

# **ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

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*PALM SUNDAY*

*Sunday, April 13, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.*

## **Divine Service 2**



EGL WHY Statement: "God has established EGL to proclaim Christ, receiving and sharing His gifts in Word and Sacrament."

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

**Ride On, Ride On in Majesty – Jan O. Bender**

STAND

*(Please turn to the back of the Nave.)*

### Greeting

P The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C Amen.**

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C Hosanna to the Son of David.**

### Collect

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### Processional Gospel

**John 12:12-19**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, <sup>15</sup>"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" <sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup>The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

P Let us go forth in peace,  
**C in the name of the Lord.**

*(As the processional cross passes, turn and face the altar.)*

## **Processional Hymn**

**441, Ride on, Ride on in Majesty**

## **Response**

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**C Hosanna in the highest.**

## **Introit**

**Psalm 24:7-10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26**

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
**C We bless you from the house of the LORD.**  
P Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
**C that the King of glory may come in.**  
P Who is this King of glory?  
**C The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**  
P Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
**C that the King of glory may come in.**  
P Who is this King of glory?  
**C the LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**  
P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
**C We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.  
**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.  
Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

**Deuteronomy 32:36–39**

<sup>36</sup> The LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. <sup>37</sup> Then he will say, "Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, <sup>38</sup> who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection! <sup>39</sup> See

now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual**

**Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a**

P Christ entered once for all into the holy places by means of his own blood,

**C thus securing an eternal redemption.**

P Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,

**C so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

P He sent redemption to his people;

**C he has commanded his covenant forever.**

### **Epistle**

**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 with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Lenten Verse**

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### **Holy Gospel**

**John 12:20–43**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup>"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that

it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. <sup>34</sup>So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" <sup>35</sup>So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. <sup>36</sup>While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. <sup>37</sup>Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, <sup>38</sup>so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" <sup>39</sup>Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, <sup>40</sup>"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them." <sup>41</sup>Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. <sup>42</sup>Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup>for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn of the Day**

**442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

**Sermon**

**"The King Arrives" (John 12:13)**

**Nicene Creed**

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**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

**All Glory, Laud, and Honor – Lloyd Larson**

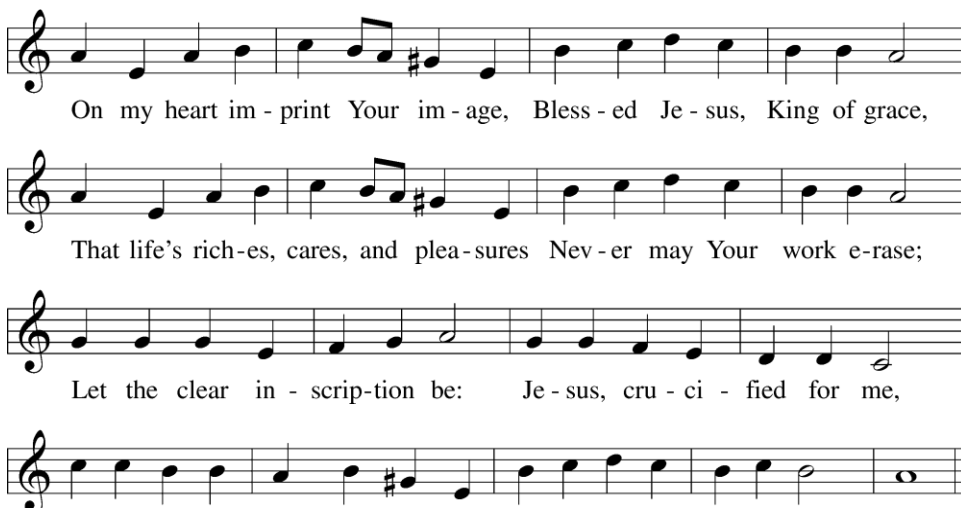


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(Those who are not communing may place their cards in the offering plate.)

