

# Palm Sunday

## New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ Word and Table



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*"Sharing the light, faith and love of Jesus with all people."*

**April 13, 2025**

**8:00 a.m. In Person in Sanctuary**  
**10:30 a.m. In person and Livestream Worship in Sanctuary**

## ***Welcome to New Goshenhoppen Church!***

Joseph Bayly in his book *Psalms of My Life* writes:

King Jesus, why did you choose a lowly donkey to carry you to ride in your parade?

Had you no friend who owned a horse--a royal mount with spirit for a king to ride?

Why choose a donkey, small, unassuming beast of burden trained to plow not carry kings?

King Jesus, why did you choose me, a lowly unimportant person to bear you in my world today?

I'm poor and unimportant, trained to work not carry kings--let alone the King of kings, and yet you've chosen me to carry you in triumph in this world's parade.

King Jesus, keep me small so all may see how great you are; keep me humble, so all may say,

"Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord," not what a great ass he rides.

# ***We Praise***

***The \* invites you to rise in body or spirit.***

Prelude

Chiming of the Trinity

\*Proclamation of Christ's Entry into Jerusalem      St. Luke 19:28-40

<sup>28</sup> And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.' " <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> And they said, "The Lord has need of it." <sup>35</sup> And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" <sup>39</sup> And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." <sup>40</sup> He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out." <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Revised Common Lectionary* (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).

\*Call to Worship Zechariah 9:9, Psalm 118:26  
*People of God, gathered in Jesus' name, on this day we recall the festive entry of our Lord into Jerusalem. Like the Hebrews of old, we join now in bringing our praise to our Lord.*

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>2</sup>

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
We bless you from the house of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>

\*Processional Hymn: No. 197 ***Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*** – Ellacombe

\*Greeting Revelation 1:4-5

*Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. <sup>4</sup>*

**Hosanna in the highest!**

\*Prayer for Illumination

## ***We Hear the Word and Respond***

From a Letter of the Apostle Paul Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality

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<sup>2</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Zec 9:9.

<sup>3</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Ps 118:26.

<sup>4</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Re 1:4-5.

with God a thing to be grasped,<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.<sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.<sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,<sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.<sup>5</sup>

Proclamation of God's Word

Dr. Williams – "PD"

***It's Good to be King!***

Call to Confession

***Create in Me a Clean Heart*** – Keith Green

**Create in me a clean heart, O God.  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God.  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, dear Lord.  
Take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
And renew a right spirit within me.**

Prayer of Confession

I ask you in the presence of Almighty God, who searches the heart:

Do you truly acknowledge, confess, and lament that you are by nature sinful, and that by omitting to do good and by doing evil you have in thought, word, and deed, grieved and offended your God and Savior, and thereby justly deserve His condemnation? If this be the sincere confession of your hearts, declare it by saying yes.

**Yes**

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<sup>5</sup> *Revised Common Lectionary* (Bellingham, WA: Faithlife, 2009).

Do you truly believe that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and that all who believe on His name receive the forgiveness of sins? Do you therefore, earnestly desire to be delivered from all your sins, and are you confident that it is the gracious will of your Heavenly Father, for Christ's sake, to forgive your sins and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness?

If so, confess it by saying yes.

**Yes.**

Is it your earnest purpose, to be obedient to the Holy Spirit, so as to hate and forsake all manner of sin, to live as in God's presence, and to strive daily after holiness of heart and life?

If so, answer yes.

**Yes.**

**Gracious God, having heard your Word, we thankfully remember the life of our Lord Jesus Christ on this earth. Yet we also acknowledge our failure to respond earnestly and faithfully to his witness. We often mistake Jesus for a mere earthly king, friendly companion, or problem-solver, failing to see him as the ruler of all creation. We do not appreciate the depth of his passion and sacrifice on the cross, failing to acknowledge him as our way of salvation. Even in this Lenten season, we have not walked faithfully in the way of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, we pray, and bring us ever more fully into the joy of union with Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Silence*

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## Declaration of Pardon

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and for the sake of the sufferings, death and resurrection of His dear Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, forgives us all our sins. As a minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you who do truly repent and believe in Him, the entire forgiveness of all your sins: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

On the other hand, by the same authority, I declare unto the impenitent and unbelieving, that so long as they continue in their impenitence, God has not forgiven their sins, and will assuredly visit their iniquities upon them, if they turn not from their evil ways, and come to true repentance and faith in Christ, ere the day of grace be ended.

**Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Welcome and Announcement

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings  
Give via PayPal, a Credit Card, or Debit Card by  
scanning the QR code with your camera



Offertory Music

8:00 a.m. – Organ

10:30 a.m. – **TJ Merwarth**

**The Holy City** - Adams

\*Offertory Presentation: No. 198

**Ride On! Ride On in Majesty** – St. Drostane

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Eucharistic Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right of us to give thanks, it is our joy and our peace, at all times and in all places to give thanks to you, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Christ, our Lord.**

We praise you. . .and say with joy.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

We acknowledge you. . .promise of your continued love.

**Amen.**



## Institution

For the Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.<sup>6</sup>

## Memorial Acclamation

**We shall do as our Lord commands. We eat this bread and drink this cup, proclaiming his death. We do this now and until he comes again.**<sup>7</sup>

## Epiclesis

Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray. Unite us, by this bread and wine, with our Lord Jesus Christ and with each other, the members of his body. Strengthen us for service in his kingdom, that we may live in the power of his lordship until that day when we shall feast with him in heaven.

## Our Savior's Prayer [using **debts** and **debtors**]

## Invitation to the Table

## Sharing of the Bread and Cup

## Thanksgiving

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<sup>6</sup> Robert Webber, *The Services of the Christian Year*, vol. 5, The Complete Library of Christian Worship (Nashville, TN: Star Song Pub. Group, 1994), 301.

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\*Blessing with Dismissal

*Go now into the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Never fail to wonder at the depth of his passion. Never fail to offer thanksgiving for the unsurpassable gift of reconciliation to God which he has given. Never fail to live as his servants, trusting in the power of his reign. **Amen.***

Almighty God, look with favor on your family, the ones for whom Christ suffered and died. May the love of Christ be upon you all.  
**Amen.**

\*Hymn: No. 196 **All Glory, Laud, and Honor** – Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

\*Chimes

\*Going Forth

Following the Light of Christ into the World

***We go. . .  
To share the light, faith and love of Jesus  
with all people!***

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## ***About the Color for Palm Sunday and Holy Week***

Some colors are just decoration. Others feel like they have something to say. Some make us smile. Some stir sadness. But a rare few seem to carry deep-meaning stories of sacrifice, faith, and tradition passed down through the centuries.

Hundreds of years ago, in the quiet hills of Umbria, Italy, monks from a small Benedictine abbey began experimenting with natural dyes. They wanted a red color for their Holy Week vestments, something that didn't scream for attention but spoke softly of sorrow. A red that didn't sparkle with joy but held deep meaning.

That color was oxblood.

To create it, they blended crushed minerals and natural pigments with the dried blood of sacrificed oxen. It was an offering that called back to Old Testament rituals and made them think deeply and personally about Christ's own sacrifice. The result was a red like no other: dark, serious, and full of emotional weight. A red that didn't lose its strength in dim candlelight. A red that remembered.

The oxblood color today is used not to impress but to remember. Remember the sacrifice of Christ for us upon the cross. A parade that was in the end deadly towards the end of the week.

We are using our old red set of paraments for the somber red and the pastor's vestments this day are made from fabrics called "oxblood."

Welcome to worship on this Palm Sunday.

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## **APRIL 13, 2025**

The People of New Goshenhoppen, Ministers  
Rev. Dr. David A. Williams, Senior Pastor and Organist  
Rev. Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens, Pastor Emerita  
Rev. Erick Kern, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Elaine Ely, Minister of Grief Support  
Kelly Johannsen, Lay Minister of Visitation  
Beverly A. Benner, Director of Christian Education  
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**WELCOME VISITORS** ~ we're glad you are joining us for worship!

**WiFi PASSWORD:** Network: NewGoshGuest, password: **wearethechurch**

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Please read Luke 24:1-12.

**UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS** are located in the vestibule at the Fellowship Hall side entrance and at the elevator entrance on the lower level. There is no charge for the booklets.

**PART TIME HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED:** We are accepting applications for a part-time housekeeper. This person would be cleaning part of the Christian Education building and the Sanctuary. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office at 215-679-2041. Deadline is tomorrow.

