



The Carillon

April 2025 – The Easter Edition

***Welcoming all
to a
faith community
of
service and love.***

Dear Church,

“Lord have mercy!” shouted Elvis during one of his shows in February 1970. “Have mercy!” mumbled John Stamos in the show *Full House* in the 1990s.

There is a song the youth learn at Camp Lutherwood in Oregon every year. It is called “Mercy is Falling.” It is a quiet and beautiful song with hand motions and the kids love to sing it and probably is one of the most memorable songs from camp. This winter my 5-year-old would randomly sing it walking around the house, proclaiming through song God’s mercy and love for all. The lyrics are this:

Mercy is falling, is falling, is falling. Mercy, it falls like the sweet spring rain

Mercy is falling, is falling all over me...

And you! And you! And you and you and you!

Hey, oh, I receive Your mercy. Hey, oh, I receive Your grace

Hey, oh, I will dance forevermore.

(lyrics and music by Desperation Band)

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What does the word mercy mean? What about mercy in the Bible? In the Bible "mercy" (singular) shows up 276 times and "mercies" shows up 40 times. Mercy is something that recently in our world I have heard (along with empathy) weak and not good. Our God is a god of mercy. Jesus shows us a life of mercy and calls us to show mercy to others.

Mercy by definition is, "when we show compassion or forgiveness toward someone whom it is within one's power to harm or punish them." *Mercy is falling, is falling, is falling* from God to you and me and everyone. Our God daily shows us compassion and forgiveness even when we mess up. Being a Jesus follower is about showing compassion and forgiveness to others—showing mercy. As we enter into Holy Week, it is a time we can reflect on how God has shown you mercy in your life. This is a great time we can ask ourselves: how is God calling us to show mercy to others?

Jesus shows us the ultimate mercy on the cross for all the universe. Jesus during the Sermon on the Mount teaches us "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy" (Matthew 5:7). This means when you fall on hard times others will show you mercy if you lived a merciful life. Jesus in his healings and conversations with others showed mercy to those unlike him, like the woman at the well, Bartimaeus, the Geresane demoniac just to name a few.

We desperately need more mercy right now. We need mercy in our small community, in our state, our nation, and the world. I pray that we all can show mercy as Christ followers through our daily words, actions, and deeds. Come join us this Holy Week with our worship services that show us through the liturgy, the music, scripture, and message God's abundant mercy for all the world. And I end this letter with a few verses from Psalm 136 (please read the whole thing):

*Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.*

² *Give thanks to the God of gods,
for God's mercy endures forever.*

³ *Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for God's mercy endures forever;*

⁴ *who alone does great wonders,
for God's mercy endures forever;*

Peace, Pastor Michelle

HOLY WEEK



at Saron Lutheran-1st Presbyterian Church

PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 13TH

10am Service @ Saron-1st

11am Potato Feed Youth Fundraiser @ Amazing Grace

MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 17TH

**5:30pm Maundy Thursday Service in the Sanctuary
with Choir performance**

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 18TH

**5:30pm Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary
with Choir performance**

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20TH

**10am Worship Service in Anderson Hall
11am Fellowship & Easter Egg Hunt for the Youth in the
Sanctuary**

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Palm Sunday Worship Service

April 13th at 10am

Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem just days before his death. The Bible, which is the book Christians read, says Jesus rode into the city on a donkey. People waved palm leaves and cheered him.

Livestream will be available in Anderson Hall if you cannot make it upstairs.

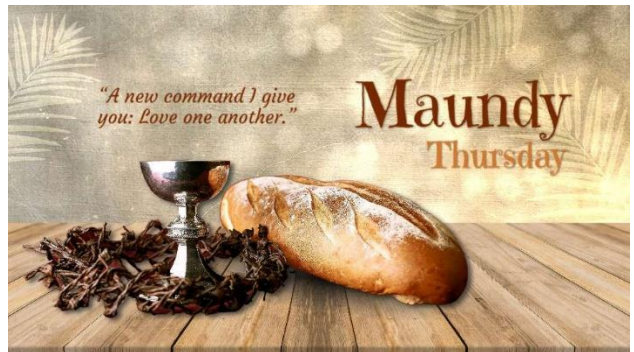


Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Thursday, April 17th at 5:30pm

This day marks the Thursday of Holy Week, commemorating the Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples, where he instituted the Eucharist (Holy Communion).

