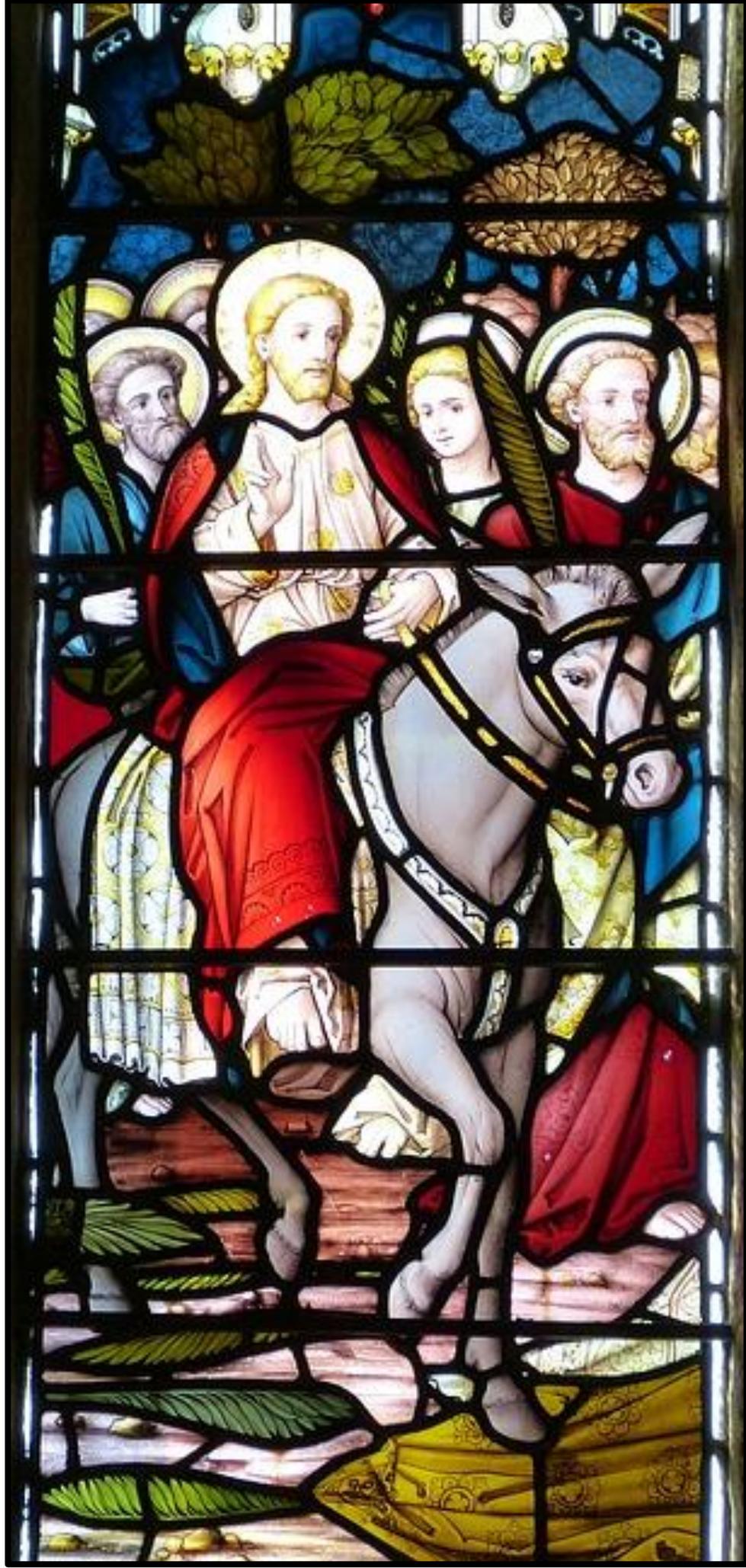


Passiontide

MARCH 29, 2026 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

PALM SUNDAY (PALMARUM)





AVE US, WE PRAY, O LORD!

O LORD, WE PRAY, GIVE US SUCCESS!

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!

WE BLESS YOU FROM THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

– PSALM 118:25-26

DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE

“Our churches are falsely accused of abolishing the Mass. The Mass is held among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved.” - Augsburg Confession. Article XXIV. The Mass. 1-2a.



All gather in the narthex for the Procession of Palms

PROCESSION OF PALMS

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

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

C Amen.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. *John 12:13; Psalm 118:26*

C Hosanna to the Son of David. *Matthew 21:9*

P The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C And with thy spirit.

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.

