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Luther Memorial Church



13 APRIL 2025  
Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion  
10:30 am

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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## **PALM SUNDAY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION**

**Holy Communion • ELW – Setting V • 10:30**

***GATHERING – “The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.”***

**PRELUDE – “Toccata”**

T. Dubois

### ***THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS***

*Please stand in body or spirit as the ministers enter the chancel.*

### **GREETING**

**☞** Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**☞ Hosanna in the highest!**

### **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40**

**☞** The holy gospel according to Luke.

**☞ Glory to you, O Lord.**

**☞** <sup>28</sup>Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ” <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as Jesus had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup>They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>Now as he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” <sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup>He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

**☞** The gospel of the Lord.

**☞ Praise to you, O Christ.**

## BLESSING OF PALMS

*Please lift your palms for blessing.*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray,

We praise you, O God, ...through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## ENTRANCE RITE

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

**C** in the name of Christ. Amen.

*The Mercyhurst Liturgical Dance Ensemble will guide us in procession. The cross leads us. The children and youth follow. If you would like to join the procession you are invited to; just step into the procession after the children and youth. Whether you join the procession or remain in your seat, you are invited to wave your palms and sing boldly.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 344

### All Glory, Laud, and Honor

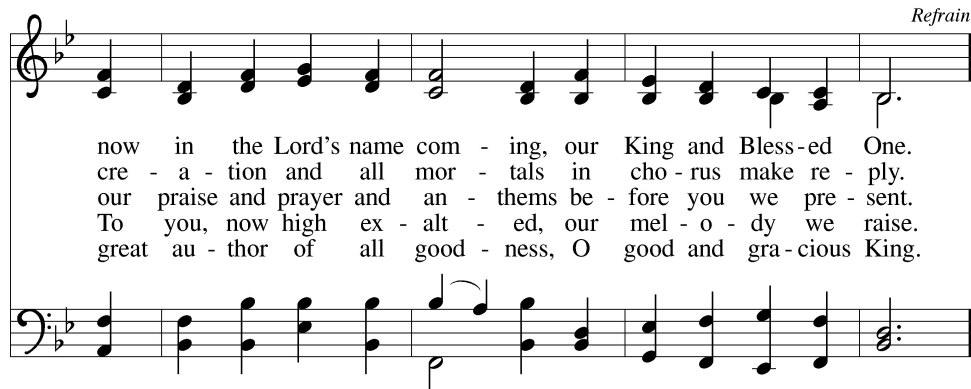
*Refrain*

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 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.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

**P** Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** **Hosanna in the highest!**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

*Silence for reflection and personal prayer.*

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### ***THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION***

***WORD – “God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.”***

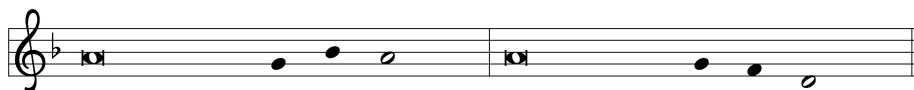
#### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me a trained tongue, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning the Lord God wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I 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. <sup>7</sup>The 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; <sup>8</sup>the one who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11



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Let the same mind be in you that was | in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with  
God as something to | be exploited,  
**but empt- | ied himself,**  
**taking the form of a slave, being born in | human likeness.**

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

**Therefore God also highly ex- | alted him**  
**and gave him the name that is above | every name,**  
so that at the | name of Jesus  
every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and und- | er the earth,  
**and every tongue | should confess**  
**that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of | God the Father.**

## MEDITATION

Pastor Jay

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE PASSION according to LUKE 22:14-23:56

The passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*Please be seated.*

<sup>14</sup>When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, <sup>16</sup>for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the dominion of God.” <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, <sup>18</sup>for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the dominion of God comes.” <sup>19</sup>Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>20</sup>And Jesus did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. <sup>21</sup>But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. <sup>22</sup>For the Son-of-Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!” <sup>23</sup>Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this. <sup>24</sup>A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. <sup>25</sup>But Jesus said to them, “The rulers of the gentiles are domineering, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. <sup>26</sup>But not so with you; rather, the greatest among you must become like the youngest and the leader like one who serves. <sup>27</sup>For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. <sup>28</sup>You are those who have stood by me in my trials, <sup>29</sup>and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a dominion, <sup>30</sup>so that you may eat and drink at my table in my dominion, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>31</sup>Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, <sup>32</sup>but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail, and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen the community.” <sup>33</sup>And Simon Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!” <sup>34</sup>Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day until you have denied three times that you know me.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, “When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?” They said,

