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*The
Season
of
Lent*

Hi there, SM friends and “Agape readers”!

In a few days we will be on Holy Week. Holy Week is a string of eight days that allow us an opportunity to reflect upon the shift in humanity Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross launched. It starts with Palm Sunday when Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem. The week leads us through the Last Supper, His crucifixion, and ends on [Easter](#) Sunday with His resurrection. This is the basis of Christianity, His sacrifice launched the New Covenant God promised and many had prophesied throughout the Old Testament. Each day of Holy Week allows us to peek into the heart of our Savior at intently close proximity. His love for us is reflected in every significant step toward the cross, every breath up to the last, and His resurrection. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and ends with Easter Sunday. During this one week, many biblical prophesies were fulfilled. Jesus came to earth to save humanity by dying on the cross on Good Friday and resurrecting on Easter Sunday. By enduring and defeating death sacrificially for us, He swung open the gates of heaven making a way for our sin to be forgiven and usher us into the presence of God (Romans 5:8). Below you find the main events that took place on that week. You may use the chart as devotional readings for every day of this special week.



Important Dates of Lent in 2022

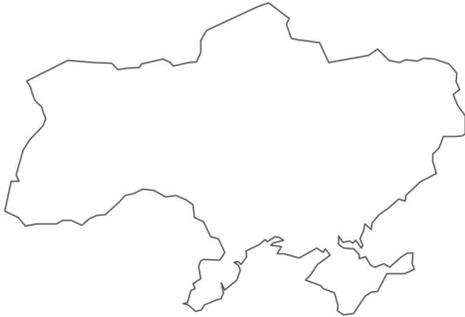
What happened on that day?

Palm Sunday
April 10

Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem (Mt 21:1-11, Mk 11:1-11, Lk 19:29-44, Jn 12:12-19)

Monday April 11	Cursing of the Fig Tree (Mt 21:18-19, Mk 11:12-14) Cleansing of the Temple (Mt 21:12-17, Mk 11:15-19, Lk 19:45-48)
Busy Tuesday April 12	Lesson of the Withered Fig Tree (Mt 21:18-22, Mk 11:20-25) Challenge of Jesus' Authority (Mt 21:23-27, Mk 11:27-33, Lk 20:1-8) Parables of Warning (Mt 21:28-22:14, Mk 12:1-12, Lk 20:9-19) Debate with Jewish Leaders (Mt 22:15-46, Mk 12:13-37, Lk 20:20-44) Denunciation of the Scribes and Pharisees (Mt 23:1-39, Mk 12:38-44, Lk 20:45-21:4) Discourse on the Last Things (Mt 24-25, Mk 13, Lk 21:5-36)
Silent Wednesday April 13	Conspiracy of the Chief Priests (Mt 26:1-5, Mk 14:1-2, Lk 22:1-2) Two Flashbacks: Anointing of Jesus and Plot of Judas (Mt 26:6-16, Mk 14:3-11, Lk 22:3-6, Jn 11:45-12:8)
Maundy Thursday April 14	The Last Supper (Mt 26:17-35, Mk 14:12-31, Lk 22:7-38, Jn 13-17) Gethsemane (Mt 26:36-46, Mk 14:32-42, Lk 22:39-46) Betrayal and Arrest (Mt 26:47-56, Mk 14:43-52, Lk 22:47-53, Jn 18:1-14) Trial before the Jewish Authorities (Mt 26:57-75, Mk 14:53-72, Lk 22:54-71, Jn 18:15-27)
Good Friday April 15	Trial before Pilate (Mt 27:1-31, Mk 15:1-20, Lk 23:1-25, Jn 18:28-19:16) Crucifixion (Mt 27:32-56, Mk 15:22-41, Lk 23:26-49, Jn 19:16-37) Burial (Mt 27:57-61, Mk 15:42-47, Lk 23:50-56, Jn 19:38-42)
Holy Saturday April 16	Watch at the Tomb (Mt 27:62-66)
Easter Sunday April 17	The Resurrection (Mt 28:1-10, Mk 16:1-8, Lk 24:1-12, Jn 20:1-18) The Report of the Watch (Mt 28:11-15) Emmaus Disciples (Lk 24:13-35) Appearance to the Ten in the Upper Room

(Lk 24:36-49, Jn 20:19-23)



PRAY FOR UKRAINE!

