

Palmarium-April 1



Zechariah 9:9. Hundreds of years before the birth of Jesus, Zechariah the Prophet of the Lord answers the questions of Palm Sunday as he says: "Behold,

your King is coming to you."

Mandatum—April 5—7:00 p.m.

Service of Holy Communion

Matthew 27:24-25, "His blood be on us, and on our children." The Voices of the Enemies speak again, this time in the words of the crowd in Pilate's courtyard.



Tenebrae—Good Friday

April 6—7:00 p.m.



"Tenebrae" is Latin for "darkness." We hear a voice that had joined the abusive voices earlier, but now who proclaims, "Surely, this man was

the Son of God." Matthew 27:54 (Communion is not a part of this service).



Easter Sunrise—April 8—6:30 a.m.

(Communion will not be celebrated today.)

Word came of the open tomb, and the risen Savior, yet the enemies could not be dissuaded from their evil plans. "They have stolen His Body" - Matthew 28:12-13.

Easter Breakfast—Apr. 8—7:30 a.m.

Easter Festival—April 8—9:00 a.m.

"Christ's Real Resurrection!" "God raised Him, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by death." Acts 2:24.

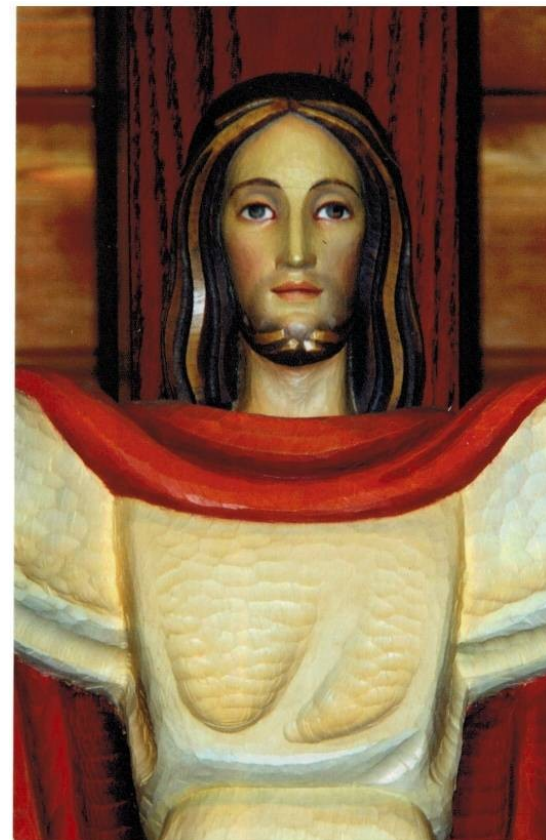
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February 22
to
April 8



Mid-Week Worship—Wednesday's 7:00 p.m.

Mid-week Lenten Series

Our Wednesday and Holy Week series this year focuses on "Voices of the Enem-ies". Often we can learn more from those who oppose, than from those who agree with and support a person.

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures. 1 Corinthians 15:3



Ash Wednesday Communion February 22



The first, and perhaps loudest of the enemy voices in Lent belongs to Caiaphas, the high priest. John 11:49-53 is the text, and the words of Caiaphas which we will consider

are, "It is better that one man die than that the nation perish."

Second Wednesday—February 29

The second voice speaks softly on Good Friday morning. Amidst the noise and anger and shouting, we hear the voice of Pontius Pilate's wife. "Have nothing to do with this innocent man." Matthew 27:19.

Third Wednesday—March 7

It is a horrible thing, when one faces a mob action, when there is no point in saying anything because the verdict is pre-assigned. It could be the call from the HR department, or the local governing body, or, in the case of Jesus, the voice of the Sanhedrin, the council of seventy. "We have heard His words." Luke 22:70-71.

Fourth Wednesday—March 14

Nothing convicts like a guilty conscience. He walked with the Savior for three years, and then betrayed Him for a small financial gain. Judas says, "I have betrayed Innocent blood." Matthew 27:4.

Fifth Wednesday—March 21

Some people may seem indifferent, they'd rather not be involved, yet they have no choice, it's their job to be involved. That's the story of the soldiers. Their words, meant to be mockery, are a powerful witness, "Hail, the King of the Jews." John 19:2-3.

Sixth Wednesday—March 28

The foot of the cross presents a horrifying example of the worst in human behavior. If anyone should have been an example of righteousness, it would be the Chief Priests, yet their voice cries in mockery, "He saved others, himself He cannot save." Matthew 27:41-42.

Sundays in Lent



The Sundays in the Lenten season are not counted among the forty days of Lent.

The themes generally follow the Gospel of the day. The exception to this is Lutheran Schools Sunday, which has always fallen on the first Sunday in March.

First Sunday in Lent—February 26

Mark 1:12-15 "For the Love of God: Anticipating and Addressing Temptation"

Lutheran Schools Sunday—March 4

2 Timothy 3:15-17 "Securing Each Child's Future—Equipped." The children of our ECC and School will sing and participate in the 10:30 service. (No Communion at 10:30)

Third Sunday in Lent—March 11

John 2:13-22 "Three Temples" What is a "temple," is it physical or spiritual? Does it exist past, present or future? And how does this relate to our life in Christ?

Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 18

John 3:14-21 "The Indestructible Life!" Is there anything that cannot be destroyed? We live in a world filled with traumatic disasters. In a destructible world, what is the indestructible life?

Fifth Sunday in Lent—March 25

Mark 10:32-45 We live at a pace unlike any generation in history before us. As we run from place to place, would you say we are a "Fevered or Favored" society?