

CHALICE

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The Life of Jesus

Jesus' life is known almost entirely from the four Gospels. the story concentrates on Jesus' life - from the beginning of his ministry to his Passion, death and Resurrection. Each Gospel tells Jesus' story in its own way, but the outline of events is clear. Two of the Gospels record the events surrounding his birth, but little is said about his childhood. The main story begins with his baptism, his time of testing in the wilderness, and then his role as an itinerant teacher in Galilee.

He called 12 disciples to be with him, and gradually prepared them to understand the purpose of his mission and his ministry. Jesus' message was simple but urgent. **The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news** (Mark 1:15). According to Luke 4:16-30, Jesus saw himself as fulfilling the yearning prophecy of Isaiah 61:1-2. Not only was his vivid and memorable, but he acted in ways that met people's needs, in healing, in forgiveness, in feeding and in miracles.

Crowds began to come to him, some enthusiastically, believing it was God's power at work among them. Others were deeply opposed to Jesus, they believed that he was challenging God's Law. How could this ordinary man, whose family was well known, speak with such authority, and do these amazing things? Jesus insisted that his authority came from God.

The Gospels record the difficulties the disciples had in understanding Jesus' mission. A decisive moment came at Caesarea Philippi (MT 16:1-2ff), when they were challenged and made to realize that Jesus must go to Jerusalem in order to suffer and die. Jesus arrived in Jerusalem at Passover knowing that he would soon die, and the story moves to his Passion - his suffering in the last week of his life. As he celebrated the Passover with his disciples, he made his last supper with them memorable through his actions, pledging that his presence would remain with them even after his death. Later that night, he was betrayed and arrested, then taken for investigation. He was tried before the Romans and crucified. On the third day after his Crucifixion, his followers, knowing that he had died, were astounded to find out that he was alive again.

Grace and Peace to you all dear friends, as you reflect on his life during this most holy of seasons.

Pastor Mark





Holy Week and Easter Worship Services

Palm Sunday, April 2nd 9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 7, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 9, 9:30 a.m.

For those who cannot attend in person, our worship services are live-streamed

<u>Meet Your New Council Member, Rebecca Mason</u>

In February at the annual congregational meeting two new council members were elected. Last month we had an introduction to Polly Timmerman and this month we have one for Rebecca Mason. Our other council members are Kylee Albright, Jim Black, Joleen Carlson, JoAnne Breese Jaeck, Laurie Knudson, David Knudson, and Andy Larson.

Dear Holy Communion Family,

I truly appreciate the opportunity to serve on the church council.

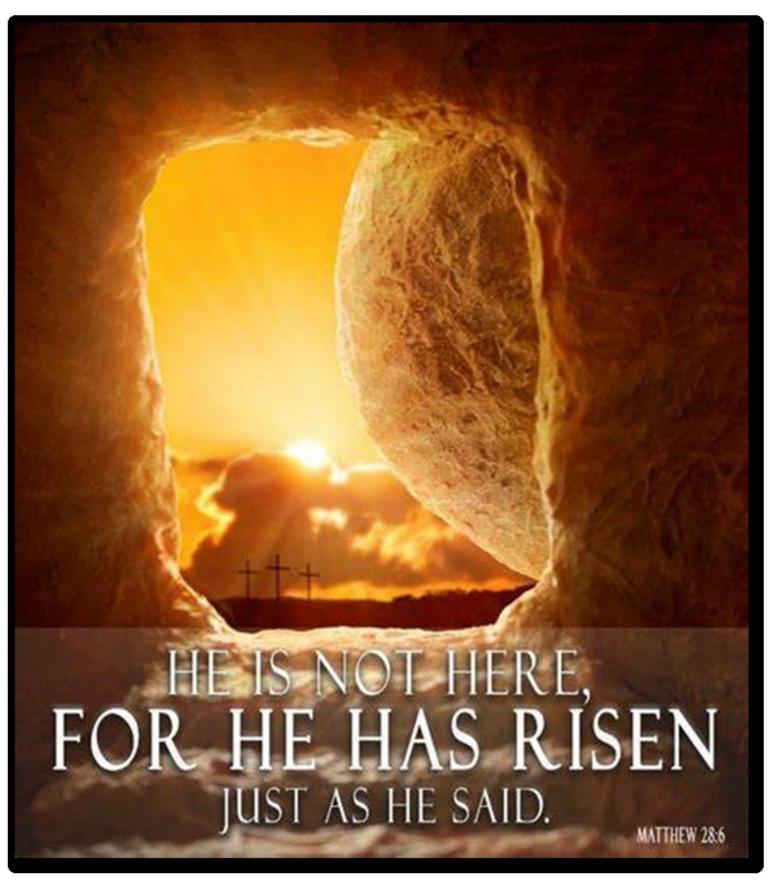
Cory and I and our children, Eleanor (14), Amelia (12), and Cory (11), have been worshiping with you at Holy Communion since 2018. At that time, our children were a bit younger, and you all welcomed our noisy presence with open arms and warm smiles. It was (and continues to be) so refreshing!

