

Greetings St. Paul Lutheran Church!

Sunday begins Holy Week. Holy Week is a significant time of the year for Christians, marking the final week of Jesus Christ's life on earth before his crucifixion and resurrection. Throughout history, it has been a time of solemn reflection, fasting, and prayer for Christians around the world. Oftentimes we just think of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday but some traditions recognize each day of the week. They vary a little on what the focus is each day but here is a general list. I encourage you to read the scriptures connected with each day and attend worship on Thursday and Friday.

- Palm Sunday, Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem (You'll hear the scriptures on Sunday in worship)
- Monday of Holy Week, Jesus clears out the temple with a whip. You can read about it in all four gospels Matthew 21:12, Mark 11:15-19, Luke 19:45-48, and John 2:13-17. If you watch The Chosen season 5 part 1, you'll see it there.
- Tuesday of Holy Week, Jesus is anointed with oil at Bethany (we heard that on April 6 in worship, and it is in Season 4 of The Chosen) and preaches on the Mount of Olives (Matthew 21:23—24:51; Mark 11:20—13:37; Luke 20:1—21:36; John 12:20-38)
- Spy Wednesday, Jesus is betrayed by Judas, Matthew 26:12-16; Mark 14:10-12; Luke 22:3-6
- Holy Thursday, Jesus celebrates the Last Supper, prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, and is arrested (You'll hear those scriptures during worship)
- Good Friday, Jesus is sentenced to death, scourged, beaten, crucified, and dies on the Cross (You'll hear those scriptures during worship)
- Holy Saturday, Jesus is buried in the tomb and descends into hell. Matthew 27:62-66, Mark 16:1, Luke 23:56, and John 19:40.
- Easter Sunday, Jesus rises from the dead (You'll hear the scriptures at worship)

May God bless your Holy Week experience.

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