



April/May 2019

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As Jesus rode along on the colt, they spread their clothes on the road. As Jesus approached [Jerusalem] the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. They said "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens." Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!" He answered, "Very truly I tell you, if they were silent, the stones themselves would cry out." -Luke 19:36-40

The Palm Sunday story of Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem is one of those stories that we have told so many times that it can sometimes be hard to miss some of its strangeness. People were laying their clothes down on the road for a donkey to walk on, while it carried Jesus! That's not a procession you see every day. Since it is the time when traditionally pilgrims would travel to Jerusalem for the Festival of Passover, the crowd is shouting the typical Passover greeting for pilgrims which is a quote from Psalm 118, but they get the words wrong. The greeting is supposed to be "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord," but laying down their clothes on the road as if for royalty, they add the word King to the blessing. But this is a strange King for them to herald indeed, whom, by the same crowd, a few days later will be crucified next to criminals.

Perhaps it is fearing that very future that inspires the Pharisees to tell Jesus to scold his disciples. They say, teacher, do not let them call you king! For you could get killed for such a thing (It is, after all, the very inscription "King of the Jews" that will hang on Jesus' cross). But to this Jesus replies, "If they were silent the stones themselves would shout out!" This strange response is a reference to Habakkuk 2:11; where the prophet declares that even the buildings will cry out against injustices against God saying: "The very stones will cry out from the wall, and the plaster will respond from the woodwork." By quoting Habakkuk here, Jesus means to let us know that prayers for righteousness are not something easily kept quiet. The people want a messiah, one who will retake the throne of Jerusalem. They are crying out for justice, and even if they do not know what they are doing (Father, forgive them. Luke 23:34) that justice is coming to answer their prayer, just not in the way the crowds expect. Justice will rain down like waters in the surprise of Christ's Easter victory over the grave.

As we look toward that Easter celebration this year, and we lay our own dirty laundry on our road to Palm Sunday, bringing our own expectations, history, and ideas to our calls for justice and righteousness to God—let us remember that God's actual justice will surprise us. What are the stones shouting out for? What justice do we seek? What is it that awaits us when we peer into that empty tomb? After God drags us through death on the cross, what justice burns for us? It is mercy. It is Love. It is ever-gushing life. So let the sweet hosannas ring!

Pastor Tommy Richter

News for the Journey

Church Building & Office Hours

The church building is open during the following times:
Monday - Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm (office hours) and
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday evenings from 4:00pm to
9:00pm. If you or a community guest needs to reserve room space or
needs access to the building at other times, please contact the church
office during office hours to make arrangements.

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New Members Received Sunday, April 28

If you are someone who wants to become a member at Good Shepherd or you know someone who does, please direct them to our membership form online or speak to Pastor Leesa. At our New Member Meet and Greet Orientation on Monday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. we will have a sandwich, fruit and chip dinner along with a chance for us to tell you about Good Shepherd and get better acquainted with you. New members will formally be received on Sunday, April 28 at the 9:15 worship service.



MISSION

*Whether one's feet are big or small,
fresh or worn, running or crawling,
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is
**Together on the Journey,
Sharing God's Love***

VISION

*Good Shepherd is committed to
providing a Christ-centered,
relationship-building,
intergenerational community.*

VALUES

*Creating grace-filled,
actionable worship
Nurturing life-long learning
Contributing God's blessings to others*

Baptism

Jude Thomas Hulse
*Child of
Selena & Brent Hulse*

Grace-Filled, Actionable Worship

Recognizing our High School Graduates Sunday, May 19 at 9:15 worship

During worship we will bless our graduates on their journey.

Following worship, we will celebrate with refreshments in the Commons. If you are a high school graduating senior please RSVP your plan to attend by May 12 by providing the following:

- A baby photo, late elementary or middle school photo, graduation photo.
- What are your future plans?
- Who has influenced your Journey of Faith?
- share a dream you have for the future of God's work.



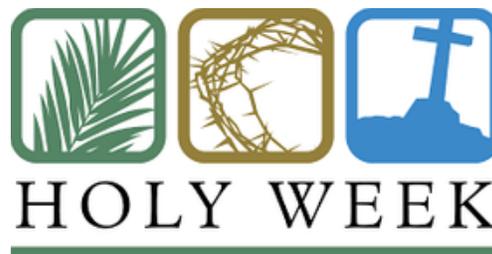
Summer Worship Hours Return May 26

Sundays

8:30 am (traditional style)
10:00am (blended style)

Wednesdays

6:30pm (blended style)



Maundy Thursday, April 18

12:00 p.m.

Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar

This service will use the spoken word and old, familiar hymns to remember Jesus' last supper and the meaning of the symbols on the altar as they are stripped away.

6:30 p.m.