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Good Friday Worship Service

Friday, April 18th at 5:30pm

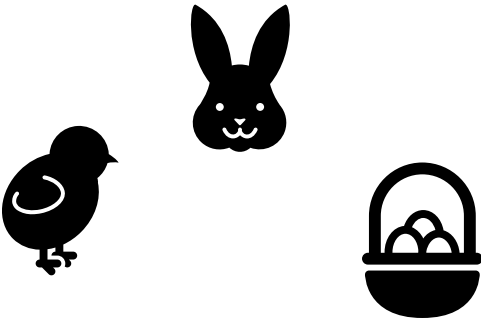
Good Friday is observed as a day of sorrow and penance. As per the New Testament, on this day Jesus was crucified by the Romans. Jesus was condemned of blasphemy as he claimed himself to be the Son of God. Jesus' claims had irked the Jewish religious leaders as a result of which they took him to the Romans.


Livestream will be available in Anderson Hall if you cannot make it upstairs.

Youth Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 20th after Worship Service in the Sanctuary.

All kids are welcome to hunt! Bring a basket for convenience.






EASTER

Sunday Services

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025
10:00 AM
708 8TH STREET, HOQUIAM



We will be having worship service in Anderson Hall (the fellowship hall) downstairs for Easter at 10am. The reason? The elevator is still out, and we have had multiple requests that we all can worship together for Easter. It is important that on this high holiday that those who cannot use the stairs are included. The sanctuary will still be open for pictures on Easter and the Easter Egg Hunt will be held there for the youth after worship. Also, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday will be in the sanctuary.

YOUTH EVENTS



Youth Group Potato Feed At Amazing Grace

Baked Potatoes with all the fixin's, beverages and dessert.

A good will offering will be accepted - proceeds to assist in paying for Vacation Bible Camp, Camp Lutherwood, and monthly youth events.

**April 13th,
11:15 AM
following
worship**





Outreach Closet

We are low on hygiene products and cold weather items. Please consider donating. More than ever, our friends need our help. Along with the usual hygiene products that everyone needs, we are asking you to go through your closets and drawers and consider donating cold weather items to our friends that so desperately need them. If you cannot drop off at the church, please contact the office and we will pick up.

Community Meal

Our next meal will be on April 30th. Look for the sign-up sheet in Moller Hall on the table. We will need kitchen help, set-up crew, clean-up crew, helpers/servers, donations of bread, salad, dessert, and drinks. The meal runs from 5-6:30pm. Come eat a hot meal & bring your friends!

Union Gospel Mission

Team 2 is April 21st.
If you are interested in joining a team, please contact the office.



Get A Life

(Al-Anon Family Group)

holds hybrid meetings at
The Rose Center
(210 K Street, Hoquiam)
twice a week.
Their meetings are open to
everyone.
Mondays from 6pm-7pm
Wednesdays from 7pm-8pm

Get A Life Al-Anon Family Group
<https://www.southpugetsoundal-anon.org/>

Harbor Food Pantry

Giving away food boxes each
Wednesday at The Rose
Center at approximately
10:30am.
Donations of money for gas,
and bags for the food
giveaway are appreciated.
Contact Rick Parker if you are
interested in volunteering for
this effort. They sometimes
need volunteers for set up
from 9am-10am.



Ministries

Coffee Hour

You are invited to join us for our weekly Coffee Fellowship gathering each *Wednesday at 10am* in the Fireside Room at Saron.

L³+P=(RIOT) Book Club

The Lutheran Literary Ladies plus Presbyterians equals Reading Is Our Thing

next meetings will be on *April 17th at 1:00pm* in the Fireside Room at Saron. Join us for snacks and conversation in this casual book club.

Martha Circle

The next meeting will be held on *April 3rd at 1pm* in Anderson Hall. Join us if you would like to be a member of this wonderful ministry that serves this church in so many capacities.

