



The Great Drama of Salvation unfolds for us in several acts during Holy Week at Christ Lutheran Church in Hazleton!

Act 1 – Palm Sunday – March 24th – 10:30AM

We join Jesus as he enters the Holy City of Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. With palm crosses we process into the church to the shouts of “Hosanna to the Son of David. There will be a young person’s message. Our sermon is a conversation between Pontius Pilate and his wife, Procula. Holy Communion nourishes us for the solemn week ahead.

Act 2 – Holy Thursday – March 28th – 7PM

We join Jesus at table as he celebrates a joyful meal with his disciples. We wash each other’s hands as a sign of baptism. The Eucharist ends with a hymn and the stripping of the altar of its beauty as we, like the disciples, flee when Jesus is arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Act 3 – Good Friday – March 29th – 1:30PM

Our service begins with an organ prelude. At 2 we follow in the Way of the Cross, marking the steps Jesus took from Judgment before Pilate to the cross on Calvary. At the end of the service we venerate the cross - the instrument God chose to redeem the world. We leave in silence.

Act 4 – Saturday – March 30th – 8PM

The Great Vigil of Easter takes place in our parish chapel. We bless the Easter candle illuminated with our individual candles. We hear a series of lessons recalling creation, the fall from grace, the Passover of the Lord, and the exodus of God’s people from bondage in Egypt to the freedom on the Promised Land. We affirm our baptismal vows, being sprinkled with water. We leave in hushed silence awaiting the first Eucharist of Easter Day.

The Grand Finale – Easter Day – 10:30AM

We greet the Risen Lord with a litany which gets louder and faster until we proclaim that “Jesus is risen from the dead!” Bring a bell to ring or jangle your keys. The organ sounds and we process into the wonderfully decorated church. There will be a young person’s message; a meaningful, relevant sermon; and the celebration of Holy Communion. Refreshments follow. Our charge is to go out into the world to tell everyone Jesus has conquered sin and death and we have NEW LIFE!

Catch all or part of the “play” at Christ Lutheran Church, 210 West Green Street in Hazleton. We are an inclusive, liturgical, Bible based, friendly family of faith and we would love to welcome you! Come as you are! God loves you and so do we. Park in our lot behind the church or on Green St.

Visit our webpage at clchazleton.org. See streamed services at Christ Lutheran Hazleton, on YouTube and Facebook. Watch rebroadcast of the Sunday Service that evening at 6PM on WYLN TV Or call us at 570-454-3542.