# Palm Sunday Weekend March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>



Welcome in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you with us. We pray that your worship will be enriched and blessed by the Word of God. Restrooms are located in the hallway off the west side of the sanctuary. We also ask that you sign one of our Friendship Registers which are located in each of the pews. Please come and worship with us again!

Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week – the most intense week of our Christian Year. Palm Sunday has been celebrated in the Christian Church since the 4th Century. 1,600 years ago believers in and around Jerusalem would retrace Jesus' route from the Mount of Olives back into the city for worship.

The word "hosanna" is a Hebrew word that means "Lord, save us!" The crowds cried, "Hosanna!" at Jesus entrance into Jerusalem, and it is still the cry of Christians today. The Lord has saved us! Hosanna!

# The Order of Service

Preservice Music......Junior Handbells (8:00am)

# **Call to Worship**

- **P:** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: (Spoken) And also with you.
- P: Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.
- P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C: (Spoken) Hosanna in the highest!

The Psalm ...... Psalm 118

Christian Worship Occasional Services





Give thanks to the LORD, for / he is good;

his love endures for- / ever.

Open for me the gates of / righteousness;

I will enter and give thanks / to the LORD.

This is the gate / of the LORD

through which the righteous may / enter. **Refrain** 

O LORD / save us;

O LORD, grant / us success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name / of the LORD.

From the house of the LORD we / bless you.

The LORD / Is God,

and he has made his light / shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal pro-/cession

up to the horns of the / altar.

Refrain

You are my God, and I will / give you thanks;

you are my God, and I will ex- / alt you.

Give thanks to the LORD, for / he is good;

his love endures for- / ever.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit, as it was in the be- / ginning,

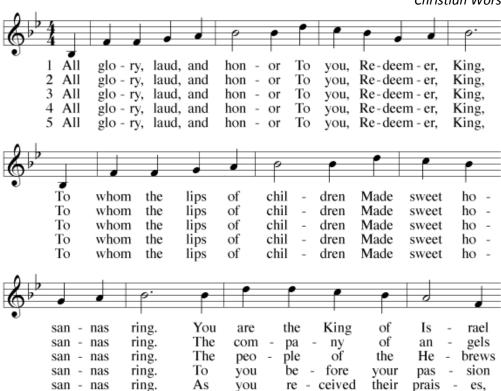
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Refrain

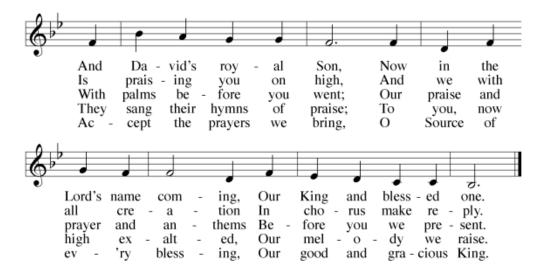
# Prayer

- **P:** 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.
- C: (Spoken) Amen.
- P: Let us go forth in peace,
- C: (Spoken) In the name of the Lord.

Please be Seated
The procession begins (8:00am & 10:30am)



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- **P:** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C: (Spoken) Hosanna in the highest!

Anthem ...... "Hosanna!" (8:00am)

Grades 1-4, Handbells

Hosanna, hosanna! Let the nations sing, "Hosanna, hosanna to the coming King!" Hosanna, hosanna! Let the nations sing, "Hosanna, hosanna to the coming King!" Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Behold our King! Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, hosanna! Let the nations sing, "Hosanna, hosanna to the coming King!" Lift up your heads, O ye gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors, And the King of glory, the King of glory, the King of glory shall come in! Hosanna, hosanna! Let the nations sing, "Hosanna, hosanna to the coming King!" Hosanna to the Kina!"

Anthem ......"Shout Hosanna" (10:30am)

Grades 3K-Kindergarten

Clap your hands and sing. Clap your hands and sing. Clap your hands and sing, Shout hosanna. Hosanna!

Clap your hands and sing. Clap your hands and sing. Clap your hands and sing, Shout hosanna. Hosanna!

Here comes Jesus, riding on a donkey, hosanna, hosanna to the King.

