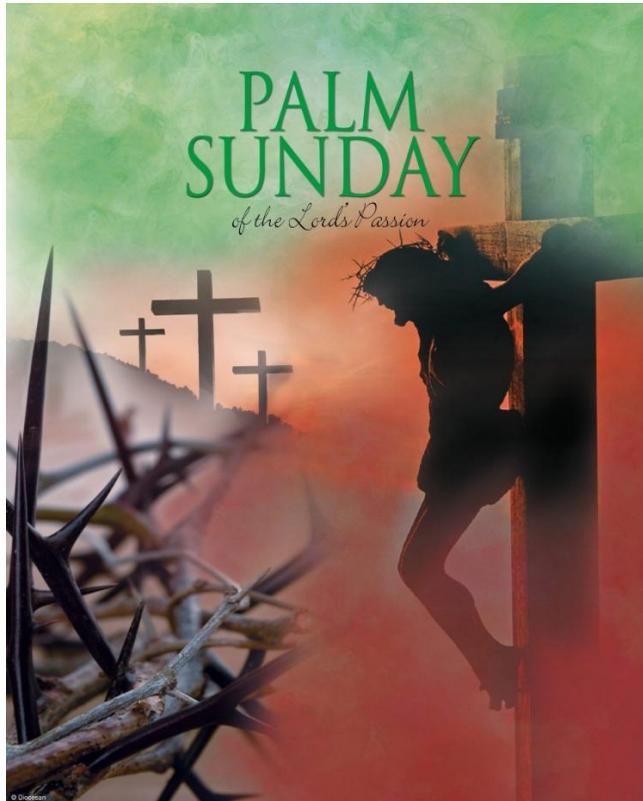


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PALM SUNDAY **SUNDAY OF THE PASSION**

March 28 & 29, 2026

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Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY *“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming.”* He comes in gentle humility, *“sitting on a donkey’s colt,”* yet also as the King of Israel *“in the name of the Lord”* (John 12:13, 15). His royal glory is faithful obedience and self-sacrificing service *“to the point of death, even death on a cross”* (Phil. 2:8). The love of God is manifested in the cross and Passion of His Son for the salvation of sinners. Since He has borne our sins and suffered our death, *“God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name”* (Phil. 2:9), and He exalts us in His resurrection. Our Lord did not hide His face *“from disgrace and spitting”* (Is. 50:6), but He trusted His God and Father, who raised Him from death and the grave and exalted Him to His right hand. This same King Jesus now comes to us in gentle humility in His Supper, where He feeds us with His body and cleanses and covers us with His blood, so that *“after his resurrection”* we also shall rise and enter the holy city (Matt. 27:52–53). If you are our guest, we pray that you find the Spirit of God alive and moving in our congregation. We rejoice that you joined us in that Spirit today. Please come again!

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CONNECTION CARD READING OR MEMORY WORK:

Read: Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a and/or Memorize: Isaiah 50:8

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PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

March 29th, Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD) 2026

✠ Preparation ✠

Welcome and Connection Cards

Stand

Invocation

- P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Opening Sentences

- P** Hosanna!
- C** Hosanna to the Son of David!
- P** Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the LORD!
- C** Hosanna in the highest!

Confession and Absolution

- P** We confess before You, LORD, that we have sinned against You.
- C** We have sinned not only against You but one another, with what we have thought, what we have said, and by what we have or have not done.
- P** We unseat You and put ourselves on the throne that belongs only to You.
- C** Our pride in these and all sins deserves Your punishment, yet today we approach Your throne of grace, asking for Your mercy.

P So I ask you now: are you sincere in this, your confession before God, and promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? If so, answer, “Yes, with the help of God.”

C **Yes, with the help of God.**

P Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday to show His love for you at the cross. At the cross, He showed His passion for you by dying for your sins and paying the price we could not pay. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen! Thank You, LORD, for Your passion for us.**

† Palm Sunday Processional †

Collect for Palm Sunday

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Processional Gospel

John 12:12–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O LORD.**

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the LORD, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the LORD.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.
- P** Let us enter worship in peace,
- C** in the Name of the LORD.

