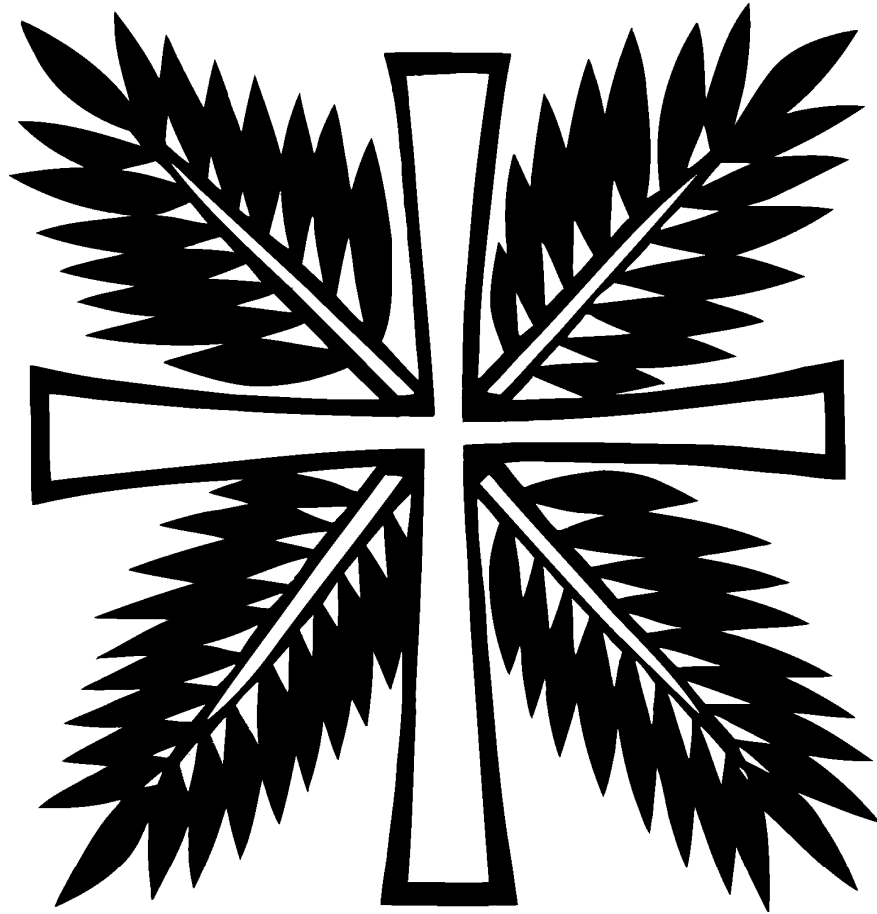


Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



10 APRIL 2022
Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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SUNDAY OF THE PASSION / PALM SUNDAY

Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Ten • 8:15 & 10:30



LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Luther Memorial is Christ's church that brings its ministry to northwest Pennsylvania within the context of its Lutheran heritage.

As a church that ministers to the community, it seeks to be an inclusive congregation providing a welcoming environment for all to worship, learn, and enhance both personal spiritual growth and fellowship.

GATHERING – "The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God."

PRELUDE – "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

J. S. Bach

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANDBELL VOLUNTARY (10:30 am Service) – "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

arr. Bill Ingram

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

☐ The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

☑ **Hosanna in the highest!**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

☞ The holy gospel according to St. Luke

☛ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, ‘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. ³¹If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?” just say this: “The Lord needs it.”’ ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ ³⁴They said, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As 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, ³⁸saying,

‘Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!’

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, order your disciples to stop.’ ⁴⁰He 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

☞ The Lord be with you.

☛ **And also with you.**

☞ Let us pray,

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☛ **Amen.**

PROCESSION

☞ Let us go forth in peace,

☛ **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Please face the cross as it leads us into worship.

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century. The melody was used extensively by J. S. Bach.

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 He 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 Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

C **Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise Him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON (10:30 am Service)

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

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today’s reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God’s steadfast love.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4–9a

- ⁴The 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?

☐ The word of the Lord.