HELP UKRANIAN FAMILIES!

We continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine while the war still sweeps over the country as I write these lines. Lord, have mercy.

There are many ways you can help families who are in need right now. There is the "Ukraine Emergency Appeal" through the Canadian Lutheran World Relief. If you are interested, click on the link below:

<https://www.clwr.org/product/E-104/ukraine-crisis>

As some have already received this in their emails, there is also the LCC Ukraine Aid Fund. This fund will provide specific support for the pastors and people of the congregations of the Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Ukraine (SELCU). Here is the link if you read this newsletter electronically: <https://lutheranchurch-canada.tng-secure.com/?pageId=donation-edit&categoryId=10976>

ALSO...There is still this request I received this week. These two churches in Calgary are collecting donations for Ukrainian refugees coming to Calgary. Note there is a fundraiser at the Ukrainian Catholic Church on **Saturday, April 2**. This is on their Facebook page:

*"Please support this wonderful cause and tell all your friends and neighbours! We will be **selling Ukrainian perogies and cabbage rolls** on Saturday, April 2 between 1-3 pm. First come first serve. All funds raised are for humanitarian aid in Ukraine.*

<https://www.facebook.com/abvmcalgary>

*Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, Calgary AB:
704 6 St NE"*

And there is also opportunity to help through St. Vladimir’s Ukrainian Orthodox Sobor Calgary: <https://stvlads.com/aid>



FROM SCRIPTURE:

“Thus says the LORD: Do justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed.” Jeremiah 22:3

“For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat.” Isaiah 25:4

“Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

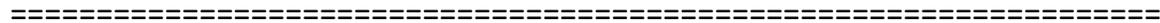


I want to close this message again with a verse of a hymn which is a prayer. Let us pray:

Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord.
Peace in our time, oh, send us!
For there is none on earth but You,
None other to defend us.
You only, Lord, can fight for us. Amen.



(From *Lutheran Service Book* hymn 778)



MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!



Special dates, services, celebrations, activities, events...

APR 2: (Sat): Funeral service for Agatha Felde @ 1 p.m.

APR 2 (Sat): Online Presentation on Ukraine @ 7 p.m.

APR 3 (Sun): Fifth Sunday in Lent (Judica): German worship service with Holy Communion @ 9:30 a.m. / English worship service with the baptism of Logan

Cattanach & Holy Communion 11 a.m.

APR 5 (Tues): Youth online Bible Study @ 7:30 p.m.

APR 6 (Wed): Online confirmation class; (Lucas Cranach and Albrecht Duerer, Artists)

APR 6 (Wed): Evening Lenten Service @ 7 p.m. (in-person);

APR 7 (Thurs): Board of Elders meeting @ 7 p.m.

APR 10 (Sun): Palm Sunday (*Palmarum*). German worship service @ 9:30 a.m. / English worship service @ 11 a.m.

APR 12 (Tues): Youth online Bible Study @ 7:30 p.m.

APR 13 (Wed): Online confirmation class;

APR 14 (Thurs): Maundy Thursday evening service with communion @ 7 p.m.

APR 15 (Good Friday): German service @ 9:30 a.m. / English service @ 11 a.m.

APR 15 (Good Friday): Passover begins. Tenebrae service @ 8 p.m. & Youth sleepover at church;

APR 16 (Holy Saturday): Youth activity: attending a Play

APR 17 (Easter Sunday): The Resurrection of Our Lord. German worship service with Holy Communion @ 9:30 a.m. / English worship service with Holy Communion 11 a.m.

