

**MONDAY MESSENGER - APRIL 6, 2020**  
**SIERRA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Note from Pastor Mark:**

Dear Ones,

This is a most unique and unusual Holy Week. Never in our lifetime have we been prohibited from gathering to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, the Greatest Gift the world was ever given. However, there have been many times and places in the history of the Church when obstacles or oppression kept the Body of Christ from gathering. Yet the celebration still went on and still goes on. One of the tenets of Cross+Generational ministry is that “The home is Church too where the Gospel is modeled and taught.” May your Home Church now be a place where you can contemplate and celebrate perhaps more deeply than ever before how we stand strong precisely because of what we commemorate this week: Love is stronger than hate, life overcomes death, forgiveness covers sin, and “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:39)

Holding you all in my heart and prayers,  
Pastor Mark Perry

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**PALM SUNDAY FOLLOW UP** - If anyone would like a **palm frond** as a memento of yesterday's Palm Sunday, they are on the back patio on the steps to the church sanctuary for a few days. And, if you have photos of yourself with palms or other greenery, or on your front door, please feel free to send them to the office to be included on our Facebook page, “Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church” (or you can post them there).

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**HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Maundy Thursday - April 9<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm Live Stream Online**

Our traditional conclusion to our Lenten season, with Confession and Absolution of Sins, the Lord's Supper, and Stripping of the Altar.

*(All who watch online or on DVD are invited to have ready a small stone to place in a bowl of water during the Confession and Absolution as a way to symbolize letting go of the burden of our guilt.)*

**Good Friday - April 10<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm Live Stream Online**

The Passion Story according to St. John, Adoration of the Cross, and Special quartet singing “The Body of Christ”

**Easter Sunday - 10:00 am Live Stream Online**

Join us as we journey to the empty tomb and celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord!

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**KEEPING HEALTHY - PREVENTING INFECTION** - If you'd like help with groceries to be purchased and brought to your house and left on your front porch to help reduce contact with others, please contact the church office and a volunteer from SELC can arrange to help out.

**Also**, we have some sewers who are working to provide face protection for hospital workers and for you if you need one. Again, contact our office. If you'd like to help sew masks for health workers, see [www.getppe.org](http://www.getppe.org).

# FAITH5

Every Night In Every Home!

## Our FAITH5 verse of the week is Philippians 2:5-8:

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of  
death—even death on a cross.

*(Post or keep this weekly scripture in a handy place and every morning or evening share the following as a couple, or with family members in the home or even with a dear friend over the phone.)*



SHARE

**Share** your highs and lows of the day with one another.



READ

**Read** the verse of the week and if time permits, the Bible story that pertains to the Scripture of the week.



TALK

**Talk** about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows of the day or how it's speaking to you.



PRAY

**Pray** for one another's highs and lows and other prayer requests.



BLESS

**Bless** one another. Make the sign of the cross on each other's forehead or the palm of your hands and say something simple such as: "God bless you and keep you in His love and care!" Or feel free to make up your own blessing that incorporates a part of the FAITH5 verse of the week.

## SUNDAY LECTIONARY DAILY READINGS

The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings.

### Week around Palm Sunday

#### Monday in Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalms 36:5-11

Hebrews 9:11-15

John 12:1-11

#### Tuesday in Holy Week

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 71:1-14

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

John 12:20-36

#### Wednesday in Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 70

Hebrews 12:1-3

John 13:21-32

### Three Days—Easter

#### Thursday -Maunder Thursday

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

#### Friday- Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalms 22

Hebrews 10:16-25

John 18:1-19:42

#### Saturday -Vigil of Easter

Romans 6:3-11

John 20:1-18

#### Sunday -Easter Day

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-18