Wave the branches of the trees before Him, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King. Clap your hands and sing. Clap your hands and sing, Shout hosanna. Hosanna!
Clap your hands and sing. Clap your hands and sing. Clap your hands and sing, Shout hosanna. Hosanna!

(8:00am & 10:30am – Students return to their seats)

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup> Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

# Verse of the Day

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (John 12:23)

Please Stand

Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey. He enters the city as a king, yet his glory is in his

<sup>11:1</sup> As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" <sup>4</sup> They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, <sup>5</sup> some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" <sup>6</sup> They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. <sup>7</sup> When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" <sup>10</sup> "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

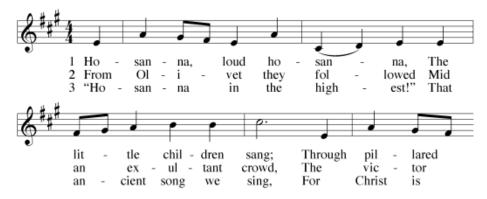


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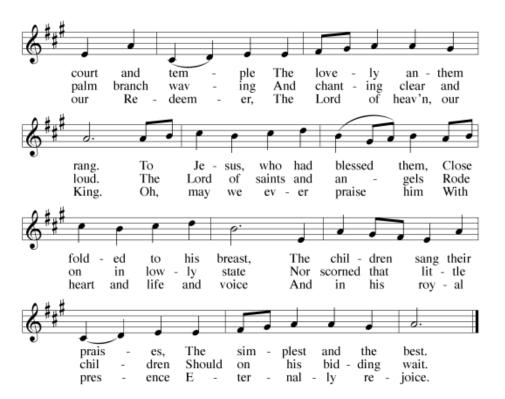
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Congregation Hymn ......"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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#### Please Rise

#### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

- I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### Please be Seated

#### **The Offering & Offering Prayer**

#### Please Rise

#### The Prayer for Palm Sunday

- **P:** Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth.
- C: We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior.
- **P:** Though you are one with the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one with us.
- C: Thanks be to you for living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place.
- **P:** Praise be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.
- C: Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem.
- **P:** Move us to confess you before others as our Lord.
- C: Help us to proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations.
- **P:** Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death and the devil.
- C: Move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.
- **P:** Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth.
- C: Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government.
- **P:** Let peace prevail.
- C: Grant success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve for the common good.
- **P:** Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and all employees to be diligent and faithful.
- C: Look with favor on our nation's schools.
- **P:** Be with those who teach and those who learn.
- C: Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection. Strengthen the faith of the dying.
- **P:** Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world, and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation. Hear us for your mercy's sake.
- C: Amen.

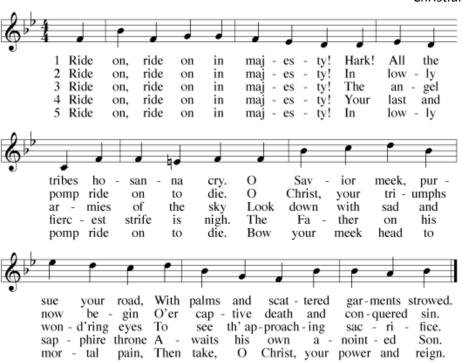
#### The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

#### Please be Seated

Congregation Hymn ......"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

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Please Rise

# **Closing Prayer**

**P:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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#### The Blessing

**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



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The Closing Hymn ...... "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

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# **Announcements**

**BAPTISM:** After the 10:30 service this morning, Weston Maverick Seymer will be received into God's family through the sacrament of holy Baptism. Weston's parents are Scott and Amy Seymer. Serving as his Godparent is Susan Rothus. May God continue to bless this family as they grow together in Christ.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** There will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Class on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**MONDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> WORSHIP:** There will be no worship service on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. (The Monday after Easter.)

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** For the eight months ended February 28, 2015, contributions were \$15,239 (4%) **above** budgeted needs. In addition, contributions for the eight months ended February 28, 2015 were **above** the prior year by \$41,536 (13%).

