

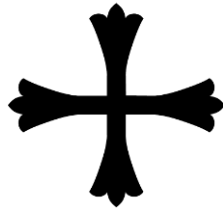
Divine Service

PALMARUM
PALM SUNDAY



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE ASCENSION

APRIL 14, 2019 ✝ SUNDAY, 10:00A.M.



Welcome! Please gather in the narthex for the Procession of Palms. Palm branches will be made available to wave in the processional.

PROCESSION OF PALMS

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

C Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-9

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P ¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send

them at once." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

P 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. 8 Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the

road. 9 And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord.

All may follow the processional cross into the sanctuary, singing the following hymn and waving palm branches.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 442

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"



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



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

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P Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest.

[John 20:19-23]

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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

C **Amen.**

Sitting

OLD TESTAMENT

Zechariah 9:9-12

A The Old Testament Reading for Palm Sunday is from Zechariah, chapter nine.

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Antiphon

Cantor introduces first time, then congregation repeats second time:

O come let us fix our eyes on Je -
 sus, the found-er and per-fect-er of our faith, who for the
 joy that was set be - fore Him, en - dured the cross, des -
 pis-ing the shame, des - pis - ing the shame, and is seat - ed at the
 right hand of the throne of God.



- L** Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
 you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.
- C** Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | in distress;*
 my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body | also.
- L** For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with | sighing;*
 my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones | waste away.
- C** Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and
 an object of dread to my ac- | quaintances;*
 those who see me in the street | flee from me.



- L** I have been forgotten like one | who is dead;*
I have become like a broken | vessel.
- C** For I hear the whispering of many—terror on | every side!—*
as they scheme together against me, as they plot to | take my life.
- L** But I trust in you, | O LORD;*
I say, “You | are my God.”
- C** My times are | in your hand;*
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors!
- L** Make your face shine on your | servant;*
save me in your | steadfast love!
- C** *Antiphon*

EPISTLE

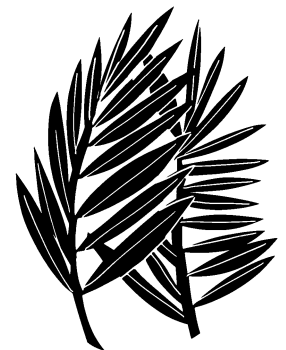
Philippians 2:5-11

- A** The Epistle is from Philippians, chapter two.

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the

point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 443 (stanzas 1-2)

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.
To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state
The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 26:1-16

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

P ¹When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, ²“You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”
³Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, ⁴and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. ⁵But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”

⁶Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. ⁸And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste? ⁹For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.”¹⁰ But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹²In pouring this ointment on

P my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial.¹³ Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”

¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

priests ¹⁵ and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL

Lutheran Service Book 443 (stanza 3)

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

3 “Ho - san - na in the high - est!” That an - cient song we sing;
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re-joice!

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Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 444

“No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet”

SERMON

Standing

NICENE CREED

C **I believe in one God**, *Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4*
the Father Almighty, *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3*
maker of heaven and earth *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*
and of all things visible and invisible. *Colossians 1:16*

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, *Romans 10:9*
the only-begotten Son of God, *John 3:16; Matthew 16:16*
begotten of His Father before all worlds, *John 1:2*
God of God, Light of Light, *John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1*
very God of very God, *Colossians 2:9*
begotten, not made, *John 1:2*
being of one substance with the Father, *John 10:30*
by Whom all things were made; *Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3*
Who for us men and for our salvation *1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23*
came down from heaven *John 6:41; Luke 15:20*
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary *Luke 1:34-35*
and was made man; *John 1:14*
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. *Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18*
He suffered and was buried. *John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53*
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures *1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6*
and ascended into heaven *Acts 1:9*
and sits at the right hand of the Father. *Acts 7:55*
And He will come again with glory *Matthew 26:64*
to judge both the living and the dead, *Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12*
Whose kingdom will have no end. *2 Peter 1:11*

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38*
the Lord and giver of life, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:6*
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *John 15:26*
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, *Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 2:14*
Who spoke by the prophets. *Ezekiel 11:5*
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, *1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22*
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, *Ephesians 4:5*
and I look for the resurrection of the dead *1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*
and the life ✠ of the world to come. *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*
Amen. *Psalms 106:48*

THE LITANY

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P O Lord,
C have mercy.

