

# People and Places

## March 2018 Newsletter for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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#### **Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday, March 11**

Remember to turn your clocks 1 hour forward (Spring forward!) before you go to bed on Saturday.

### **Holy Week Services**

During Holy Week (March 25 - April 1) we remember and partially re-enact the fateful week in which Jesus was arrested, beaten, crucified, and laid in a tomb. But it is also the week when Jesus taught in the Temple, celebrated the Passover meal with his disciples, and ultimately broke the bonds of death and rose from the tomb. Holy Communion has its origins in this week (the Last Supper), as does Sunday worship (the Resurrection Day), and numerous different practices associated with the week.

In order to make Holy Week a useful and meaningful time of spiritual reflection, it is helpful to enter into the week with the intention of "walking through the week with Jesus."

#### **Palm Sunday, March 25, 10:00 a.m. Worship at ORLC with Communion**

The week begins with Jesus' "triumphal entry" into Jerusalem, when his disciples and many others hailed him as Messiah. Jesus' opponents took note and laid plans to eliminate him.

#### **Maundy Thursday, March 29, 7:00 p.m. Worship with Foot Washing and Holy Communion at Saint Saviour's Anglican Church, 150 Orchard St. at Martin Ave.**

Having taught all week in the Temple, Jesus gathers his disciples to keep the Passover with the traditional meal. That night he is arrested.

#### **Good Friday, March 30, 11:00 a.m., Worship with Cross Procession and Stripping of the Altar.**

Treating Jesus in cruel ways, the Temple authorities accuse Jesus of blasphemy and the Romans sentence him to death by crucifixion for treason and rebellion. Only a handful of his followers linger near by. His dead body is laid in a donated tomb.

#### **Holy Saturday, March 31, Quiet Reflexion at Home**

"Moses mystically foreshadowed this day when he said, 'God blessed the seventh day.' This is the day of rest, on which the only-begotten Son of God rested from all his works." (From the Eastern Orthodox Liturgy)

#### **Easter Sunday, The Feast of the Resurrection, April 1, 10:00 a.m. Festal Worship with Holy Communion at ORLC**

"If we have been united with Christ in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." (Romans 6:5)