** We are hoping to be able to complete 200 kits at the convention. We will be collecting from now until the convention in July. If you are able to purchase either of these items, you can place them on the round table in the Adult Sunday School Room. If you would like to donate money to purchase these items, you may give your donation to Barb, Cynthia, Linda, Christie or Cindy. Anyone who is interested in attending the Convention, please contact Barb for a copy of the registration form. The cost will be \$40 which covers refreshments upon arrival, lunch and any item needed for the program.

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA PURPOSE STATEMENT

*As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.*

### COMMUNITY

#### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR APRIL**

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS,  
SHAMPOO, DEODORANT,  
CLEANING SUPPLIES, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, DISH SOAP,  
ALL PURPOSE HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS, & PAPER TOWELS.  
DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED!

**THE FINAL 2025 PORT ROYAL MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST** will be held on Saturday, April 19th at 7:00 a.m. at Port Royal Community Building. Speaker will be Rev. Ron Shupe of the River Church.

#### **2025 WEST JUNIATA COUNTY MINISTERIUM LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, April 16 – **7:00 p.m.**.....Grace Methodist Church (Mexico)

**Hymn Source:** "In the Hour of Trial" – **Speaker:** Pastor Sam Leister

Maundy Thursday Breakfast, April 17 – **7:00 a.m.**.....Messiah Lutheran Church

**Speaker:** Pastor Sam Leister

Maundy Thursday, April 17 – **7:00 p.m.**.....Trinity Methodist Church (Mifflin)

**Hymn Source:** TBA – **Speaker:** Bishop Craig Miller

Good Friday, April 18 – **7:00 p.m.**.....Messiah Lutheran Church

**Hymn Source:** "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" – **Speaker:** Pastor Rick Adams

#### **HOLY WEEK STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

(All services at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church)

Monday, April 14.....	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 15.....	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 16.....	1:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 17.....	10:00 a.m.
Friday, April 18.....	3:00 p.m.

## **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:**       **-Palm Sunday.**  
                  -10:00 a.m., Worship/Communion.  
                  -Worship & Music Committee meeting following the worship service in the Library.
- Monday:**     -6:30 p.m., The Knitters in Junior Church Room.  
                  -7:00 p.m. AA in Youth Area.
- Tuesday:**    -7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Wednesday:** -The “Needlers” will not be meeting at their regular time during Lent, but anyone who would like  
                  to continue to work on projects may do so any time during the week.  
                  -7:00 p.m., Community Lenten Service at Grace Methodist Church (Mexico).
- Thursday:**   **-Maundy Thursday.**  
                  -7:00 a.m., Maundy Thursday Breakfast & Clearing of the Altar.  
                  -8:30 a.m., JCPASR Breakfast in Fellowship Hall.  
                  -7:00 p.m., Maundy Thursday evening service at Trinity Methodist Church.
- Friday:**       **-Good Friday.**  
                  -7:00 p.m., Good Friday Service at Messiah.
- Sunday:**      **-Easter Sunday – Resurrection of Our Lord.**  
                  -10:00 a.m., Worship/Communion.

### **PRAYER LIST**

Joedy Arnold  
Linda Bahorik  
Melissa Bargo  
Jeremy Barnes  
Ryan Barr  
Bill Book  
Linda Brouse  
Andrea Cameron  
Evitt Campbell  
Kenton Cohenour  
Kim Dumais  
Freda Durio  
Cathy Dysinger  
Renee Dzikowski  
Kevin Fetterhoof  
Neil & Pat Fisher  
Bentley Fulkroad  
Kristen Gaisor  
Terri Gayer  
Deb Geedey  
Sheree Goss  
Amanda Gregg  
Fred Gross  
Mark Harvey

Bill Heck  
John (Pat) Henry  
Sawyer Henry  
Nox Hepburn  
Nancy Howell  
Annie Ingle  
Guy Kerstetter  
Jesse Kint  
Nancy Kramer  
Pastor Sam Leister  
Don Lyter  
Cecilia Miller  
Curt Miller  
Larry Miller  
Shirley Miller  
Marlin Milliken  
Claire Mummah  
Linda (Kerchner) Parks  
Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine  
Cheryl Pinkerton  
Donna Pontius  
Betty Ranck  
Keith Ranck  
Dave Reed

Jan Reisinger  
Jeff & Lisa Rosenberry  
Diane Rowles  
Greysley Rowles  
Kelley Rusenko  
Arlene Shearer  
Lowell Shearer  
Gail Sherman  
Althea Smith  
Jennifer Smith  
Judy Smith  
Joyce & Todd Spangler  
Barry Strawser  
Vicki Suoja  
Amy Swartz  
Molly Ulsh  
George Varner  
Roscoe Warner  
Kathy Whitesel  
Jim & Heidi Woltman  
Paul Zeiders  
George Zimmerman  
Linda Zimmerman

### **PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS**

--Jane Marhefka – Brookline Manor, 2 Manor Blvd., Room 221, Mifflintown, PA 17059  
--Ray Bramm – Honaman House, 58 Honaman House Dr., Apt. 108, Thompsonstown, PA 17094  
--Ruth Cisney – Honaman House, 58 Honaman House Dr., Apt. 112, Thompsonstown, PA 17094  
--Ona Stoner – William Penn Nursing Home, 163 Summit Dr., Lewistown, PA 17044

# EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM

## MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH



Easter Sunday is April 20, 2025 and in keeping with Messiah Lutheran Church tradition, Lilies you purchase will be “planted” around our altar to help us celebrate the special occasion.

Please complete the order form below and attach **a check**, made payable to “**Messiah Lutheran Church**” and print **Easter Lilies** in the memo line. Then, please attach the check to the order form and place it in the offering plate or return to the church office by **TODAY** *PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ORDER!!*

FLOWERS MAY BE PICKED UP FOLLOWING THE EASTER MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AM.

Thank you for helping to beautify our space and for supporting our church!

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### EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST THE DEDICATION AS FOLLOWS:

Please check one: In Honor Of ( ) OR In Memory Of ( )

I would like to order the following:

Easter Lilies (4 to 6 blooms) \$11.00 # of plants \_\_\_\_\_ X \$11.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_