Choir

Choir rehearsals are *Wednesdays at 6:30pm*. Come join us to make joyful noise to the Lord! All abilities and ages are welcome.

Adult Education:

*Lent Study and Soup:
Stories of Hymns
Wednesdays at 11:30am
March 5th-April 9th*

Ever wonder what the story is behind a hymn or song we sing in church? Are the lyrics and music written at the same time? Why does it have a certain image or phrase? Come and learn about the stories behind some of our most beloved hymns this Lent. We will be having a soup lunch (please sign up to bring soup) and then following this will be our Lent Contemplative Worship.

Girl Scouts

Girl Scout Troop #40949 will be utilizing The Rose Center for their weekly meetings on Thursday evenings and occasional special events. Our agreement has this wonderful troop caring for the grounds at The Rose Center. If you have a child you would like to have join this Troop, contact Teri in the office for information.



Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.
- ² Give thanks to the God of gods,
for God's mercy endures forever.
- ³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for God's mercy endures forever;
- ⁴ who alone does great wonders,
for God's mercy endures forever;
- ⁵ who by wisdom made the heavens,
for God's mercy endures forever;
- ⁶ who spread out the earth up on the waters,
for God's mercy endures forever;
- ⁷ who made the great lights—
- ⁸ the sun to govern the day,
for God's mercy endures forever;
- ⁹ the moon and the stars to govern the night,
for God's mercy endures forever;
- ²³ who remembered us in our low estate,
for God's mercy endures forever;
- ²⁴ and rescued us from our enemies,
for God's mercy endures forever;
- ²⁵ who gives food to all creatures,
for God's mercy endures forever.
- ²⁶ Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for God's mercy endures forever.

Easter Prayer by St. Hippolytus of Rome

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate
Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen
Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing
Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty
Christ is Risen indeed from the dead,
the first of the sleepers,
Glory and power are his forever and ever

The Peace of All Things Calm (Celtic Blessing From The First Millennium)

You are the peace of all things calm,
You are the place to hide from harm.
You are the light that shines in dark,
You are the heart's eternal spark.
You are the door that's open wide,
You are the guest who waits inside.
You are the light, the truth, the way,
You are my Savior this very day.

Joyous Time of Year (Author Unknown)

May the glory
and the promise
of this joyous time of year
bring peace
and happiness to you
and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ,
Our Risen Saviour,
always be there by your side
to bless you
most abundantly
and be your loving guide.



Assisting Minister Schedule

We have an Assisting Minister Binder that is available for you to sign up to assist at worship service on Sundays and special services. This Binder is available in Moller Hall on the table.

Lector: Reads the 1 or 2 readings that will be posted on the lectern.

Usher: Preps Worship space with candle lighting, hymn numbers, unlocks all doors & double checks elevator (when operational).

Hands out bulletins to incoming parishioners.

Sits in the back of the Sanctuary to oversee the service.

Walks the aisle with donation plate during the offering.

Records congregation count and collects tithes from offering plate.

After worship – lock main doors, blow out candles & turn off lights.

Attendance Record slip and all tithes are put in bank bag & given to Pastor or Teri.

Greeter: Stands in narthex to greet incoming parishioners and makes newcomers feel welcome.

Altar Guild: Preparation & clean-up of communion wine & bread
This position is assigned. If you cannot make it on the day you are scheduled, please contact another Altar Guild or the office.

Communion Asst: Delivers the wine during Communion.

Altar Flowers: Brings flowers for the altar vases & arranges them before worship.

Fellowship Host: Set-up and clean-up for fellowship. Makes coffee & tea, brings goodies.

(If help is needed with the coffee pot, just ask)

Teams are set-up and assigned. Contact your team members if you are not available on the day your team is scheduled.

Sunday School: Leads the Sunday School lesson for that day.
Schedule made quarterly. If you would like to teach the kids, please contact the office for the Safe Space Policy and a background check.

