

Seedlings 🌱 : "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery":  
Holy Week and Easter 2024



"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"  
from Marty Haugen's *Mass of Creation*



# Holy Week

**Palm Sunday, March 24th, 10:15 a.m.**



**Liturgy of Holy Communion  
with Palm Procession  
and Choral Reading of the Passion  
Narratives**

**based upon the Gospel Accounts of Matthew, Mark and Luke**

**followed by the traditional  
Palm Sunday "Coffee and..."**

**Please plan to bring bakery items, finger foods,  
appetizers, eggs or other Easter foods to share at  
the Palm Sunday Coffee Hour on March 24th.**



## **The Great Three Days**

**The services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter unfold in a single movement (in three acts) as the church each year makes the passage with Christ through death into life. The Paschal Triduum is the heart of the Christian life, SO allow your lives during this week to be conformed to the worship rhythms of the church rather than the chaotic schedules laid upon us by the world around us. The word "holy" means to be "set apart" from the rest---for a purpose or calling. These days are to be "set apart" from all others in order to honor and observe Holy Week and the days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday during which there should be little or no activity or work. Instead, let us enjoy prayer, meditation, quiet, music, and praise as we gather with Christians in the Western Church around the world to worship, remember, and celebrate our freedom and victory through Christ from the enslavements to death.**

**Maundy Thursday,  
March 28th, 7:15 p.m.**



**Liturgy of Holy Communion,  
Individual Absolution (Forgiveness),  
Foot-Washing and Preparation of the  
Chancel  
for Good Friday**

**Good Friday**  
**March 29th, 7:15 p.m.**



**Liturgy of the Word,  
Reading of the Passion Narrative  
according to St. John  
and Veneration of the Cross**

# **The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday**



**March 31st, 10:15 a.m.  
Festival Liturgy of Holy Communion  
with Handbells and Choir**





**Easter Egg Hunt for the Children  
following the recessional cross  
through  
the Woodside Entrance onto  
the church grounds.**





*On Easter Sunday please bring a few flowers either from your garden or the florist to place on the processional cross which will be presented at worship and then displayed on the front lawn. The cross will be located at the Woodside entrance to the sanctuary before worship.*

*You are also welcome to bring potted  
Easter lilies, hyacinths,  
tulips, and other flowers to decorate  
the chancel.*

*Lilies may be ordered through the  
church office.*



Coming in Eastertide...  
**The Ramona A. Suffern Mission  
Dinner**  
to support Lutheran Social Services of  
Illinois.



# Good Shepherd Sunday April 21, 2024

This special day offers the opportunity to open our hearts and our arms to welcome all into the fold.



*"One of the most powerful experiences in a life of compassion is the expansion of our hearts into a world-embracing space of healing from which no one is excluded."*

— Henri J. M. Nouwen,  
Compassion: A Reflection on the Christian Life



Lutheran Social Services of Illinois



The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
and Good Shepherd Sunday, April 21st, at  
12 noon.

**Reserve the date on your calendars.**

**Ticket prices per person are as follows:**

**Adults: \$10.00**

**Children: \$5.00 (ages 6-14)**

**Children 5 and under: Free**

**Tickets will available from Fred Kuzel or Jane  
Lauritsen after Sunday worship services  
or may be reserved by contacting the church office  
at**

**708.442.5250**

**or via email at**

**[pastor@stspeterandpaulriverside.org](mailto:pastor@stspeterandpaulriverside.org)**

**Please indicate the number of tickets you intend to  
reserve.**

Seed money for this event will be provided by





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## **“Hope” is the thing with feathers**

**By Emily Dickinson**

**“Hope” is the thing with feathers -  
That perches in the soul -  
And sings the tune without the words -  
And never stops - at all -**

**And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard -  
And sore must be the storm -  
That could abash the little Bird  
That kept so many warm -**

**I’ve heard it in the chillest land -  
And on the strangest Sea -  
Yet - never - in Extremity,  
It asked a crumb - of me.**

*“Music has a great advantage: without mentioning anything, it can say everything.”*

---Ilya Ehrenburg

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***For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water...  
(Isaiah 35:6b-7a).***

**Join us every Sunday at 10:15 a.m.**  
**For continuing live streaming of the**  
**liturgy**  
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viewing at a later date.**



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