

Greetings,

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Is it just me, or does anyone else get conflicted inside when we begin the journey into this week that is called “Holy”? The stories we have are a mishmash – of disciples not knowing what is going on or what to do, of betrayal and scheming, of crowds shouting “hosanna” one day and “crucify him” the next. How do we sort it all out? Most folks don’t even bother with most of the story. They show up for Palm Sunday, also known as “The Triumphal Entry”, but also known in some traditions as “Passion Sunday”. And then people come again on Easter, when all of the language is about “New Life” and everyone is giving each other a high-five at an empty tomb. But where is everybody when Jesus is betrayed with a kiss by one of his disciples in the middle of the night and apprehended by the authorities? Where is everyone when an innocent person is put to trial on a trumped up charge? Where is everyone when Jesus is being led back and forth in the shroud of darkness from the high priest’s house, then to Pontius Pilate, then to King Herod the Tetrarch and then back to Pontius Pilate. The events are almost dizzying in scope. So, the question, again, why is the week called “Holy”? Frederick Buechner, a Christian writer who died several years ago at the age of 96, wrote that something is Holy when God uses it send God’s love to the world through it. So, How did God use the week to send God’s love to the world?

- Through people marching in the Triumphal daring to sing a song that ran counter to the established song of the abusive theocratic government that was in place, and challenged the dominance of the “Pax Romani”, the Peace of Rome.
- Through people who gathered in the Court of the Gentiles in the Great Temple in Jerusalem to receive teachings from an itinerant preacher named Jesus.
- Through Disciples and Friends who all sat at table together and learned a new message – that loving someone was the greatest sacrament, the greatest commandment, and to do love and be love in everything.
- Through the message, given by Jesus himself, that the response to violence cannot be violence if we ever intend for the cycle to stop.

There may be more, I am sure, but that is what is coming to mind right now. So, I invite you to join with me in the journey of Holy Week – all of it – Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Experience the entire cycle. IT is our story.

Coming Up In the Life of the Church:

See newsletter below for all other volunteer opportunities, activities, events, and classes as well as our schedule of Holy Week and Easter events.

I hope to see as many of you as possible in worship during the coming week.

Peace, Pastor Dave

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday, 29 March 2026

- 9:30 AM We celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with the retelling of the story from Matthew's Gospel.

Holy Thursday, 2 April 2026

- We celebrate Jesus' New Commandment to Love One Another. We will join with the congregation of St. Stephen the Martyr Lutheran Church at 6:30 p.m. for worship with the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Address for SSTM is 6101 S.51st Street, Greendale.

Good Friday, 3 April 2026

- You are invited to join in the Annual Cross Processional, now in its 7th Decade. The Cross Processional will begin at 2 p.m. in front of St. Luke's ELCA Church located at 6705 Northway. The Route will be different this year. The Ecumenical Good Friday Service will begin at 3:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

Easter Sunday, 5 April 2026

- We celebrate the mystery of New Life with the telling of the Easter Story from Matthew's Gospel. We will be ablaze in color as flowers fill the sanctuary, and ribbons wave back and forth during the singing of "Alleluia"

Easter Egg Hunt

- Following the service there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for all of the children who are present.



Madalyn Sterna Confirmation Project



Brewers Tailgate to Benefit the Sarcoma Foundation of America

SUNDAY, APRIL 19 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

COME JOIN US FOR BRATS, FUN, AND GAMES

YOU ARE INVITED TO WEAR YOUR FAVORITE "MILWAUKEE BREWERS"
APPAREL TO WORSHIP THAT DAY (OR THE APPAREL OF ANY OTHER
WISCONSIN SPORTS TEAMS), AND JOIN IN THE FESTIVITIES.

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FLAVORS OF FAITH UNITY FESTIVAL

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY THROUGH THE JOY OF FOOD AND CULTURE

JOIN US FOR A VIBRANT FESTIVAL WHERE DELICIOUS FOOD AND RICH TRADITIONS
COME TOGETHER TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AND UNITY AMONG DIFFERENT
FAITHS. ENJOY MOUTHWATERING DISHES FROM VARIOUS CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS,
SINGING BOWLS, CHANTING AND MORE!

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 • 4:00PM-7:00PM

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NAVIGATING DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS

How to Change Hearts & Minds on Hot Button Issues



MONDAY, APRIL 27 • 6:30PM

Greendale Community Church • 6015 Clover Lane, Greendale
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This workshop is facilitated by Tia Renier of Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin. Come learn ways to have conversations instead of debates on hot button topics, to find common ground, and help plant seeds of change.

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**Greendale Community Church
Values & Visions**

RECLAIMING OUR *Humanity* TOWN HALL

with moderator Nat Godley

In a time when politics often feels divisive and overwhelming, we invite you to gather for an honest and thoughtful conversation about who we are becoming as a people.

What values do you believe we have lost along the way? What does integrity, compassion, and courage look like in leadership today? What do you hope to see in future candidates — not just politically, but morally and ethically?

This is not a debate. It is a space for listening, reflection, and respectful dialogue. Together, we will explore how we can reclaim the parts of our humanity that feel strained — kindness, truthfulness, empathy, accountability, and care for one another. Let's come together to imagine a future rooted in shared values and common good.

**Wednesday, April 29 | 6:30pm
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6015 Clover Lane**

*Register online at
www.greendalecommunitychurch.org/events
Any questions, please call 414-421-1221*