

Palm/Passion Sunday



April 2, 2023

Peace Lutheran Church



West Seattle, Washington

Welcome to Worship. Your presence enriches our community!

TO JOIN THE PROCESSION:

Get a palm branch and meet us on the westside patio.

Those who prefer to be seated may find a place in the sanctuary.

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified as a kind and humiliated servant. We too are full of the paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

✠ GATHERING ✠

P – Presider C – Congregation L - Lector A – Assisting Minister
ELW – Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal

WELCOME *We gather on the westside patio for the procession.
Children are welcome to play a rhythm instrument during the procession.*

THE PROCESSION WITH PALMS

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest!

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st Chapter.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

C "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

P The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

C "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

P When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying,

C "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Lift your branches high as the procession begins.

P Let us go forth in peace.

C In the name of Christ! Amen!

Follow the procession from the patio to the entrance to the nave.

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

C Hosanna to the Son of David!

Follow the procession into the nave as we sing All Glory, Laud, and Honor.

+ PROCESSION +

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ELW #344

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 are 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 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals 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.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Chelsea

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Kathleen Keyes

The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like 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 are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:9-16 *Read responsively*

L ⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and belly.

C ¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

L ¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

C ¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am useless as a broken pot.**

L ¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

C ¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God."**

L ¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

C ¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

✦ THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO MATTHEW ✦

Three readers tell the story of Christ's passion from the Gospel of Matthew, beginning with the Passover meal he shares with his disciple community, his arrest at Gethsemane, his trial before the Sanhedrin and Pontius Pilate, and his death and burial.

Please join in singing the verses of the hymns as indicated.

HYMN *Stay With Me*

EBW #348

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
pray. Watch and pray.

PASSION STORY: A Final Meal with Friends

Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, ‘What will you give me if I betray him to you?’ They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, ‘Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?’ He said, ‘Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, “The Teacher says, ‘My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’”’ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, ‘Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.’ And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, ‘Surely not I, Lord?’

He answered, ‘The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.’ Judas, who betrayed him, said, ‘Surely not I, Rabbi?’

He replied, ‘You have said so.’

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, ‘Take, eat; this is my body.’ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.’

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, ‘You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.” But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.’

Peter said to him, ‘Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three

times.' Peter said to him, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And so said all the disciples.

HYMN *Go To Dark Gethsemane*

ELW # 347, vs 1

1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.

PASSION STORY: Betrayal and Arrest

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.'

And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.'

Again he went away for the second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.' Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words.

Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.' At once he came up to Jesus and said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him. Jesus said to him, 'Friend, do what you are here to do.'

Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

Then Jesus said to him, 'Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?'

At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me.'

But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.’ Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

HYMN *Stay With Me*



PASSION STORY: The Trial

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, ‘This fellow said, “I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days. ”’

The high priest stood up and said, ‘Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?’ But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, ‘I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.’

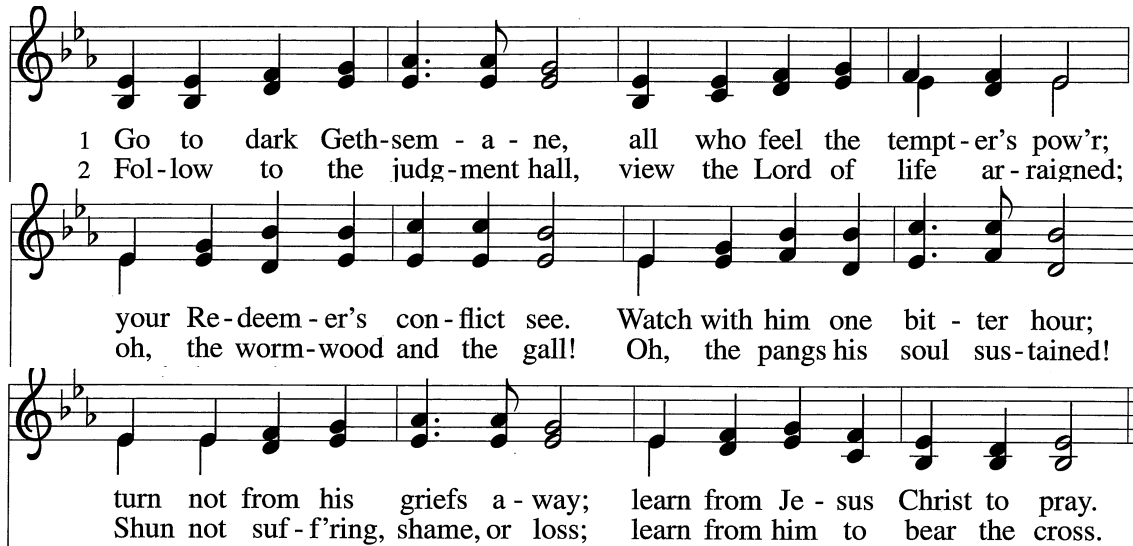
Jesus said to him, ‘You have said so. But I tell you,
From now on you will see the Son of Man
seated at the right hand of Power
and coming on the clouds of heaven.’

