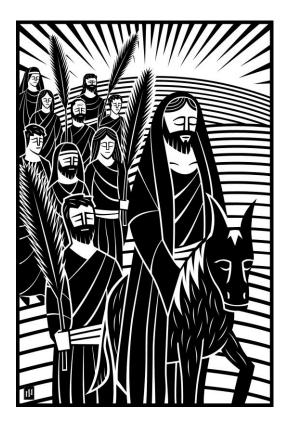
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About Our Worship Service

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to take away our sins. We gather for the Divine Service not merely for the sake of ritual or tradition. Nor do we come to worship primarily to give something back to God. Rather, we meet together to hear and receive what God has done for us. In Word and Sacrament, our gracious Lord gives those who believe in him forgiveness of sins, unity with him in new life, and the promise of eternal salvation in heaven! Through this same gospel he motivates and equips us to follow his holy will for our lives. We hope that you are comforted with the message of Jesus Christ's love for you as you worship today. Please join us again soon!

Visitors

Thank you for joining us for worship! Please read the following notes about our congregation. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please speak with the pastor.

Our Practice of Closed Communion

If you have not communed with us before, please read the notes printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Our Holy Communion Practices."

Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the downstairs fellowship hall. A wheelchair accessible restroom is located at the front of the church, through the doors to the left of the chancel.

Guest Book

If you feel comfortable doing so, please sign our guest book located in the narthex so we can have a record of your visit.

Parent's Room

Parents with crying children are welcome to use the parent's room, located off the narthex.

Chair Lifts

Chair lifts are located off the northwest entrance for those who need to go to the fellowship hall on the lower level but have difficulty with stairs.

Sixth Sunday in Lent Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025



Holy Week **A Holy Week**

"Holiday" is simply short for "holy day." Through the course of a year, there are certain days we set apart as special to commemorate extraordinary events and to celebrate influential individuals. While there are many holy days, there is only one Holy Week. The final week of Lent marks the most pivotal week in human history. In the four Gospels, this single week consumes nearly a third of the words written. The Holy Spirit considered the events of this week that important! Believers slow down during this special week to ponder all that Jesus did for them – from his humble entrance into Jerusalem... to his arrest and trials... to his sacrificial death on the cross... and to his victorious resurrection from the dead.

Palm Sunday

Blessed Is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord!

Today is Palm Sunday, named for that day two thousand years ago when Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem to the sounds of praise and adoration. For 1,700 years the Church has celebrated this festival that begins Holy Week.

The hour for Christ's glory had come. He would not, however, gain glory in the manner of other kings. Instead, he would humble himself in great acts of love for us, even to the point of death. And then the Heavenly Father would exalt him to the highest place, because he had fulfilled God's mission to serve and save us as the sacrificial Lamb of God.

With repentant hearts we celebrate our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, hailing him as our Eternal King. "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"



Instructions for the Procession into Church

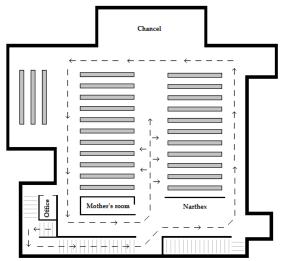
The annual festival of Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on the week of his death, as he rode on to die. We will remember this event by opening today's service with a procession into the church. All worshippers are invited to participate.

If you would like to join the procession into the church:

- Please gather in the downstairs fellowship hall. Palm fronds and bulletins will be available on the table there... If you cannot manage the stairs but would still like to join the procession, please gather in the narthex... If you sat in your pew when you arrived at church, but would still like to join the procession, you may do so as it passes your pew.
- The procession will be led by the crucifer. Please follow him into the nave and around the church (see the diagram below).
- Once you walk down the center aisle for the last leg of the procession, you may enter the pew of your choice when you arrive at it.
- If you are able, please remain standing until the conclusion of the Prayer of the Day.

If you do not want to join the procession into the church:

• You may take a palm frond from the narthex and take a seat in the pew of your choice as you normally would.



The Service

Setting Two

Welcome to God's house in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Please enter the sanctuary quietly so you and others can prepare your hearts for God's worship service. A personal prayer for before worship is printed on the first page of the blue hymnal. The hymns are located in the middle to back portion of the blue hymnal.

The Preparation

Invocation

(Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

Please stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Call to Worship

Dear friends in Christ, during the weeks of Lent we have been preparing to commemorate our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection. Today we come together to begin the solemn journey of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Savior and to gain for us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. We follow him in faith and praise him with joy.

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

Hosanna in the highest!

