

Gethsemane Lutheran Church

“Building a House Where All Are Welcome”

3600 Hampton -- St. Louis, MO 63109

Gethsemane Lutheran Church is a ONE congregation,
committed to the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger.
The ONE initiative is an expression of our mission statement in action.
To learn more about ONE see www.one.org

Sunday Worship – 8:30 & 11:00 am
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*Welcome to worship! We begin our Holy Week worship raising palms in celebration; we end
by standing at the foot of the cross.*
*We ask all members, guests, and visitors to please fill out the blue card in your worship folder
and place it in the offering plate.*

**Childcare is available for children up to age 4 in the Nursery on the Lower Level.*

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Messenger news – call the church office or e-mail information to glc-messenger@swbell.net .

Prayer List – call the church office at 314-352-8050

With One Voice, Setting Five – Bread of Life
[Red] = *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Red Worship Book)*

Since the beginning of Lent the church has been preparing by fasting, almsgiving, and works of love, by prayer, hearing the word of God, and sharing in the holy supper, to celebrate Christ's passover from death to life. Today, in union with Christians around the world, we mark Jesus' triumphant entry into the holy city of Jerusalem to complete the work of our redemption by his suffering, death, and resurrection. In faith and with devotion we follow in his footsteps as we enter the church, our Jerusalem, acclaiming as king the one whose throne was the cross.

We gather outside in the front of the church for the procession.

GATHERING

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

Congregation: Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."

⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵"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."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The 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!"

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

Response after the conclusion:

C Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through our Lord 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 him in the way of the cross, so that, dying and rising with him, we enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

PROCESSION

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of Christ. Amen.

The assembly follows the ministers into the church. "All glory, laud, and honor" is sung as the people process into the church.

Stand

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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 is 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.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

As the procession ends, the presiding minister sings or says:

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

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Sovereign God, you have established your rule over the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, whom with you and the Holy Spirit we worship and praise, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

CHOIR: *You Are Holy*

by Per Harling

SERMON *Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*

WORD

READING: 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.

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

And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector Holy wisdom, holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

The story of Jesus' crucifixion in Matthew's gospel emphasizes his rejection by the political and religious institutions of the day. But the events surrounding his death show that he overcame the powers of death. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him as "the Son of God."

Matthew 27:11-26 Jesus on Trial

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" ¹⁸For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "**Barabbas.**" ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "**Let him be crucified!**" ²³Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "**Let him be crucified!**"

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵Then the people as a whole answered, "**His blood be on us and on our children!**" ²⁶So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Matthew 27:27-50 Jesus Is Crucified

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and

after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "**Hail, King of the Jews!**"³⁰ They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head.³¹ After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³²As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull),³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots;³⁶ then they sat down there and kept watch over him.³⁷ Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

³⁸Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.³⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads⁴⁰ and saying, "**You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.**"⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,⁴² "**He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.**"⁴³ **He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'**"⁴⁴ The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

Stand

⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.⁴⁶ And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"⁴⁷ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "**This man is calling for Elijah.**"⁴⁸ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink.⁴⁹ But the others said, "**Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.**"⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Matthew 27:51-54 The Witness of the Centurion

⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split.⁵² The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.⁵³ After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.⁵⁴ Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "**Truly this man was God's Son!**"

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE PRAYERS

As we return to the waters of baptism during this season of Lent, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

We pray that the same mind be in your church as was in Christ Jesus; that we continue to bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray that the earth, the seas, the stars, and every living creature bow before you; that all human beings be humble stewards of the world we call home. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray that those with authority show great mercy; that war-weary nations be sustained by your word; that innocent victims not be condemned. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray that you feed the hungry; free the captives; clothe the naked; heal the sick, especially Rich, Werner, Don, Damien, Justin, Vicki, Virgie, Lillie, Elizabeth, Joann, Dell, John, Wilma, Sheila, Fred, and all those we name before you now in the silence of our hearts or spoken from our lips.....God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray that all of us, who desert, deny, or betray you, be forgiven; that during this Holy Week ears are opened to the life-giving story of your death and resurrection. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Hold us in communion with the faithful witnesses who have gone before us, until that day when we join them at the feast that is to come. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING

Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE:

☩ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
 sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
 Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.
- C **Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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**

