

Weekly Scripture Readings & Sermon Summaries April 2025

April 6, 2025 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Readings: Psalm 126; Luke 20:9-20

A New Covenant - Sermon Text: Luke 20:9-20

Rev. Paul Shoemaker

Jesus tells the parable of the wicked vinedressers to illustrate the unfaithfulness of the children of Israel to the covenant God so graciously made with them. A new Israel, the Christian Church, will emerge as a new covenant is set in place.

April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday

Readings: John 12:12-19; Luke 22:1-23:56 Palms to Passion - Sermon Text: John 12:13b

Rev. Shayne Jonker

Holy Week begins on the road to Jerusalem. The King makes His grand entrance into Jerusalem, riding atop a borrowed donkey, as the people greet their Messiah: "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" The mood, however, shifts quickly from palms to passion, from triumph to crucifixion. This King, this Messiah, came to lay His life down, to die for His people on the cross.

* April 18, 2025 – Good Friday

Readings: Psalm 22; Isaiah 52:13-53:12; John 19:17-30 What Does This Mean? - Sermon Text: John 19:17-30

Rev. Craig Muehler (Guest Pastor)

It is fitting that we take a look at the words of Jesus to the world as He hangs upon the cross in suffering and pain. We ask the question, "What does this mean ... for us ... for the world?"

* This program will be released on Good Friday on our digital platforms: WorshipAnew.org; Mobile App; Facebook; TV Streaming on Roku, Apple TV, Google TV, Amazon Firestick; and YouTube

April 20, 2025 - Easter Sunday

Readings: Psalm 16; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

Christ is Risen - Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:20

Rev. Thomas Eggold

The empty tomb means that our bodies will rise from the grave! The empty tomb means that we will be reunited with loved ones who have died in the faith. The empty tomb means that we will live forever with God in holiness, innocence, and blessedness. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ has changed everything!

April 27, 2025 – Second Sunday of Easter

Readings: Psalm 148; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

I Believe... - Sermon Text: John 20:28

Rev. Scott Zeckzer

We confess in the Apostle's Creed that Jesus, on the third day, rose again from the dead, and we believe in the resurrection of the body. Why is it important we believe in the resurrection? Hear why the resurrection of Jesus changes everything for you.

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