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# WORDS OF HOPE, FROM HOPE

"It is the Mission of Hope Lutheran Church to help people Grow in their Faith; to be a Leader in the community; to Serve the needs of all people, and to Teach and Educate all people.'

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Greetings People of Hope!

Grace and peace to you from Christ our Savior, his loving Father, and the Holy Spirit!

As I write this, Holy Week is about to begin. For centuries, a wide variety of Christians have spent this week reading scripture, in prayer, and participating in the story via services of worship.

It starts with Palm/Passion Sunday. Many of us remember when it was just Palm Sunday, focused on the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem. Passion Sunday is an older tradition revived after Vatican II. In earlier traditions, Christians read each version of the *Passion* story (*the last day of Christ's life, including his arrest, trial, and crucifixion*) during Holy Week. Current practice in many ELCA congregations is to start Palm/Passion Sunday with Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem from Matthew, Mark, or Luke (this year it's Matthew). We then skip to the Passion story in that gospel and the tone of worship shifts from joyful celebration to somber concern.

Most places do not have a practice specific to Holy Monday, Holy (Fig) Tuesday, and Holy (Spy) Wednesday. Some gather for evening or morning prayer or a Tenebrae (candlelight) service of worship. Gospel texts for these three days are stories from between Palm Sunday and the Last Supper. Below are the current assigned readings:

Holy Monday: Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 36:5-11, Hebrews 9:11-15, and John 12:1-11---Mary of Bethany anoints Jesus

Holy Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 71:1-14, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, and John 12:20-36 (Jesus predicts his death; Tridentine Mass reads the Passion according to Mark)

Holy (Spy) Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 70, Hebrews 12:1-3, John 13:21-32 (beginning of final meal with disciples in John fortelling Judas' betrayal of Jesus. Matthew 26:14-25, Judas arranges betrayal with chief priests is also sometimes used—that's where Spy Wednesday comes from; Tridentine Mass reads the Passion according to Luke)

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil are one service of worship, called the Triduum or The Three Days, that takes place on three evenings in a row.

Maundy (from the Latin for mandate) Thursday uses the Last Supper reading from the gospel of John. Jesus gives a new mandate: Love one another as I have loved you. He shows that love by washing the feet of the disciples. Some congregations offer washing feet (or hands) as part of the liturgy. Although the gospel of John doesn't share this story, in the other three gospels this is the point in the story where Jesus introduces the sacrament of Holy Communion. Many congregations celebrate First Communion on this evening. Confession is also a significant part of Maundy Thursday.

Good Friday was the first Holy Week service of worship to develop. We read the Passion story from the gospel of John (interspersed with songs, prayer, and putting out candles). It often includes the Bidding Prayers, Honoring the Cross, and the Solemn Reproaches—join us Friday at 7 pm to experience that 😊

The Easter Vigil, on Holy Saturday, is the final segment of the Triduum. In my experience, few congregations in this part of the country celebrate the Easter Vigil. It lasts several hours, consisting of four parts:

*The Service of Light:* It begins outside with a fire near the entrance of the building, welcoming the light of Christ.

*The Liturgy of the Word:* 9 readings (sometimes reduced for practical reasons; always at least 3)—seven from the Old Testament, one epistle reading (usually Romans), and one Gospel. The story from Exodus 14 of the Israelites crossing the Red Sea is always read.

*The Liturgy of Baptism:* in the early church new believers were baptized and/or confirmed at the Easter Vigil, after learning and prayer during Lent. The rest of the congregation renews their baptismal vows and is sprinkled with water.

*The Holy Eucharist:* the first Holy Communion of Easter, also First Communion for the newly baptized and/or confirmed. Worship ends before sunrise on Easter.

If you're interested in the readings for the Easter Vigil, or the liturgy, let me know and I'll get it to you.

Soon, Easter Sunday will be here. Once again, we'll cry out: Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed! Until then (and after 😊) may the compassion of Christ, the creativity of the Father, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit fill your life.

Peace,

Pastor Kari

# Hope Happenings

Sunday School is asking for art supply donations. Colored Pencils, Markers, and Pencils would be very much appreciated!



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JOY-FILLED

**Easter!**

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2 7:00 Maundy Thursday and 1st Communion Worship	3 7:00 Good Friday Service	4
5 Easter 9:00 Breakfast 10:00 Worship	6	7	8 5:30 Confirmation 7:00 Youth Group	9	10	11
12 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Children's Church w/ Cody Swanson	13	14	15 5:30 Confirmation	16 Quilting	17	18
19 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship w/ Anneliese	20	21	22 5:30 Confirmation	23	24	25
26 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Confirmation Worship	27	28	29	30		