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

P At that time: When Jesus drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, He sent two of His disciples, saying, "Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here. And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you loosing it?' thus you shall say to him, 'Because the Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them. But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you loosing the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of him." Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes

on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road. Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, saying: " 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!' Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

P Let us go forth in peace,

C **in the name of the Lord.**

Isaiah 55:12

[Colossians 3:17]

All now enter the sanctuary with singing and waving of palm branches.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 442

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Refrain



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

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



Refrain

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

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

John 12:13; Psalm 118:26

C Hosanna in the highest.

Matthew 21:9

After all have taken their places in the sanctuary, please remain standing for the Collect of the Day.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

PROPHECY

Zechariah 2:10–11a; 8:3b, 5, 7–8; 9:9, 10b; 11:12, 13b; 12:10b; 13:6b–7a; 14:6–8a, 9a

A The Prophecy for Palm Sunday is from Zechariah.

A Thus says the LORD God: “Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion! For behold, I am coming and I will dwell in your midst. Many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and they shall become My people. And I will dwell in your midst. Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth, the Mountain of the LORD of hosts, the Holy Mountain. The city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. Behold, I will save My people from the land of the east and from the land of the west; I will bring them back, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. They shall be My people and I will be their God, in truth and righteousness. Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be ‘from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth,’” says the LORD. Then I said to them, “If it is agreeable to you, give

me my wages; and if not, refrain.” So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver—that princely price they set on me. Then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. And one will say to him, “What are these wounds between your arms?” Then he will answer, “Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.” “Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, against the Man who is My Companion,” says the LORD of hosts. “Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.” It shall come to pass in that day that there will be no light; the lights will diminish. It shall be one day which is known to the LORD—neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall happen that it will be light. And in that day it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, and the LORD shall be King over all the earth.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

TRACT

Psalm 22:1, 4-5



L My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?*

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?

C In you our fathers | trusted;*

they trusted, and you de- | livered them.

L To you they cried and were | rescued;*

in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.

P HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 27:11-54

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had

gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas."

P Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

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

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

As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots.

Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

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

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 444

"No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet"



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



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



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



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



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



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

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SERMON

Standing

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10–12



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sitting

OFFERING

Meditation on "Gethsemane" – Prayer (Go to Dark Gethsemane, LSB 436) Setting by Phil Lehenbauer

RECEPTION OF A NEW MEMBER BY ADULT CONFIRMATION

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your heart, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 28:18b-20 NKJV; 10:32-33 NKJV alt.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism.

R Yes, I do.

P Do you renounce the devil?

R Yes, I renounce him.

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

R *Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

R *Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R *I do.*

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

C **Amen.**

Standing

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing this Your son William to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling him both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit he may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; 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 Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You unite Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in William the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that he may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to his Savior. Deliver him from the power of Satan and preserve him from false and dangerous doctrines, that he may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen him to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable him to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and his neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of his body to life immortal; 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 Peace ☩ be with you.

C Amen.

We welcome Will Chapman to the Ascension family.

Please remain standing

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

P Almighty God, You have given us the peace that passes understanding in Christ, our Lord. Manifest His peace among the nations to bring an end to war and violence, unite Your Church in peace and harmony, and give Your calm to the troubled hearts of Your people, that they may serve You in peace and quietness; Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You have revealed the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations. Guard Your Church against all her enemies. Empower her in the proclamation of the saving Gospel and in the works of mercy that make known Your love to those still in darkness and the shadow of death. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, sustain all fathers, mothers and children; husbands and wives; friends and neighbors; laborers and employers; and teachers and students. Enable us all to serve our neighbors in godly vocations, delighting in the Lord's lovingkindness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, our King, Your Son entered Jerusalem as the true ruler, ready to lay down His life for His people. Grant this same mind to those in authority over us, that they would discharge their duties even for the least among us, and so receive Your commendation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, draw near to those in trial and peril. Forsake not the broken-hearted, nor those in any kind of need. Hear their humble cries, come quickly to their aid and rescue those who delight in You [especially _____]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father, You reveal Your righteousness in the suffering and kingly death of Your Son, Jesus. By this Sacrament, increase our faith. Fill us with Your righteousness, and lead us to proclaim His death until He comes. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, as once Your Son was welcomed with palms and hosannas so open the hearts of all who hear Your Word, that by the Holy Spirit they may believe in Jesus Christ and come to Him. Restore the fallen, and bring back to the faith those who have rejected the Gospel for the prison of error and idolatry. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show us the answer to Your people's prayers of "Hosanna" in the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