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, ‘He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?’ They answered, ‘He deserves death.’ Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, ‘Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?’

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, ‘You also were with Jesus the Galilean.’ But he denied it before all of them, saying, ‘I do not know what you are talking about.’ When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, ‘This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.’ Again he denied it with an oath, ‘I do not know the man.’

After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, ‘Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.’ Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, ‘I do not know the man!’

At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: ‘Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.’ And he went out and wept bitterly.



1 Go to dark Geth-se-m - a - ne, all who feel the tempt-er's pow'r;
 2 Fol-low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;
 your Re-deem-er's con-flict see. Watch with him one bit-ter hour;
 oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
 turn not from his griefs a-way; learn from Je-sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf-f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

PASSION STORY: Mob Rule

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, 'I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.' But they said, 'What is that to us? See to it yourself.' Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

'It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.' After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, 'And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.'

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus

killed. The governor again said to them, ‘Which of the two do you want me to release for you?’ And they said, ‘Barabbas.’

Pilate said to them, ‘Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?’ All of them said, ‘Let him be crucified!’ Then he asked, ‘Why, what evil has he done?’ But they shouted all the more, ‘Let him be crucified!’

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, ‘I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.’ Then the people as a whole answered, ‘His blood be on us and on our children!’ So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

HYMN *Stay With Me*



PASSION STORY: Crucifixion

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, ‘This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.’

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, ‘You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.’ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ‘He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, “I am God’s Son.”’ The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, ‘Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?’ that is, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’

When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, ‘This man is calling for Elijah.’ At once one of

them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, ‘Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.’ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, ‘Truly this man was God’s Son!’

HYMN *Go To Dark Gethsemane*

ELW #347, vs 3

1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
 oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.

turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

PASSION STORY: To the Tomb

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away.

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, ‘Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, “After three days I will rise again.” Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, “He has been raised from the dead”, and the last deception would be worse than the first.’

Pilate said to them, ‘You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.’ So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

The Passion of our Lord.

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Chris Kindem

A Sustained by God’s abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Petitions are offered that end with:

A Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

When all petitions have been offered:

A We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

+ MEAL +

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

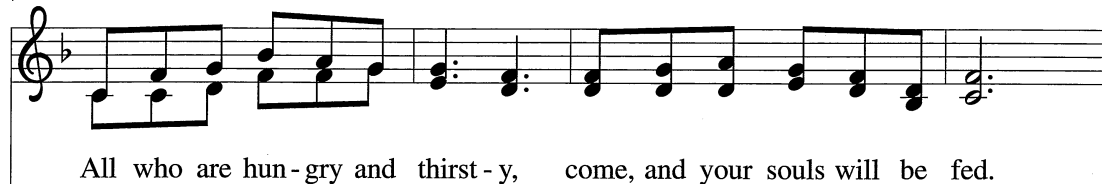
C And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of good gifts,
 C **receive these gifts and all our offerings, as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

A The Lord be with you.
 C **And also with you.**
 A Lift up your hearts.
 C **We lift them to the Lord.**
 A Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
 P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you...
 We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *(Repeat each line after the presider)*

**Holy, holy, holy
 Lord God of hosts,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(ecumenical)*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

C Thanks be to God.

