



APOSTLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday

SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2022 | 9:30 AM

Our Mission is to be a Caring Inclusive Christian Community responding to God's grace through Worship, Service, and Sharing the Gospel.



RECONCILING in CHRIST



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

WELCOME TO APOSTLES LUTHERAN CHURCH!

It is an honor to worship God with you this morning. We pray you experience the loving presence of the Spirit as we share our words, our actions, and the Holy Meal.

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please fill out a card in the pew rack with your contact information. A restroom can be found by exiting the rear door of the worship space. It is directly in front of you to the right. Additional restrooms can be found in the back corner of the fellowship area, near the Pastor's office.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

The leadership of Apostles Lutheran Church has prioritized keeping all worshipers healthy and at ease as we return to in-person worship. For some the pace of transition back to normalcy isn't happening fast enough; for others, it seems too fast. As we continue to assure one another and our neighbors that Apostles is a safe place to celebrate our community of faith in Jesus Christ, we appreciate patience and understanding over the weeks and months ahead. If someone approaches you and appears to want to hug, shake hands, etc., please know that it is okay to say that you are not comfortable with this practice. So, to keep everyone safe during these continuing challenging times, we ask:

- Windows and doors will be open, so wear a mask as you see fit.
- For families to sit together – the Playground is now re-open.
- For you to use the hand sanitizer which is available both in the narthex and the sanctuary.
- For everyone to stay in place when we share the peace – *of course, feel free to share the peace with members of your family.* Otherwise, kindly use appropriate hand gestures to share the peace with your neighbors.
- Offering plates will now be passed.

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.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING OUTSIDE

Please pick up a palm from the usher!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL ANTHEM

CHOIR

"Hosanna Processional"

The congregation goes into the Sanctuary during the processional anthem.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Sit

First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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.

Response after the First Lesson

Word of the Spirit, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

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

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

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to ^l my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street ^l they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, ^l out of mind;
I am as useless as a ^l broken pot. R**

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

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in ^l you, O LORD.
I have said, "You ^l are my God.**

¹⁵My times are ^l in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who ^l persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine up- ^l on your servant;
save me in your ^l steadfast love." R**

Second Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

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.

Response after the Second Lesson

Word of the Spirit, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or in spirit as the gospel is announced.

Gospel

Luke 22:14—23:56

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 followers, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus—the innocent bringer of life—is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.

Response after the announcement

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O God.

Response after the conclusion.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Children's Sermon



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SERMON

PASTOR JENIFFER TILLMAN

HYMN OF THE DAY

Apostles Choir
"Look Now Your King is Coming"

Please rise in body or in spirit

APOSTLES' CREED

Living in trust and hope, let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right
hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the
living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*We share a distanced sign of Peace with our neighbors saying **Peace be with you** to which we respond **And also with you.***

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Sit

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Offering plates will not be passed around. Drop your offering in the plate at the back or give online:

Please rise in body or in spirit

OFFERING PRAYER

Extravagant God,
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.

Now we gather at your feast
where you offer us the food that satisfies.

Take and use what we offer here, come among us,
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,
in whose name we pray.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day or season.

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The thanksgiving continues.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The great thanksgiving continues.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is food and drink for the journey.
Take and be filled.

Sit

COMMUNION

All are invited to join us at the Lord's table to receive the presence of Jesus through the bread and wine. Jesus himself invites you and Jesus turns no one away. You will be invited to come forward to receive the elements from the Pastor. Holy Communion are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Please rise in body or in spirit

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus,
in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission back into the world.

Sit

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please rise in body or in spirit

BENEDICTION

You are children of God,
anointed with the oil of gladness
and strengthened for the journey.