**PRAYER VIGIL:** The Friendship Committee is in search of prayer partners for the Lenten Prayer Vigil starting at 9:30 p.m. on Maundy Thursday and continuing into Good Friday at noon. The signup sheet is in the Narthex. The theme is Once a Day: 40 Days to Easter. Please pick up a prayer letter and devotional booklet at the time you sign up. Thank you!

**EGG HUNT:** The Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 19 at 11:00 a.m. We will have different areas set-up by ages. Please come out to the church and celebrate this time-honored tradition! Don't be late...it gets finished very quickly.

**HARD-BOILED EGGS NEEDED:** The Senior Youth will be dyeing hard-boiled eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19 at 8:00 a.m. Please consider donating hard-boiled eggs for this annual event. Eggs should be placed in the church kitchen refrigerator by Friday, April 18.

## **MEMORIAL GIFTS**

***The church is grateful for financial gifts received in the name of loved ones and friends.***

### **CEMETERY FUND**

**In loving memory of Richard Bieler**  
by sister-in-law, Margaret Pennepacker

### **GENERAL FUND**

**In loving memory of Margaret A. Sabo,**  
**who died tragically on April 14, 2015**  
by Frank Papez

**LADIES TEA PARTY:** Please join us Saturday, May 10th at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for "Ladies Tea." Bring your favorite teacup, if you wish. Join in the fun and fellowship as we enjoy various teas, tea sandwiches, soup, and sweets. Tickets are required. Price is \$11.00 per person age 12 and older, (under 12 are free). Tickets are available to purchase from Sandy Hardy, Delores Schuler, Amy Treichler or the Church Office. The deadline for purchasing tickets is Sunday, May 4th.

**CEMETERY WORKDAYS:** The following are the dates for cemetery workdays: April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, Aug. 23, and Sept. 27. We begin the morning with a cup of coffee and a planning meeting at 7:30 a.m. with work commencing at 8:00 a.m. Please check the weekly bulletin for any date changes. We appreciate any time your schedule will allow. More helpers make tasks easier.

**OUTDOOR MINISTRIES COMMITTEE SPRING/MOTHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER:** OMC is taking orders for Wendy's Flowers Gift Cards. Each gift card costs \$25.00 and is redeemable at Wendy's Flowers locations in Gilbertsville and Barto. Gift cards may be used to purchase any item(s) in Wendy's shops (gifts, vegetable plants, flowers, etc.) with a total value of \$25.00. Gift cards are valid until May 2030. Outdoor Ministries receives \$5.00 for each gift card purchased. Orders may be placed on the forms available on the table in the Social Room or the table outside Fellowship Hall. Or contact Delores Schuler, Debra Brauner, Lois Anastas, Gail Gerhard, or Donna Fried to place an order. The deadline to order a gift card is April 27th. Gift cards may be paid for and picked up on Sunday, May 4th after worship services. Questions? Ask any of the people listed above. *Why not buy two gift cards? Buy one for a special person and one for yourself!*

**UPPER PERK "A" CHOIR:** On Sunday, April 27th, we are planning a "kicked up" coffee hour following the service. The Upper Perk "A" Choir will be singing that morning. We are looking for donations of items such as cheese and bologna, finger sandwiches, veggie platters, fruit platters, chips, pretzels, etc. Donna Fried will be in the Social Room area to answer questions and to write down your choice of donations. Thank you.

**HILLEGASS SCHOLARSHIP FUND OPPORTUNITY:** Through the generosity of the Foster C. and Florence (Moll) Hillegass Scholarship Fund, New Goshenhoppen U.C.C. is able to grant financial assistance to members of the congregation who have decided to further their education. The Scholarship Awards are for post high school students working for an undergraduate degree at an accredited school. All scholarships are awarded to full-time students for a maximum of 4 years, whether the continuing education is comprised of 1, 2, 3 or 4 years of undergraduate studies. Students applying to a community college, trade school, technical school, nursing school, as well as individuals pursuing a degree in ministry from an accredited school, are also eligible for this scholarship. Scholarships are given based on financial need, church involvement and academic record. Members may stop by the New Goshenhoppen Church office to pick up an application and information packet. Applications **MUST** be postmarked by **Tuesday, April 15, 2025** in order to receive consideration. Students currently receiving a scholarship will get applications via the postal service in early April.