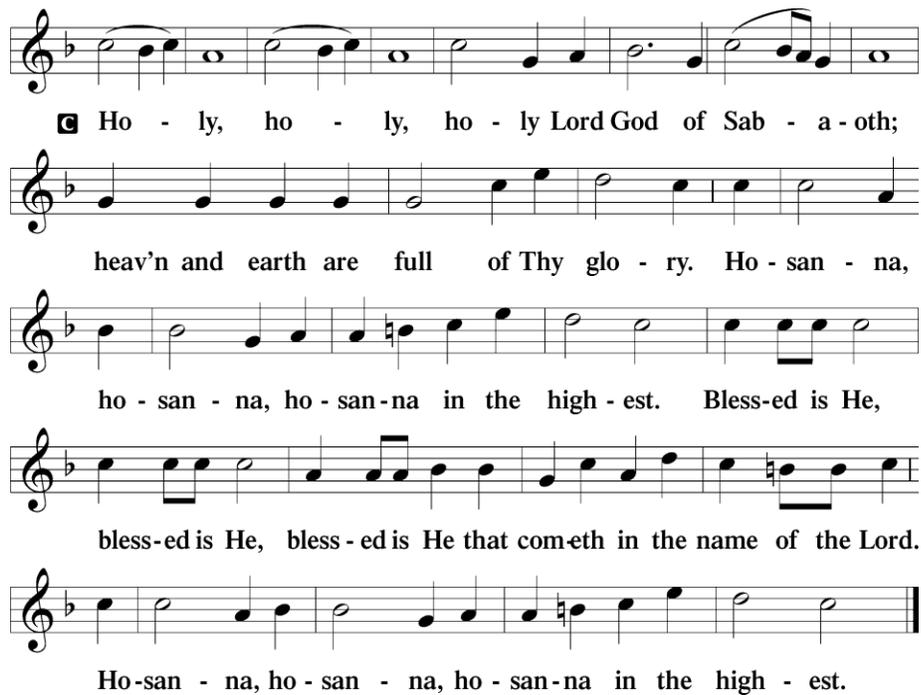


C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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 God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My [†] bod - y, which is giv-en for you.
This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it
to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in
My [†] blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance 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



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sitting

About participation in Holy Communion:

All guests and visitors are asked to please speak to Pastor Miller before receiving Holy Communion for the first time.

Those who are not receiving the Sacrament but still request a pastoral blessing are invited to approach the altar with arms crossed in an "X" over their chests to indicate this desire.

We are grateful for your cooperation in honoring our practice. For further explanation, please see below:

Drawn from God's Word, the Lutheran Confessions are a true and binding exposition of Holy Scripture and serve as authoritative texts for all pastors, congregations and other rostered church workers of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. That being the case, we are bound to follow its prescribed practice of Closed Communion:

"The custom has been retained among us of not administering the sacrament to those who have not previously been examined and absolved [1 Corinthians 11:27-28]" (Augsburg Confession XXV:1).

Closed Communion was always the common practice among Christians from the first century and remains the practice of Confessional Lutherans. It originates from the clear biblical teaching that the Sacrament of the Altar "is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink" (Small Catechism VI:1). The "words [according to our Lord's institution], "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words" (SC VI:3).

Because "whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord," it is important that each person "examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body" (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). To ensure worthy reception, pastors are required to be faithful in their stewardship of the sacraments (1 Cor 4:1-2). This assumes pastoral care between Pastor Miller and those intending to receive Holy Communion.

Prayer Before Receiving Holy Communion

I do not presume to come to your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. I am not worthy to gather up the crumbs under Your table. But You are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant me, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and so to drink His blood, that I may evermore dwell in Him and He in me; through the same Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 430

“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 they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
King. Then “Cru - ci - fy!” Is all their breath,
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

**5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.**

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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.

7 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!

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Lutheran Service Book 436

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His
 tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
 life ar - rained; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
 at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,
 breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.
 Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
 Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"
 Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He
 griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
 hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

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Prayer After Receiving Holy Communion

Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ my Lord. Grant that I who have received the Sacrament of His body and blood may abide in Him and He in me, that I may be filled with the power of His endless life, now and forever; through the same Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Standing

During Passiontide, the NUNC DIMITTIS is omitted due to its inclusion of the Gloria Patri.

THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
G A - men, a - men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 443

“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,
3 “Ho - san - na in the high - est!” That an - cient song we sing;
Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.
To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice
The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joyce!