Almighty God,
motherly, majestic, and mighty,
✠ bless you this day and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on your way.
Thanks be to God.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 10:34-43

God raised Jesus on the third day

Isaiah 65:17-25 (alternate)

New heavens and a new earth

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (*Ps. 118:24*)

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Christ raised from the dead, the first fruits

Acts 10:34-43 (alternate)

God raised Jesus on the third day

Luke 24:1-12

The women proclaim the resurrection

John 20:1-18 (alternate)

Seeing the risen Christ

WORSHIP LEADERS

	Serving Today	Serving Next Week
Accompanist	Janet Gomez	Janet Gomez
Acolyte	Jade Hawkins	Chase Ambrose
Altar Care	Irene Albert	Lynn Scholz
Assisting Minister	Sue Turner	David Albert
Greeter	Betsy Liljeberg.....	Ray Scholz
Announcements	Doug Dalager	Ray Scholz
Lector	Irene Albert	Preston Higgins
Tellers	D.Albert/ L.Hodges	P.Higgins/D.Garfield
Technology	Chris Hawkins	Shawn Jaeger
Usher	Judy Wright	Preston Higgins

	This Week	Next Week
Cleaning		
Teams	Britts/Peterson.....	Gomez/Grimes/Higgins

RECONCILING in CHRIST

We, the people of Apostles Lutheran Church, follow Paul's message to the Galatians (3:28): "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Believing that because we are all one in Christ, and created in God's image, all are welcome as beloved children of God. We welcome into the full life of the church all those whom God sends us. Rejoicing in God's amazing diversity, we welcome people of all ages, races, gender identities, sexual orientations, and physical and mental abilities. Centered in Christ, we commit ourselves to breaking down dividing walls and building a community where all are beloved.

SINGING THE HYMNS

We are a singing church. We express our faith through song. We miss hearing our liturgy and hymns and singing them-praying them-together. We yearn to lift our voices once again in song. But for the time being, we will not be singing the liturgy or the hymns. We are including the texts of the hymns in the bulletin so you can meditate on the texts of the hymns as they are played instrumentally but for the safety of all, we ask that you refrain from singing. We will sing again – it is all for the glory of God and we know that even in our silence God can still be praised!

SEASONS OF STEWARDSHIP

Our next Seasons of Stewardship will be Spring to the work of the Worship Team. You are invited to participate in the work of the Team – if you haven't already, please fill out the time and talent sheet inserted in the bulletin and put it in the offering plate located at the back of the sanctuary. Thanks!

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

Please take a minute to sign up to provide flowers for our altar – you can make your own arrangements from your garden – if you need vases, we have them. The signup sheet is in the narthex. If you have any questions, please see Janet Gomez.

PRAYER REQUESTS

There is a book located at the rear of the worship space for you to write any prayer requests you have for today. Fill out a “Prayer Request” (on the back of each pew) and place it in the offering plate to add a prayer request to the “Prayer List” included in the bulletin and the newsletter. **Please print legibly!**

FOR PASTORAL CARE

Pastor Jeniffer will be in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 AM–1 PM. For immediate concerns, contact Pastor Jeniffer at 678-524-4919, by e-mail at pastor.apostles@gmail.com, or leave a message at 804-693-9098.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jack Baur- April 5th
Jennie Hawkins- April 5th
Pam Moore- April 5th
Ray Kendzierski- April 5th
April Andy-April 6th
Barbara Runk- April 7th
Carson Riordan- April 9th
Doug Dalager- April 10th

Save The Date!!

Easter Brunch - The Caring Community Ministry Team invites you to join your church family for an Easter brunch after the worship service on Easter Sunday, April 17th - there is a signup sheet in the narthex to sign up to help set up, clean up and provide food - for more information, please contact Irene Albert.

Easter Egg Hunt - The Caring Community Ministry Team will be having an Easter Egg hunt for the children after the worship service on Easter Sunday, April 17th - a big thank you to the youth for putting this on. We need donations of individually wrapped candy - there is a basket in the narthex to put your donations. For more information, please contact Ingrid Peterson. Thank you!!

In The Shadow of the Cross – we need people to perform the play that will be presented on Good Friday (this Friday, April 15 th , at 7:00 PM) – we need at least 5people – please see Shawn Jaeger if you are willing to participate – thanks.

Flower for the Easter Cross – please don't forget to bring flowers to adorn on Easter cross on Easter Sunday – thanks to George Thomas for always taking care of preparing the cross for us!!

Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, April 14th – 7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Hand Washing and Holy Communion

Friday, April 15th – 7:00 PM – Good Friday – “In the Shadow of the Cross”

Saturday, April 16th – 7:00 PM – Easter Vigil on the beach at Watermen's Museum

Sunday, April 17th – 9:30 AM - Easter Sunday Holy Communion

Stay tuned for details on all of these events!!

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Opal Baker, Luise Buerkert, Eddie Freeman, Manning Freeman, Betty Hauch, Michael Schlemmer, George Thomas, Jewel Thomas, Sue and George Turner, and Jerry and Lena Woodlief

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Patricia Armentor, family of Sharon Bagley (friends of Judy Wright), **Karen Bell** (Pam Moore's sister), **Paul Britt** (Gerald Britt's brother), **Sally Burkholder, Amy Carter, Eric and Lauren Cartwright, the Clements family, Laura Clodfelter, family of Kimberly Conine, James Cummings, Sr.** (brother-in-law of Reida Avery), **Ben Davis** (friend of Donna Ambrose), **Tommy and Kathie Davis, Mary Divelbiss, Colton Elliot** (Michael Schlemmer's cousin), **Laura Fleige, Teresa Floersheim-Miller** (Ingrid Peterson's mother), **Michelle Fowler** (Reida Avery's daughter), **Lance Frost** (Lilly Frost's father), **Dana Goodwin** (Juanita Sturdy's daughter), **Shirley Grimes** (Ben Grimes' mother), **family of Shirlean Hackman, Mike Hall, Sage Heymann Hannan, Chaneice Hayden** (Daniel Hayden) **Carl and Kaleb Hess, Adam Hewko** (nephew of the Hansons), **Aris Hibbs** (friend of Ray Scholz), **Diane Hill** (friend of Nancy Wagner), **Spencer Hodges, Alice Jaeger, John, Nero Katz** (friend of Pastor Jeniffer), **Pastor Betty Krafft, employees and residents of Liberty ARC, Terri Larsen, the Little Family, Richard and Gloria Lowe** (friends of the Averys), **Lorraine Malkemus, Lotte Mathias, Wayne Mathews, Jean McKee** (Lilly Frost's grandmother), **Sylvia Midgette** (grandmother of Krystle M^cMahan), **Mitchelle and baby Stella, Keith Morgan, Jamie Mullaney, Carol Pascale** (Lynn Jaeger's mother), **Brad Person** (Lilly Frost's uncle), **Dick Peterson and his brother, Aleen Poupard** (friend of Luise Buerkert), **Carol Schlemmer, James Schollian** (friend of Nancy Wagner), **Michael Scholz** (nephew of Ray Scholz), **Erin Seamonson** (Lara Jaeger), **Kathy Shackelford, Fred Smith, Tammy Smith, Genie Stickleman** (friend of Chris Avery), **Linda Sutterfield, Angie** (co-worker of Jennie Hawkins), **Carl Issac Ulsaker** (grandson of Corlis Everett), **Dave Wagner** (husband of Nancy), **Chuck Webb** (Tina Britt's father), **Makenzie Webb** (niece of Tina Britt), **Elizabeth and Steven White, Carla Witt** (friend of Chris and Reida Avery), **Kitty Witty, Cory Woodlief, Greg Yvonovich** (friend of Margaret and Ben Grimes), **Derek Zwiers** (friend of CK Ambrose)

Our sponsored children in Guatemala – Amayra, Hugolino and Manuela

THIS WEEK AT APOSTLES

APRIL 10TH – APRIL 16TH

TODAY	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	Worship Service Children's Chapel
MONDAY	7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Men's AA Congregation Council Meeting
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	Al-Anon
THURSDAY	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Girl Scouts Maundy Thursday
FRIDAY	7:00 PM	Good Friday Service
SATURDAY	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	AA Young and Sober Easter Vigil
SUNDAY	9:30 AM 12:00 PM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM	Worship Service Easter Brunch Easter Egg Hunt Children's Chapel