P O Christ,
C have mercy.

P O Lord,
C have mercy.

P O Christ,
C hear us.

P God the Father in heaven,
C have mercy.

P God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
C have mercy.

P God the Holy Spirit,
C have mercy.

P Be gracious to us.
C Spare us, good Lord.

P Be gracious to us.
C Help us, good Lord.

P From all sin, from all error, from all evil;
From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;
From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;
From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:
C Good Lord, deliver us.

P By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross
and passion; by Your precious death and burial;
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the
Comforter:
C Help us, good Lord.

P In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day
of judgment:
C Help us, good Lord.

P We poor sinners implore You
C to hear us, O Lord.

- P** To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;
 To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;
 To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;
 To direct and defend our [*president/queen/king*] and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;
 To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;
 To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;
 To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; to grant the needs of those in this congregation, especially. . . ; and to have mercy on us all:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- P** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
C **we implore You to hear us.**
- P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C **have mercy.**
- P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C **have mercy.**
- P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C **grant us Your peace.**
- P** O Christ,
C **hear us.**
- P** O Lord,
C **have mercy.**
- P** O Christ,
C **have mercy.**
- P** O Lord,
C **have mercy. Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.

Sitting

OFFERING

MUSIC

Gregorian Kyrie

Traditional

Musicians of Ascension
Zac Lavender, guitar

MEDITATION

Matthew 21:3 – "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." Did Jesus really need the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! It is likewise with us. The Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His Church.



Standing

OFFERTORY

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.
C And al-so with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Kneeling or sitting forward

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

C 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

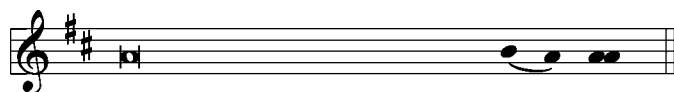
Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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

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

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.



AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

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

Sitting

About participation in the Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

*(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from *Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper*, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)*

MUSIC FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 621

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"



NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO MEMBERS

- P** Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism you became a member of the holy Christian Church, and our Lord's Word and Sacraments have nourished you in this congregation for almost three years. As we bid you farewell and Godspeed, hear the words of the apostle Paul:
- I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- Philippians 1:3-6*
- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray.
Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have so faithfully nourished our sister LuAnne with us in the communion of this congregation. Bless, protect, and defend her as she now departs from us. Preserve her in the confession of Your name and in loving service to others. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

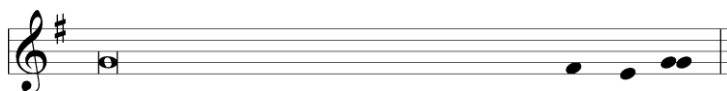
P Go in peace and joy. The grace of our † Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C Amen.

We pray God's continued blessings for our departing sister in Christ, LuAnne Howerdd.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



C A - - men.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Please remain standing and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 441 (stanzas 1, 3, 5)

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

POSTLUDE

All Glory Laud and Honor

Georg Kaufmann

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Chimes

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Fred Durden

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Penny Durden

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Jessica Luhrs, soprano

Laura Negus, soprano

Ginnie Little, alto

Lucie Woolery, alto

Zac Lavender, tenor/cello

Adrian Popescu, tenor

Evan LaVan, bass

Altar Guild

Judy Russell/Linda Rathje

Usher(s)

Greg Ison/Daniel Barnett

Greeter(s)

Anne Bigelow

Fellowship Host(s)

The Beckman family

SERVING NEXT WEEK

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Usher(s)

Martin Kunkel/Sam Negus

Greeter(s)

