
Holy Week and Easter Services

Holy Week celebrates the most important events in the history of the world—the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus our Savior. The church for centuries has set aside a week to mark the heart of her faith. This year that week begins with Palm Sunday on April 9th and ends on Easter Sunday, April 16th. “Holy” in its basic biblical sense actually means “set apart.” Each of us should set apart time for the special services of this special week. Make this a “holy” time for you and your family.

Don’t forget that people who are not church members are more open to attending a worship service during Holy Week and Easter than at any other time. The special liturgies of Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter present the good news of salvation with particular clarity. The Savior is at the fore in the worship on these important days of salvation history. Invite a friend, neighbor, coworker or family member to one or more of the Holy Week services.

Palm Sunday – April 9th

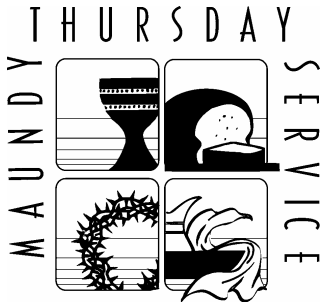
Worship at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.



Holy Week begins with the two-fold emphasis of the first Palm Sunday events in Jerusalem some 2000 years ago. Jesus entered the city as a king, but He came to suffer and die. Our worship will emphasize both the spirit of joy with which Jesus was greeted on the first Palm Sunday—“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!”—as well as the realization that in lowly pomp He rides on to die. Only after bowing His head in mortal pain does He then take His rightful power and reign.

Maundy Thursday – April 13th

Worship with Communion at 7:00 p.m.



Even when the Savior’s last hours had begun, He thought first of his disciples, then and now. He celebrated the Passover with His disciples and continued that celebration of salvation by instituting Holy Communion. That Passover/Communion meal took place on the day we call Maundy Thursday. Communing on the day the Savior instituted Holy Communion has always been very special for all Christians. Make communing on Maundy Thursday a part of your Holy Week tradition.

Good Friday – April 14th

Worship at 7:00 p.m.



No crown except through a cross; no resurrection without a crucifixion; no Easter without a Good Friday—these are scriptural truths and historical facts. In the evening darkness, the Savior’s Words from the Cross are the heart of the “tenebrae” liturgy. The service ends in darkness, the sound of the closing tomb, and silence. *Tenebrae* is the Latin word for darkness or shadows.

Easter Day, the Feast of the Resurrection – April 16th
Worship at 7:00 and 10:00 a.m.



The season of joy and celebration begins! “Christ is risen!” On Easter morning the joyous news rings out—in Scripture, sermon, and song. This is the first of the seven-Sunday celebration of Jesus’ resurrection.

The Church has always connected the Easter victory to baptism. The apostle Paul spoke of baptism as uniting believers with the suffering and death of Jesus, as well as with His resurrection victory over sin and death. As Jesus was free from the bonds of death, so we are free from the power of sin and death in our lives. On Easter morning, we celebrate that victory—Jesus’ and ours!