**“No, not a thing.”**

<sup>36</sup>He said to them, *“But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell a cloak and buy one.”* <sup>37</sup>*For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, ‘And he was counted among the lawless,’ and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.”* <sup>38</sup>They said,

**“Lord, look, here are two swords.”**

He replied, *“It is enough.”* <sup>39</sup>Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup>When he reached the place, he said to them, *“Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”* <sup>41</sup>Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, <sup>42</sup>*“Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me, yet not my will but yours be done.”* <sup>43</sup>Then an angel from heaven appeared to Jesus and gave him strength. <sup>44</sup>In his anguish Jesus prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. <sup>45</sup>When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, *“Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”* <sup>47</sup>While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. Judas approached Jesus to kiss him, <sup>48</sup>but Jesus said to him, *“Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son-of-Man?”* <sup>49</sup>When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

**“Lord, should we strike with the sword?”**

<sup>50</sup>Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. <sup>51</sup>But Jesus said, *“No more of this!”* And Jesus touched the slave’s ear and healed him. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, *“Have you come out with swords and clubs as though I were a rebel?”* <sup>53</sup>*When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour and the power of darkness!”* <sup>54</sup>Then they seized Jesus and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. <sup>55</sup>When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. <sup>56</sup>Then a serving woman, seeing Peter in the firelight, stared at him and said, *“This man also was with him.”* <sup>57</sup>But he denied it, saying, *“Woman, I do not know him.”* <sup>58</sup>A little later someone else, on seeing Peter, said, *“You also are one of them.”* But Peter said, *“Man, I am not!”* <sup>59</sup>Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, *“Surely this man also was with Jesus, for he is a Galilean.”* <sup>60</sup>But Peter said, *“Man, I do not know what you are talking about!”* At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. <sup>61</sup>The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, who had said to him, *“Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.”* <sup>62</sup>And Peter went out and wept bitterly. <sup>63</sup>Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; <sup>64</sup>they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

**“Prophecy! Who is it who struck you?”**

<sup>65</sup>They kept heaping many other insults on him. <sup>66</sup>When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought Jesus to their council. <sup>67</sup>They said,

**“If you are the Messiah, tell us.”**

Jesus replied, *“If I tell you, you will not believe, <sup>68</sup>and if I question you, you will not answer. <sup>69</sup>But from now on the Son-of-Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”* <sup>70</sup>All of them asked,

**“Are you, then, the Son of God?”**

Jesus said to them, *“You say that I am.”* <sup>71</sup>Then they said,

**“What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!”**

<sup>23:1</sup>Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. <sup>2</sup>They began to accuse Jesus, saying,

**“We found this man inciting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to Caesar and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.”**

<sup>3</sup>Then Pilate asked Jesus, *“Are you the king of the Jews?”* Jesus answered, *“You say so.”* <sup>4</sup>Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, *“I find no basis for an accusation against this man.”* <sup>5</sup>But they were insistent and said,

**“He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”**

<sup>6</sup>When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup> And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, Pilate sent Jesus off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. <sup>8</sup>When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time because he had heard about Jesus and was hoping to see him perform some sign. <sup>9</sup>Herod questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>The chief priests and the scribes stood by vehemently accusing him. <sup>11</sup>Even Herod with his soldiers treated Jesus with contempt and mocked him; then Herod put an elegant robe on him and sent him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup>That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. <sup>13</sup>Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people <sup>14</sup>and said to them, *“You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people, and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. <sup>15</sup>Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. <sup>16</sup>I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”* <sup>18</sup>Then they all shouted out together,

**“Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!”**

<sup>19</sup>(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city and for murder.) <sup>20</sup>Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again, <sup>21</sup>but they kept shouting,

**“Crucify, crucify him!”**

<sup>22</sup>A third time Pilate said to them, *“Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.”* <sup>23</sup>But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that Jesus should be crucified, and their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup>So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup>He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. <sup>26</sup>As they led Jesus away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup>A great number of the people followed Jesus, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. <sup>28</sup>But Jesus turned to them and said, *“Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’ <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ <sup>31</sup>For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”* <sup>32</sup>Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Jesus.