**YOU'RE INVITED!** A Family Fun & Learning Fair for all ages (young children to grandparents) will be held at Dock Mennonite Academy EC-8 Campus, 420 Godshall Road, Souderton, PA, on Saturday, May 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Indoors & outdoors, rain or shine. Come and leave anytime. Have a blast with interactive games and fun learning stations. **FREE!** Sponsored by The Worm Project.

**ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS** may pick up their arrangements immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. *Flower arrangements that are not picked up on Sunday will be available in the Church Office until Tuesday, after which time they will be discarded.*

**BULLETINS** are presented in memory of Ernest Nace by Edith Miller and family; and in loving memory of parents, George Dimitry & Helen Tarassoff by daughter, Nonna Stankunas and family.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented with happiest of birthday wishes to grandson, Cooper Richard and in loving memory of the birthday anniversary of husband, Gary by Lori Horning; and in memory of our Mom and Mom-Mom, Doris Benner by Mike, Cheryl, Matt, Nick, Ryan and Jillian Cressman.

**THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (left)** are presented in memory of Jeremiah Haas by the brothers and sisters and their families.

**THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (right)** are presented in loving memory of the birthday anniversary of Michael James Giovanelli, beloved husband to Nikki, and father to Nate and John, and cherished son of Jim & Tammy (Seasholtz) Giovanelli, and brother to Ariana, and beloved grandson of Ralph & Nancy Seasholtz.

**THE FLOWERS BEHIND THE PULPIT** are presented in loving memory of Jerry F. Haas, husband, father, and grandfather by Joanne Haas and family.

**ATTENDANCE: 4/6/25** – 8:00 a.m. 58; 10:30 a.m. 62; Livestream (You Tube) 58. Sunday School 34.

Above is the "Live" Concurrent Household Number - (Note: "number of households" is less than "number of people". If on average each household has two people watching, then our numbers are 2x the number of households that tuned in.)

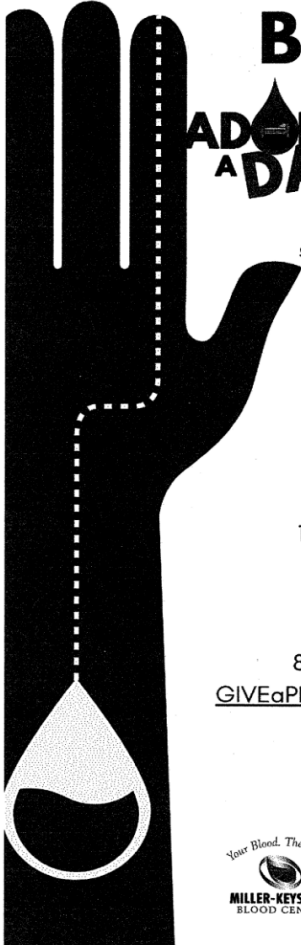
**OPERATING INCOME 4/6/25:** Current & Benevolences \$5,220; Building, Improvement & Maintenance \$324. Monthly EFT income \$5,060. Brass Buckets \$2,385.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:** 73 units have responded. There is \$84,130 pledged. The amount received since 2023 is \$87,331 (including Capital Campaign memorial gifts.)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:**

Year to Date Income	\$179,197.54
Less Investment Withdrawals	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$179,197.54
Year to Date Expenses	\$197,491.30
Special Income	\$10,261.79
Capital Campaign Income	\$14,477.22
Special Project BIM Expenses	\$5,666.32
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$12,500.00

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Mobile Unit from Miller-Keystone will NOT be able to be at New Goshenhoppen UCC for our April Blood Drive. The Health and Welfare Committee feels this ministry continues to be important, so we have set up another option with Miller-Keystone Blood Center for anyone that is able and willing to still donate. From April 21 – May 3, please choose what day you could donate and which location you are able to drive to. Please refer to the flyer in the bulletin for instructions. Any questions can be directed to Sherry Peterson.



# BLOOD DRIVES SAVE LIVES

**ADOPT  
A DAY**

Upper Perkiomen Valley Community is hosting a special blood drive to save lives. Our only source of blood is from volunteer donors like you.