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POSTLUDE



SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY (PALMARUM)

Presiding Minister

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

Altar Assistant(s)

Jason Schoellen, *Elder*

Katie Schoellen, *Acolyte*

Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

Organist

Abby Warnke, *Director of Music*

Cantor

Adrian Popescu

Musician(s)

Will Davis, trumpet

Patty Harmon, trumpet/French horn

Altar Guild

Jeni Miller/Kati Durden

Usher(s)

Grayson Beckman/The Rev. Steve Harmon
(Trevor Dunkel)

Fellowship Host(s)

TBD

SERVING NEXT WEEK

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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Altar Assistant(s)

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Maddie Abi, *Acolyte*

Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

Organist

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Cantor

Adrian Popescu

Musician(s)

Will Davis, trumpet

Patty Harmon, trumpet/French horn

Altar Guild

Linda Rathje/Kati Durden

Usher(s)

Tom Lawton/Chad Stark
(Isaac Beckman)

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OVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE GREATEST AND MOST IMPORTANT
COMMANDMENT. THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS
YOURSELF.”

- MATTHEW 22:37-39

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 3/29	Palm Sunday (Palmarum) Nursery available Adult Choir Practice Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>"Follow Me:" Discipleship in Matthew</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Confirmation: <i>The Second Article of the Creed</i>	8:30 – 11:30 AM 8:30 – 9:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass
Monday 3/30	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 3/31	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 4/1	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel Midweek Prayer	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:15 AM 12:15 PM
Thursday 4/2	TRIDUUM: Maundy Thursday Open Arms LCDC Church Office Holy Mass with Stripping of the Altar	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 7:00 PM
Friday 4/3	TRIDUUM: Good Friday Open Arms LCDC Church Office Tenebrae Vespers Tenebrae Vespers	Closed Closed Noon 7:00 PM
Saturday 4/4	TRIDUUM: Holy Saturday Open Arms LCDC Church Office Easter Vigil	Closed Closed 7:00 PM
Sunday 4/5	The Resurrection of Our Lord Nursery available Easter Breakfast Holy Mass Easter Egg Hunt	8:30 – 11:30 AM 8:30 – 9:30 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass

LOVING THE LORD

✝ **Passiontide/Easter Mass Schedule**

Maundy Thursday Mass with Stripping of the AltarApril 2 at 7:00 P.M.
Good Friday Tenebrae VespersApril 3 at Noon and 7:00 P.M.
Easter Vigil Mass April 4 at 7:00 P.M.
Easter Sunday Mass April 5 at 10:00 A.M. (breakfast at 8:30 A.M.; egg hunt at 11:30 A.M.)

✝ **Adult Bible Study: *“Follow Me”: Discipleship in Matthew***

Sunday April 12 at 9:00 A.M.
Church fellowship hall

The phrase "follower of Jesus" like the term "Christian" has become so generic that it means nearly anything and sometimes almost nothing. In *“Follow Me,”* we will dig deeply into the Holy Scriptures to show what it means to be a follower of Jesus. This seven-session Bible study couldn't be more appropriate for Lent as we heed our Lord's command to *“take up your cross and follow Me.”* All are welcome—whether you are new to Bible study or have been reading Scripture for many years. Come deepen your faith, engage in thoughtful discussion, and enjoy fellowship with others.

✝ **Easter Lily Orders**

Deadline: Sunday, March 29
Dropoff: Church offering plate

Members of the congregation are invited to help beautify the church altar for Easter by placing orders for Easter lilies. The cost is \$18 per lily, and an order form is available by the bulletins in the narthex. Lilies will decorate the altar on Easter Sunday, and those who purchase a lily are encouraged to take theirs home after Mass on the Second Sunday of Easter (April 12). You may also dedicate an Easter lily in honor of or in memory of a loved one; please indicate *“in honor of”* if the person is living or *“in memory of”* if they are deceased so the church office knows how to list the dedication in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Payment may be made with cash in an envelope or a personal check, and may be placed in the offering plate on any Sunday through March 29 (Palm Sunday).

✝ **Midweek Prayer**

Wednesdays (including Holy Wednesday, 4/1) at 12:15 P.M.
Church sanctuary

Whether on your lunchbreak or just need a break in your day, we invite you to join us for prayer and meditation on God's Holy Word. Every Wednesday at noon, parents and teachers of Open Arms, as well as anyone from the congregation, are encouraged to come into God's presence. We will hear Him speak through His Word, and we will pray for the world, our nation, and the deeper needs of the church and school communities. This service is simple and brief. But it will allow you to walk away refreshed and ready to finish out the week strong!

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

✝ **Annual Easter Breakfast**

Sunday, April 5 from 8:30 – 9:30 A.M.
Church fellowship hall

Every Easter, the Ascension family comes together to share a breakfast before Divine Service. Please consider contributing, but more importantly, please make a point to join your brothers and sisters in this celebratory meal. Please sign up to bring a dish to share on the sign up sheet displayed in the narthex.