*Please stand in body or spirit*

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, *“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”* And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, *“He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, God’s chosen one!”* <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and saying,

**“If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”**

<sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding Jesus and saying, "*Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!*" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "*Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?*" <sup>41</sup>*And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.*" <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "*Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.*" <sup>43</sup>He replied, "*Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.*" <sup>44</sup>It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup>while the sun's light failed, and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "*Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.*" Having said this, he breathed his last.

*Silence is kept. You may be seated.*

<sup>47</sup>When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "*Certainly this man was innocent.*" <sup>48</sup>And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. <sup>49</sup>But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance watching these things. <sup>50</sup>Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph who, though a member of the council, <sup>51</sup>had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the dominion of God. <sup>52</sup>This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>53</sup>Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. <sup>54</sup>It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. <sup>55</sup>The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. <sup>56</sup>Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

*Silence for reflection follows the Passion reading.*

## THE PRAYERS

- A** Trusting in the promises of baptism, the mercy and grace of God, let us pray for the Church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.
- A** Let us pray for the Church; for deacons, pastors, and bishops; for our siblings in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land; for all the faithful who encounter God's love during this holiest week.  
*Here you may pray silently or aloud for the Church of Jesus Christ in every place.*
- A** Let us pray for God's good creation; for the changing of the seasons; for those affected by storms and weather in Kentucky, Tennessee, and the entire southern United States; for all who work for clean water and fresh air for all.  
*Here you may pray silently or aloud for the needs of creation.*
- A** Let us pray for the nations; for those who rule, govern, and lead; for those who run for public office; for small business owners and those who face an uncertain future; and for all places that know war and strife.  
*Here you may pray silently or aloud for the nations of the world.*
- A** Let us pray for those in need; the underhoused and underemployed; the sick; those who bear another's burdens; those who will die today.  
*Here you may pray silently or aloud for the sick, suffering, and those in need.*
- A** Let us pray for our Abrahamic siblings, for our Jewish neighbors who celebrate Passover, for all who live in the land held holy by so many around the world.  
*Here you may pray silently or aloud for those in their catechetical journeys.*
- A** Let us pray in thanksgiving for those who have gone before in the way of the cross; for Christopher and Charlotte; those whose faith inspires our own; those whose faith was known only to God.  
*Here you may give thanks silently or aloud for our beloved dead.*
- A** Keep us, O God, in the promises of baptism until we come to the Feast around the Lamb in whose mercy and grace we trust.
- C Amen.**



*Please be seated.*

**MEAL – “God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.”**

**THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED**



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**ANTHEM – "Ah, Holy Jesus"**

D. M. Dicie

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**OFFERTORY**

Musical notation for the Offertory, consisting of six staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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,

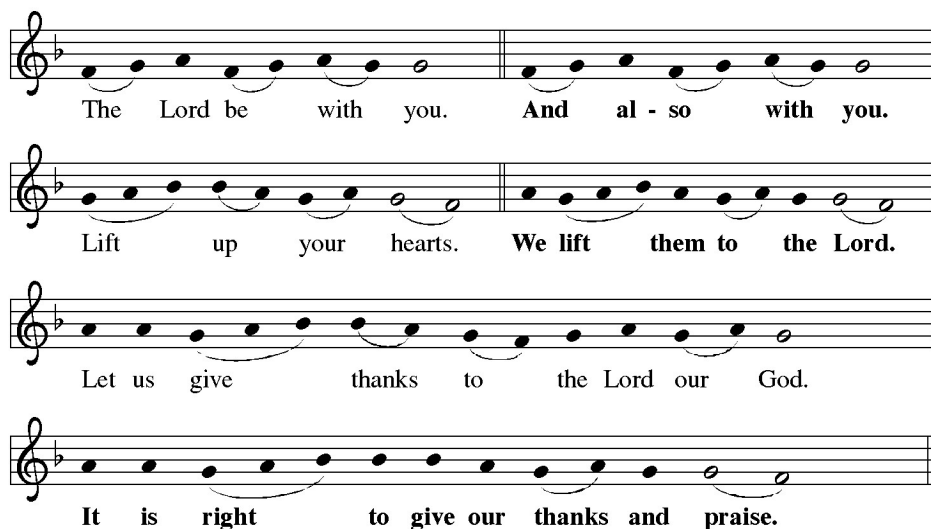
in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**A** Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