Tom Lawton & Linda Rathje

Life Together

| CALENDAR | | |
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| Sunday 4/14 | Palmarum: Palm Sunday Nursery available LCA Ensemble Rehearsal Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: The Book of Job Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour Open Arms Board Meeting | 8:30 – 11:30 AM 8:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship Following fellowship |
| Monday 4/15 | Open Arms LCDC Church Office | 7:00 AM – 6:30 PM Closed |
| Tuesday 4/16 | Open Arms LCDC Church Office | 7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM |
| Wednesday 4/17 | Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel | 7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:00 AM |
| Thursday 4/18 | Maundy Thursday Open Arms LCDC Church Office Divine Service LCA Ensemble Rehearsal Divine Service | 7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM Noon 6:00 PM 7:00 PM |
| Friday 4/19 | Good Friday Open Arms LCDC Church Office Tenebrae Vespers Tenebrae Vespers | Closed Closed Noon 7:00 PM |
| Saturday 4/20 | Holy Saturday Open Arms LCDC Church Office Easter Vigil | Closed Closed 7:00 PM |
| Sunday 4/21 | The Resurrection of Our Lord Nursery available LCA Ensemble Rehearsal Easter Breakfast Divine Service with Holy Communion Easter Egg Hunt | 8:30 – 11:30 AM 8:30 AM 8:30 – 9:30 AM 10:00 AM Following worship |

WORSHIPING OUR GOD

✠ Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Day & Time: Palm Sunday Divine Service with Procession of Palms
Sunday, April 14 at 10:00 AM

Maundy Thursday Divine Service with Corporate Confession
Thursday, April 18 at noon & 7:00 PM

Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers
Friday, April 19 at noon & 7:00 PM

Easter Vigil with Incense
Saturday, April 20 at 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday Breakfast & Divine Service
Sunday, April 21
Breakfast from 8:30 – 9:30 AM
Divine Service at 10:00 AM

Location: All worship services in church sanctuary
Easter breakfast served in church fellowship hall

✠ Easter Lilies

Theme: Help get the sanctuary ready for Easter! Lilies, an age old symbol of new life, are a great way to declare *He is Risen!* They are \$16.00 each, and you may place your order with the cards that are located by the bulletins in the narthex. Please place your form and a check with "Easter Lilies" in the memo line, or cash in an envelope marked "Easter Lilies" in the offering plate or you may drop it off at the church office. Should you like to give a lily in memory of a loved one, please include their name to be mentioned in the Easter bulletin.

Day & Time: The deadline for all orders is Sunday, April 14.

GROWING IN HIS WORD

✝ Bible Study: The Book of Job

Theme: Job is a complicated book, asking life's most difficult questions. For millennia, it has confounded many as well as been a blessing to countless generations. It is one of the most brutally honest and raw books of the Bible, and at the same time provides some of the brightest rays of hope. Come, and discover what it has to say about you and your existence on earth. Even more, may it reveal to you a God of comfort, who accompanies us at all times, and even dares to enter into the difficulties of our human condition. As our guide, we will be making use of Concordia Publishing House's LifeLight resource. Copies are available for just \$12.00.

Day & Time: Sundays, beginning April 7 at 9:00 A.M.
Tuesdays, beginning April 9 at 10:45 A.M.

Location: Sundays in church fellowship hall
Tuesdays in church overflow room

✝ Men's Group: Bible Study

Theme: Calling all guys! Mark your calendar for the last Saturday of each month for a regular time of prayer, fellowship, and study of God's Word together. Breakfast will be provided too! At this next meeting, we will be covering the third chapter of Jeffrey Hemmer's book, *Man Up!*

Day & Time: Saturday, April 27 at 9:30 A.M.

Location: Church overflow room

✝ Women's Group: Bible Study

Theme: The ladies group is taking a look at *He Restores My Soul: Writings on Cross and Comfort*, edited by Katie Schuermann. The book is available for purchase on Amazon for \$18, and we'll cover chapters two and three at the next gathering. Join your sisters in Christ to discuss important topics like Christian faith in the public square, issues of infertility, mental illness and chronic disease, caring for aging parents, sexual temptation and a host of others. Childcare also provided!

Day & Time: Saturday, April 27 at 9:30 A.M.

Location: Church narthex

✝ Library Update: "Librarian's Choice" Recommendations

Theme: On display in the downstairs library, you'll find the following recommended titles. Please peruse and check them out at your leisure. Don't forget to browse other new titles as well!

