

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
March 28, 2021

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Holy Week and Easter Services – all will be on-line**

Palm Sunday – March 28 @ 10:30 a.m. ...via Zoom

Maundy Thursday – April 1 @ 7:00 p.m. ... via Zoom

Good Friday – April 2 @ 7:00 p.m. ... via Zoom

Easter Sunday – April 4 @ 10:30 a.m. via Zoom

The Church Council met this week and voted to begin in-person worship OUTSIDE on the parking lot on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

If you have prayer requests, please send them to me so that I can include them in my weekly newsletters.

Yours in Christ,

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## Luke 19:29-38

### The Arrival in 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!”

## Dramatic Reading of the Passion

Readers: Narrator, Jesus,  
People, Soldiers, Criminal 1,  
Criminal 2, Centurion

**Narrator:** Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 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. Then Jesus said,

**Jesus:** Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

**Narrator:** And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

**People:** He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

**Narrator:** The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

**Soldiers:** If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!

**Narrator:** There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

**Criminal 1:** Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

**Narrator:** But the other rebuked him, saying,

**Criminal 2:** Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been

condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

**Narrator:** Then he said,

**Criminal 2:** Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

**Narrator:** He replied,

**Jesus:** Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

**Narrator:** It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the

afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

**Jesus:** Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

**Narrator:** Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

**Centurion:** Certainly, this man was innocent.

### ***Blessing***

May  
The love of God,  
The light of Christ,  
And the joy of the Holy Spirit  
Abide with you on this day  
and forever more.

**AMEN**