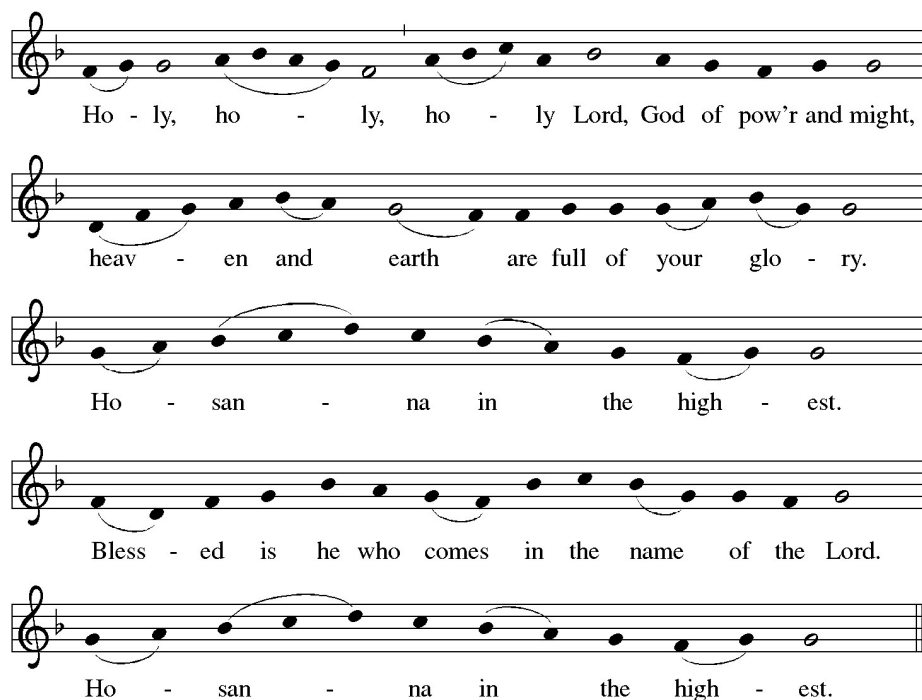
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

☐ It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

☐ Lord God, we praise you, bless you, and adore you. In thanksgiving we bow before you. O loving Father!  
You have created all, and you care for your children day and night.

☑ Hosanna!

☐ You sent your Son to bring us your salvation. Christ is the source of every grace and blessing, the true paschal lamb and bread of heaven, the very joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.

☑ Hosanna!

*On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks,  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

**P** We remember Jesus, your Word made flesh, our elder brother, dying on the accursed tree, crushing the power of hell, and rising again victorious from the grave.

**C Hosanna!**

**P** Send your Spirit on this holy feast. Nourish and heal us with the body and blood of our Savior. Bestow on your church your sweetest love, your transcendent comfort, your unity and peace.