- *Money of the Bible*, 3rd Edition by Kenneth Bressett
- *Crucifixion* (New Testament Art Series) by the Editors of Phaidon Press
- *Annunciation* (New Testament Art Series) by the Editors of Phaidon Press
- *5 Things You Can Do to Understand the Bible Better* (You Can Do It Series) by Zack Mcintosh

SERVING IN HIS NAME

✝ Open Arms: Pancake Palooza & Flea Market

Theme: Our congregational mission, Open Arms Lutheran Child Development Center, is holding a Pancake Palooza and Flea Market in efforts to enhance the center. Funds raised will go toward the Opus One Music program with Mr. Stuart as well as some new technology for the office staff. Last year's efforts raised \$950, and there are hopes that this year that amount might even be doubled.

Here's where you come in. There's need for donations, of course, like new or gently used kitchen accessories, collectibles, household items, lawn and sports equipment, costume jewelry, outdoor toys, handbags, etc.). All donations may be dropped off in the church main office. There's also need for volunteers to work the Pancake Palooza and flea market. Please see the sign-up sheet posted in the narthex for more information and to sign up for a shift. Thank you for serving our mission!

Day & Time: Saturday, May 11 in the morning (exact time to be determined)

Location: Church front lawn

✝ Open Arms: Shoe Drive

Theme: Open Arms Lutheran Child Development Center is requesting new and gently used men's women's, and children's shoes. They hope to collect over 2,500 shoes. When the goal is met, funds2orgs will give the school \$1,000 dollars toward purchasing new computers for the school administration. Thank you for helping Open Arms meet their goal! Shoes may be dropped off in the collection bins.

Day & Time: Deadline for all donations is Friday, May 31.

Location: Collection bins located in church narthex

✝ Amazon Smile

Theme: Looking for an easy way to donate to Ascension? Use Amazon Smile for your online shopping! Simply visit smile.amazon.com, where you'll be prompted to choose an organization to support. Search for "Lutheran Church of the Ascension," hit "Select," and then shop as usual! Each time you checkout, a portion of your purchase will be donated to Ascension, helping to continue to support various church programs. Thank you!

✝ All Nations Society of Atlanta

Theme: Would you like to reach out as a member of Christ's body to embrace those in your community? A group of LCMS Christians from several local congregations in Atlanta would like to give you such an opportunity for outreach. Meeting each week, they invite you to join them in welcoming new immigrant and refugee families to the area with fresh produce and a word of prayer. Please contact the Rev. Adam Ellsworth of Grace Lutheran Church, Midtown for more information and to sign up: pastoradamellsworth@gmail.com.

Day & Time: Saturdays at 10:00 A.M.

Location: St. Mark Lutheran Church
2110 Brockett Road
Tucker, GA 30084

✝ Support for LCA Music Program

Theme: Have you enjoyed the music at Lutheran Church of the Ascension? We are so grateful for our Music Director, Debbie, as well as the gifts of our talented musicians. Please consider supporting them and ensuring the quality music here for time to come by making a special donation to the music program. You may make your gift out to the general music fund, or give in memory of Irma Collins, Mary Ann Nuckols, Tamara Albrecht, or Dan Buehl, all of whose memorial monies are set aside for special music. On behalf of our musicians and our congregation, thank you for your continued support!

✝ 1-1-1 Mission Campaign

Theme: For less than the price of one visit to Starbuck's, you could contribute a month's worth of financial support toward our Lord's mission work in the English District. 1-1-1 is a new campaign to raise \$1/per person/per week. That means that by giving \$4 each month, just \$52 a year, everyone in the district can give toward the work of getting the Gospel out to those in our community. Just think what could happen if every person in the English District did this! Right now, the English District is supporting Concordia Lutheran Mission in Myerstown, PA. But this money goes toward eight other startup congregations, including two Spanish-speaking churches and several college ministries. Please consider playing a part in the mission of our English District! Dollars may be contributed in the designated 1-1-1 Mission box located in the narthex.