## Offertory

## 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,  
That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;  
Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strømme, 1856–1921, alt.  
Tune: Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758  
Text and tune: Public domain

*This hymn is the center stanza of a twenty-nine-stanza Passion hymn, "Bryder frem, I hule Sukke," (Breaking Forth in a Hollow Sigh) by Danish hymn writer Thomas Kingo (1634-1703). Only this stanza of the hymn has found continued usage in English, but some of the other stanzas from Kingo's Passion hymns were used among Danish and Norwegian Lutherans in America in translation. The hymn invites people to ponder Christ's suffering for the sin of the world, to follow on the way to the cross, to see "God's unspotted Lamb lifted on the cursed tree."*

## Service of the Sacrament

### EGLC Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated here in the glad confidence that those who commune actually eat and drink the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and the wine. Only those communicants who believe this and who repent of their sins receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Those who do not believe this or who do not repent of their sins will commune to their harm. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the specific teachings of the faith which is confessed in this congregation, those who are not in agreement with this understanding of the Lord's Supper, or who belong to a religious community that is not in Altar & Pulpit Fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are requested to consult with the presiding minister before communing.

## Preface – Agnus Dei

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## Hymns During Distribution

420 Christ, the Life of All the Living  
560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

## Post-Communion Canticle - Benediction

*(Canticle: Nunc Dimittis)*

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## Closing Hymn

443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

## Postlude

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna – Albert L. Travis

ALTAR PARAMENTS: Purple paraments suggest the somber, solemn mood of this penitential season while the symbols of torture bring to mind Christ's suffering and death to save us.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by Gene & Irene Brunner in thanksgiving for the many blessings received and in celebration of Gene's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on April 9.

### Participants

Presiding Minister

Pastor Eric Skovgaard

Organist

Richard C. Ewert

Handbells

Exultate Ringers

Elder

Matthew Stroh

Chancel Assistant

John Schaefer

Crucifer

Matthew Stroh

Usher Team on duty

Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Tyler Hipke,  
Carter Klein, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox

Altar Guild

Carol Ewert, Sue Schmalzer

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK:**

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17 (6:30 p.m.)**

ELDER: Bruce Bessert

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Doug Grelk

USHER TEAM 3: Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Traas, Aislyn Wegner, Jake Wegner, Randy Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner

#### **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18 (12:00 p.m.)**

ELDER: Doug Grelk

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Jim Olson

USHER TEAM 4: Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert, Matthew Ewert, Peter Holzward, Ken Schuppner, Duane Wunsch

#### **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18 (6:30 p.m.)**

ELDER: Matias Goldenstein

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Kirk Midtbo

USHER TEAM 5: Sharon Boudro, Kirk Midtbo, Emily Krueger, Jason Krueger, Diane Olson, Jim Olson, Sam Thompson

#### **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20 (7:00 a.m.)**

ELDER: Rick Wegner

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: James Drabiszczak

USHER TEAM 1: Anthony Bagwell, Aaron DeWitt, Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely, Steve Nelson, Shelly Skovgaard, Cathy Tuttrup, Matt Zientek, Mikayla Zientek

#### **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20 (10:00 a.m.)**

ELDER: Eric Thompson

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Steve Hipenbecker

USHER TEAM 2: Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Tyler Hipke, Carter Klein, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox

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**Palm Sunday**

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**Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar**

S	9:00 a.m. Worship - C 10:30 a.m. "Pericope Plunge" and Sunday School 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)	W	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC) 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC) 6:30 p.m. Gym Rental 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
M	9:00 a.m. Wauwatosa PD Training (805) 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC) 6:30 p.m. LWML (BAAC) 7:00 p.m. Church Council (228) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	T	9:30 a.m. Book Discussion Group (BAAC) 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service – C
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 9:00 a.m. Tosa PD Training (805) 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)	F	12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service 6:30 p.m. Good Friday Service

**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE:** There were **209** people that attended services last week in person and **69** households streamed the services for a total of **278**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

**EGL FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING:** The EGL golf outing is back! Sponsored once again by the EGL Foundation. This year's *Drive to Thrive* Golf Outing and Dinner will be held on Friday, May 9. We will once again be holding a raffle instead of an auction as well as many other familiar things from years past. Along with various raffle items supplied by generous donors, there will be a wine pull, a chance to win a new iPad, heads and tails, and a dinner catered by Bunzels. If you aren't a golfer, please still join us for the evening festivities, including an amazing dinner! All money raised this year will go toward the roof repairs needed for Elm Grove Lutheran Church. If you are paying by check, please make them payable to the Elm Grove Lutheran Foundation. Sign up today! We look forward to seeing you on May 9!