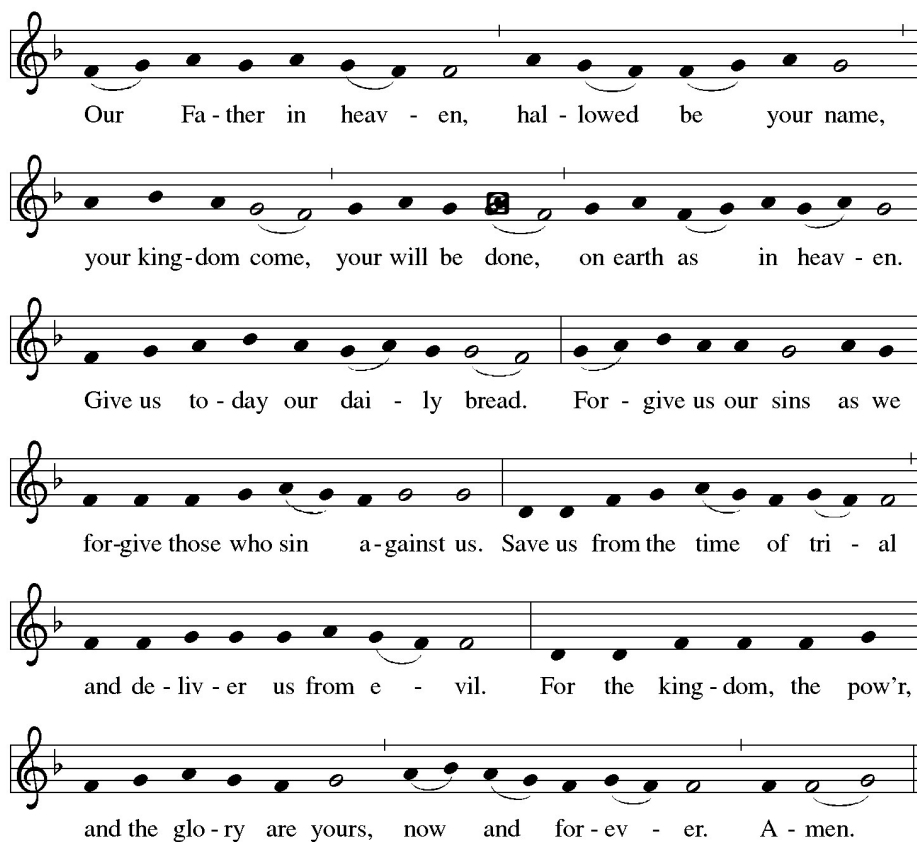
**C Hosanna!**

**P** To you, the one true God, we give our thanks and praise, joining now and forever in loud songs of

**C Hosanna Amen!**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P** *Lord, remember us in the kingdom and teach us to pray:*



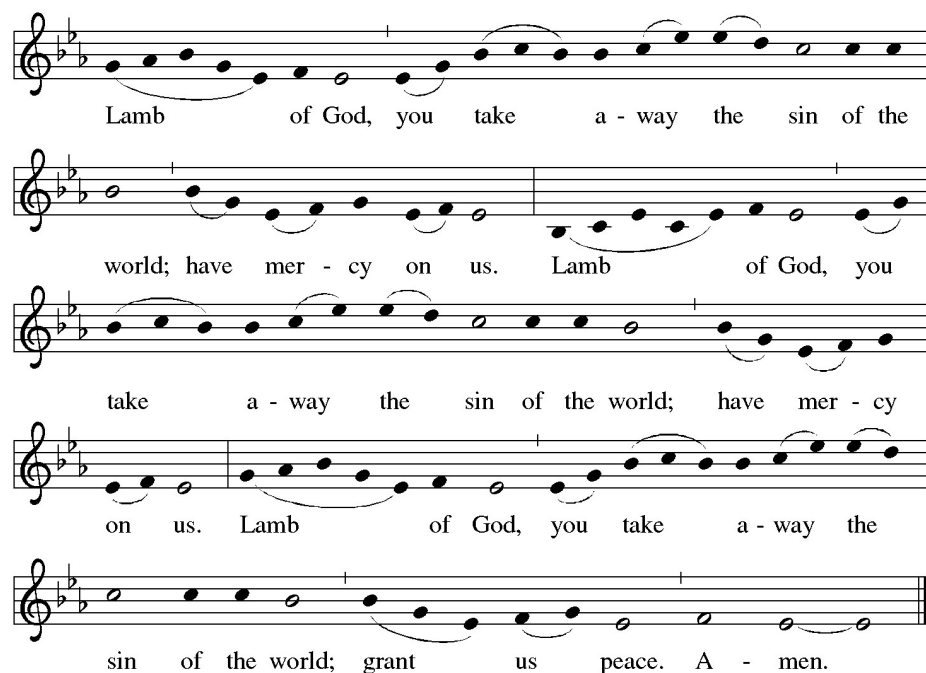
Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## THE PEACE

**P** My siblings, in this meal we are reconciled with God. Let us first be reconciled with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

**C And also with you.**

## AGNUS DEI



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ Here is the Lamb of God. Here the One who takes away the sin of the world; happy are we who are called to his supper:
- ☑ **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**
- ☐ Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and all Christians are welcome to the feast!  
We believe that this is the Body and Blood of Christ for you.*

*Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle.*

*Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle.*

*White grape juice is in pre-filled cups for those who cannot have alcoholized wine.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them; please let the pastor know.*

*Receive the bread in your open palm, then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill.*

*As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the tray.*

*All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing from the pastor.*

## My Song Is Love Unknown

1 My song is love un-known, my Sav-ior's love to  
 2 He came from his blest throne sal-va-tion to be-  
 3 Some-times we strew his way and his sweet prais-es  
 4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a -

me, love to the love-less shown that they might love - ly  
 stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior  
 sing; re-sound-ing all the day ho-san-nas to our  
 way, a mur-der-er to save, the prince of life to

be. Oh, who am I that for my sake my  
 know. But, oh, my friend, my friend in-deed, my  
 king. Then "Cru-ci-fy!" is all our breath, and  
 slay. Yet cheer-ful he to suf-f'ring goes that

Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
 at my need his life did spend!  
 for his death we thirst and cry.  
 he his foes from thence might free.