✝ **Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt**

Sunday, April 5 following Mass
Church front lawn

According to Christian tradition, eggs have always been a symbol of rebirth. The picture of a baby bird emerging from its shell reminds us of the risen Christ stepping out of the tomb. To teach our children the truth of the new life they have through their resurrected Lord, Easter egg hunts have become commonplace. We invite all children and their families to participate in an egg hunt following the Divine Service. Donations of pre-filled eggs, preferably filled with food or other items not susceptible to melting, are being accepted through Holy Week. Please leave your donation in the church office. Also, if you would like to volunteer to hide the eggs before 10:00 A.M. Mass, please contact Pastor Miller: pastor@ascension-lcms.com.

✝ Ascension Family Game Day

Saturday, TBD from 3:00 – 6:00 P.M.

Church fellowship hall

Everyone is invited—families with children, teens, and adults of all ages—to join us for a fun-filled afternoon of games and fellowship! We'll have a wide variety of games available, with options suited for young children, youth, and adults alike, so everyone can jump in and enjoy time together. Whether you love board games, group games, or just good conversation and laughter, there will be something for you. Our time together will conclude with a fellowship dinner of pizza and salad, giving us the chance to relax, share a meal, and continue building friendships across generations. We hope you'll come and be part of this joyful time together!

✝ Men's Group: Fellowship at the Biergarten!

Saturday, May 9 at noon

Gasthaus Tirol

310 Atlanta Road

Cumming, GA 30040

Men of the congregation are warmly invited to join us for a special afternoon of fellowship and good cheer at our upcoming Men's Gathering at a local German restaurant! We'll meet in the biergarten to enjoy hearty German fare, refreshing beverages, and great conversation in a relaxed outdoor setting. This will be a wonderful opportunity to strengthen friendships, welcome new faces, and encourage one another in faith while savoring classic German food and drink. Come hungry, bring a friend, and plan to spend a memorable afternoon together—we look forward to seeing you there!

✦ **Book Club: *The Deerslayer* by James Fenimore Cooper**

Sunday, June 7 at 3:00 P.M.

Pastor Miller's home

Everyone is invited to join our Book Club for fellowship and discussion! We'll gather to talk about our new book, share insights, and encourage one another. No need to be an expert—just come ready to listen and participate. All are welcome!

From the inside dust jacket flap:

The deadly crack of a long rifle and the piercing cries of Indians on the warpath shatter the serenity of beautiful Lake Glimmerglass. Danger has invaded the vast forests of upper New York State as Deerslayer and his loyal Mohican friend Chingachgook attempt the daring rescue of an Indian maiden imprisoned in a Huron camp. Soon they are caught in the cross fire between a cunning enemy and two white bounty hunters who mercilessly kill for profit.

*The last of the Leatherstocking Tales to be written, though first in the chronology of the hero's life, *The Deerslayer* is James Fenimore Cooper's masterpiece. A fine combination of romance, adventure, and morality, this classic novel of the frontier is an eloquent beginning for Cooper's great wilderness saga—and an unforgettable introduction to the famous character who has been said to embody the conscience of America: the noble woodsman Deerslayer.*

LIFTING HOLY HANDS

Celebrations

Birthdays:

- + None this week

Wedding Anniversaries:

- + None this week

Recent Requests

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- + Doug Hawkins (friend of Lauren Morr)
- + Jeremiah Hollins (son of Shannon, a former Open Arms teacher)
- + Bob Husby (father of Whitney Worthington)
- + Gail Kaiser (mother of Jeni Miller)
- + Nadine Kranzlein (grandmother of Hunter Kranzlein)
- + Mike Warnke (father of Abby Warnke)

Ongoing Requests

For family and friends of the congregation:

- + David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)
- + Val Aguilar (friend of Emily Horst, who's deployed with the U. S. Air Force)
- + Rev. Dr. James Clark (friend of the congregation)
- + Ruth Henry
- + John Kateen
- + Dee Keiger (sister of Eileen Buehl)
- + Betty Licht
- + Charles Schnell (former member), for his formation as a pastor.

For the leaders of Church and state:

- + Director Barbara Collins-Hopkins & Open Arms Board
- + English District Bishop Jeffrey G. Miskus & all district officials
- + LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- + Pastor David Miller & Church Board of Lutheran Church of the Ascension
- + Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to Dominican Republic
- + President Donald Trump & all U.S. government officials



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