As a result of exceeding our budgeted contributions and being significantly below budgeted expenditures due to having one Pastor, we are in a significantly improved cash position compared to the prior year. In our current position, we should not have to draw on our line of credit during the upcoming months to meet our obligations, which will be a great blessing to the Congregation. We thank you for your past and continued support of the ministry at St. Paul's.

General Fund	Budget	Actual	Ahead / (Behind)
Month of February	42,008	57,619	15,611
Fiscal Year-to-Date	357,067	372,306	15,239
Balance on Line of Credit	-		
Capital Improvement Fund	Budget	Actual	Ahead / (Behind)
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Month of February	\$9,000	6,773	(2,227)
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Month of February Fiscal Year-to-Date	\$9,000 72,000	55,936	(2,227) (16,064)

**TEHAN GREENHOUSE FLOWER ORDER**: Tehan Greenhouses, Inc., located at 1515 E. Rawson Avenue in Oak Creek, has agreed to join our Scrip Program again this year. They are offering us a great deal on hanging baskets, flats and all other items they have to offer. Starting today, we will be selling these certificates to our St. Paul's school and church families and friends. There is a flier on the counter in the narthex with more information to order.

**PASTOR CONFERENCE:** On Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am – 4:00pm, St. Paul's is hosting the Western Lakes Pastor Conference. The Conference is made up of about 50 pastors in the Milwaukee area. The host congregation will also provide refreshments and lunch for the conference. In order to help with the cost, there are sign-up sheets on the counter in the narthex for people to donate food items for that day. Thank you for helping us out.

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** The Board of Christion Education will meet on Wednesday, April 1 at 6:30 PM.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (LWMS) COLLECTION: We will be conducting our bi-annual door collection to support the work of LWMS - on Palm Sunday, March 29-30, 2015. This collection will support many WELS mission projects that are NOT funded by the WELS budget. If you are able to support WELS mission work through LWMS, it would be greatly appreciated! Please write checks payable to 'LWMS' - all donations are tax deductible!

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY 'BEFRIEND A MISSION': Our new WELS missionary assignments to 'befriend' for 2015-16 are: 2 World Missions: Pastor Douglas Weiser - Nigeria and Pastor Aaron West - Asia Lutheran Seminary/ Hong Kong, China and 2 Home Missions: Pastor Pheng Moua - Immanuel Hmong Lutheran Church (Hmong Ministry) in St. Paul, MN and Pastor Bill Limmer - Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel and Student Center (Campus Ministry) in Madison, WI. A display will be set up in the church narthex on Palm Sunday, March 29-30, 2015, with more information about these missionaries, their contact information, and their specific prayer requests.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY SPRING RALLY: The LWMS Milwaukee Metro South Circuit cordially invites grandmothers, mothers, and daughters of all ages to attend their Mother/Daughter Spring Rally - which will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Muskego, S66W14325 Janesville Road, Muskego, WI. Registration is from 8:00 - 8:15am - with the rally starting at 8:30am. Join with your sisters in Christ to hear the mother/daughter team of Karen and Talia Spiegelberg share how fun and easy mission work as a family can be - and that you don't have to go to overseas mission fields to

share the love of Jesus! You're also invited to stay for our FREE 'Tea' (light lunch) following the rally. Feel free to fancy dress for a tea - if you so desire (don't forget your hats, ladies!) Door prizes and a 'fashion show' follow. For more information and a map, the LWMS Spring Rally flyers are located in the church narthex. There is no cost to attend our rallies (but a freewill offering is collected to support LWMS/WELS missions). Hope to see you at our rally!

2nd PASTOR CALLED: On Sunday, March 8th, St. Paul's Lutheran Church extended a Divine Call to Pastor Daniel Lange to serve as the second pastor at St. Paul's. Pastor Lange currently serves "Light of Life Lutheran Church" in Covington, Washington. Below is a short biography written by him.