A Living Last Supper

At this service, interspersed with song and readings, the dramatic story telling of Jesus' last supper with his disciples around an ancient table reminds us of the gift given 'for you' around our altar table.

Good Friday, April 19

12:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

The Hammer and the Nail at the Foot of the Cross

With a nail in your hand, you will imagine walking the dusty roads of Jerusalem with Jesus – first shouting the acclamation of Palm Sunday, "Hosanna" and then the cry at the foot of the cross, "Crucify him!" This worship service uses all of your senses to experience the last hours, moments and words of Christ's life.

Easter Sunday, April 21

8:00, 9:15, 10:30 a.m.

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

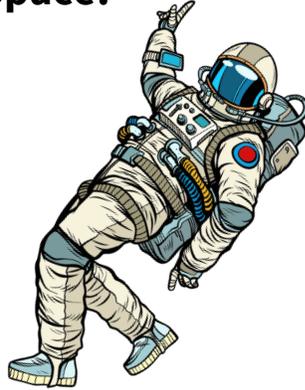
"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!" God has Jesus appear to us, "chosen as witnesses," in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

Lifelong Learning

Vacation Bible School Monday, June 10 - Thursday, June 13 Amazing Space!

This year in VBS we will learn about:

God's Amazing Grace,
God's Amazing Son
& the Amazing Spaces
that God has provided us!



"For God did not send God's Son into the world to judge the world, but to save the world through Jesus" ~John 3:17

VBS am is 9am-12pm for Ages 3.5 to Grade 5

VBS pm is 12-4pm for Grades K-5

Costs: \$40 per child half a day, \$75 per child full day. Family rates and scholarships available on request.

We are collecting bubble wrap & 2-liter soda bottles. Please see Karen Davis for details.

Last Day of Sunday School

Sunday, May 12.

Besides learning the Bible message of the day, the children will be making a gift for Mother's Day. We encourage everyone to come back the following Sunday, May 19 for the All Church Car Wash and Corn Hole Tournament with carnival games for younger children.

Confirmation Resumes for Two Weeks

Wednesday, April 24
Year in Review

Wednesday, May 1
Celebration with
Guides & Prayer Pals

Summer Camp Registration!

Your children and youth are invited to take part in attending Wapo or Ox Lake Lutheran Bible Camp this Summer! These camps are located outside of Amery, WI on the beautiful Lake Wappogasset.

Registration and more information can be found online on our website
www.goodshepherdigh.com.

We will provide a bus on Sunday, June 16 to take the kids to WAPO and OX LAKE camps. Children and youth need to be picked up by parents, grandparents or adult friends on Friday, June 21 after 11:00 family worship.



Community Building

Jubilee Worship

Sunday, May 5 @ 9:15

We will not have Sunday School classes on this day so families with children can attend worship all together. Children in grade K-5 will be singing and special family friendly activities will be provided after worship.

All are *bienvenido* to attend.

We hope to see you there!

Congratulations to First Communion Children & Youth!

Participants will be celebrating during services on Maundy Thursday, April 18 at 6:30pm and Easter Sunday, April 21 at 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30pm.

Prayer, Care & Support Corner

Grief Support Group
First Tuesday of the Month
from 6:00-7:00pm

We will share experiences and resources for rising in the midst of the hurt. Tuesday, May 7 we will be discussing the book "The Year of Magical Thinking" by Joan Didion



Cornhole Tourney

Sunday, May 19 @ 11:30

Mission Trip Youth are hosting our first annual Corn-hole Tourney to help raise funds and awareness for their upcoming trip to Chicago. Grab a partner and sign-up! Cost per team is \$20. There will also be activities for children. We will be serving \$5 Walking Taco lunch which includes a drink and cookie.

(If you have a corn hole board to share for the afternoons event, please see Wayne Gorr)

Carwash at Good Shepherd

Sunday, May 19 all morning and early afternoon

Free-will donation

All proceeds support our Mission Trip Participants serving folks on the Southside of Chicago

Mission Trip Meeting for Participants & Prayer Pals

Sunday, May 5 at 11:30am

We will get to know the Chicago area through games and activities, in addition to making a connection with our Prayer Pals.

Contributing our Blessings

Thank You for Responding to a Need!

We announced on Sunday, March 31 due to terrible winter storms, we had lower than usual Sunday morning attendance in February and the first week of March. We even needed to cancel two Wednesday worship services due to dangerously low temperatures. Since we had lower than usual attendance, our income was affected and put us into a \$24,000 shortfall for the month of March.

Many of you responded generously and for that we give thanks. We will rejoice as others continue to choose to also respond to this immediate need.

The shortfall has taught us that online, reoccurring giving is a great opportunity for you to consider. Online, reoccurring giving always ensures that your monetary commitment to God's work through Good Shepherd continues without a hitch because it helps our income to remain steady, whether you are able to attend worship or not. Online giving is secure and easy and it can be from a debit card, checking account or credit card if you want to gain points, mileage or money back.