**EGL FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING DONATIONS:** The EGL Foundation is looking for donations of wine and raffle items. If you are unsure what to purchase for raffle items and would like to donate to the raffle, please feel free

to donate money specifically for the raffle and a Foundation member will use the money to purchase raffle items. There is a box in the church library for donations.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY & GOOD FRIDAY OFFERINGS** collected are designated to continue our support for Bienfait Romero and Jonah Khalid. Bienfait has finished his studies at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Pretoria, South Africa, and has finished his vicarage. He is seeking a way to the US where he plans to study at the LCMS Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. Jonah is a Sudanese Lutheran Pastor seeking to build a congregation and a school in the Nuba mountain region of Sudan. These two men have great potential in their service to God and the church, and we have an opportunity to help them.

**BASKETS OF BLESSINGS 2025:** Would you be willing to put some items in a basket (will be provided) that would bring a smile of appreciation from one of our shut-ins? The basket, names, contact information and suggest list of items will be available between services in the upper hall outside the church library/coffee area on Sunday, April 6 and April 13. Please pick out a name, fill the basket and deliver it before Easter with Easter blessings from all of us. If you have questions,



please contact Barbara Thompson (262-784-3886) or Carole Braun (262-781-1494).

**VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE** at Elm Grove Lutheran Church, in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, May 7, 2:00 - 6:30 p.m. Schedule your appointment online using the QR below or contact Rick Ewert 262-289-9333 /[BloodDrive@egl.org](mailto:BloodDrive@egl.org). Blood fact: 1 out of every 7 hospital patients needs blood. Step up and donate!



**ST PAUL'S PRISON JOURNEY:** The Wednesday morning co-ed Bible study just finished a two-year study of the book of Acts. At the end, Acts 28:14-15 describes St. Paul's journey as a prisoner to Rome along the Appian Way. This Sunday morning for the adult study hour we will watch a video presentation by Dr. Thompson who will follow Paul on his 121-mile journey from Capua to Rome via the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns mentioned in Acts. Dr. Glen L. Thompson holds a M.Div. from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and a M.A. and Ph.D. in ancient history from Columbia University. From 2002-2011 he was a Professor of History at Wisconsin Lutheran College and then Academic Dean and Professor of New Testament and Historical Theology at Asia Lutheran Seminary in Hong Kong until his retirement. His research seeks to identify the exact paths of Roman roads.

**THE LUTHERAN A CAPPELLA CHOIR OF MILWAUKEE** presents their spring concert, "My Song Is Love Unknown," Friday, April 25, 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 12700 W. Howard Ave., New Berlin and Sunday, April 27, 3:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, 8424 W. Center St. Milwaukee. Tickets are \$20 General Admission. Students are free with student ID. Tickets can be purchased at <https://lutheranacappella.org/> or talk to Rick

Ewert. The program features a varied selection of Lenten/Easter anthems by Alice Parker, John Rutter, Gil Martin, Elaine Hagenburg, and more!

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**EASTER BRUNCH:** Make plans to join us for brunch on Easter Sunday. We will have an assortment of fantastic food items and will be serving in the Fellowship Hall from 8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. If you are able to contribute some of the needed food items or if you are able to help with clean-up after the breakfast, please sign up using this [SignUpGenius](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4DA8AD2EA5FD0-55641352-easter) Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4DA8AD2EA5FD0-55641352-easter>. There is also a paper sign-up sheet available in the back of the church.

**NEW THIS YEAR! CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG GARDEN:** Children and grandchildren are invited to visit the Easter Egg Garden to find some special treats. (Bags will be provided.) The garden is located in the West Fellowship Hall from 8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. You may also stay to enjoy the Easter Brunch.

