Holy Week Services-2021

Pastor Groth and the elders have been carefully considering how we will hold Holy Week services this year. Here are some questions you might have in mind.

Will there be confirmation services on Palm Sunday?   Yes, at the 10:30 service the adults will be confirmed. However, because of the large size of this year's 8th grade class (18 individuals), we will split the class in two and hold two dedicated services on the afternoon on Palm Sunday: one at 1:00 pm, and another at 2:30 pm.

What about Holy Thursday and Good Friday? Service times will take place as usual. Maundy Thursday will have two services: 10:00 am and 7:00 pm with Holy Communion. Good Friday will also have two services: 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. If needed, we will add additional services to avoid overcrowding.

When will Easter services take place? We will hold Easter services on Saturday, April 3 at 6:00 pm and Easter Sunday at 8, 9:15 and 10:30 am. (Notice, this year we will **not** be having Easter Vigil nor Easter Sunrise services. Our intent is to maximize attendance without forcing musicians and Pastor to prepare and lead an unreasonable number of services. We know this will disappoint some, but we also know thirteen services in seven days is a lot to expect of our pastors, musicians, elders, church secretary, Altar Guild, cleaning staff, etc.) This year, all Easter services will be identical.

Do we still have to sign up? The sign-up format will last through Easter Sunday so we can add additional services if needed. Currently, the plan is to drop the sign-up format after Easter.

Will there be attendance limits? Effective immediately, we will increase the number of those who sign up from 65 to 80.

Masks? For now, masks are still required at Good Shepherd.

Other changes? After services, we will no longer be dismissing people from the rear of the sanctuary forward. You are free to leave at your leisure. We encourage you to maintain social distancing. We also encourage you to stick around and visit with one another outside.