"Where are you from?" has always been a tough question for me. My dad was a pastor and so we moved around. I was born in Arkansas, spent a good portion of my childhood in Arizona, and then moved and went to high school in Minnesota. From there I went to college in New Ulm, MN and the seminary in Mequon. While we did move around a lot in my childhood, I did spend all my summers in Northern Wisconsin on a family resort outside of Eagle River. It was there that I developed my deep love for the outdoors, fishing, and the Packers. (I figured that'd be safe to share with the members of St. Paul's...and yes my heart still breaks every time I reflect on the NFC championship, the outcome of which Seattle Seahawks fans will not let me forget.)

My wife, Sara, is from Livonia, MI. We met each other during our college years in New Ulm. After she spent a year teaching in Japan and I spent my first year at the seminary, we were married in the summer of 2007. We spent our vicar (intern) year at Immanuel in Salem, OR. After one more year at the seminary, the Lord in his wisdom called us back to the Pacific Northwest to serve here at Light of Life in Covington, WA.

We moved out here with our oldest daughter Madelyn (6 months old at the time...now just turned 5 yrs.) And since then the Lord has blessed us with another daughter, Olivia (3 yrs.) and a son, Zachary (5 months).

We are blessed over the next few weeks to deliberate the two calls God has placed in our lives and we welcome your prayers and your input. (cell: 253-740-7326; email: pastorlange@lightoflife.us)

Pastor Daniel Lange

Please keep Pastor Lange in your prayers as he deliberates the two calls God has extended to him — the Call to continue to serve at Light of Life Lutheran Church or at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES:** We are fast approaching Holy Week and Easter. Below is the schedule for our Holy Week and Easter services.

Palm Sunday - March 29 & 30 (8, 10:30am, 6:30pm)

**Maundy Thursday** – April 2 (3:30 & 6:30pm)

Good Friday – April 3 (1:00 & 6:30pm)

Easter Sunday - April 5

Sunrise Worship – 6:00am

Easter Breakfast - 7:00am

Easter Festival Worship – 8:30am

All are welcome to join us.

**COMMUNION SCHEDULE CHANGES:** With the all the special services in the next month, there are some changes in the communion schedule for March and April. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on the following dates for March and April. They are:

March 15 & 16 – Communion in all Services

March 22 & 23 – Communion in all Services

March 29 & 30 – Palm Sunday – No Communion

April 2 – Maundy Thursday – Communion in both services

**April 5** – Easter – No Communion

April 12 & 13 - Communion in all Services

April 19 & 20 – Communion in all Services

Following the weekend of April 19/20, we will return to the regular schedule of having communion offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends. Please take note of these adjustments for March & April.

**ALL INVITED TO ROLLER SKATE!** The Milwaukee District of Lutheran Girl Pioneers is holding its annual roller skating party at Incredi-Roll, 10928 W. Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee, on Tuesday, April 7th from 6-8p.m. This is a private event for Girl Pioneers, their families, friends and congregations. Everyone is invited! The cost is \$5.00 per person which includes skate rental. Please join us for a fun evening of roller skating!

**SAVE THE DATES:** Our Vacation Bible Camp dates for this summer have been set with the staff from Camp Phillip. Our VBC program will be on July 6-10 from 9am – 3pm. Registration

forms and help forms will be available at a later date. We just wanted to let everyone know what the dates are for this summer.

SPECIAL MLC CONCERT: We are pleased to invite you to a unique concert. *Mass of the Children* by John Rutter will be presented on Sunday, April 12 at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1052 White Rock Ave., Waukesha, WI. This work is scored for adult choir, children's choir, soloist, and orchestra. Participating in the concert will be the Martin Luther College Choir from New Ulm, MN along with children's ensembles from Our Redeemer Lutheran, Madison, Trinity Lutheran, Waukesha, and WISCO, Milwaukee all accompanied by an orchestra from the Waukesha area. Soloists for the performance are Jonathan Laabs and Emily Lai. Each ensemble will perform individually as well as joining in the performance of Rutter's work. Please join us for this special event.

#### **WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Gary's Gallop:** Wisconsin Lutheran College will host the 12th-annual Gary's Gallop 5k run/2-mile walk on April 11 at the college's Outdoor Athletic Complex. Advance registration is \$20. For information or to register online, visit wlc.edu/garysgallop.