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CHRISTIAN RITES AT OUR CHURCH

Installation of new board members on March 27 (elected on March 20, 2022)

- Drinda Weitz, PPC secretary
- Matthew Graumann, Treasurer
- Randy Haynes, Properties
- Lori Salter, PR & Fellowship

A thank-you word to those who served in the past: David Robak, Siegrid Robak, Ingrid Anderson (who now serves on Properties).

Funeral: Agatha Felde, on April 2

Baptism: Logan Cattanach, on April 3.

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READING: CHURCH TERMINOLOGY- What does it mean?

FROM THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-CANADA'S WEBSITE: lutheranchurchcanada.ca

The Altar candles

Candles which sit on or beside the altar and are lit during the Services. They are to 1 represent the presence of Christ as the Light of the World among us. When a candle burns it slowly gives itself to provide the light in the flame. This reminds us that as the candle gives itself up to provide light, so Christ gave Himself up to be the Light of the World. Some congregations only light these candles when they celebrate Holy Communion.



The Crucifix

A Middle English term derived from the Latin, meaning “fastened to a cross.” A crucifix is a cross bearing the image of the crucified Christ, pointing to the reality of the One who came in the flesh to be the Saviour of the world. A cross and a crucifix represent the same message—Christ’s death paid for the sins of the world.

The sanctuary lamp or “eternal flame”.

Commonly the “Eternal Flame” or “Sanctuary Lamp” in Lutheran churches is seen to represent the eternal presence of God.

The Altar Book

A large book usually placed on a stand on the altar has additional prayers and portions of the Services that are not included in the hymnal. The pastor makes use of the Altar book while leading the Services.

There’s more to come in our next Agape!

DIE DEUTSCHE ECKE

St Matthew Passion - Matthäus-Passion- J. S. Bach

Genießen Sie jetzt wieder das ganze Konzert von Bachs Matthäus-Passion. Mögen Sie eine gesegnete Karwoche haben.

Wenn Sie dies auf Ihrem Computer lesen, können Sie hier klicken, um es anzuhören:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P21qIB0K-Bs&t=6427s>

Ein gesegnetes Osternfest. Der Herr ist auferstanden. Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden! Hallelujah!

Gedicht zum Palmsonntag von Ulrike Nagele

Demütig auf einem Esel zieht er ein,
nicht als Herrscher, sondern er macht sich klein.

Voller Demut und Sanftmut begegnet er den
Menschen hier.

Siehe, dein König kommt zu dir.

Er macht den ersten Schritt,
ja er hat dich zuerst geliebt.

Er kommt, weil du ihm wichtig und wertvoll bist,
er kommt, weil er dich nicht vergisst.

Er ist dein König und er will dir begegnen,
bist du bereit ihm den Weg zu ebnen?

Ihn zu empfangen in deinem Herzen
und ihm zu bringen deine Schmerzen.

Deine Sehnsucht bei ihm zu stillen
und Veränderung zu erleben in deinem Innern.

Am Kreuz hat er alles für dich gegeben,
damit du die Freiheit kannst erleben.



Der Preis für Sünde und Tod ist bezahlt,
das Licht der Auferstehung für dich erstrahlt.
Kannst du den Weg seiner Liebe erkennen
und Jesus als deinen Retter bekennen?
Er bringt dir Erlösung aus all deiner Not,
seine Liebe ist stärker als der Tod.
Siehe, erkenne, empfangе und juble ihm zu,
Derjenige zu dem der König kommt bist Du

<https://www.glaube-hoffnung-liebe.com/gedicht-zum-palmsonntag>

Thank you for taking your time to read my newsletter. May God's peace fill your heart with joy as we approach the glorious Easter Sunday! The Lord is risen...he is risen indeed! Alleluia!

In His service,

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"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Phil 4:7