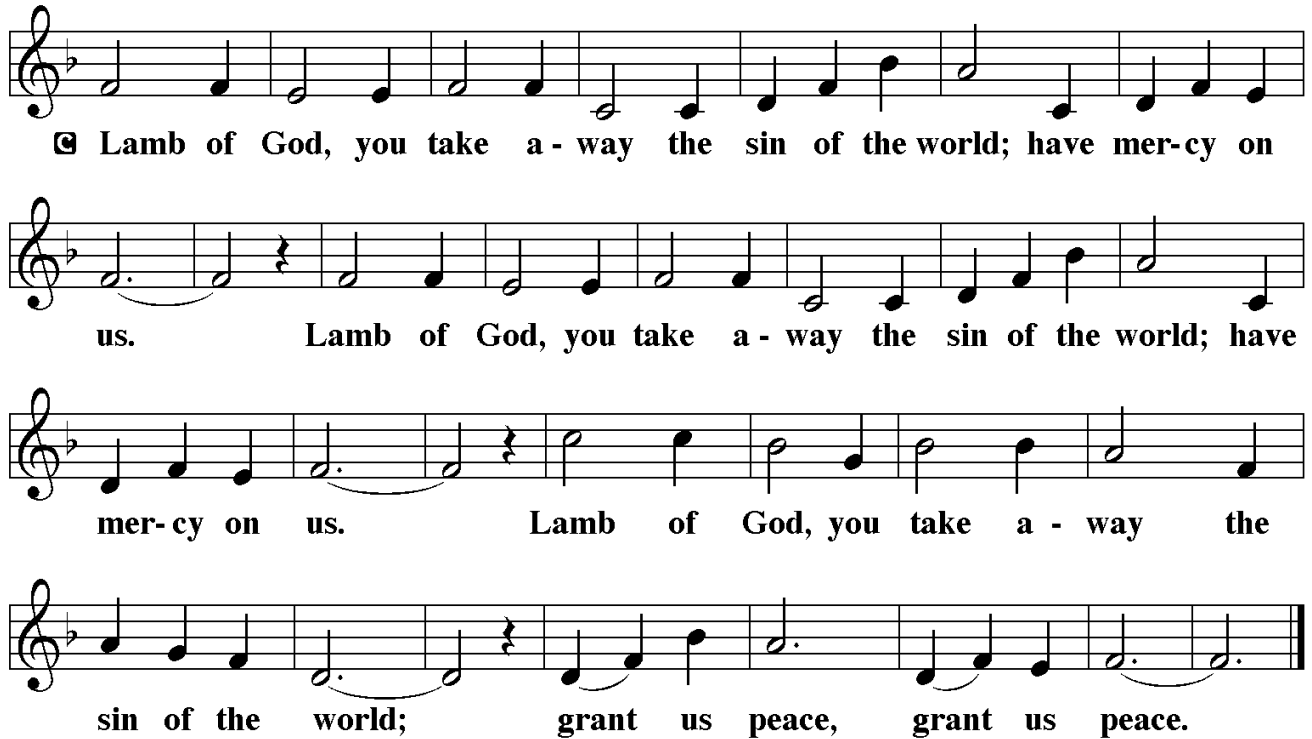
Sit

COMMUNION

(The Communion Table is Christ's table. All baptized Christians who believe Jesus Christ is really present for the forgiveness of sins are welcome! Those not receiving the bread and wine are welcome to come for a blessing. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive wine from either the Common Cup or individual glasses. Grape juice is also available in individual glasses.)

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

“Lamb of God”



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us”

No. 431 [Red]

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

No. 802[Red]

Stand

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

C Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM Let us pray. Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

SENDING

BLESSING

P God grant you endurance in suffering and the hope of sharing the glory of God. Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG:

“Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow”

verses 1 and 4

No. 327 [Red]

DISMISSAL:

AM Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

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**We invite all members, guests and visitors to join us
for coffee and doughnuts between services
in the Walter Eckman Fellowship Hall downstairs!**

VOLUNTEER WISH LIST:

Landscape Designers: 3 people willing to plan for the yard space near the new parking lot entrance.

Cleaners: someone willing to wipe down benches in atrium and hallways, and see that cushions are cleaned.

Yard work: persons willing to pick up branches and leaves in church yard as a spring clean-up.

Planters: persons willing to plant flowers around the church sign

Contact the church office if the Spirit moves you to help in any of these ways!

The Gospel of Mark, Performed from Memory by Pastor Zac Sturm. This afternoon, Sunday, April 17, 2011, 4:00 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Manchester. The performance lasts two hours and includes an intermission. The Gospel will be performed in its entirety according to the NRSV translation. A free-will offering will be received to benefit Lutheran Campus Ministry in St. Louis.

GYG plant sale and car wash: Help support the six youth and one adult from Gethsemane who are preparing to join a group of 30 from our Southside ELCA Cluster on the Home Repair Mission Trip at the end of June. Plants will be available for pick up and the car wash will take place Sunday, May 1st. Ask any GYG member for more information or an order form.

“For the Bible Tells Me So,” the DVD shown as part of our Reconciling in Christ dialogue, is available for you to borrow. Please see Pastor Kendra to sign out Gethsemane’s copy of this important witness to our conversations.

The Gateway Ringers will be in concert at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in celebration of the one year anniversary of “Building a House Where All Are Welcome”. Sunday, May 1, 3:00 pm, 3600 Hampton Avenue, 352-8050 for more information (free will offering).

April 17- April 24, 2011
Gethsemane Lutheran Church
Calendar

4/17 Sunday Palm Sunday	8:30am & 11:00am 9:50am	Worship Services and First Communion Sunday School
4/18` Monday	11:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Rachel Circle Angel Wings Bell Choir Choir
4/19 Tuesday	7:00pm	Council
4/20 Wednesday	10:00am	Wednesday Women's Study
4/21 Thursday Maundy Thursday	7:00pm	Worship
4/22 Friday Good Friday	12:00 noon & 7:00pm	Worship
4/23 Saturday Easter Vigil	7:00pm	Worship
4/24 Sunday Easter Sunday	8:30am & 11:00am 9:50am Between Services	Worship Services Sunday School Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

Holy Week and Easter Blessings

Thursday, April 21st 7:00 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

This first liturgy of the Three Days has no ending; it continues with the worship of Good Friday and concludes with the Vigil of Easter. On this holy night, we remember Jesus' new commandment ("maundatum") to love and serve one another. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to servanthood, to wash one another's feet. There will be the opportunity for those who wish to participate in footwashing. Please wear socks and shoes that can be easily removed if you are interested in participating. Pastor Robin Morgan will preach; Pastor Kendra will preside.

Friday, April 22nd 12 noon & 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

The Cross and the Beatitudes

Saturday, April 23rd 7:00 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL

Lighting of the First Fire; Affirmation of Baptism; the First Communion of Easter

Sunday, April 24th 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

Rejoice and be glad! Festival Worship with Holy Communion

Easter Breakfast will be served between services; a \$5 donation per person is

requested/maximum of \$20 per family. This event is receiving matching funds from our

Thrivent Chapter 30663 to help support the Summer Youth Mission Trip! If you are able to bring a breakfast sweet, please let us know!