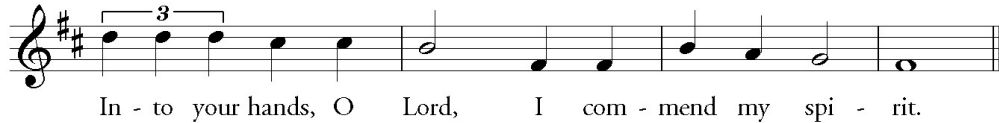
☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16 (*Spoken responsively by whole verse.*) (8:15 am Service)

- ⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
- 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.**
- 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.
- ¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**
- 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.
- ¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, “You are my God.**
- ¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- ¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”**

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16 (10:30 am Service)

Refrain: (Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by **R**.)



- ⁹Have mercy on me O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
- ¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
- ¹¹I have become a reproach to all my enemies, and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- ¹²I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot. **R**
- 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.
- ¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you O Lord.
I have said “You are my God.
- ¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- ¹⁶Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your lovingkindness save me.” **R**

*Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death.
Following Christ’s example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others
as God cared for us in Christ’s death.*

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

- ⁵Let 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.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

THE PASSION OF THE LORD ACCORDING TO LUKE

Silence is kept for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

The author of this hymn ranks with Martin Luther as a writer of German hymns, although his texts are more subjective, reflecting the author's quiet strength. The melody was written for another text in the 16th century, and was used by J. S. Bach in several organ and choral compositions.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 340

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth to save a world of sin - ners.
2 This lamb is Christ, our great - est friend, the Lamb of God, our Sav - ior,
4 Of death I am no more a - fraid; your dy - ing is my liv - ing.



He bears the bur - den all a - lone, dies shorn of all his hon - ors.
whom God in mer - cy chose to send to win us reb - els o - ver.
You clothe me in your roy - al robes that you are al - ways giv - ing.



He goes to slaugh - ter, weak and faint, is led to die with -
"Go down, my child," the Fa - ther said, "and free my chil - dren
Your love is dress e - nough for me to wear through all e -



out com - plaint; his spot - less life he of - fers. He bears the shame,
from their dread of death and con - dem - na - tion. The pain - ful stripes
ter - ni - ty be - fore the throne of heav - en, where we shall stand



the stripes, the wrath; his an - guish, mock - er - y,
are hard to bear, but by your death they all
close by your side, your church, the well - ap - point -



and death for us he glad - ly suf - fers.
can share the joy of your sal - va - tion.”
ed bride, when all the faith - ful gath - er.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.
Music: AN WASSERFLÜSSEN BABYLON, Wolfgang Dachstein, c. 1487–1553
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APOSTLES' CREED

- A** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
- I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the virgin Mary.
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

- A** Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
A brief silence.
- A** We pray for the church, called to follow Jesus in the way of the cross. Make us unflinching servants of the gospel. Deliver us from hardship as we confront the forces of injustice and practice radical compassion. Merciful God,
- C** **receive our prayer.**
- A** For the earth and all its inhabitants, created in love: Train us to recognize your divine goodness in the world around us. Rouse in us a reverence for creation, that we take greater care of its resources. Merciful God,
- C** **receive our prayer.**
- A** For those in positions of authority called to lead with integrity and compassion: Supply them with courage and vulnerability when challenged with new ideas. Deliver them from fear that limits imagination and impedes justice. Merciful God,
- C** **receive our prayer.**
- A** For Ukraine and all places where violence rages: Strengthen all who suffer, walk with all who have had to flee, comfort those who mourn, and give the leaders of the nations courage to work for peace. Merciful God,
- C** **receive our prayer.** ►

A For those who suffer, waiting expectantly for mercy and consolation: Accompany those who feel abandoned or betrayed, defend those who are wrongly accused, and embrace those who are incarcerated or detained. Heal those who are ill, especially those we name in our hearts before you. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For Christians around the world, preparing this week to journey with Jesus to the cross: Reveal to us once again the earthshaking power of humble service, unmerited forgiveness, and sacrificial love. Lead us all from death to life. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You guide us in all times of our lives. In this time of pastoral transition at Luther Memorial Church, strengthen all congregational members, leaders, and the Call Committee to hold firmly onto the promises of the Gospel, and continually give this congregation your wisdom and guidance. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We remember those who have died, especially Christopher A. Fobes and Richard Lechner who were commended into your hands. Remember us when you come into your kingdom, and prepare a place for each of us with you in paradise. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ

C Amen.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you. *Romans 16:16*

Please be seated.