5 In life no house, no home  
 my Lord on earth might have;  
 in death no friendly tomb  
 but what a stranger gave.  
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home  
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6 Here might I stay and sing—  
 no story so divine!  
 Never was love, dear King,  
 never was grief like thine.  
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
 I all my days could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, alt.

Music: LOVE UNKNOWN, John Ireland

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## Ah, Holy Jesus

1 Ah, ho-ly Je-sus, how hast thou of-fend-ed that we to  
 2 Who was the guilt-y? Who brought this up-on thee? A-las, my  
 3 Lo, the Good Shep-herd for the sheep is of-fered; the slave hath  
 4 For me, kind Je-sus, was thine in-car-na-tion, thy mor-tal  
 5 There-fore, kind Je-sus, since I can-not pay thee, I do a -

judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,  
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y

by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.  
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.  
 Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

ELW 351

## O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,  
 2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;  
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
 how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!  
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?  
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;  
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint-ing be,  
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
 mine, mine was the trans-gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.  
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.  
 for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite  
 Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612;  
 arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*SENDING – “God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.”*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

**P** ... Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you as we begin this journey to the cross.

**C** Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

ELW 347

### Go to Dark Gethsemane

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.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854  
Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

## DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- A** Go in peace. Look to the cross.
- C** Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE – "Gethsemane"

D. Cherwin

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### — SERVING TODAY —

*PRESIDING MINISTER* – Pastor Jay Mitchell

*PASSION READERS* – Karen Braendel, Barbara Chaffee, Mike Hedlund,  
Bill Lasher, Lois Smith

*GREETER* – Mike Hedlund

*CRUCIFER* – Lincoln McCall

*ACOLYTES AND TORCHBEARERS* – Ellie & Madeleine Wertz

*BOOKBEARER* – Jessica Copfer

*ASSISTING MINISTER* – Stan Rose

*COMMUNION ASSISTANT* – Chloe Meucci

*LECTOR* – Les Fobes

*USHERS* – Cathy Beck, Jane & Dave Kinzig, Carl Moore

*ALTAR GUILD* – Sharon Burke

*VIDEO STREAMING* – Christy Adams



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Christopher A. Fobes by Lois and Les Fobes and Amy, Jim and Garrett Carlowski.

**Front altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of mom and grandma by the Chaffee family.



**Rose on the altar** is in celebration of the birth of River Mae Treiber on March 23 to Robert “RJ” Treiber and Olivia Patsy. Congratulations to grandparents, Cyndi and Rob Treiber and great-grandmother, Linda Graffius.

### Today's Events

**The Mercyhurst Liturgical Dance Ensemble** under the direction of C. Noelle Partusch will participate in our 10:30am Palm Sunday service this morning.

**Family Scavenger Hunt** will begin at 12:00 noon today and be held at here at Luther Memorial. Please join us for some family fun today. See Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski to get started.

**Interested in a good cookbook?** Copies of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary cookbook are available for \$15 by contacting Norma in the church office. Our Congregational Life Committee compiled recipes from many of our church family and friends for this cookbook when our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary was celebrated in 2011. A binder for the cookbook is not included. Additional recipes are available in our Supplemental Cookbook for a donation.

**Hamloaf** orders are available for pick up this morning. Please see Beth Keller or stop down to the fellowship hall kitchen to pick up your order. Thank you.

**Greeting cards** can be found in the information rack located near the parlor area. A large variety of cards that will fit every occasion are available. Youth are offering these cards for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will benefit our youth.