My mom joined the church at the same time. She moved here to be closer to the grandchildren. She is a retired ELCA pastor and has been an influential part of my faith journey.

Cory and I met working on political campaigns together in 1999, started dating shortly thereafter, and were married in 2004. He was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly in 2006 and became the City's Mayor in 2017.

In August 2012, I opened my own law practice here in Racine, specializing in estate planning, estate administration, and guardianships. I am the incoming President for the Board of Directors for the Racine County Bar Association, a member of the Ascension All Saints Hospital Foundation Board of Directors, a member of the St. Monica's Board of Directors, and an active volunteer in the kids' schools. I previously served as the City of Racine Municipal Judge, am the past chair of the United Way of Racine County Board of Directors, and have been a member of the Board of Directors for the Racine Literacy Council, Racine Zoo, and Small World Montessori.

This church community has been such a positive experience for our entire family. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve and help set a positive direction for our next 125 years!



Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!!!

The pastors and staff would like to wish you and your beloved families, a most blessed Easter. God's love and peace and hope and grace to you all...

forever and always.

Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!!!



HAPPY BAPTISM BIRTHDAY to the following children who were baptized during the month of April:

Brady Remington

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ...

on <u>Easter Sunday, April 9th</u>





2nd - 12th Graders, April 23rd

With Palm Sunday Breakfast and Easter Sunday happening this month, all of our $2^{nd}-12^{th}$ Graders are invited to join us on Sunday, April 23^{rd} from 11:00-12:00. It will be an awesome and amazing time of playing some games (including hide and seek), eating some yummy snacks and learning about a Bible character or two. \odot Hope to see you there!

Confirmation Class, April 16th

All of our 8th grade youth (and older) who have been gathering for study as they work towards confirming their faith on Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023, will meet with Pastor Mark and Pastor Laura on Sunday, April 16th, from 11:00 - 12:00 to continue their time of learning and deepening their faith through Bible and catechetical time, and some fun and games too! Snacks will be provided, but please bring your Bible.



ATTENTION ALL CURRENT 7TH - 11TH GRADERS

Are you ready for an opportunity and experience of a lifetime? We sure hope so...and on July 16-20, 2024, we're inviting you to join us as we travel to New Orleans for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering. Over 30,000 + youth and their adult leaders will gather for a time of faith formation which will include time spent in an awesome interactive learning/fun center, worship and Bible study with amazing speakers and muscians, and service and fellowship events. These Youth Gatherings only occur every three years so we're hoping you'll be able to be a part of this awesome adventure!

Here are some of the details (we will have an informational meeting later in summer, but wanted to get this out to you so you can prayerfully consider joining us):

All youth who will be entering 8th-12th grade in the fall are invited to participate.

Registration deadline is September 10, 2023, which includes a non-refundable deposit of \$375.

The actual estimated cost for each person is \$1000-\$1200 (including flights, hotels and meals)...so please know that there will be fundraising and each participant will be expected to participate. If we do not earn enough money from fundraising the total out of pocket cost will go above the initial \$375.

Please take a look at <u>https://elca.org/YouthGathering</u> for further details.

These Youth Gatherings truly have the potential to be life-changing!

If you have any questions, please contact one of the pastors.

