



# The Wheatlander

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church | The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Lent/Easter

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Naperville, Illinois



## Real Time With Jesus Our Holy Week Devotion

Unlike the rest of the Church Year, time slows down for Holy Week and we experience Jesus' passion, death and resurrection in real time. The following serves as a simple opportunity to spend time each day of Holy Week in prayer, reading the Word, and meditation on Jesus' great love for you.

Each devotion is meant to be simple and brief. I have chosen the readings from Mark's Gospel and included a meditative prompt to foster devotional thinking. May this exercise bless you in your Lenten discipline and bring you to greater Resurrection joy.

In Christ, Pastor Eggebraaten.

### Palm Sunday | April 9

**FOR PRAYING** *Lord Jesus, teach us to know You in Your humiliation and in Your exaltation. Amen.*

**FOR READING** Mark 11:1-10 | *The Arrival of the King*

**FOR MEDITATION** 'Hosanna' means 'Save us', though it had also come to be used as simply a shout of praise. What sort of 'salvation' do you think the crowds were looking for? How would their hopes relate to what Jesus had in fact come to do?

### Monday in Holy Week | April 10

**FOR PRAYING** *Lord, cleanse our hearts and prepare Your praise from our lips. Amen.*

**FOR READING** Mark 11:15-19 | *Jesus Cleanses the Temple*

**FOR MEDITATION** Is what Jesus did in the temple encouragement for His followers to use violence? If so, when and for what reasons? If not, what is the difference?

### Tuesday in Holy Week | April 11

**FOR PRAYING** *Lord, let us know the power of Your resurrection and become partakers of Your suffering. Amen.*

**FOR READING** Mark 12:28-34 | *The Two Great Commandments*

**FOR MEDITATION** How can we love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength? And what does it mean to love our neighbors as ourselves? How far have my attitudes and actions today matched up to these commandments?

### Wednesday in Holy Week | April 12

**FOR PRAYING** *Lord, keep me steadfast in Your Word. Amen.*

**FOR READING** Mark 14:10-11 | *Judas Iscariot*

**FOR MEDITATION** If you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.

### Thursday in Holy Week | April 13

**FOR PRAYING** *Lord, wash us and clothe us and make us worthy guests at Your Table. Amen.*

**FOR READING** Mark 14:22-31 | *The Lord's Supper*

**FOR MEDITATION** The heart of Christ's presence is not a doctrine, it is a promise: "Here I am for you." Has the teaching of Christ's presence in the Lord's Supper made a difference in your life? If so, how? If not, why not?

### Friday in Holy Week | April 14

**FOR PRAYING** *O Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.*

**FOR READING** Mark 15:21-39 | *Jesus on the Cross*

**FOR MEDITATION** We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered, having become a high priest forever... we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh). Hebrews 6:19-20; 10:19-20

### Holy Saturday | April 15

**FOR PRAYING** *Lord Jesus, let it become clear to our faith that You have made the grave a peaceful resting place. Amen.*

**FOR READING** Mark 15:42-47 | *Dead and Buried*

**FOR MEDITATION** How can the example of 'lesser' characters in the Gospel story, like Joseph, help us in our daily vocations?

### Easter Sunday | April 16

**FOR PRAYING** *Living Lord Jesus, make us alive and holy with You. Amen.*

**FOR READING** Mark 16:1-8 | *The Empty Tomb*

**FOR MEDITATION** If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile... If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. 1 Corinthians 15:17, 19. He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!

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### HOLY WEEK & EASTER

#### PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 9 | 8:00 AND 10:45a.m.

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 13 | 7:00 p.m.

#### GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 14 | Noon Communion Service

AND

Friday, April 14 | 7:00 p.m.

Tenebrae Service

#### EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, April 15 | 7:00 p.m.

#### EASTER SUNRISE

Sunday, April 16 | 6:08 a.m.

#### EASTER DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, April 16 | 8:00 a.m. AND 10:45 a.m.



April 30th

One service only at 9:30am  
Potluck luncheon to follow  
Sign up sheets coming soon!





**Director  
Beth Farrell**

The preschoolers and teachers enjoyed an unusual winter. The month of February was a preview to our new season of spring. No snow fell, so we had some fun times outside. Some days we wore only a jacket to play on the equipment and go on wagon rides. We're waiting for more days like these.

We liked observing the flowers that bloomed and the new ones to come. We were inspired and excited and started planting seeds in various recycled containers, even in ice cream cones! By our observations we found out that the cones really didn't work. It is a container but better for ice cream. Upon our return from Spring Break we should see sprouts of green beans, peppers, wildflowers, marigolds and grass.

New life will be emerging and baby animals born. Hibernation will be over and insects will be seen. The teachers love to tie in the miracle of Jesus and His death and resurrection to the miracle of new life we see in spring.

Two special visitors came to school and told us about their careers. Mr. Eugene Sung is a pilot and Mrs. Angela Truong is a dental hygienist. The children enjoyed seeing who flies the planes that they have traveled on. We looked on a map of the world and saw all the countries that Mr. Sung has flown to. Mrs. Truong showed us a large demonstration model of a full set of teeth. If you pull on a tooth it comes out and we talked about that. Some children are losing their teeth starting at four years old. Brushing and flossing are very important so we had a turn to brush and floss this big set of teeth. The children went home with pilot wings, play passports, toothbrushes and a dental book. We thanked them by drawing pictures and making a book.

