

The Voice of Our Savior



What A Week!

He [Jesus] was handed over to death because of our trespasses and was raised to life because of our justification. Romans 4:25

What is the most important day or days of the year? Is it your birthday? Is it the wedding anniversary you forgot again? Is it your spouse's birthday, or maybe your children's birthdays? I would offer to you that it is none of the above! The most important day of the year for those who follow Jesus is Easter. The most important days are Holy Week. Each year they are a week like no other for us as Christians!

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday. On this day Jesus entered into Jerusalem on palm branches and echoes of



praise. Many churches have a palm processional to mark this special day. Members carry palm branches to the altar near the beginning of the service. It is done as a reminder that we are beginning a week like no other. Jesus enters Jerusalem to shouts of praise only to later suffer the punishment our sins deserve!

Maundy Thursday begins the "Three Holy Days" of Christendom (also called the *Triduum*). Just as Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent so Maundy Thursday marks the end of Lent proper and the beginning of the Three Holy Days. On the day that Jesus was betrayed he took the time to give us the gift of Holy Communion. In this departing gift to his church he gives us not just a visual reminder of the price he paid to save us, but also a

means of grace that forgives the sins of properly prepared communicants! In his very body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and the wine we receive an incredible gift in an incredible week!

On Good Friday we gather in a somber service to reflect on Christ's death. Our sins caused Jesus' death on the cross. Black, the coloring of mourning, is the color at the front of the church. We mourn our role in

causing the death of Jesus. Yet we call the day "Good" Friday because Jesus took the death we deserve. The wrath of God that was poured out on him should have been ours. Instead, we receive his perfection as a gift and are his forgiven children through faith! What a great exchange indeed!

On Easter we celebrate the glorious resurrection Jesus. Because the grave did not contain Jesus our life in this world and the next is forever changed.. At the service "alleluia" returns. We celebrate the certain knowledge that we are forgiven because God raised Christ!

Palm Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. March 24

Maundy Thursday Worship

7:30 p.m. March 28 .

Good Friday Worship

7:30 p.m. March 29

Easter Festival Worship

9:00 a.m. March 31

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Our Mission

is to
Glorify
 God
 as we
Gather
 around the
 Gospel
 to
Grow
 in the
 Word and
 Sacraments
 and then
Go
 to others
 with the Gospel

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Congregational News



Worship In March

Notes on Worship

In March we finish the season of Lent and celebrate the incredible events of Holy Week. The series, *God on Trial* will culminate at our Festival service on Easter..

Join us for Soup Suppers at 6:00 p.m. before Wednesday midweek Lenten worship and Maundy Thursday. There will be no meal on Good Friday

Worship is Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Midweek Lenten worship is Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. All services are streamed on Facebook at [fb.com/WELS.South.Shore/](https://www.facebook.com/WELS.South.Shore/). The theme of each service is below.

Wednesday, March 6	God on Trial: Misconceptions Luke 23:1-12	
Sunday, March 10	Continue in the Things You Have Learned 2 Timothy 3:10-17	Pastor Maertz Lent 4 Christian Education Sunday
Wednesday, March 13	God on Trial: Truth John 18:33-40	
Sunday, March 17	In Christ We Have It all Numbers 21:4-9	Pastor Guthmiller Lent 5
Wednesday, March 20	God on Trial: Sympathy Luke 23:26-34	Pastor Guthmiller
Sunday, March 24	Now This Is a King Mark 11:1-10	Palm Sunday
Thursday, March 28	God on Trial: Respite Luke 22:7-20	Maundy Thursday
Friday, March 29	God on Trial: Evidence Matthew 27:38-54	Pastor Ott Good Friday
Sunday, March 31	God on Trial: Vindication Mark 16:1-8	Easter Festival: The Resurrection of our Lord

Grow in Grace and Knowledge!

“Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” 2 Peter 3:18. The command “grow” is a present imperative. It emphasizes ‘grow, and keep on growing.’ God’s goal for his people is that the continuing growing in their knowledge of him throughout their lives! Here are some ways you can grow in March!

Sunday School meets at 10:15 a.m. Lessons for March are:

March 3	Three Men in the Fiery Furnace	March 24	Job
March 10	Daniel in the Lion’s Den	March 31	No class
March 17	Esther		

Adult Bible Class meets at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays. We are studying *Church-Mission-Ministry*. This 8 lesson course is a great introduction to who we are and why God has put us here in South Shore! Join us! The topics for March are:

March 3	You Are a Holy Priesthood
March 10	No class
March 17	The Holy Spirit Has Established the Public Ministry
March 24	That the Body of Christ May Be Built Up
March 31	No class

During March we celebrate Holy Week. If you want to grow in your knowledge about Jesus’ last week, read through the following Gospel Sections or dig deeper into them by reading these sections in the People’s Bible Commentaries found in our Church Library: Matthew 21-28; Mark 11-16; Luke 19:28– 24:53; John 12:12-21:25

Vacation Bible School

Dates: June 17-21

Theme: Road Trip: Route 3:16

Our Savior's Lutheran Church invites you to join us on a road trip, Road Trip: Route 3:16, at Vacation Bible School to learn about Jesus our Savior. Children age 4 through 8th grade are invited to participate in Bible study, crafts, games, and snacks the mornings of June 17 - 21 (9:00 to 11:30). The program is free. Contact the church for registration forms.

Volunteers are needed to help with snacks, games and crafts. Contact Pastor Nelson (605-880-0436) for more information.



Ladies Aid

Ladies Aid will meet after worship on March 10. Join us!

Church Council

Council will meet after worship on March 10. Needed for Feb: \$9,417. Received: \$10,606

Easter Breakfast

Join us at Easter Breakfast on March 31, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Bring a friend!

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society

The Minnekota LWMS Spring Rally is Saturday, April 6 at Bethel Lutheran, 1801 S. Valley View Road, Sioux Falls. Registration is be 8:30-9:00 a.m. A morning snack and noon lunch is provided.

LWMS National Convention Registration is now open at 61.lwms.org. The convention newsletter was mailed and includes all of the workshops, speakers, menus, tours, and detailed information you need to prepare for your Sioux Falls convention experience June 27-30, 2024. New this year is a Weekend Registration option to attend on Saturday and Sunday only. Additionally, there is a new online registration platform that is easy-to-use and allows you to pay with a credit card.

Great Plains
News



Spring Concert & Winter Awards Ceremony

Join us Sunday, March 10 at 2:20 p.m. for music from our piano students and 3:00 p.m. for the GPL Spring Concert. GPL music students, both instrumental and vocal, will perform in the GPLHS Chapel/Auditorium. If you are not able to join us in person, you can watch online.

The awards ceremony for our winter activities students and families is Sunday, March 10 immediately following the Spring Concert. Participants in girls and boys basketball, cheerleading and the One Act play will be recognized.

Panther Palooza

Save the date! On April 13 (2:00 - 6:00 p.m.) join us for our first annual Panther Palooza (formerly known as Fall Festival). Come for some fun, fellowship, food, and auctions. If you or a group of you would like to donate a new item or a themed package to this event, please contact Sarah Roloff at GPLHS (605-886-0672).

Community
News



We are expanding the reach of our newsletter to the communities around us. The hope is that we can reach out to others who are not yet a part of our congregation with the precious message of our Savior. The community can also see what we are all about and how we want to be a blessing to others in this area! If you know of anyone who would like to receive our newsletter, please let us know.

Easter invitations are available in the entry. Pick up as many as you would like and use them to invite, family, friends, and community members to worship!

