



CELC Weekly Gospel in Action Moments

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



**For the week of Sunday,
April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday**

Welcome to Worship

✚ **We are happy to have you with us** and wish you a warm welcome. If you would like more information about our church and its ministries, please contact our church office, 440-933-6263.

✚ **Attention families:** We encourage you to have your children participate in worship. They learn about worship and faith by being involved. If you or your children need a break, we have Wiggle Beach off to the left of the sanctuary. If you need assistance, an usher will happily direct you.

✚ **We honor our military among us.** Please lift in prayer all who serve in the military, past and present, along with their loved ones. Currently serving: Marty Koch, Coast Guard; and Dylan Lysefski, Army.

Prayers

✚ **For prayer requests** please fill out a prayer request form found in the gathering area and place it in the offering plate during the service, contact Sharon Davidson at 440-933-3923, skid440@yahoo.com or contact the church office.

Today's Flowers

✚ **Today's flowers have been given by** the Tinney family in celebration of Marilyn's birthday.

Thank You

✚ **Thank You from Our NEOS-ELCA Council.** Our congregation excels at the gift of hospitality. On Saturday, March 25th, CELC hosted the representatives of the Northeastern Ohio Synod Council, including Bishop Laura Barbins and Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Mitch Phillips, as they met on Saturday, March 25 for their important work. The Council was enthralled with our church's view and grateful for the delicious nourishment generously provided by Bill Higgins, Cathy

Mohney, Sharon Davidson, Brenda Crout, Patty Knip, and Julie Pressnell (with the help of her granddaughter, Marilyn). Thank you so much! All inspired Olivia Shelton, a member of the Synod Council, to write the following poem.

*We traveled from South, West and East,
Enjoyed both your sumptuous feasts.
We're grateful you shared
A taste of God's care.
Our spirits and joys were increased.*

Congregation News

✚ **The potted palm plants are available to loving homes.** We are asking for a donation of \$5 per small plant and \$20 per medium sized ones. The two large ones will stay with the church in hopes that they will be used for years to come. These plants are available on a first come first served basis.

✚ **Lent services: Maundy Thursday,** April 6 at 7:00 p.m. **Good Friday,** April 7 at 5:00 p.m. Annual Cross Walk and 7:00 p.m. for Worship.

✚ **1st Communion instruction and refresher for ANY age youth: Maundy Thursday,** April 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall and hear about why Jesus asked us to celebrate this meal. Make your own loaf of communion bread.

✚ **Flowers for Easter.** We invite anyone who would like to bring potted flowers to display on Easter morning. You can drop them off during office hours or when the church is open any time April 2-7. Place them in the room by the library next to the sanctuary.

✚ **Fresh cut flowering cross for Easter Sunday,** April 9. On Sunday morning we will have a special cross to adorn with flowers at the beginning of the service. Everyone is invited to bring fresh cut flowers from their yard, or a store and we will decorate the cross together.

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

✠ Celebrating CELC's 75th Anniversary in 2023.
We will have a celebration on Sunday, April 30. To better plan for refreshments and our shared meal, please contact Ryan Smarsh, by April 13, if you plan to attend.

Christian Ed News

✠ Mark your calendars for VBS, June 12-16, 9-12 noon. To volunteer or for more information please contact Julie Pressnell.

Congregation Calendar

Sunday, April 2 Palm Sunday

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Holy Worship
11:30 a.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday, April 5

6:15 p.m. Bells

Maundy Thursday, April 6

7:00 p.m. Holy Worship

Good Friday, April 7

5:00 p.m. Annual Cross Walk
7:00 p.m. Holy Worship
Office Closed

Sunday, April 9, Easter

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Holy Worship

Christ Lutheran Preschool

Monday-Friday 9a.m.-3p.m.

Preschool Spring Break April 6-16

Good Kids Childcare Calendar

Monday-Friday 7a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Worship Assistants and Volunteers

April 2, Palm Sunday

Usher: Chip Crout
Lector: Marilyn Culler
Cantor: Julie Pressnell
Live Stream: Ryan Smarsh
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

April 6, Maundy Thursday

Usher: Bob Olds
Lector: Laura Knight

Cantor: Michelle Young
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

April 7, Good Friday

Usher: Ryan Smarsh
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

April 9, Easter

Usher: Ryan Smarsh
Lector: Ron Jantz
Cantor: Rob Pedersen
Counter: Chuck Heindrichs
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

April 16

Usher: Brian Knip
Lector: Tim Gottshall
Cantor: Julie Pressnell
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

April 23

Usher: Betsy Floyd
Lector: Laura Knight
Cantor: Michelle Young
Live Stream: Barb McCain
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

April 30, 75th Anniv. Celebration

Usher: Eric Mohney
Lector: Beth Lecorchick
Cantor: Sue Frantz
Counter: Eric Mohney
Live Stream: Bill Higgins
Altar Care: Marilyn Culler
Bulletin Folding: Marilyn Culler

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