VOLUNTARY (8:15 am Service) – "Were You There?"

arr. Robert Lau

ANTHEM (10:30 am Service) – "Let the Same Mind Be In You"

Thomas Pavlechko

(Text from Philippians 2:5-11)

*Let the same mind be in you that was in Jesus Christ,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied 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 exalted 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 under the earth;
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.*

Please stand as you are able.

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

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Extravagant God,
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.
Now we gather at your feast
where you offer us the food that satisfies.
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,
in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

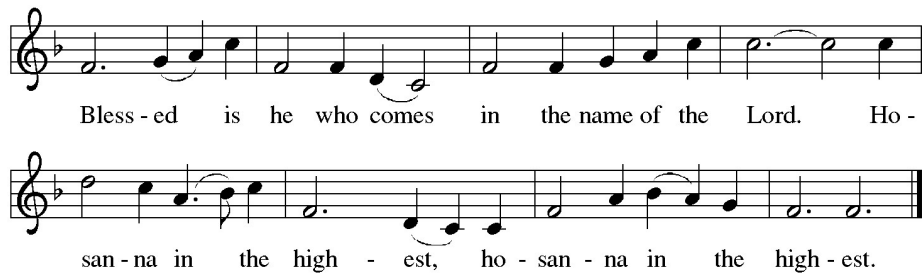
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give 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, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.





EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
 You are most holy,
 and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
 so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
 but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
 to fulfill for us your holy will
 and to accomplish all things for our salvation.
 In 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, 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
 we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C **Christ has died.**
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
 his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
 and the promise of his coming again,
 we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
 not as we ought but as we are able;
 we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
 and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
 and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
 so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
 may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
 and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
 may be formed to live as your holy people
 and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

☑ **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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☐ Here is food and drink for the journey.
Take and be filled.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.
(10:30 am Service)

Please be seated.

Today's service is a celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the gifts of bread and wine, bringing forgiveness of sins and new life to all who receive this sacrament. All baptized Christians who come at our Lord's invitation are welcome at His table of grace.

Please come forward by the center aisle and maintain appropriate physical distancing. Receive the bread from the pastor then proceed to the assisting minister who will be holding a tray of cups with wine, and also cups with grape juice.

*Take a cup and then return to your seat by the side aisle.
Gluten-free wafers are on the stand in front of the baptismal font.*

If you are not going to receive Holy Communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.

COMMUNION

*The opening line here could equally well have been a courtier's lament for a secret affair,
but it soon becomes a path into a vivid and poignant reflection on Christ's Passion.*

This 17th-century text is beautifully graced by the melody, composed by a Welsh priest educated at Oxford.

HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION (10:30 am Service)

LBW 94

My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
re - sound-ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.



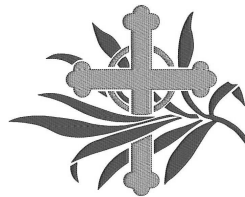
Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!
thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.

6 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.

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624–1683
Music: RHOSYMEDRE, John D. Edwards, 1806–1885



This spiritual is found in most major denominational hymnals. It differs from many such hymns in rising above the simple Biblical narrative. Instead it removes distances of time and space to involve the worshipper personally in the events.

(8:15 and 10:30 am Services) **ELW 353**

Were You There



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?



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 pierced him in the side?



Oh, 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 pierced him in the side?

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A** Blessed Jesus,
in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body,
the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need.
C Amen.

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

BLESSING

- P** You are children of God,
anointed with the oil of gladness
and strengthened for the journey.
Almighty God,
motherly, majestic, and mighty,
✠ bless you this day and always.
- C** Amen.