FELLOWSHIPING WITH THE SAINTS

✝ Congregational Luncheon

Theme: Join your brothers and sisters in Christ after church every fourth Sunday of the month for a family meal! You're welcome to bring either a hot or a cold dish to share. If you'd like to bring a particular beverage, you may also do so. Plates, napkins, cups, and cutlery will be provided. Bring your appetite!

Day & Time: Sunday, April 28 following Divine Service

Location: Church fellowship hall

✝ Pastor's Open House

Theme: The Miller house is open to all members and visitors of Ascension—please come to our home! Pastor, Jeni, Eden, Jude, and Titus eagerly look forward to hosting you with a yummy lunch, along with games and activities for all ages!

Day & Time: Saturday, May 11, from noon – 3:00 P.M.

Location: The Miller Home (address in directory)

LIFTING UP ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

In Celebration

Birthdays

✝ Penny Durden, 4/19

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries)

✝ Drew Durden, 4/15

Wedding Anniversaries

✝ None this week

Membership Anniversaries

✝ Drew Durden, 4/15

✝ Eileen Buehl, 4/18

In Need

Recent Requests

- ✝ Shawn Hanson (family friend of Caitlin Barnett's), for health and healing.
- ✝ Samantha Mallard (daughter of Bill and Lori Vester), for health and healing.
- ✝ Sandy Meier (friend of Nancy Grossberg), for health and healing.
- ✝ Buzzie Stevens (son of Ruth Henry's friend), for a successful surgery.
- ✝ Luke Voss (neighbor of the Schoellens), for safety during military deployment.
- ✝ Persecuted Christians in Pakistan, where the Christian minority is calling for legislation to combat the increase in forced Islamic conversions.

Ongoing Requests

- ✝ Jack and Carolyn DeLong, for health and healing.
- ✝ Hannibal (Hank) Durden, for growth and development.
- ✝ Mary Grace Evans (mother of Kati Durden), for health and healing.
- ✝ Deb Kunkle (friend of J.P. Morr), for health and healing.
- ✝ Willard and Wilma Meyer (grandparents of J.P. Morr), for health and hope.
- ✝ Adi Murphy (neighbor of the Beckmans), for strength and courage.
- ✝ Tom Murphy (neighbor of the Beckmans), for health and healing.
- ✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith), for health and healing.
- ✝ Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to the Dominican Republic, & all synodically deployed missionaries.
- ✝ Lutheran Church of the Ascension & Pastor David Miller
- ✝ Open Arms Lutheran Child Development Ctr & Director, Barbara Collins
- ✝ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- ✝ English District Bishop Jamison Hardy & all district officials
- ✝ President Donald Trump & all U.S. government officials



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RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located to the right of the church entrance, down the hallway. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

NURSERY

Children are always welcome and encouraged to be in worship! For those who need it, however, we have a staffed nursery located down the hallway in the preschool. It is intended for children from birth to age 5. Hours of operation are 8:30 – 11:30 A.M.

BABY CHANGING STATION

For your convenience, a baby changing station is located in both the men’s and women’s restrooms on this level, just down the hall. For further privacy, a mother-infant station, which includes a rocking chair and changing table, is available in the enclosed lounge of the women’s restroom downstairs.

BUSY BAGS

Each Sunday your child may pick up a “busy bag” from the stand in the Narthex. Each busy bag has different books and activities for your child to keep them busy during the Divine Service when they are unable to focus. Please return the pouch and its contents to the stand in the Narthex at the end of the service. This way the pouches will be clean and ready for the next Sunday’s service.

PRINT RESOURCES

Resources for personal devotions as well as understanding Lutheran faith and worship, are available to anyone gratis in the narthex by the bulletins:

- *Portals of Prayer*: Quarterly devotional resource for private prayer.
- *A Simple Explanation of the Christian Faith*: Luther’s Small Catechism in convenient booklet form.
- *A Simple Explanation of the Church Service*: Easy to understand guide to Sunday’s liturgy in the Divine Service.
- *What About . . . Fellowship in the Lord’s Supper*: An explanation of one of the Lutheran church’s most misunderstood doctrines. Learn more about the biblical, historic, and loving practice of closed Communion.