Cross Processional

At the beginning of the hymn, those in the sanctuary stand, turn and face the Cross, turning to follow as it moves to the place of prominence at the front of the sanctuary. Those in the Gathering Space follow the cross and file into their seats in the pews.

Processional Hymn - LSB 442 - All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re - deem - er, King,
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

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Greeting

P Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the LORD!

C Hosanna in the highest!

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

Blessèd is he who comes in the Name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

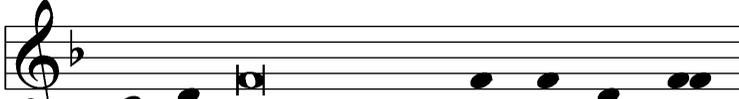
Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Blessèd is he who comes in the Name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Kyrie

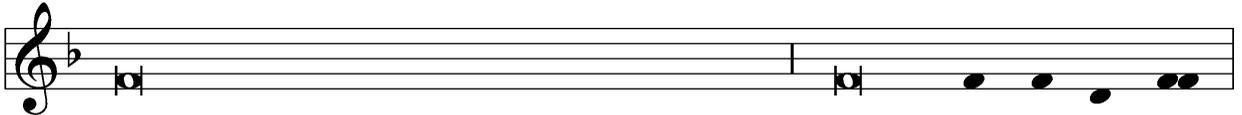
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



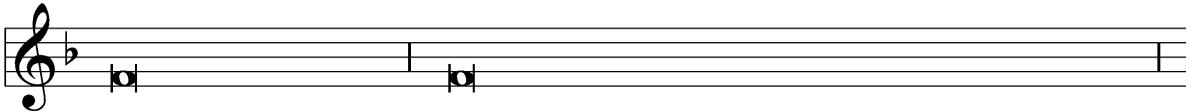
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



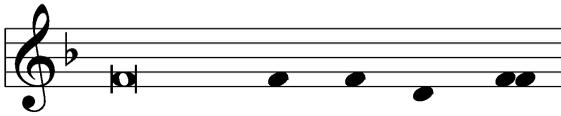
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



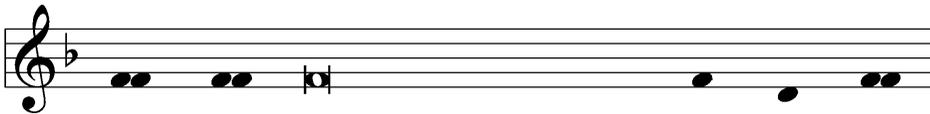
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

(11 a.m. only) Children between the ages of 3 years old and 5th grade are invited to meet Jacki Scheib in the Gathering Space.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4–9a

⁴The LORD GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.
⁵The LORD GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.
⁶I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.
⁷But the LORD GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.
⁸He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.
⁹Behold, the LORD GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 118:19–29

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

²³This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

²⁶Blessèd is he who comes in the Name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with

God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the Name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father.

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse for Lent

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C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 27:11–66

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O LORD.

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.” ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer.

¹³Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” ¹⁸For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.” ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” ²²Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” ²³And he said, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” ²⁵And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” ²⁶Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

³²As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” ³⁸Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” ⁴¹So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴²“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” ⁴⁴And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” ⁴⁸And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” ⁵⁰And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and

what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

⁵⁵There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶²Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ ⁶⁴Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.” ⁶⁵Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” ⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day - LSB 444 - No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet
 2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;
 4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake



With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's
 With palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
 The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
 The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"
 cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne.
 on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown.
 form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.



To greet what pomp of king - ly pride
 A - stride a colt He pass - es by
 The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,
 Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name



No bells in tri - umph ring, No cit - y gates swing
 As loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y
 The streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the
 Till heav - en's raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: “Be - hold, be - hold your King!”
stones would cry “Be - hold, be - hold your King!”
mob re - plies, “Be - hold, be - hold your King!”
host pro - claim “Be - hold, be - hold your King!”

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Sermon

"He Who Vindicates Is Near"

Isaiah 50:4-9b

MEMORY VERSE:

Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a

¹³“He who vindicates is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me!”

Stand

Nicene Creed

**All: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one LORD Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;**

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven**

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the LORD and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

The congregation now greets one another in the Name of the LORD, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

(11 a.m. only) Please wave to all the worshipers online!