APRIL @ Saron-1st

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
		10:30a Centering Time at The Rose Center	10a Coffee Hour 11:30a Lent Adult Education & Soup Lunch 1p Lent Contemplative Service 5-8p Sons of Norway 6:30p Choir Practice	1p Martha Circle		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5 LENT 10a Worship w/Choir & Sunday School 1 11a Birthday Celebration Fellowship 1p VASA		10:30a Centering Time at The Rose Center	10a Coffee Hour 11:30a Lent Adult Education & Soup Lunch 1p Lent Contemplative Service PM vacation 6:30p Choir Practice	PM vacation (Pastor Amanda is on-call)	PM vacation	PASSOVER BEGINS (@sundown) PM vacation
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PALM SUNDAY PM returns 10a Worship w/Choir 11a Youth fundraising Fellowship @ Amazing Grace - Potato Feed		10:30a Centering Time at The Rose Center	10a Coffee Hour 6:30p Choir Practice	MAUNDY THURSDAY 1p L^3+P=(RIOT) 5:30p Maundy Thursday Service w/Choir	GOOD FRIDAY 5:30p Good Friday Service w/Choir	EASTER VIGIL
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EASTER SUNDAY PASSOVER ENDS (@sundown) 10a Worship w/Choir 11a Fellowship	UGM Team 2	EARTH DAY 10:30a Centering Time at The Rose Center 6p Property Meeting	ADMIN ASST DAY 10a Coffee Hour 6:30p Choir Practice			
27	28	29	30			
2 EASTER 10a Wear Your Jeans Worship w/Sunday School 11a Fellowship Gospel Garden Clean-up Day!		10:30a Centering Time at The Rose Center	10a Coffee Hour 5p Community Meal 6:30p Choir Practice			

APRIL @ The Rose Center

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
			10:30a Harbor Food Pantry 6:30p-8:30p GAL AFG	5-8p Girl Scout Troop 40949		Pastor Pam <i>Overnight</i> →
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5 LENT	5:30p- 7:30p GAL AFG	9am Garage clean-out	10:30a Harbor Food Pantry 6:30p-8:30p GAL AFG	5-8p Girl Scout Troop 40949		PASSOVER BEGINS (@sundown)
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2 EASTER	5:30p- 7:30p GAL AFG					

Happy
April

Birthdays

3rd - Robert Salmon

6th - Mary Ellen Salmon

6th - Mike Wayman

6th - Stella Kahler

6th - Linda Rogers

11th - Julie Swantek

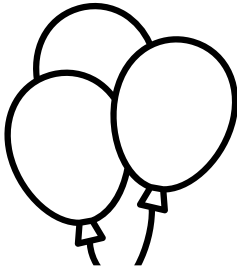
18th - Knut Totland

21st - Cole Smith

24th - Winston Enzler

25th - Katriina Reime

25th - Sue Varland



Saron-1st Birthdays



We celebrate monthly birthdays on the first Sunday of the month during Fellowship. Cards are available to sign during the first 2 weeks of the month on the card table in the corner of Anderson Hall. Please take a moment to sign the cards as they bring joy to our friends!

Property Notes

Property Meeting on April 22nd at 6pm in the Fireside Room.

Property Issues?

There is a Property Maintenance binder and a corresponding clipboard on the literature table in Moller Hall. The clipboard will contain forms that you can fill out with maintenance requests. We are asking you to put as much detail as you can about your request on the form as well as your name, phone number and date requested. The forms will be reviewed, and they will be noted when the work has been worked on or completed. We are hoping this will make a better trail for maintenance needs and completion, from here out. Also, for those that are looking for something to do and want to help at the church, you will be able to look in the book and see if there is a task that you would be willing to take on, complete the task and sign and date the form. This will hopefully make things easier for everyone moving forward.

The Rose Center

We are proudly hosting Al-Anon & Girl Scout meetings, workshops, safe visitation space, some catering/baking, celebrations of life, meditation, bridal showers, clergy overnights, and a few birthday parties (it's a great spot for a party)!

If you or your group needs a space, contact Teri in the office at (360) 532-4611 or email sarongraysharbor@gmail.com.

Saron-1st Council

The next Council Meeting will be May 18th, after worship service.

Office Hours

Mon - Thurs
9:00am - 1:00pm

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