DISTRIBUTION

Christ, our Host, meets us in this meal of grace and offers himself, fully embodied, in the bread and wine. He invites all to come and meet him in this Holy Meal. During Lent we commune at the rail, either kneeling or standing. Gluten free bread is available. Both wine (dark) and grape juice (light) are available in the ceramic cups. Place your empty cup in the box at the end of the front pew on your way back. Children are welcome to receive when their parents believe they are ready, with the support of the pastor. Any who prefer a blessing may cross their hands over their chest as they come forward.

LAMB OF GOD

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
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Thee We Adore, O Savior

ELW #476

1 Thee we a - dore, O Sav - ior, God most true,
2 O true re - mem - brance of Christ cru - ci - fied,
3 Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God,
4 Je - sus, by faith we see thee here be - low:

thy glo - ry clothed in bread and wine a - new;
the bread of life to us for whom he died;
cleans us, O Christ, with thy most cleans - ing blood:
send us, we pray thee, what we thirst for so:

our hearts to thee in true de - vo - tion bow,
lend us this life then; feed and feast our mind,
in - crease our faith and love, that we may know
some - day to gaze up - on thy face in light,

in hum - ble awe, we hail thy pres - ence now.
be thou the sweet - ness we were meant to find.
the hope and peace which from thy pres - ence flow.
blest ev - er - more with thy full glo - ry's sight. A - men.

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW #471

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

C Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

P God, the giver of love, + Christ, the resurrection and the life,
Holy Spirit, source of rebirth, bless you in this Lenten journey.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW #335



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand iust be - vond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve in love.

C Thanks be to God!



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SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor	Rev. Erik Kindem (<i>on sabbatical</i>)
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Presider and Preacher	Rev. Chelsea Globe
Minister of Music	Jon Lackey
Trombone	Paul Bliss
Liturgical Assistant	Chris Kindem
Acolyte	Ben Ward
Lector	Kathleen Keyes
Passion Story Readers	Dan Marx, Brennan Kay, Pastor Chelsea
Children's Sermon	Pastor Chelsea Globe
Greeters	Corinne Otaki (host), Liz & Randy Hernandez
Ushers	John & Debi Flint
Altar Care	Liz & Randy Hernandez
Communion Assistants	Liz & Randy Hernandez
Coffee Server	Jean Sides
Production Techs	Alan Jarvimaki, Alex Wren
Counters	Randy Hernandez, Erika Stephens
Nursery Attendant	Heidi Coy

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Our mission goal for 2023 anticipates receiving offering income of \$25,819 each month.

Offering Income received MARCH 2023

03/05/23	\$ 2,431.00
03/12/23	\$ 1,447.00
03/19/23	\$ 1,194.00
03/26/23	\$ 1,973.00
electronic	<u>\$13,556.02</u>
Total	\$20,601.02

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THIS WEEK'S ACT FOR CREATION

You can plant a tree each time you surf the web by checking out [Ecosia](#), a revolutionary web browser, where the people behind the company will literally plant trees each time their search engine is used. They say "We plant trees where they're needed most. Our trees benefit people, the environment and local economies."

Pray for Creation: We pray that Jesus' willingness to die for us will lead us to accept the cost of taking actions on behalf of our wounded planet and all its creatures.

PASSION SUNDAY FAMILY FESTIVAL APRIL 2

We will walk through the last days of Jesus with stations set up to explore the meaning behind the key events. Stations will be set up for you to explore between 9:15 and 10:15am. You'll start with the triumph of Palm Sunday, sit quietly in the garden, and finally contemplate the meaning of the cross all preparing you for the joyous celebration of Easter.