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C Amen.

Sit

Connection Cards

Stand

Offering and Offertory

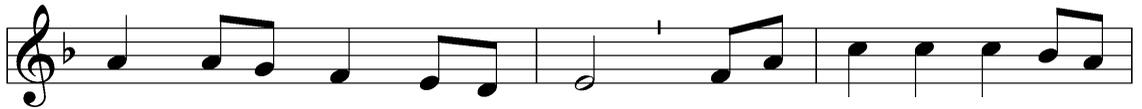
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☐ What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

As Lutheran Christians we understand that the body and blood of Jesus is present in, with, and under the bread and wine. St. Paul exhorts in 1 Corinthians 11(:27-32) that we ought to examine ourselves and recognize the body and blood of Christ in this sacrament. We welcome all to the LORD's Table who are baptized in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and wish to participate with this understanding.

Preface

P The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the LORD.

P Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy LORD, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our LORD, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus- LSB 443 - Hosanna, Loud Hosaan



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

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Tune: Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Hofkapelle, 1784, Württemberg

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The Words of Our LORD

P Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the LORD’s death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, LORD Jesus.

P O LORD Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension

into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive.

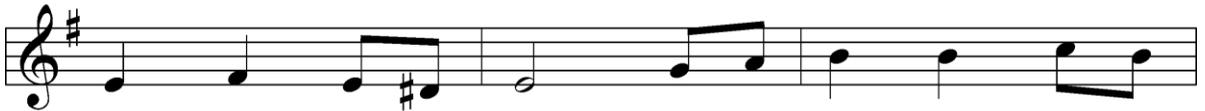
Distribution Hymn - LSB 451 - Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like
 3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769-1855, alt.
 Tune: Geistliche Volkslieder, 1850, Paderborn
 Text and tune: Public domain

Distribution Hymn - LSB 431 - Not All the Blood of Beasts



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
Tune: William Daman, c. 1540-1591
Text and tune: Public domain

Stand

Communion Dismissal

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165



Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Benediction

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Sit

Announcements

Stand

(11 a.m. only) Children are invited to come forward and assist in leading the Closing Song with percussion instruments

Closing Hymn - LSB 456 - Were You There



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you
 3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...
 there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...
 there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Text and tune: African American spiritual, 19th cent., alt.
 Text and tune: Public domain

Our elders offer a ministry of prayer. If you would like personal prayer or for them to gather others to pray with you, please speak to anyone whose name tag says "Elder" on it.

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- P** Pastor or Presiding minister; sole pastor, Liturgist
- C** Congregation
- L** Leader or Lector; an Elder, one of the Readers, or another lay person
- A** Assisting minister; an Elder, Commissioned Minister or other trained worship leader
- P/A** First worship leader on Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m./Second worship leader on Sunday at 11 a.m.
- All:** Pastor or Leader and the congregation speak together
- △** Doxological verse; the congregation stands in praise and honor of the Holy Trinity
- ✝** The pastor makes the sign of the cross; individual worshipers may also as fits personal preference; this is a kinesthetic reminder of grace

GENERAL INFORMATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS March 29 – April 5, 2026 (at church unless noted)

- Sunday: Worship/Communion, 8 & 11 AM
 Sunday School, 9:30 AM
 Prayer Shawl Group, 12:30 PM
- Monday: Women’s Bible Study, 1 PM
- Tuesday: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
 Stations of the Cross at Notre Dame Retreat House, 5151 Foster Rd, Canandaigua,
 4 – 7 PM
- Thursday: Maundy Thursday Worship, 7 PM
- Friday: Good Friday Worship, Noon
 Good Friday Tenebrae, 7 PM
- Saturday: Easter Vigil, 5:30 PM
- Sunday: Easter Worship/Communion, 8 & 11 AM
 Easter Breakfast, 9:30 AM

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING JESUS

We thank Andy & Amanda Reding and Michael & Stephanie Cheney for working out a means for us to share worship with you this week. We also thank Lisa Serron, Linda Benivegna, Lisa Brahm, Hugh Shipley, Glenn Banke, Doc Tessendorf, Sandy Voigt, Jacki Scheib, Stephanie Cheney, John Pilecki, Gary Paradise & Bob Jauch for their work in the office and building. A great big thank you to Doc Tessendorf, John Pilecki & Gary Paradise for their continued work in the sacristy. We also thank all who serve at worship this weekend. There are many “angels” in our congregation and community who go about living out their vocations as the Body of Christ. We know they do this not to be recognized, but because God has called and led them to do what they do. God bless you all and thank you to all!

