



## Palm Sunday April 10, 2022

“By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o’clock. The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle. Then Jesus shouted, **“Father, I entrust you spirit into your hands!”** and with those words he breathed his last.” (Luke 23:44-46)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



The story of the passion of Christ as related in Luke 23: 1-49 begins with Christ before Pilate, then before Herod, then before the crowds calling for his blood. Then he went before the cross, and finally before Calvary.

The key word is “before” and it calls upon us to understand that Christ went before us. That we, too, are called upon to follow him as we may be judged unfairly, or ridiculed, or mocked, and abandoned; as our crosses, whatever they may be, are presented to us. We hear his words during his passion and assurance, “I go

before you always, come follow me; do not be afraid.”

**Join us this Sunday, Invite a Friend to Worship Service --9:30 A.M.**

**Scripture Readings**

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:1-23:56

### Happening Around St. James

**Sunday School is meeting this week. Welcome all our young disciples**

**Adult Forum is taking a break this week so we can share in movie “Sabina.”**

**Women’s Bible Study Monday 11 A.M.**

**Men’s Bible Study Tuesdays at 9 A.M.**

### Holy Week The Cast of Characters

- **Palm Sunday**  
April 10<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m.
- **Maundy Thursday**  
April 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.
- **Good Friday**  
April 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.
- **Easter**  
April 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m.



- **Movie Afternoon Coming . . .** On Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> after worship, we will be sharing a powerful movie entitled **“Sabina: Tortured for Christ, the Nazi Years.”** This is a true story that takes place in Nazi Germany, of how God’s love transformed ambitious, atheistic

hedonists into one of the greatest Christian couple of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Great character is sometimes forged amid great turmoil. Sabina risks her life to show Christ's love to a trio of Nazi soldiers. Why would a Jewish Christian risk here life to help her enemies –members of the army that killed her entire family? Comme and join us as we experience the amazing true story that has redefined the concepts of love and forgiveness for millions around the world.

- **Keep It Shut began March 31st.** . . . Keep It Shut is a 6-session, video-bases small group Bible study that explores how to control the tongue. Each session features a different Biblical character, using them either as an example of someone to emulate or whose verbal actions we should avoid replicating. **Sign up if you would like to share in this great group study/discussion.** Questions? contact Tracy Guffey.
- **Altar Flowers.** . . As is the case with many things, it will cost more. As of April 1<sup>st</sup> the price of altar flowers is being raised from \$25 to \$30. Inflation is hitting us all
- **Grief Share . . . Coming soon.** You are invited to join our 13 week sharing, --April 20 through July 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful program of support for those who have lost a loved one and are struggling through the grief process. Time will be 6:30 PM every Wednesday. Questions? Contact Cindy Gregory.
- **Save the date! June 12th, 2022,** following Service will be the St. James Annual Meeting. Besides the annual report, we will review and vote on a change to the St. James Constitution.
- **Time and Talent Sheets** are available in the narthex. Please pick one up and fill it out and return here to church. Thanks.
- **Our faithful and true Administrative Assistant – Wendy England** – has been guided by the Lord to take another opportunity within the community. For Wendy this is a happy/sad moment, and for us the same. She has been such a blessing to us all. We wish her the best and Gods Blessings. Please take the time between now and Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> to congratulate Wendy on her opportunity.
- **VBS Is Coming . . . .** Dates are set . . . we'll be gathering on 5 Thursdays starting June 16, 23, 30, July 7 & 14. From 6 to 8 pm. We are looking at some exciting materials. Right now, we are looking for a coordinator. You don't have to have kids to lead. If you are interested in leading this important education/fun/fellowship/adventure, please contact Joyce Kissell. We are hoping to generate a lot of excitement.
- **Youth Progressive Dinner is set for April 30<sup>th</sup>.** Right now we need 4 host homes to host a course . . . appetizer, salad, main course and dessert. If you are willing to host one of the courses, indicate you interest on the connection card.

### **Greetings from the HMD Council for the remainder of the Lenten season and joy of Easter in the month of April 2022.**

Please include the following this month in your prayers of the church during worship, through your Churches other prayer ministries and in your own personal prayers:

- Continue to pray for the war in the Ukraine. Pray for humanitarian efforts underway and for all of the countries who have opened their doors and hearts. Also pray for the soldiers and civilians defending Ukraine and that peace may somehow be found.
- Pray for all Christians everywhere as we all journey through the awful events of the Friday we now call "good" and for the joy and new life that Jesus' resurrection brings.
- Pray for blessings for the Heartland Mission District (HMD) congregation of Reformation Church in Middlebury Indiana and Deacon Brad Miller.
- Pray for new pastoral leadership for First United Lutheran Church in Hammond Indiana and Antioch Lutheran Church in Hoagland Indiana.

- Pray for blessings and a Christian welcome to two new NALC HMD churches: Bethany Lutheran Church in LaPorte Indiana and St. John Lutheran Hubbells in Sunman Indiana.
- Continue to pray for guidance, support and strength from the Holy Spirit for seminarian Ben Black.

Thank you all for your prayers.

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Yours in Christ,

Pastor Doug