**JOIN US**


**April 21-May 3, 2025**

**MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTERS**


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1465 Valley Center Parkway | Bethlehem

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## **Sleep Out for Somebody Youth Event**

**WHAT:** Sleep Out for Somebody Youth Event Friday, May 2 @ 6 pm - Saturday, May 3, 2025 @ 8 am.

**WHERE:** St. Mark's Lutheran Church 81 N. Main Street, Pennsburg, PA 18073

**BACKGROUND:** The Sleep Out for Somebody Youth Event is an educational, faith-forming and fundraising event. Youth will learn about the challenges that kids and adults face with homelessness. We are also raising money to support the Upper Perkiomen Valley Homelessness Coalition.

The idea is to raise both awareness and funds. The plan is to build cardboard shelters on the lawn next to the church, and sleep in them overnight. Each participant will be expected to find sponsors – but there is no minimum amount required to participate, and there is no registration fee. We are working with the Open Link, Access Services and the Homelessness Coalition to plan a program of speakers, games, activities, and a service project that will help educate youth about the reality of homelessness, but also be fun and engaging.

There is a registration flyer and an information sheet for youth leaders attached. Once folks have registered we will send a sponsor sheet.

This is the first time that we are trying something like this – so even if your youth decide not to take part, we hope you will pray for us!

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## ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary) – Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Building)
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School palm processional (Sanctuary)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestream) – Communion
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	9:30 a.m.	Life Long Learning (various rooms)
Thurs.	11:00 a.m.	Maundy Thursday – Communion (Sanctuary)
	1:00 p.m.	Grief Support (Parlor)
	6:00 p.m.	Dinner (St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Pennsburg)
	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday – Communion (St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Pennsburg)
Fri.	9:30 p.m.	Lent Prayer Vigil (Sanctuary)
	12:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross Walk
	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Community Service (St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Pennsburg)
Sat.	8:00 a.m.	Youth dyeing Easter Eggs (Kitchen)
	11:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt (front lawn)
	7:00 p.m.	First Service of Easter (begins in upper parking lot and moves indoors to the Sanctuary)
Sun.	7:00 a.m.	Easter service (Prayer Meditation Wall) following by continental breakfast
	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary) - Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed) - Communion

### **Thank you to our Service Participants**

8:00 a.m.                      Narthex – Donna Fried  
                                      Roberts’ Church Office – Frank Eidle  
                                      Elevator – Melissa Jamison  
                                      Upper Narthex – Delores Schuler  
                                      Liturgist/Acolyte – Nonna Stankunas

10:30 a.m.                    Narthex – Peter Hemperly  
                                      Roberts’ Church Office – Doug Atno  
                                      Elevator – Denise Fox  
                                      Upper Narthex –Cindy Roma  
                                      Liturgist/Acolyte – Terry Dworkin

# HOLY WEEK

## **Maundy Thursday – April 17**

11:00 a.m. – New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ  
6:00 p.m. – Dinner at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Pennsburg  
*Reservations required – signup sheet is in the Social Room.*  
*Please RSVP by Palm Sunday, April 13.*  
7:00 p.m. – St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Pennsburg

## **Good Friday – April 18**

12 Noon – Cross Walk Service at St. Mark's Lutheran  
7:00 p.m. – Service of Shadows and Darkness

## **Holy Saturday – April 19**

11:00 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt (front lawn)

The First Service of Easter – The Easter Vigil Service  
7:00 p.m. – New Goshenhoppen Church  
Service begins in the upper parking lot with the Service of Light  
Holy Communion – Dr. David Williams, preaching  
*It Was Friday. . .But Sunday's HERE!*  
A dessert buffet will follow in Fellowship Hall.

## **Easter Sunday – April 20**

*Christ has Risen. He has Risen Indeed!*  
7:00 a.m. – Easter Service (Prayer Meditation Wall)  
followed by continental breakfast.  
  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. – New Goshenhoppen Church  
Holy Communion – Dr. David Williams, preaching



# 197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang,  
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;  
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,  
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,  
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.  
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joyce.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

# Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 198

1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the  
 2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
 3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of  
 4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -  
 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs  
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and  
 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to

sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

This 19th-century Palm Sunday text is better understood as the reflections of someone standing outside the event rather than as coming from those participating in the actual procession. This poignant text is set to a tune written especially for it later in the same century.

# All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*to Refrain*

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.  
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

TEXT: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.  
 MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1614; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

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