

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As you know, Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week! This morning (Saturday) about 30 people received palms with the instruction to wave them at 10:15 a.m., tomorrow. For those who received them, enjoy! For those who did not, feel free to make your own palm branch out of paper. Remember, this may be your only opportunity to wave your palm branches at home, in your yard, or in your neighborhood.

Like many of you, I think this is the first time I have ever missed attending a Palm Sunday service. To be away from this, and other Holy Week services, feels so strange. (I expect this is true for many of you!) Therefore, I want to encourage all of you who have computers to not only read our bulletin and my sermon, but to watch some of the online services from other churches in the La Crosse Area Synod.

For those of you who purchased an Easter Lily, Nalani is planning on getting them on Maundy Thursday. She will contact you this week with more information.

Also, I will be sending out a link midweek, for the Good Friday service. Several area pastors, including myself, have contributed short clips of the scripture readings for that day. (Many thanks to April Arndt for recording my portion!) Pastor Amanda Schultz Garcia is in the process of compiling and editing this online service. Pastor Libby will be preaching, and there will be vocal and instrumental solos. Please join in watching this very special service.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Cathy