### Worship Matters

**The Christian Church** resists the common American notion that it is sufficient for me to worship God by myself, alone in my room or on a private walk in the woods. Instead, the Church gathers us together. By calling the first part of the pattern of worship “Gathering” our worship book means more than “the beginning of the service.” God calls us to gather together, and we assemble to praise, listen, pray, and eat together in the name of Christ. Throughout the week we have lived apart from each other, dispersed around the area and pursuing personal and family goals, but in worship all the baptized are gathered by the Spirit to meet one another and so are formed into the body of Christ.

The Gathering on this Sunday heightens the significance of this part of every Sunday’s worship patter. We gather to symbolize that we come from the world to enter the church. The first words spoken are not secular terms of greeting but rather the Bible passages that we call out to each other. When we read one of the biblical accounts of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem, it is not that we are propelled back in time, but rather that today Jesus enters our city, our assembly, our lives, and we laud him as our king. We join together to shout Hosanna—save us, Lord!—for we now welcome Christ in our midst. Yet this joyous procession leads us to the cross. And so every Sunday’s gathering brings us together in the church that we may hear the word of salvation and share in the meal of his body and blood shed for us. On this Sunday of the year, the elements of each week’s worship are extended, with the entire narrative of the suffering and death of Christ proclaimed.

### About the Cover Image

*From the artist:* When I began this image, I wanted the medium to be the message. Initially I thought I might make a mosaic of stones, however, I was wisely encouraged by my colleagues to try photography and digital collage. I went out into my side yard and picked up rocks to take pictures of them. As I quickly scanned for interesting rocks, I was underwhelmed by what I was seeing. I had already decided that the rocks were going to be dull and boring. My color enthusiast self was annoyed by the prospect of dusty neutral tones and minimal contrast.

This was an interesting place to begin my process, considering the text I was working with. I was definitely underestimating what the rocks would have to offer the piece, and was preemptively disappointed about the mundane color schemes and textures I would have to work with from my photographs. Gosh, was I wrong. As I downloaded the images and began to edit them, a wide spectrum of color came into view. Most of the hues were entirely shocking and unexpected: periwinkle, magenta, turquoise, mauve, rust, orange, gold, and plum, just to name a few. It was as if God was saying to me, “See, even if you turn a blind eye, and your assumptions distract you, the stones will cry out.”

In this piece there are three stones bordered in gold to reference the voice of God, the truth that will not be quelled. Down the sides of the image are the Pharisees or the “silencers” in postures of quieting judgment. My hope was for the silencers to be completely visually enveloped and drowned out by the stones. I left the silencers simplified and unfinished to signify that their attempts at diminishing the truth would ultimately and always be in vain.

—Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

### **About the Processional Hymn**

***All Glory, Laud, and Honor:*** In the ninth century, Theodulph, bishop of Orleans, was imprisoned for suspected political machinations. Legend has it that in 821 on Palm Sunday, Theodulph watched from his jail cell as the palm procession passed through the city streets and he composed *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* as his own participation in the procession. The stanzas that Christians have been singing for over 1,000 years proclaim the palm procession as the beginning of the passion. We can smile at the literal translation of the Latin of Theodulph's now-suppressed final stanza: "We plead with Christ to ride on us, for we are only the...*donkey*...walking into the holy city."

### **Christian Education**

**First Holy Communion** will be offered on Sunday, May 4 during the 10:30am service. In preparation for First Communion two Saturday morning sessions will be held on April 26 and May 3 from 9:00am – 12:00 noon, including snack time. These 2 All-Family Workshops will be our preparation for the big celebration! Any family interested in First Communion should plan to attend both sessions. First Communion is open to all the baptized so any child and family are welcome if you're ready. However, families with children in grades 3-5 are strongly encouraged to participate if your child has not received First Communion yet. Please contact Pastor Jay or the church office if your family will be attending these sessions. Thank you.

### **Youth**

**LIA**, Lutherans in Action, will meet Tuesday, May 13 from 5:30-7:00pm as they continue completing service projects. All youth in grades 5-12 are encouraged to join in.

**Lutherlyn summer camp** registration began February 1. Various camps are available throughout the summer for all ages. Information is located at the welcome table.

### **Opportunities for Fellowship**

**A bowling party** will be held honoring our **First Holy Communion students** on Sunday, April 27 at Westway Bowling Lanes, Girard, PA from 1:00 – 3:00pm. Please join us for this celebration. There will be no charge for our Holy Communion class. The cost of bowling is \$4.25/game for adults; shoes are free. Pizza and beverages are available at the alley.

