

We invite all who are baptized to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion with us. We ask that you believe that Christ is present in the bread and wine and that you desire the benefits He offers. If you would like to come forward for a blessing and not receive Holy Communion, please indicate by crossing your arms. If you are not able to come forward, please indicate to the usher and we will serve you at the pew.

Grape juice is in the center of the tray.

Gluten free wafers are also available.



VOLUNTEER DUTIES AT LOST ISLAND:

READER—CONGREGATION (TODAY)

SUSAN ROHAN (**MAUNDY THURS**)

KARYN LEININGER (**EASTER**)

ACOLYTE—ZAC SORENSON (TODAY)

LILY ROHAN (**EASTER**)

COMMUNION - JEFF GEIGER (TODAY)

TROY LEININGER, SUSAN ROHAN (**MAUNDY THURS**)

CRAIG THU (**EASTER**)

VOLUNTEER DUTIES AT BETHANY:

LECTOR—CONGREGATION (TODAY)

FRANK VELTRI (**EARLY EASTER**)

LAURE MILLER (**LATE EASTER**)

ACOLYTE—DRAKE MEHAN (TODAY)

LIZA SAXTON (**EARLY EASTER**)

INGRID GUSTAFSON (**LATE EASTER**)

COMM—(TODAY) ANGIE HETRICK, EMMY

DOOLEY, KRISTIN RIENHARDT

(**EARLY EASTER**) DIANE CLASING-STEGE,

TWO VOLUNTEERS

(**LATE EASTER**) FOUR VOLUNTEERS

USHER—KYLE HAGEN, MARK EVANS (TODAY)

(**EARLY EASTER**) MICHAEL JACOBSON, BRIAN MALM

(**LATE EASTER**) MARK EVANS, LONNIE NAIG

PRAYER REQUESTS

For Logan Murray, Omundson Family, Mike Hermansen, Shirley Knutson, Eric & Lana Kropf, Ben Brown, Jim & Carol Krause, Betty Edwards, Jessie McCune, Jon Sorenson, David Stephens, LeRoy Swalve, Terry Neary, Rick Rienhardt, Jan Myer, Dave Smith, Bridget Johnson, Don Crocoll, Robert Mortenson Jr., and those we name in our hearts.

*Our missionary: Courtney Davis in Papua New Guinea. *Our companion synods: The Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania-Yakobi Parish companion with Lost Island and the Evangelical Lutheran Church Laz-Paz Parish in Chile, companion with Bethany.

We remember: Thomas Crocoll who is in the Marines and Logan Murray who is in the Air Force.

03/24/2024
SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM

This week, the center of the Church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken.

Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people.

*We enter this Holy Week thirsty for the completion
of God's astonishing work.*

ORDER OF SERVICE:
ELW SERVICE OF THE WORD W/ COMMUNION

*Please stand if you are able

*INVOCATION

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS.....ELW PG. 211

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL.....MARK 11:1-11

*GATHERING HYMN.....#344 ELW "ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR"
(PROCESSION OF PALMS)

*GREETING AND KYRIE.....ELW PG. 203

*SALUTATION

*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*

***You may remain seated for the Lenten response
and reading of the Gospel***

LENTEN RESPONSE.....ELW PG. 205

GOSPEL.....PASSION READING: MARK 14:1-15:47

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMONVICAR JESSIE HODGSON

*HYMN OF THE DAY.....#335 ELW "JESUS KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS"

*NICENE CREED.....ELW PG. 104

*PRAYERS.....Respond with "**Receive Our Prayer**"

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/*OFFERTORY.....#595 ELW "JESUS LOVES ME"

*OFFERTORY PRAYER: *Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanks-giving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*GREAT THANKSGIVING.....ELW PG. 219

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER.....ELW PG.221

HOLY COMMUNION.....ELW PG.208 "Lamb of God...."

Hymn: #338 ELW "BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS"

*POST-COMMUNION.....ELW PG. 135 "Now, Lord let"

*PRAYER & BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN.....#351 ELW "O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED"

*DISMISSAL.....Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Please return the Passion booklet to the
back table as you leave***



For those of you who wish to share their Easter flowers with our Congregation, do not forget to bring them in this week. We have a sheet of paper that you can fill out if you want them back and who they are for.

Thank you from the Altar Guild

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