New Happenings



Please join us for our new **Birthday Club**. On the third Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:00AM, we invite all who are celebrating a birthday in that particular month (this time April) to join us for coffee, conversation and a birthday donut. Hope to see you on Tuesday, April 18th in the Lounge.

Please join us for our new **Ketchup Club**. The reality of COVID took much of our fellowship time away, so this will be a time for us to "catch up" with one another. It will simply be a delight to spend time with you and enjoy a meal together. We plan to meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month, but times will vary. In the month of April, we'll kick off our Ketchup Club by meeting for breakfast at the Douglas Diner (5121 Douglas Avenue, Racine) at 9:30AM. Pastor Laura will be making reservations so



please let her (or Heidi in the office) know by April 23rd if you're able to join us. (<u>pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com</u>)



Be sure to check out the display of beautiful old photographs of HCLC in the Welcome Center! The display will change every few weeks so stop be sure to check back often.

Save The Dates for these events

May 21 - Ice Cream Social at Coffee Fellowship July 30 - Worship and Family Picnic at Johnson Park September 10 - 125th Celebration Worship Service and Evening Banquet at Preservation Hall, downtown Racine

Other special events through the year including trivia contests, guest pastors, history displays, and possible float in the 4th of July parade.



April 18, the study of the Gospel of Mark begins on page 145 in the study guide. Jesus had been on the east side of the Jordan in the Ten Cities of the Decapolis. There we discussed the amazing healing of the demon-possessed man.

Beginning with Mark 5:21 Jesus crosses back over to the Jewish side of the lake. There a ruler of the synagogue begs Jesus to come and heal his daughter. Barclay reminds us how unique this is. He came by himself, knelt at Jesus's feet, and begs for help.

Then comes Mark 5:25 (on page 148) where a woman has enough faith in Jesus that if she just touches his clothes, she will be healed. Even though she was healed, she feared the humiliation of admitting it when Jesus asks who it was. When Jesus commends her faith instead of scolding her, her trembling was also gone.

In Mark 5:35 (page 154) Jesus is still speaking to the woman he just healed when a message came to the ruler of the synagogue that his daughter had just died. Jesus overhears this message and suggests that the 12 year old girl is just sleeping. Overlooking the laughter and scoffing from the crowd, Jesus takes the father and the mother into the child's room and tells her to get up out of bed.

As you can tell, our discussion of Mark 5:21 to Mark 5:43 deals with the miracles of healing. Two of these four miracles affect rulers of the synagogue. And it's Jewish leaders that ultimately have Jesus crucified.

Tuesday, April 18th, the Study of the Gospel of Mark is from pages 145 to 158. We will meet by zoom from 10:00 to 11:30 for one more month. For any information call Julie Burton at 262:880-1624.

A much lighter book is scheduled for our April meeting. We have chosen <u>The Maid</u> by Nita Prose. Molly Gray is different. She struggles with social skills and often misreads people's intentions. She works as a hotel maid at the five-star Regency Grand. She delights in wearing her uniform, stocking her cart, and returning her guest rooms to perfect order. Suddenly everything changes! She enters the room of the infamous and wealthy Charles and finds him dead-very dead. When the police arrive, their first suspect is Molly. She is soon caught in a web of deception. Will Molly and her friends be able to find the real killer before it's too late?



We will be meeting by ZOOM on Wednesday, April 12 at 10:00. Please contact Julie Burton to get the link. You can reach her at 262-880-1624 or at jaburton5914@gmail.com.

For May, we plan on discussing Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus.

Quilting Group

The Quilting Group meets at 1:00 pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. All are welcome to join them, even if you have no prior quilting experience, and they would love to have more help. If you have gently used full, queen or king size flat sheets that you no longer need, the quilters can use them for quilt backs. You can drop them off in the back of the church on Sunday morning or in the church office. Call Linda Holmquist, 633-0032, or Evelyn Lajiness, 634-0527, if you have any questions.

		Finance Update		
<u>Februa</u>	ry 2023		Year to Date 2023	
Revenue:	\$31,312.92	Revenue:	\$94,121.49	
Expenses:	\$48,626.00	Expenses:	\$94,014.35	
Net Income:	(-\$17,313.08)	Net Income:	\$107.14	

We wish everyone a blessed Easter! For April the pantry is asking for donations of the following items:

peanut butterbar soap1 lb. packages of egg noodles10 oz. cans of chick noodle soup, chicken with rice soup, and vegetable soup.