Prayer

Let us pray.

God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as a king by those who shouted "Hosanna" and spread their clothing and palm branches in his path. Accept our praise and listen to our prayers as we rejoice in our triumphant King, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

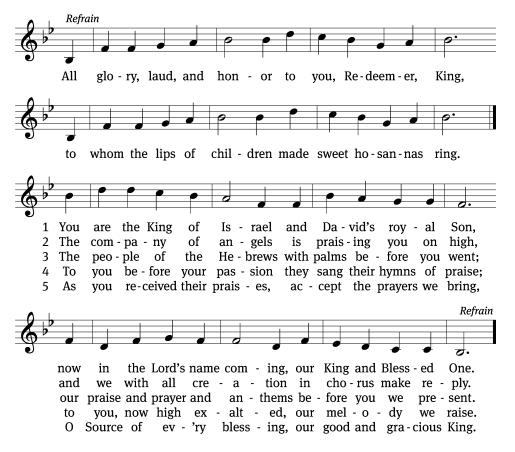
Amen.

Let us go forth in peace, in the name of the Lord.

Those sitting in the pews may join the procession as it passes them around the church

Processional Hymn

412 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"



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The Word

Salutation

(Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22)

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4

Isaiah foretold the coming Servant of the Lord whose humility would be the source of the world's hope and whose willingness to surrender would bring forth justice.

- 42 Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight. I am placing my Spirit on him. He will announce a just verdict for the nations.
 - ² He will not cry out. He will not raise his voice. He will not make his voice heard in the street.
 - ³ A bent reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not snuff out. He will faithfully bring forth a just verdict.
 - ⁴ He will not burn out, and he will not be broken until he establishes justice on the earth. The coastlands will wait for his law.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day

The Church sings Psalm 24 in services on the First Sunday in Advent and Palm Sunday, both anticipating the arrival of Christ. The psalm is a processional liturgy for the entrance of the King of glory into Zion.

The Church Choir will sing the entire Psalm.

Lift up your heads, O you gates, that the King of glory may come in.				
The earth is the LORD's, and every- / thing in it, the world, and all who / live in it;				
for he founded it / on the seas and established it on the / waters.				
Who may ascend the mountain / of the LORD? Who may stand in his / holy place?				
The one who has clean hands and a / pure heart,				
they will receive blessing from God their / Savior. Lift up your heads, O you gates, that the King of glory may come in.				
 Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you / ancient doors, that the King of glory / may come in. Who is this King of / glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in / battle. Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you / ancient doors, that the King of glory / may come in. Who is he, this King of / glory? The LORD Almighty—he is the King of / glory. 				
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit, as it was in the be- / ginning, is now, and will be forever. / Amen.				

Lift up your heads, O you gates, that the King of glory may come in.

Second Reading

Jesus is true God, yet he did not use his divine power to forcefully seize what he wanted. Instead, he surrendered to death on a cross, so that he might win our salvation.

⁵ Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. ⁶ Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, ⁷ but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced

Gospel Acclamation Luke 19:38 Refrain Praise to vou, Lord Je-sus Christ, king of end - less glo - rv. Tone O "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" Refrain 0 est!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the high

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Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

On Palm Sunday Jesus rode into Jerusalem to cheers and praise, knowing that shortly after he would surrender himself to his enemies and be put to death.

²⁸ After Jesus had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he came near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ahead, ³⁰ saying, "Go to the village ahead of you. When you enter it, you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you will say this: 'The Lord needs it.'"

³² Those who were sent ahead went and found things just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵ Then they brought the colt to Jesus. They threw their robes on the colt and set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their robes on the road. ³⁷ As he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began to praise God joyfully, with a loud voice, for all the miracles they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

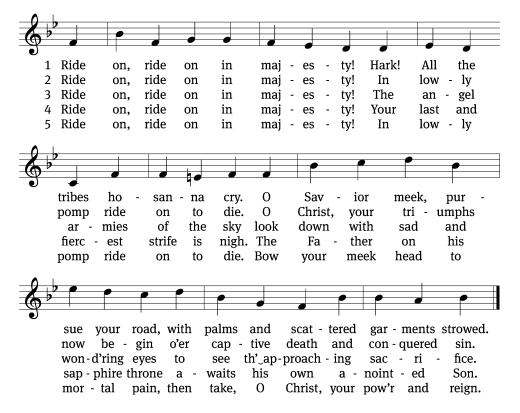
⁴⁰ He replied, "I tell you, if these people would be silent, the stones would cry out."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

411 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"



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Sermon

Luke 19:28-40

"God Save the King!"

