

Seedlings 🌱 : "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery":  
Holy Week 2025



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



# Holy Week

**But first,  
join us for restful quietness at  
the final Lenten Vespers, Holden  
Setting  
this Wednesday evening at 7:15 p.m.  
preceded by a supper of soup and  
bread  
beginning at 6:30 p.m.**



*Sensing the Gospel: Meditations for Lent*



**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**

**Rev. Tim Krick, Senior Advisor  
for Congregational Engagement at  
[Lutheran World Relief](#)  
will be joining us for supper and  
vespers this Wednesday.  
Please join us to hear more about  
**LWR**  
and to receive thanks for our  
support!**



**Palm Sunday, April 13th, 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 side dishes, bakery items,  
finger foods, appetizers, eggs or other Easter  
foods to share at  
the Palm Sunday Coffee Hour.



## **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,  
April 17th, 7:15 p.m.**



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



**Good Friday, April 18th, 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  
April 20th, 10:15 a.m.**



**Festival Liturgy of Holy Communion  
with Handbells, Choir and Trumpet**



## Easter Flowers



Easter lilies will be available for \$16 per plant for those who wish to place a lily or lilies in the chancel for the upcoming Easter celebrations. To order, please call or email the church office or use the sign-up sheet posted in the usual place in the dining hall (lower west entrance). The final day to order is *this Thursday, April 10th*. You are also welcome to bring your own potted spring plants, including lilies, hyacinths, tulips, daffodils, etc. to decorate the sanctuary.



*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.*



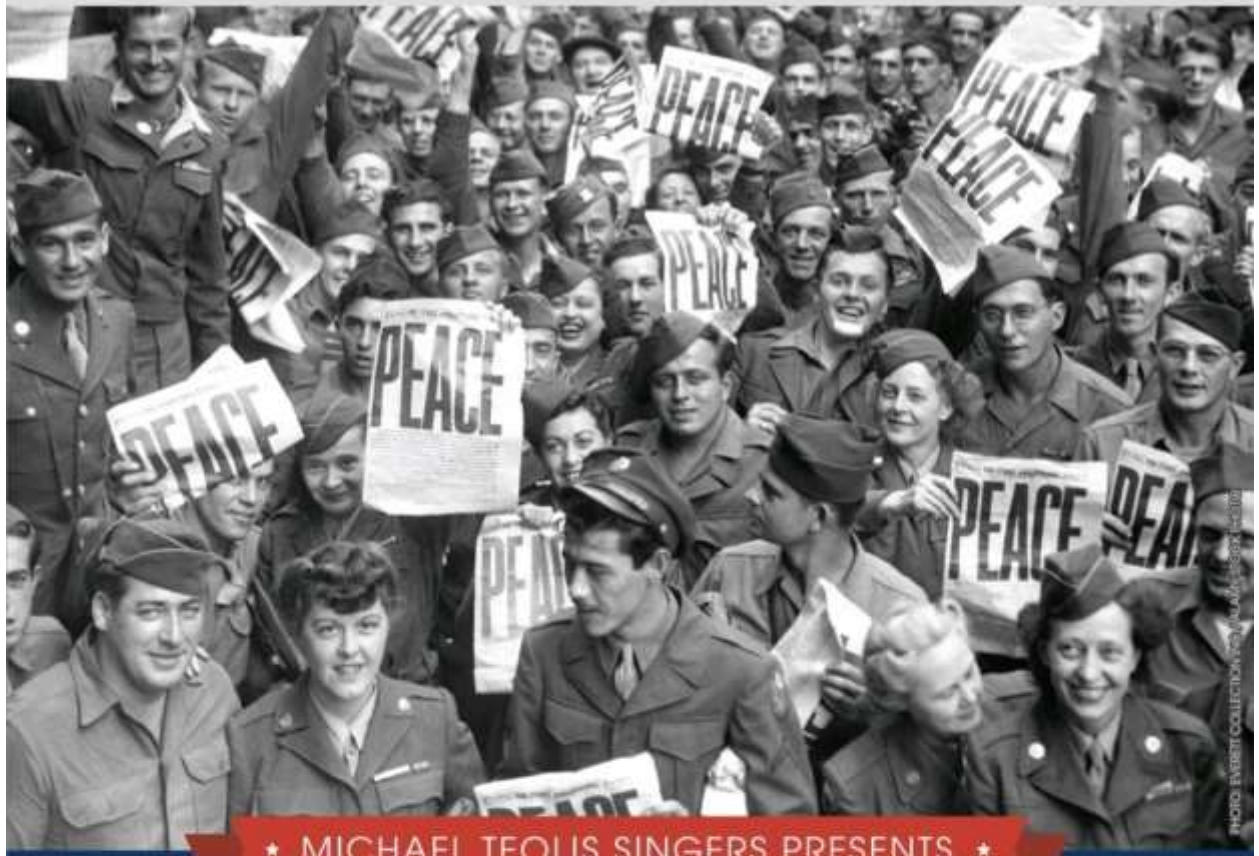


**Lilian Marie Lauritsen**  
**Baptized Sunday, March 30th, 2025**

Easter Season Concerts  
in May

*Michael Teolis Singers*





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***Shared joy is double joy, and shared sorrow is half-sorrow.— Swedish proverb***

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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  
please click [HERE](#).**

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viewing at a later date.**





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**Church office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. -  
Noon**

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