We have a serious shortage of each of these items, and have not gotten them from the Racine County Food Bank or from the government. Our shoppers are having a hard time buying many of the things we need because of limited supplies at some of the grocery stores. This makes the donations we receive from you more important than ever so that we can continue to provide healthy, balanced meal items for those in need in our community. We are incredibly grateful to all who add a few items for the pantry to their shopping carts. We know budgets are tight for many people and we give thanks for your generous gifts to our ministry.

We always need brown paper grocery bags and clean, lightly used, plastic shopping bags. If you receive calendars, greeting cards, or pens and pencils you will not use, please bring them to the pantry. We have also had requests for Bibles and children's Bible storybooks. If you have any you no longer use you can donate them to the pantry.

As always we are so very grateful to all who contribute money and food and those who volunteer their time. We could not continue this ministry without you!

Scrip Cards

Look for the Scrip table on Sunday mornings. There you can buy or order gift cards for grocery stores, gas stations, department stores, restaurants, online retailers, and even hotels and other travel related businesses. Scrip is an easy way for you to support the church as you do your day to day shopping. You pay the face value of the card and get to spend the full value of the card. HCLC purchases the cards for a discounted rate so we



earn a percentage of each purchase. There are lists of the participating retailers in the Welcome Center and on the tables at the back of the sanctuary. Scrip cards make great birthday, wedding and graduation gifts and are easy to tuck into greeting cards for any occasion!

Visit the Scrip table if you have any questions or contact Kylee Albright at kygregg@me.com.

Come Sing With Us!

On Sunday, September 10th, we will be celebrating 125 years of HCLC's ministry. We are planning on doing a large group choral number called **O Sifuni Mungu**, a powerful song that uses both Swahili and English to create a rousing rendition of **All Creatures of Our God and King**. The kids and youth of HCLC are already listening to and working on the song, and we would like to invite anyone from the congregation who would like to participate. We will announce a couple of rehearsals this spring and then again in August. If you're interested, you can listen to the song on your music streaming station (**O Sifuni Mungu** by First Call) or get a CD and word list from Kate.

Greg and Kate

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April Volunteers

Thank you to the volunteers who help keep worship services running smoothly! If you would like to volunteer, please call the office, 262-632-8802, or talk to one of the pastors.

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Greeter	Rose Ad	lamski	Carrie Jansen	Carrie Jansen	Carrie Jansen	Grace Deibert
Lector	Linda G	odson	Danielle Simonovic	John Lehman	Steve Barootian	Lynn Helmke
Communion Assistant	Joan Fergus Jim Black		Jean Veltman Roger Degerman	John Lehman Linda Godson	Gary Wee Steve Barootian	Jim Black Don Lautz
AV Technicians	Lynn Helmke Barb Salvo		Barb Salvo	Todd Jansen	Kylee Albright	Lynn Helmke Barb Salvo
Coffee Fellowship	Palm Sunday Brunch		None Needed	Trish Carr Jacob	Shelley Lussmyer	
Councilperson In Charge	Laurie Knudson		Jim Black	Joleen Carlson	Andy Larson	Rebecca Mason
Ushers Jim Carlso		on, Roger Degerman,	David Leisner, Karen	Pirk, and Gary Wood		
Altar Guild	Susan Bar		rbee, Roxie Betko, Va	l Conner, and Barb Sa	lvo	

April Altar Flowers

April 2 - In memory of Wally Nissen & George Nissen given by Jo Nissen

April 16 - In loving memory of Sarah Lajiness, given by Tom & Evelyn Lajiness

April 23 - In memory of Ed Larsen, given by Amy Larsen and Bob & Karen Larsen

April 30 - In loving memory of Dawn Barootian, given by her family

and in memory of Bob Barbee, loved and missed by Susan and family.

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Join us at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays for in-person or live-streamed worship services. Our live-stream can be found on the HCLC Facebook page and the videos remain online to view later. Please call or email the office if you, or someone you know, would like to be added to our email list to receive the weekly bulletin and hymns.

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