PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28
9:00 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
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As Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday we are drawn into the dramatic turn of events of the last days of Jesus’ life. On Sunday he is welcomed into Jerusalem with shouts of joy and roaring “hosannas.” By the end of the week he will be betrayed, arrested, and abandoned by Passover pilgrims and his closest friends. Things turn quickly from a parade to a death sentence which is carried out on a cross between two thieves.

Journey with us through Holy Week at Union Lutheran Church. We will begin with having palms available to place at the cross outside on Palm Sunday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
This year beginning on Monday afternoon, March 29, we will have the opportunity to drive to each Station of the Cross for meditation and prayer. Every station resembles the journey Christ took from Gethsemane to Golgatha. This can be a moving experience for individuals and families. Please plan to prayerfully participate in this very personal walk with Jesus. A booklet will be available before the first station to guide you.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2
3:30 P.M. & 6:30 P.M.

This holy day recalls the last hours of Jesus’ life as the suffering servant is nailed to the cross, fulfilling his mission as the sacrificial Lamb of God. The sinless One takes on humanity’s sin as he is betrayed by his closest companions, arrested and sentenced to a shameful death, even as Pontius Pilate finds no fault in him. We see ourselves in the angry crowd and lament our own denial of our Lord.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1
3:30 P.M. & 6:30 P.M.

Maundy Thursday recalls Jesus’ last supper with his disciples where he institutes what the church knows as the Sacrament of Holy Communion. As a sign of his servant-love, Jesus washed his disciples’ feet and gave them a new commandment, that they should love one another as he has loved them. We see ourselves in the disciples, who will abandon their Lord in various ways as Jesus makes his way to the cross.
Following the evening Good Friday service, we will have a **PRAYER VIGIL**. A prayer vigil is a watchful, awake time set apart for the purpose of prayer. As an act of public witness, it offers the community a space to connect with God so that God’s vision for love and justice can be carried out through us.

Union understands prayer vigils to be grounded in the power of the Holy Spirit to change people’s hearts and minds and to strengthen us in our work and witness. If you would like to participate please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

**Also, on Good Friday, our youth will have a Lock-in at 7:30 p.m. We invite the Congregation to sponsor a youth member (funds will go towards Youth Retreats/Trips).**

If you would like to participate by sponsoring the youth or can assist with the Lock-in, please sign up on the sheet provided in the Narthex or contact Pastor Heidi. Thank you!

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**Good Timers**, don’t forget to turn your baby/toddler picture in to Doris Shepherd or Frank or Dawn Merrell by April 4. These pictures will be used for our next meeting: Baby, Oh, Baby!! Thanks

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**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4**

Schedule:

- **8:00 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion**
- **9:00 a.m. Breakfast** (during the Sunday School hour)
- **10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion**

The resurrection of our Lord ushers in a new reality for those who believe: a new life in Christ. God, who shows no partiality, offers salvation and forgiveness to all who believe. Our confession of faith in the resurrection of Christ is a commitment to a deeper walk with God: one characterized by worship, prayer, and an intentional living out of Jesus’ kingdom principles. This Good News is something we have no choice but to respond to.

*The Worship & Music Committee invites you to help us bring spring in the Sanctuary this Easter Sunday, April 4. As we make our way through Lent to the glory of Easter morning we look forward to members bringing in their own beautiful spring potted flowers. Examples are tulips, hydrangeas, geraniums, peace lily, gerbera daises, etc.*

Also, on Easter we invite you to come and bring your floral offering to decorate the cross. (Pick something from your yard...a branch, a flower – it’s done to the glory of God.)