SERVING ON APRIL 4 & 5

SATURDAY EVENING: Glenn Banke, JoAnne VanBuren

EARLY CHURCH: Gail Herman, Bill Fuge, Nola Trost, Vince & Tracy Romano, Deborah Adams, Brian & Bev Edwards

LATE CHURCH: Tammy Beattie, Bob & Sandy Smith, Andy, Amanda & Tommy Reding, Addy Modzel, Kelly Brainard-Nichols, Kathey Drennan, Gary & Colleen Paradise, Steve & Cindy Hemingway, Sandy Voigt

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CRAYONS AVAILABLE!

We know that it can be a challenge for little ones to sit through a church service. So, to help with the wiggles, there will be a coloring page in the bulletin when space is available. There are color crayons available on the Ushers' Table. Please return them after worship.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Are you a Thrivent Member with Choice Dollars to direct? Did you know that both Good Shepherd and Little Lambs can receive your directed Choice Dollars? They can! Remember to direct your 2025 Choice Dollars by March 31 at: thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Thank you!

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, BEGINNING APRIL 12

Interested in diving into the Bible and getting a better understanding of God's word and plan, but find it difficult? Join us on Sunday mornings during Sunday school for a book discussion on approaching the Bible in a less intimidating and more proactive way. Books are available through the office and class and we will begin our discussion on Sunday, April 12. Please contact Jill Persson at jill.m.persson@gmail.com or 585-301-1568 if you have any questions.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST

We are privileged to have an amazing place to walk the Stations of the Cross once again this year. Notre Dame Retreat House has opened their grounds to us on the evening of Tuesday, March 31st between the hours of 4 – 6 PM. We will once again be offering a guided walk and scripture reading or you may choose to take a printed guide and take a contemplative walk on your own.

***Sign up on your connection card or the Wittenberg Door to be a docent to lead a few walks while you are there . Please indicate the time that you prefer.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER OFFERING

This Holy Week and Easter, our Special offerings will be designated to be a blessing to our community. These offerings will be used to bless Family Promise of Ontario County. There will be special offering envelopes available at the usher table, as well as using the special offering envelopes for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

[Genesis 12:2-3 \(ESV\)](#): "I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing... and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed".

Holy Week Events

- **Palm/Passion Worship, Sat. & Sun., March 28 & 29**, begins with a celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem amid cheers and the waving of Palms and moves through the events ending in His bitter suffering and death.
- **Tuesday, March 31 - Stations of the Cross at Notre Dame Retreat Center, 5151 Foster Road, Canandaigua, 4 – 6 PM**
- **Thursday, April 2nd Maundy Thursday – 7 PM**
- **Friday, April 3rd Good Friday – Worship at Noon and Tenebrae at 7 PM**
- **Saturday, April 4th – Easter Vigil, 5:30 PM**
- **Sunday, April 5th – Easter Celebration – 8 & 11 AM**
 - **Easter Breakfast, 9:30 – 10:45 AM Easter Morning**

EASTER BREAKFAST



Please join us for our annual Easter pancake, egg, and sausage breakfast. It's a great way to enjoy your Easter morning. Breakfast is served between services at 9:15 Easter morning. Reservations are appreciated, but all are welcome. No charge, but a free-will offering is appreciated to cover the cost of groceries. Sign up on your connection card or on the Wittenburg door. Hope to see you there!

BREAKFAST GOODIES

Because man does not live by pancakes alone, but also by muffins, coffee cakes, sticky buns, and the like, we're asking for bakers to bring some goodies for Easter breakfast. You may drop them off at church Saturday afternoon between 1 and 2:30, bring them to the Easter Vigil Saturday night, or bring them with you Sunday morning. Please sign up on the Wittenburg door or on your connection card. Thanks!