The author of this text is the first great hymn writer of Denmark. He was the major contributor to a hymnal published in 1699 and popularly known as Kingo’s Hymnal. The melody was penned by a prolific composer in early 18th century Germany;

SENDING HYMN

ELW 811

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,
that life’s trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.
Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
is my life, my hope’s foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.
Music: DER AM KREUZ, Johann B. König, 1691–1758

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- A** Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

David Cherwien

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— SERVING TODAY —

PRESIDING – Pastor Karen Lundwall

GREETERS – Vicky Blasco, Pastor & Jane Moran (8:15 am)

Betty Pletz, Cathy & Skip Meyn, Pat Young (10:30 am)

ACOLYTES – Tucker & Tyler Galloway (10:30 am)

CRUCIFER – Jasmine Eagle (10:30 am)

ASSISTING MINISTERS – Jan MacInnes (8:15 am)

Lois Smith (10:30 am)

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS – Mary Daniels, Elaine Kern (10:30 am)

LECTOR – Marilyn Rositer (10:30 am)

PASSION NARRATIVE – Pat Bellingham, Aiden Montero, Stan Rose, Krista Partusch,

Jack Bartlett, Rob Benacci, Blake O'Brien, Jacob O'Brien, Tessa Bartlett

Mercyhurst Liturgical Dance Ensemble (*C. Noelle Partusch, director*)



Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving 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 Richard Lechner.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Richard Lechner, Mark Lechner's brother, who died Sunday, April 3.

Today is Palm Sunday, marking Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. It is also called The Sunday of the Passion, which refers to Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. Please share the booklets of the Passion of Our Lord, and return them after worship. During the reading, the whole congregation reads the parts in bold, marked with a leaf.

Our thanks to Beth Keller, Sara Prylinski and our children, and the Mercyhurst Liturgical Dancers for the joyful Palm Sunday Procession! We also thank the readers for enriching our hearing of the Passion narrative.

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. They will lead the Palm Processional and enhance portions of our liturgical singing with liturgical dance.

ReCharge contemporary service will be held today beginning at 4:00pm with dinner, fellowship and games in fellowship hall. Our worship service is held at 5:00pm in the Upper Room on the 5th floor.

The time of Lent and the Passion have inspired a rich collection of Christian hymns and chorale tunes. Continue your Lenten journey with an hour of reflective piano music presented by Luther Memorial's Cantor, Walt Gaber, that will transport you through Christ's last days - known as his Passion. Central to the Christian faith is the miracle of the Resurrection celebrated in Easter - and Easter can only be fully understood in light of the preceding events, experiences and emotions of Christ and those around him. During this hour, you will hear many of our most well-known and well-loved hymns and chorales. They will be presented in piano settings by classic and contemporary composers in a variety of styles. Some will shed new light on these familiar tunes. Some will challenge your listening. Expect to have a more meaningful Easter through this brief time of personal musical and spiritual reflection as we begin Holy Week. The program will begin this evening at 7:00 and will also be livestreamed on the Luther Memorial YouTube channel.

Volunteers who would like to take part in the 7:00pm Maundy Thursday service are asked to remain following the 10:30 service this morning. We will meet in the main church and review the procedure for Stripping the Altar. Please see Les Fobes with any questions.

Volunteers are needed to welcome those attending worship on Sunday mornings for the 8:15 and 10:30am services. Please contact Norma, in the church office, if you would like to welcome our friends with a smile. Thank you.

Music Ministry

The **Luther Memorial Choir** and **Handbell Choir** have resumed rehearsals on Thursdays. Handbells practice at 6:00pm with the choir practicing at 7:00pm. Please contact Walt Gaber (WaltGaber@gmail.com; 814.602.2755) if you are interested in joining us as we prepare for Holy Week and the Easter season.

Christian Education

Children's Church classes are held Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15am in the classroom next to fellowship hall. Our class schedule is as follows:

- Pre-K and Kindergarten – first Sunday of the month (May 1)
- Grades 1-3 – second Sunday of the month (April 10)**
- LYO – third Sunday of the month (April 17; not in session)
- Grades 4-6 – fourth Sunday of the month (April 24)

First Holy Communion students will gather for their final class this morning at 9:30. Students will receive their First Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 14, at the 7:00pm service.