Chili's Give Back Event~ Details upcoming

Dave DiNasso's Traveling Reptile Show May 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:30 am~ All Welcome



**Serving This Month**

**Sunday | April 2**

	8:00am	10:45am
<i>Elder</i>	Dave Seifrid	Jeff Bull
<i>Greeters</i>	Paul & Sue A.	Mickey & Anabel C
<i>Organist</i>	Sharon Fisher	

**Sunday | April 9, Palm Sunday**

	8:00am	10:45am
<i>Elder</i>	Ron Dieter	Brian Groves
<i>Greeters</i>	Emily B. & Elyssa L.	Michele Lantvit
<i>Organist</i>	Sharon Fisher	

**Thurs. | April 13, Maundy Thursday**

	7:00pm	
<i>Elder</i>	Dave Dong	
<i>Organist</i>	Sharon Fisher	

**Friday | April 14, Good Friday**

	7:00pm	
<i>Elder</i>	Jeff Bull	
<i>Organist</i>	Paulette Reid	

**Saturday | April 15, Easter Vigil**

	7:00pm	
<i>Elder</i>	Mike Cucci	
<i>Organist</i>	Sharon Fisher	

**Saturday | April 16, Easter Sunrise**

	6:08am	
<i>Elder</i>	Ron Dieter	
<i>Organist</i>	Sharon Fisher	

**Sunday | April 16**

	8:00am	10:45am
<i>Elder</i>	Dave Seifrid	Dave Dong
<i>Greeters</i>	Esther Morley	Mauricio & Sarah M
<i>Organist</i>	Sharon Fisher	

**Sunday | April 23**

	8:00am	10:45am
<i>Elder</i>	Brad Curry	Mickey Cruz
<i>Greeters</i>	Brad & Melanie C.	
<i>Organist</i>	Paulette Reid	

**Sunday | April 30, Super Sunday**

	9:30am	
<i>Elder</i>	Jeff Bull	
<i>Greeters</i>	Paul & Sue Andermann	
<i>Organist</i>	Paulette Reid	

**Ushers**

	8:00am	10:45am
Hal Borowiak	Keith Kettelson	
Mike Cucci	Brian Kirkpatrick	
Nick Nielsen	Jim Sommerfield	
Tom Soltwisch	Roy Strassner	

**Altar Guild**

Carol Andermann, Cindy Purcell

**Zion by the NUMB3RS**

<b>In March ▶▶</b>	<b>Baptisms</b>	none
	<b>Funerals</b>	1 (†Adrienne Floyd)
	<b>Confirmations</b>	none
	<b>Total Baptized membership</b>	316
	<b>Total Confirmed membership</b>	253

**Feed My Starving Children**

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) - Volunteer event sponsored by the Board of Education and Board of Evangelism. We are looking for volunteers to pack food followed by fellowship. Come to either one or both. Family and friends are welcome!

**Wednesday, May 10th**

**Volunteering** - FMSC - 6:00-7:30pm, 555 Exchange Ave, Aurora, IL  
Sign-up instructions below. Min age is 5.

**Fellowship** - Foundry - 7:30-10:00pm, 85 Executive Dr., Aurora (near Fox Valley Mall - no need to RSVP for the Foundry, just show up)

**Register** one of two ways by **May 1st**:

- Contact SueBea Wright with all names (indicate who is under 18):  
suebeawright@comcast.net or 815.436.3755
- Online: [volunteer.fmsc.org/register](http://volunteer.fmsc.org/register)
  - Select: Join a Group
  - Select: Search by code (1070777) or by Group Name (Zion Lutheran, Naperville)
  - Select: Join and complete registration information

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

<b>March ▶▶</b>	22 Betty Baldi	26 Tim Nielsen
2 Simeon	26 Kimberly Nimtz	29 Gregg Antenen
5 Susan Andermann		
6 Betty Pratt		
7 Jackie Brandt	1 John & Bonnie Garcia	
8 Sandra Sommerfield	5 Brian & Linda Kirkpatrick	
12 Joel Denkert	8 Lisa & Ed Meyers	
12 Jennifer Kimball	13 Jim & Robin Kopp, Sr.	
12 Ray Protich	24 Dave & Pam Dong	
13 Jared Eggebraaten	27 George & Shirley Dorn	
13 Abigail Pratt	27 Bill & Lorraine Hacker	
13 Werner Schagunn	29 Mike & Cheryl Cucci	
14 Robert Kimball		
18 Karen Heise		
18 Jimmy Kopp, Jr.		
19 Tracie Evans		
20 John Garcia		
20 Beth Hauser		
21 Paulette Reid		

**Homebound**

<b>Betty Baldi</b> 21316 Montclare Lake Dr. Crest Hill, IL 60403 <i>Birthday: April 22nd</i>	<b>Malinda Woesthoff</b> C/O Judy Hanson 29W332 Hartman Dr. Naperville, IL 60564 <i>Birthday: October 21st</i>
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