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 2, Holy Week begins with Palm/Passion Sunday. Each year we remember the events of our Lord's suffering and death, which is the means of our rescue from all that is broken in our world. We'll meet on the westside patio for the Liturgy of the Palms, and then process to the sanctuary for the remainder of the service. Rhythm instruments will be available for young people to add their own beat to the drum of the procession. Following the children's message, we'll shift to the Liturgy of the Passion as we hear the Passion Story according to Matthew.

Plan now to join us for the Three Days - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil – one service!

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 7:00 pm, we observe Jesus serving his disciples in foot-washing, which points to the giving of his life on the cross. Foot-washing stations and a prayer garden with activities for children will be followed by the celebration of the Eucharist. Worship continues with the stripping of the altar, which prepares us for the next portion of the service on Good Friday.

Good Friday, April 7, 7:00 pm, we focus on the cross with the reading of the Passion story from John, from which we learn that the cross was the hour of Jesus' glory. The Bidding Prayer then collects the needs of all the people and circumstances for which Christ died. In the lighting of candles during the Prayer around the Cross, we offer our individual petitions to One who is Light in the darkness of our world.

Easter Vigil, April 8, 7:00 pm, is the final part of this service. We remind ourselves of the great acts of God's rescue throughout history, leading to Jesus' victory over death. We light a new fire on the patio, we remember our baptism which connects us with the death and resurrection of Christ, and we celebrate the Eucharist.

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Easter Breakfast is back! Starting at 9am we will serve pancakes, ham, and fruit salad. There will be a free will offering with proceeds going to camperships for anyone attending Lutherwood this summer, including family camp. After the breakfast there will be an **egg hunt at 9:45am** with special goody bags for finding eggs.

FESTIVAL WORSHIP @ 10:30am

Festival worship will include music by the Peace Ringers and Peace Choir.

Holy Communion will be served.

Join us as we celebrate God's triumph over death and despair!

CHRISTIAN ED/FAITH FORMATION

There are no Adult Forum or Sunday School Classes on Easter.

Classes will resume April 16.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to remember the sick and home-bound of our congregation and others who have sought our prayers: **Sick/Recovering:** Kathy Anderson; Arlene; Vonda Cuchine; Marsha Davis; Mark Engelman; Sean Fenton; Deena Fuller; Jack Garrison; Caity Gerhardt; Nathaniel Gibson; Dawn Gringorten; Jaylin H.; Donna Heiland; Jerry Heiland; Heather Jennings; Tony Jilek; Victoria Johnson;

Ken Keyes; Mike Larson; Noreen Lee; Dee Levy; Jan Madsen; RaeAnn Marrelli; Maya Marshall; Evelyn Martinez; Jack McBride; Chloe McDonough; Eric, Erin, Finley McDonough; Ken McPherson; Jenn Mersing; Steve Metzler; Jim Meyer; Katrina Moore; Bill Morrell; Larry Nelson; Nora; Marianne Paulos; Paul Paulos; Michelle Pierce; Elaine Ross; Aaden Smith; Leon Smith; JoAnne Spangler; Kadi Sue Sprengle; Sean Stephens; Sarah Taylor; Conrad Tollefson; Wade & Karin VanSant; Wendell & Wilson; Judy Wiggins; Inge Williams; Patti Wunder; Inta Zagars.

Homebound: Jim Baker; Connie Benjamin; Lee Lamson; Dorothy Linnell

We express our Christian sympathy to Helen McBride and her family on the death of her husband, Jack McBride on 3/23/23 and to the Marrelli family on the death of Rae Ann on 3/29/23.

PROTOCOL FOR PRAYER LIST We will keep people on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise specified or unless you contact the Peace office to extend the time.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, in a world that can be filled with alienation and brokenness. In faithfulness to the Gospel and to our Lutheran heritage, we answer Christ's call to be agents of healing and safety, particularly for people who have been marginalized by our society.



As a Christian community, we invite all people to join us as we work to better understand the meaning of grace for our lives. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life and mission of our congregation.

PERMISSIONS

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