Luther Memorial Church's 7th, 8th and 9th graders will be attending **Confirmation Camp at Camp Lutherlyn** from June 19 to June 24, 2022. Information has been sent to all parents and students about the details of Confirmation Camp. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Luther Memorial Church's 10th grade students will prepare for their confirmation and gather for classes beginning Sunday, April 24 through Sunday, May 22 from 11:30am – 1:00pm. These youth will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday during the 10:30am service, on June 5, 2022.

Health Ministry

Keep in tune with your body. Take a few minutes to browse through the health information available at the table in the parlor hall.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am. Fill your Easter basket with spring colored yarn, hop over and join us on April 12. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes and let us know if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

Supporting our Youth

Fundraisers continue to help offset the church cost of Confirmation Camp for our youth. We invite you to stop by the youth table in the parlor area and see what's new. Dips from Gourmet Creations and Cookie Cards from Ye Ole Sweet Shoppe are still available.

Summer Camp

Register for a great week of summer fun at Camp Lutherlyn. There are camps available for every interest from Horse Camp to Rocketry to Arts & Music. Even the youngest can attend Small Fry Days and the entire family can enjoy Family Camp. Flyers are available at the welcome tables.

Support for Ukraine

To offer support to people in Ukraine donations may be made to the following organizations:

- Lutheran Disaster Response at www.ldr.org or call 800-638-3522
- Lutheran World Relief at www.lwr.org
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service at www.lirs.org

If you would prefer to place your donation in the offering this morning, please mark it Ukraine and we will send all donations to Lutheran Disaster Response. Thank you.

The Grace Slavic Pentecostal Church located on Carriage Hill Drive in Erie wanted to create a reliable place where the community can donate towards Ukraine. This humanitarian effort is currently providing support to the refugees that have left Ukraine. Information on ways to donate, as well as their newsletter and videos, can be found on their website at <https://linktr.ee/ErieForUkraine>.

Save the Date

St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 940 E. 22nd Street, will be closing. A definite date for the closing has not yet been determined. Pastor Owen Rhodes and St. Stephen's congregation would like to invite you to their 10:30am worship service on Sunday, May 1, with special music and keynote speakers, followed by a Farewell Luncheon at 12:00 noon. Reservations are necessary for the luncheon; please RSVP to 814-456-0121 (messages can be left) or saint10@verizon.net.

Luther Memorial Church Policy

Masking at Luther Memorial Church is now optional. Masking recommendations will be revisited monthly and changes made if community numbers increase. We continue to respect your choice for physical distancing. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our 8:15 worship service will return to the Chapel beginning Sunday, April 24, the first Sunday after Easter.

In Case of Emergency

In case of an emergency please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. During the weekend and evening you are welcome to contact Norma Buerk at 450-7162 or Linda Graffius at 440-5458. Thank you.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Military box collection with goods and monetary gifts. We were able to send out 20 boxes to the service personnel at 2 different APO Box locations overseas. I am sure they will be ever so happy to get the boxes from us at Luther Memorial Church. Included also were wonderful Easter cards the children made from the school and also our prayer crosses the Magic Finger Knitting Group knits. A little bit of joy for Easter away from home. Everything sent with love .

*Blessings to all,
Jan MacInnes*

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday ~ April 10



- 8:15am Worship – *Main Church*
9:30am First Holy Communion Class
Children’s Church / Grades 1st – 3rd
10:30am Worship – *Main Church*
Children’s Processional
Children’s Message
4:00pm ReCharge Contemporary Service
7:00pm Journey to the Cross – Piano Reflections
on the Passion of Christ
Cantor Walt Gaber, pianist
Main Church

Maundy Thursday ~ April 14

- 7:00pm Worship ~ *Main Church*
First Holy Communion Students
commune / Stripping of the Altar



Good Friday ~ April 15

- 7:00pm Tenebrae Service
Main Church



Easter Sunday ~ April 17

- 8:15am Worship with Holy Communion
Main Church
10:30am Worship with Holy Communion
Main Church



CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 11		Closed
TUESDAY, APRIL 12	10:00am 6:00pm	Magic Fingers Grace Group Church Council LMA Closed
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13		LMA Closed
THURSDAY, APRIL 14	5:30pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal Maundy Thursday Service Choir Rehearsal LMA Closed
FRIDAY, APRIL 15	7:00pm	Good Friday Service LMA & Church Offices Closed
SATURDAY, APRIL 16		

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD / EASTER SUNDAY

Pastor Brian Moran will preside and **Pastor Karen Lundwall** will preach at the 8:15 and 10:30am worship services in the main church. The 10:30am service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel; go to YouTube, in the search bar type in "Luther Memorial Church, Erie, PA". Subscribe to the channel.

The recorded service is also available on Luther Memorial Church's website at www.luthermemorialonline.org by clicking on the tabs of "Resources & Online Worship" and "Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study".

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Ministers	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	Pat Bellingham
Communion Assistants	10:30am	Mary Daniels
Altar Guild	8:15am	Jane Moran
	10:30am	Loretta Deeds

- PRAYER LIST -

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Sarah Prylinski	Dorothy Overberg	Judy Crissman	Cathy MacGregor
Mike Daniels	Dorothy Respecki	Lois Fobes	Bill Grande
Elaine Kern	David Ruler	Jessica Copfer	Peyton Thomas
Joyce Zwilling	Mark Howell	Laura Beth Kraut	Shirley Brown
Bev Held	Suzanne Franks	Linda Soles	Mark Lechner
Rosanne & Roy Strausbaugh	Dave Mumford	Kathy & Ken Kraut	Nancy Downey
Julie, AJ, baby Gigi Chandler	Matt Kinzig	Brent Young	Dave Kinzig
Bob Banks	Arden Fetcko		

Friends and Family:

Cecily & Addison DeMille	Patty Chadwick	Bob Sadowski	Bobbi MacInnes
Amy Daugherty	Kristen	Larry E.	Kirsten Braley
Bob	Amy Valentine	Jesse McFadden	Abby
John & Naomi Howard	Ed Hokaj	Josie W.	Ray Polasky
Marianella	Linda Grimm	Gayle Rumbaugh	Shelly
Kim Robertson	Edna Pett	Bea Becknell	Shaffer family
Eli Martinez Montero	Aahron	Kimberly Ferry	Juan Esparza
Amanda, Joe & Mitchell S.	Clarice Moore	Don Ingraham	Bob Guenther
Linda & Woody F.	Julie Pond	David	Debbie S.
Steven & Ally Soltesz	Paul Spierling	Frank S.	Mitch Dougan
Mike Cesnick & family	Ben Young	Pamela Hagele	Pam Torrelli
Chet & Pam W.	Bill	John Shafer	Norman Jensen
N. S.	Aiden Mack	Marie Checkley	Kim Hunkins
Tom Ridge	Nancy Baker	Julie	Betsy
Laurie, Eric & family	Tom Kraut	Kayley Prinzi	Amy
Brandon Jones	Bruce Elfvin	Clarence Chase	Donnie Schley
Christian	Jeff F.	Sue Kuhn	Amanda Toms
Brandon & Stacey Campbell	Paula and Chet Bixby	Pete Battersby	Sue Gerke
Tom McGrail	Judy Skoog	Dr. Carl Seon	Sam Ruma
Missy & Jeff	Kathy Kisak	Sophia	Lesley
Jim Haskins	Dennis Chevalier	Patrick L	Paula Bauda
Marilyn Schultz	Mya	Sidney	Lorraine Pond
Allison & Erick	Bryan & Bev	Judy Oosterkamp	Marianella
Carolyn & Viktor Soder	Meghan Kessler	Jennifer Bluey	Rob K.
Bishop Michael Lozano	Lucas Smith	Steve & Leah W.	Scott Respecki
Mike & Paula Lombardozzi family	Bonnie Ford	Jim Sturm	Amy & Nate
Eli Martinez Montero	William Lemmon	Rev. Ralph Storm	Kevin
Brendon Sauers & Carol Stinson	Jim Berger		

Grief

Family/friends of Barb Holcomb Family/friends of Richard Lechner

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			