**SAVE THE DATE** for a "Better Late Than Never" evening to celebrate and thank EGLS' formally called teachers (ending in June 2024 school year), Amy Weymier, Laura Patterson, and Kenzie (Peters) Peterson. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 28, at New Berlin Hills Golf Course. Watch SEASONS and the weekly newsletters for more details.

**2025 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING UPDATE:** EGL's Youth Ministry thanks you for all of your support. Unfortunately, we will not be taking our youth group down to New Orleans in July. Fortunately, there is still an opportunity to volunteer for anyone 18+. Team Flex applications are open until April 30<sup>th</sup> (<https://www.lcmsgathering.com/volunteer/#Tea>

mFlex). We are looking to take a group of volunteers on a "Mission Trip" to help with the Youth Gathering. Dates would be Friday, July 18, to Monday, July 21 or Tuesday, July 22. Contact Ben Ewert for More information.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** will not meet on April 20, Easter. Let's celebrate the Lord's resurrection in Church with your family!

**LUNCH BUNCH:** The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday April 24, at 11:45 a.m. at the BRAVO Restaurant at Brookfield Square. There is nice, ample parking available. (Note: this is not the usual third Thursday but the fourth Thursday, since April 17 is Maundy Thursday.) For questions and/or to confirm attendance contact Nancy Roozen 262-366-0679.

**WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY:** All women are invited to join us (She Shed gals) in studying "Promised Rest: Finding Peace in God's Presence," by Michelle Diercks. We will meet every Wednesday evening starting April 23, 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the BAAC for eight weeks through June 11. We will be flexible to include those who cannot join every week, of course. Each weekly lesson has 5 daily readings. The study is available through CPH or Amazon. Please join us around God's Word, seeking His Peace in Christ together! Ask Nancy Wolck if you have any questions.

**STAMMTISCH** Come on out and join us at EGL Stammtisch as we connect with those around us, in a warm and relaxed environment over a few cold ones and "schnecks". Join us for our monthly EGL guys' get-together of great conversation and great libation. We continue to meet in the Bartelt Center (BAAC) at EGL. Our next get together is April 24, from 7:30-9:00(ish) p.m. If you are new to EGL or Stammtisch, come on out and give it a try! Bring a friend and snacks to share! See you there!!! For more information, please text or call Bruce Bessert at 414-526-8430.

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:** Thursday, April 17 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC is our next meeting. The book to be discussed is ***The Aviator's Wife*** by Melanie Benjamin. It is historical fiction about Anne Morrow Lindbergh. If you like to read, please join us.

**LWML:** The evening group of LWML is scheduled to meet on Monday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Friendship Library with the mission project being assembling Birthday Bag Kits to be given to inner city Lutheran churches in Milwaukee.

# Holy Week

#1 **Friday:** Arrival in Bethany. John 12:1

#2 **Saturday:** The Sabbath, probably spent 'hanging out' with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.

#3 **Sunday:** Palm Sunday entry. Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19.

#4 **Monday:** Time to clean out the Temple. Matt. 21:10-17; Mark 11:15-18; Luke 19:45-48.

#5 **Tuesday:** Arguments and parables. Matt. 21:23-24:51 (Olivet Discourse); Mark 11:27-13:37; Luke 20:1-21:36.

#6 **Wednesday:** Mark 14:1 mentions this day as a day the chief priests and scribes conspire to kill him.

#7 **Thursday:** Passover/Last Supper. Matt. 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-23; John 13:1-30.

#8 **Good Friday:** betrayal, arrest, trials, crucifixion. Matt. 27:1-66; Mark 15:1-47; Luke 22:66-23:56; John 18:28-19:37.

#9 **Rest in the tomb.** At some point during the Sabbath, Christ descended into hell to proclaim victory (1 Peter 3:19).

#10 **Resurrection.** Matt. 28:1-13; Mark 16:1-20; Luke 24:1-49; John 20:1-31.