GRIEF SHARE GROUP, BEGINS APRIL 7

The next cycle of Grief Share will begin on Tuesday, April 7th at 5:30 PM. The group will meet in the Teen Room. This is a 13 week program and is for anyone grieving a loss.

OH, MY - A LITTLE LAMB'S PIE!



Little Lambs will be taking orders for delicious frozen pies from the "Special Touch Bakery"-(Holy Childhood) to raise money for classroom equipment and supplies. Choices will be: Chocolate Peanut Butter Pie - \$25, Apple Crumb, Strawberry/Rhubarb, Cherry and Rumbleberry (blueberry, blackberry & raspberry) - each for \$20. These are 10 inch pies and can last in the freezer for up to a year! PRE-PAID orders are due by April 17th with a pick up date of May 8th. Order forms are available in the Gathering Space. Please consider supporting Little

Lamb's AND your Mom!

WHAT IS LWML?

Hello Ladies of Good Shepherd! As promised here is a bit more information about the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) and in particular one of the national publications called the LWML Quarterly. The Quarterly is a magazine published by the national LWML and includes many articles about missions around the country and the globe being carried out by women just like you! An online free version is available (with limited content) at

<https://www.lwml.org/lutheran-womans-quarterly> or you can purchase the annual four publications for \$8. We will have one online subscription which Cathie Geske will print and can be passed around if you want to see the whole thing. Please check out the LWML at lwml.org and see what women are doing to further the gospel here and abroad!



LWML Genessee Zone Spring Rally, April 18

Dearest Ladies of Good Shepherd,

I am cordially inviting you to a lovely afternoon of fellowship, fun and an opportunity to learn more about our new ministry Camp-in-Daigua as well as meet new women in mission from our wider church body called the LWML. The LWML is Lutheran Women in Mission and is an auxiliary of our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and you are already part of this group just by being a Lutheran Woman in mission! It is for confirmed women of all ages! Look for more information about the LWML in weekly devotions coming up this Lent. I genuinely hope to see you all there!

Your Fellow Woman in Mission,
Cathie Geske

Registration 9:30 a.m.

Rally 10:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Interpreter and child care available upon request.

**The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
320 S. Pearl St.
Canandaigua, NY 14424**

\$5 registration

Please sign-up on your connection card to let us know you will join us and on the Wittenburg Door if you would like to help serve or cook lunch that day – we would like to give our ladies in Christ a warm welcome to our congregation!

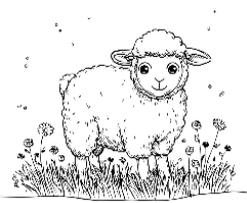
See poster on the Wittenburg Door for more information.

CAMP-IN-DAIGUA MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE TO ORDER

We have Camp-in-Daigua SWAG (Shirts, Wearables, And Gifts) available for pre-order. Please call/text Cathie Geske at (585) 369-5696 form more details, or talk to her after service. Thanks for supporting, and advertising, our new outreach ministry!



NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATION FOR FALL LITTLE LAMBS!



Do you know someone with a child who is ready for preschool? Suggest Little Lambs! We are now accepting registration for the 2026/2027 school year. If they have questions, they are free to call the church office and Miss Kelly will return their call. Remember, word of mouth is the best advertisement!

REMEMBER THE GARAGE SALE!

Are cleaning your house for Easter? As you do so, consider donating any items that you no longer use and that are in good working order with all their parts to the Church Garage Sale. There are pallets in the basement all year for your donations. As always, remember that we cannot accept: TV's, computers or computer equipment, large exercise equipment and items for babies that might have a recall such as cribs & car seats.



** SAVE THE DATE – MEN'S RETREAT**

Theme: "Discipleship in the Lion's Den"

Lutheran Laymen's League - 2026 Men's Retreat
May 29, 30, & 31 (Friday - Sunday)

Speaker Pastor Seltz is the former speaker of the Lutheran Hour radio program and current director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty. The retreat will start at 4 pm on Friday, May 29, 2026, continue thru Saturday, May 30, and end at noon Sunday, May 31. Location: Pioneer on the Lake, 9324 Lake Shore Road, Angola, NY 14006.