Thank you for returning a portion of God's Blessings to the church as we are Together on the Journey, Sharing God's Love!

Beth Borgen-Lindberg, President
Greta Blied, Treasurer



Penny Wars were a huge success! Your Social Ministry team has worked hard tallying the points and counting your donations and you worked hard emptying your piggy banks, and donating food. We had a stellar response! So here are the results you've all been waiting for: Coming in last place—thanks to all of your devious sabotage—the Pastors' Team and the January-March birthdays. Our team far and away collected the most pennies, at 5,426 but with almost \$250 dollars in cash against us, we didn't stand a chance. Second to last place is the other heavily sabotaged team Lisa, Andrea and the October-December birthdays (2,710 pennies, \$166 against). Rallying at the last minute to steal runner up was Bobbie's Team and the July-September birthdays (1,930 pennies, \$132 against). Charging into the lead as the quiet but triumphant, Karen's Team wins the wars! (3,547 pennies, \$63 against.). But the real grand champion is Neighbors Inc., for which we raised a total of \$2,000!! Thank you Good Shepherd for your generosity and for making such a huge difference in the lives of the hungry. Thank you to all who helped count pennies, to all those that helped man the table and spark the competitive spirit, and everyone else who helped in ways big and small to make Penny Wars as awesome as they were.

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Mission Trip Moments from Flathead, Montana

This mission trip to Montana was a great experience in which I made lots of memories and saw new environments that I will never forget. We first served at Flathead Industries helping them prepare for an event and stock the shelves of their thrift store. Next we went to United Nations and served by helping them remodel an abandoned mall and turned it into a place to house non-profit organizations like Girl Scouts, CASA and many more. While we were there we moved furniture, organized closets, and helped clean up and decorate. The next two days we went to a Boys and Girls Club on a reservation. The club took place in a small basement of a church. Here about 60 kids looked fairly normal but once you were sitting down and talking to them and realized their lives were far from normal. Many kids would tell us how they didn't live with their parents, how their siblings committed suicide, not being able to see their siblings, and how they had to stay up all night doing the dishes and cleaning. Hearing these stories really opened my eyes and I realized how hard their lives are at home and how this place may provide the children with their only meals and the only time they get to relax and have fun. One little girl named Bella came up to me instantly just because I gave her a welcoming smile. She wanted me to follow her around everywhere and talk and play with her. We played games together, went swimming and read stories. It was so nice to see her smile and she constantly told me how I was so nice and sweet and asked when I had to leave. When it was time to leave she asked when I was coming back, how I made her last two days, and how she would never forget me. Bella really helped me see how one smile, one conversation, and one person can influence others' lives in the biggest ways. I will never forget Bella either as she helped me see how easy it can be to make a difference in others' lives and it can start with even the smallest of things like a smile. I will never forget this amazing experience sharing God's love to others while building relationships with others and making everlasting memories along the way. ~ Brekken Grathen

The 2018 Montana mission trip was packed with service, laughter, fun and love. It all started on the 25 hour train ride. Most got less than 5 hours of sleep within these 25 hours, either too excited or couldn't find a comfortable position. I only got a total of 6 hours of sleep, a high number within the group! We were up playing card games like ghost and garbage, looking at the view, attempting to sleep, telling jokes and eating. The last few hours included beautiful mountain views and people talking crazy, we called it train fever, because it was making everyone mix up words. Then we finally arrived at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, a beautiful place with the best meals everyday. Monday started with a needed Starbucks run, then we headed to a local Thrifts store that was in need of help to put donations onto the store shelves. Tuesday was a rough morning, everyone felt more sleep was definitely a need more than a want, but we fought through and helped United Way organize an old mall into offices for organizations that help those in need. Wednesday started with a game of Double Ball, a traditional Native game played with goals, sticks and 2 balls connected by rawhide. After that my group headed to a construction site to help move plywood flooring and stain it for the Boys and Girls Club, and organization for kids to get away from their hard lives to play games all day and eat free meals. Thursday we returned to the construction to finish what we started the day before. At the end of Thursday we had stained 150 pieces of plywood and moved 250 pieces inside from outside in storage. Friday was awesome. White water rafting was on the schedule and everyone was excited. My raft group got through all the rapids with a breeze, until the last one. Right into a massive wave we went and within 10 seconds we had gone up in the air, tipped sideways, and were swimming in the river. It was so scary in the moment but also thrilling. After getting back in the boat we couldn't stop talking about it. So that was just an overview into my mission trip, because explaining every little important detail would have made me an author of a novel! ~ Zoe Boughton

Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday
12:00 & 6:30pm

Good Friday
12:00 & 6:30pm

Easter Sunday
8:00, 9:15 & 10:30am



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