**Theatre Production:** Wisconsin Lutheran College's Theatre Department presents "The Miser" by Molière April 16, 18, and 23-25 at 7:30 p.m. and April 19 at 2:30 p.m. Visit wlc.edu/boxoffice or call 414.443.8802 to order \$10 tickets.

"GIVING UP SOMETHING FOR LENT:" During the season of Lent, we often will hear people saying that they are giving up something for Lent. Going without something can be helpful when it reminds us on a daily basis that the Lord Jesus gave up his life so that we might be freed from the curse of our sins. In the Christian Church, the season of Lent runs for 40 days. It is a great time to give up some of our time to read God's Word. Therefore, as was mentioned on Ash Wednesday, we would like to encourage everyone to read both the book of Luke and the book of Romans. Luke has 24 chapters and Romans have 16 chapters. If we read one chapter per day, we will be reminded as to why and how Jesus came (Luke) and what his coming means for our lives (Romans). We also will have an insert in the bulletins over the next several weeks that will have questions for each of the chapters for that week. As a way to remind us of what Jesus gave up for us, there are some of us men who are going to give up shaving and cutting our hair for the season of Lent. (We invite others to join us.) Then on Easter Sunday, it will be cut to remind us of the new life that Jesus brings to us as we celebrate his Resurrection from the grave.

**WELS Regional Handbell Festival**—Everyone is invited to the 36<sup>th</sup> annual southwest regional WELS Handbell Festival concert "Celebrate Christ with Ringing" on Sunday, April 19, at 2:00

p.m., at Wisconsin Lutheran High School (330 N Glenview Ave). Handbell choirs from around southwestern Wisconsin will gather for a full day of practice before presenting their concert on Sunday. Admission is free and seating is general admission.

# **Volunteers**

#### **GREETERS THIS WEEK 3/22 & 3/23)**

8:00 AM- Bob & Karen Hille 10:30 AM- Jean Villwock 6:30 PM- Donna LaBlanc

#### **GREETERS FOR Maundy Thursday (April 2)**

3:30 PM- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

6:30 PM- Jean Villwock

### **GREETERS NEXT WEEK (4/5 Easter Sunday)**

6:00 AM- Don & Marge Gebert

8:30 AM- Roberto & Kendra Matus; Mara & Caleb

#### **USHERS FOR Maundy Thursday April 2:**

3:30 PM-7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students 6:30 PM-TEAM #1 Bob Hille, Larry Stujenske, Josh Ebeling, Philip Becker

#### **USHERS FOR MARCH:**

8:00 AM TEAM #3-Donn Johnson, John Migacz, Frank Krajewski 10:30 AM TEAM **#7**-Dave Brightsman, Kyle Brightsman, Brandon Wirtz, Austin Wirtz, Ian Wirtz, Randy Raduenz 6:30 PM TEAM #9-Curt Stellwagon, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

#### **USHERS FOR APRIL:**

8:00 AM TEAM #4-Pete Kosovich, Craig Gebert, Matt Gebert, Gordy Lesser 10:30 AM TEAM #8-David Destrampe, Daniel Desrampe, Paul Larsen 6:30 PM TEAM #9-Curt Stellwagon, Dave Long, Max Grueneberg

#### **ALTAR GUILD:**

March 18-31 - TEAM #3; Jane Koplein, Carol Wilms April 1-14 – TEAM #4; Marge Gebert, Marilyn Krueger, Renate Nazimek

# The Weekly Schedule

Sunday, March 29
Worship Service 8:00 AM
Adult Bible/Sunday School 9:15 AM
Worship Service
Monday, March 30
Worship Service6:30 PM
Tuesday, March 31
Pastor Circuit Meeting
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Wednesday, April 1
Board of Education Meeting6:30 PM
Senior Choir Rehearsal7:30 PM
Maundy Thursday, April 2
Maundy Thursday, April 2 School Devotion
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# **Statistics – Last Week**

6:30 PM -40, Communed 35; Total Attendance - 302; Total Communed 208; Bible Study 26; Sunday School 12; Wednesday Lent Services: 3:30 PM-105; 6:30 PM-32; Total Attendance-137