SUPPORT

A THOUGHT FROM THE PRAYER TEAM Palm Sunday / Holy Week

Over the past several weeks we have reflected, repented and looked to redirect our relationship with Jesus Christ. We now, prayerfully, come to renew our commitment to be active disciples of Christ.

Through the upcoming week there will be several opportunities for prayerful time as we approach Easter Sunday. Check out our website for times and places for Holy Week events.
<https://goodsheperdcdga.org/>

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”
Romans 12:2

***Check out the Prayer resources in the Prayer Room*

CCIA UPDATE

Items running low at the food pantry are: Pasta sauce and tuna fish. The need is greater than ever. Please be as generous as you can. If you would like, Tammy Beattie can do the shopping for you! Just put your gift in an envelope in Tammy Beattie’s mailbox marked “CCIA”. Or, you can certainly shop yourself! Your food donations can be placed in the wooden box labeled CCIA under the Mission counter in the coat room. Thanks in advance for being a good servant!



CARING NOTES

- Leon & Theresa Pfuntner as they both deal with health issues
- Donna Allhusen, daughter of Mary, as she deals with health issues
- Delores Furnum as she deals with health issues
- Marlene Pawlukewicz, (spouse, Joe) as she deals with health issues
- Jonathan Allhusen, son of Mary, (wife, Andrea, son, Christian), as he deals with health issues
- Steve Schneider (spouse, Barb) as he deals with health issues
- Sandy Pittenger, as she recuperates

If you would like to send a note to any of these friends, contact the church office for their address.



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ONGOING PRAYERS

Connected to Good Shepherd by family or friendship:

Pat & Mark Gunn, Tashi & Emma Benivegna, Mike & Kerri Eames, family & friends of Benivegna's; **Donna & Jonathan Allhusen**, daughter & son of Mary; **Marsha Johnson, Theresa Pulver**, family & friends of Terry & Linda Savage; **John & Sandy Beatty, Allison Sacheli and Rena Faulkner**, friends of Bill Fuge; **Sara Romano**, s-i-l of Vince and Tracy Romano; **Erin Smith Bernard**, daughter of Bob & Sandy Smith; **Judy Brainard**, mother of Kelly Nichols; **Charles & Allan Bucher**, brothers of Jean Bucher; **Debbie Hendershot**, d-i-l of Don & Gayle Hendershot; **Cary's Appel**, d-i-l of Mike Thompson; **Tim Genaway**, friend of Tammy Beattie; **Ruth Boselli**, sister of Pastor Don & Roxann Muller; **Slade Tiller** - son of Tammy Beatty

In our **PRAYERS** today we remember:

- **Marcus Battaglia**, as he recovers from a concussion
- **Steve and Barb Schnieder** – on going health issues
- **Robert Joslyn** – ongoing health issues
- **Bart and Deborah Adams** – on going health issues
- **Jon Allhusen** – waiting for heart and liver transplants
- **Bill and Judy Ballway** – on going health issues
- **Bill Fuge** – broken foot

- **Leon and Theresa Pfuntner** – on going health issues
- **Sandy Pittenger** – on going health issues
- **SHIRLEY PERRYMAN**
- **JOHN SOTO – STAGE 4 PANCREATIC CANCER**
- **TERRY HENNINGER – UPCOMING MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS**
- **JACKI SCHEIB – HEALTH ISSUES**
- **ASHLEY HENDERSHOT, NIECE OF DON & GAYLE, – CONTINUED HEALING AFTER SURGERY**
- **SUE BOEZI, WIFE OF PASTOR AL BOEZI (PINNACLE LUTHERAN CHURCH) HEALING AFTER SURGERY**

- **SCOTT & MELINDA NORRIS AS THEY TRAVEL**

- **FOR THE FAMILY OF BILL “WOODY” WOOD, WHO DIED MARCH 16**

WORSHIP NEXT WEEKEND
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
March 28th, 2026 5:30 p.m.
March 29th, 2026 8 and 11 a.m.
Divine Service, Setting One
-With Holy Communion-