**CampBlast** will be held at Camp Lutherlyn, Butler, Pa, on Saturday, May 10 from 11:00am – 4:30pm. Rain or shine, this is a day of fun for the entire family; archery, gaga ball, zipline, crafts, hiking, hay rides, kayaking, and so much more. The entire day is free. What a wonderful way to spend your day!

**Come and join** us for an escape from reality. Your cares will be left behind after a morning of laughter and conversation with the Magic Fingers Grace Group. Join us for knitting and crocheting the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am– 12:00 noon; April 22. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

### **Items to Note**

**In case of a pastoral emergency**, please contact Pastor Jay either at the church (814-454-0106 x. 227) or, if not, on his personal phone (267-549-9858). If you are unable to reach him and need a response quickly, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. Thank you.

**— PRAYER LIST —**

<b>PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:</b>			
<b>Our Members:</b>			
Marilyn Bohn & family	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	Ron King
Ann Flick	Pat Gilbert	Lois Fobes	Bea Leemhuis
<b>Friends and Family:</b>			
Grant, Alina, Charlie Jane McGrail	Jenn	Mary Lou	Bev
Steve Sensor	Phil F.	Andrew Wachter	Dale Dannhaus
Carol Steffey & Marissa	Janine Frank	Casey Smith	Cheryl Atkinson
Michael & Paula Lombardozzi	Teddy & Rebecca	Jessica Reams	Sullivan
Karen Chilcote	Joey & family	Irene McCullough	Sandy M.
Laura L.	Beth Sedelmyer	Henderson family	
<b>Grief:</b>			
Roger Sturtevant family	Lucille Kraut family	Dave Cooney family	Ron Henry family
Sharon McGhee family			
<b>Our Military Service Men &amp; Women:</b>			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Lt. Col. Mark Collins	Christopher Rose	

**Readings and Commemorations This Week**

**April 14 – Monday in Holy Week** – Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

**April 15 – Tuesday in Holy Week** – Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; I Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

**April 16 – Wednesday in Holy Week** – Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:1-32

**April 17 – Maundy Thursday** – Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; I Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-7, 31b-35

**April 18 – Good Friday** – Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

**April 19 – Holy Saturday (before the Easter Vigil)** – John 14:1-14; Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; I Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66; John 19:38-42

## C A L E N D A R

<b>MONDAY, APRIL 14</b>	10:30am	Balance Class LMA Closed
<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 15</b>		LMA Closed
<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16</b>		LMA Closed
<b>THURSDAY, APRIL 17</b> <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7:00pm	Worship LMA Closed
<b>FRIDAY, APRIL 18</b> <i>Good Friday</i>	12:00pm 7:00pm	Stations of the Cross Worship Church Offices and LMA Closed
<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 19</b>		

## SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025 THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER DAY

**Worship** with us at 8:15am in Faith Chapel or 10:30am in the main church.

<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025</b>		
<b>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP</b>		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	Pat Bellingham
Communion Assistants ( <i>4 needed</i> )	10:30am	Elaine Kern, Martha & Tom Klomp
Lector	10:30am	Jonathan Ulrich
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Christy Adams
Counters	10:30am	Liz Stroup, Pat Young
Ushers ( <i>4 needed</i> )	10:30am	Carl Moore

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES**

**Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion ~ April 13**

Festal Eucharist

*with Palm Procession and Passion*



8:15am      Worship – *Main Church*  
10:30am      Worship – Palm Procession – *Main Church*  
12:00pm      Family Scavenger Hunt at Luther Memorial



**Maundy Thursday ~ April 17**

Solemn Eucharist of the Lord's Supper  
*with Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar*

7:00pm      Worship – *Main Church*

**Good Friday ~ April 18**

Stations of the Cross  
*with Organ Reflections*



Beginning at 12:00 noon – *Main Church*

**Good Friday ~ April 18**

Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion  
*with Adoration of the Cross*

7:00pm – *Main Church*



**Holy Saturday ~ April 19**

The Resurrection of Our Lord,  
Easter Vigil  
*with Recitation of Salvation History  
and First Eucharist of the Resurrection*

7:00pm – *gathering in the Courtyard*

**Easter Day ~ April 20**

The Resurrection of Our Lord,  
Easter Day  
*Festival Eucharist of the Resurrection*

8:15am      *Main Church*  
10:30am      *Main Church*