Nicene Creed Credo

Please stand

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering Collection

(Proverbs 3:9-10; Matthew 6:19-34; Romans 12:1; 2 Corinthians 9:7-11; Galatians 6:6-10)

Offerings

God, who blesses us with all we gave, gives us the privilege of thanking him in many ways. One way is by offering a portion of our income to financially support the ministry of our congregation and synod.

If you are a guest, please do not feel like you must give an offering. We are happy to share with you the free, good news of Jesus' gracious love for you!

If you would like to give an offering, you can place it in the collection plate when it is passed to you. If you wish to give your offering via <u>PayPal</u>, you can scan the QR code on the last page of this bulletin. Thank you for your financial support of our congregation!

<u>Friendship Registers</u>

You are invited to write your name in the Friendship Register - the maroon book at the end of each pew. Please write down your name and the names of those with you, check any appropriate box, and provide your contact information if you want the pastor to speak with you.

Prayer of the Church

Palm Sunday

Let us pray...

After the prayer, please stand at the direction of the pastor

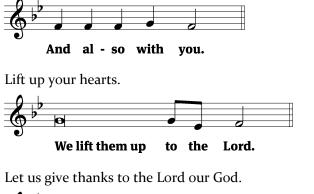
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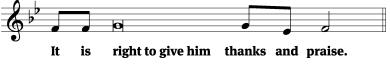
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Prefaces

(2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 107:1)

The Lord be with you.





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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy Sanctus



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

(John 1:3; Romans 8:32; Philippians 2:6-11)

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

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.

Words of Institution Verba (Matthew 26:26-28;

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Peace of the Lord Pax Domini

(John 14:27; 20:19; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

Jesus, Lamb of God Agnus Dei

(John 1:29; Isaiah 53:4-7; 1 Peter 1:18-19)



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Please be seated

Our Holy Communion Practices

(Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:27-29; Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 John 1:3; 2 John 9-11)

Visitors

Before approaching the altar to receive Holy Communion, please read the following notes:

The Holy Bible teaches the celebration of the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in faith and teaching. To be "in communion" means to share and hold in common. By receiving Holy Communion, we are not only sharing Christ's true body and blood, but we are also confessing that we publicly hold in common the same teachings of God's Holy Word.

We therefore invite to Holy Communion only those Christians who share the same teachings to which we hold, all the while recognizing the true spiritual unity and fellowship of all believers in God's Holy Christian Church (i.e. the Communion of Saints). Confirmed members of Nain and confirmed visiting members of sister congregations in the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and the ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) are welcome to commune with us.

If you are a member of another Lutheran synod, another Christian denomination, or of another belief, we ask that you refrain from communing with us at this time. We do this out of love and in accordance with God's words through St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29. The pastor would be happy to speak with you if you have interest in communing in the future or have any other questions or concerns about our practices. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and for respecting our beliefs.

Communicants

"Christian Questions," a guide for personal preparation before receiving Holy Communion is printed on pages 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayers for before and after communing are printed on the first page of the hymnal.

The usher will direct you to the front of the nave, where you will commune. When the pastor distributes the bread and body of Christ, he will say, "The body of Christ, given for you." When he distributes the wine and blood of Christ, he will say, "The blood of Christ, poured out for you." Before consuming the sacramental elements, you may respond to the pastor's words by saying, "Amen" (which is Hebrew for, "Truly," or "Yes, it is so") as a way to confess your belief that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of your sins.

Children and Non-Communicants

Children and other non-communicants are welcome to approach the altar to receive a blessing from the pastor. He will make the sign of the cross on the head of each and say, "The Lord bless you." Non-Communicant adults are asked to cross their arms over their chest to indicate that they do not intend to commune.

Distribution of Holy Communion

As he distributes the elements, the minister says to the communicants:

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

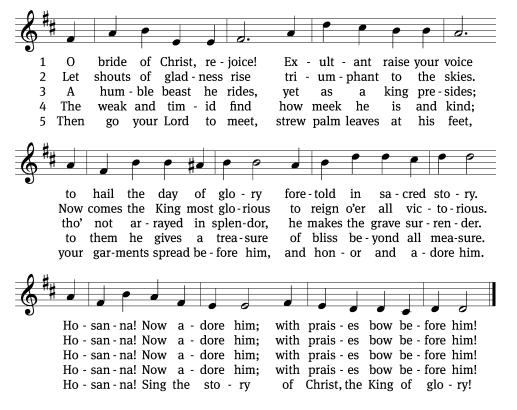
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As he dismisses the communicants, the minister says:

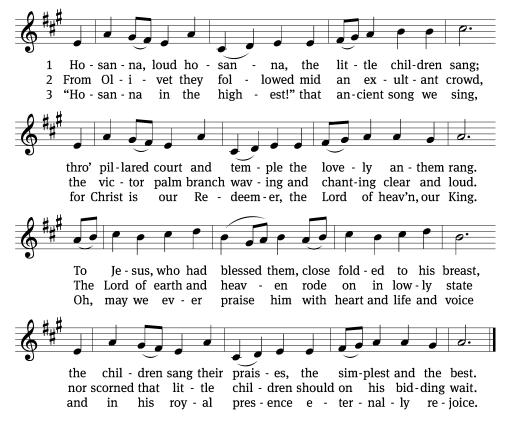
The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go + in peace. **Amen.**

Distribution Hymn

303 "O Bride of Christ, Rejoice"



Distribution Hymn

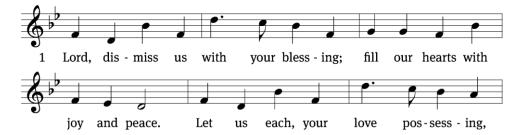


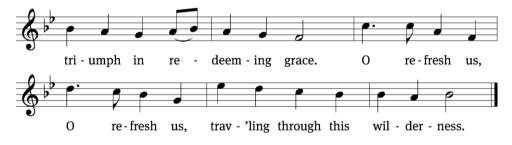
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Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (CW 927:1)

(Numbers 6:24-26; Colossians 1:3-6)

Please stand as the canticle is introduced





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Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Proclamation

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Post-Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Please remain standing for the first stanza of the closing hymn and direct your attention to the processional cross as it is brought out of the nave

(Romans 15:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 5:11)

(Psalm 118:1)

(1 Corinthians 11:26)

(Numbers 6:24-26)

Closing Hymn



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There will not be any post-service music or announcements.

You will not be ushered out. You may depart any time after the closing hymn.

A **personal prayer for after worship** is printed on the first page of the hymnal.

If you haven't done so already, please write your name in the Friendship Register before you leave.

Thank you for joining us as we together worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!

Special thanks to: Juanita Becker for playing piano... the Church Choir for singing and Lois Buske for directing them... Aaron Palmer for serving as crucifer, usher, and distribution assistant... Kyle Peterson for serving as usher... Brooke Smith for operating the A/V equipment for the live stream.

For more information about today's Scripture readings, the current season of the Church Year, and the words and symbols featured on the paraments, please visit the "<u>Worship Resources</u>" page of our website to read this Sunday's "**About the Propers**," a weekly document that explains the changeable parts of the service.

All worshipers are encouraged to take home a copy of our **weekly newsletter**, the "Nain Messenger" to stay informed about all congregational news. Printed copies are available on the countertop in the narthex.

"**The Congregation at Prayer**," a document offering suggestions for daily devotions and Scripture readings, is also posted on the "<u>Worship Resources</u>" page of our church website.

Nain is a member congregation of the **Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod**. For more information about our synod, please visit its website: <u>www.wels.net</u>



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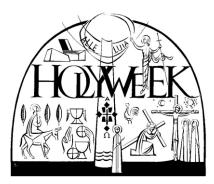
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Holy Week Service Schedule

Please join us for these worship services as we focus on Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection to save us from our sins! These events in Christ's life are the heart of our faith. We hope you can attend each of these celebrations of our Lord's redeeming work.

Palm Sunday	April 13	Sunday	10:00 am
Holy Thursday	April 17	Thursday	7:00 pm
Good Friday	April 18	Friday	7:00 pm
Holy Saturday	April 19	Saturday	7:00 pm
Easter Sunday (Dawn)	April 20	Sunday	6:30 am
Easter Sunday (Day)	April 20	Sunday	10:00 am

Everyone is invited to enjoy breakfast in the downstairs fellowship hall between 8:00-9:30 am on Easter Sunday.

Palm Fronds

It is a laudable custom for worshippers to retain their palm fronds after the Palm Sunday service and to place them behind a cross, crucifix, or a Christian picture in one's home. This is done in remembrance of our King, Jesus Christ riding on into Jerusalem to die for our salvation. Please feel free to take a palm frond home with you for this purpose, or to bring to someone who couldn't worship today. These fronds can be brought back to the church next year on Transfiguration Sunday for the Palm Burning Ceremony. The ashes of the burnt palms will be used for the Imposition of the Ashes on Ash Wednesday.