



## **As We Gather      Palm/Passion Sunday      April 13, 2025**

Today we are brought to the threshold of Holy Week. This was the day the Jewish people chose the Passover Lamb. How quickly things can change in a week! On this Palm Sunday, we see Jesus enter Jerusalem with palms, a symbol of victory, strewn in the road and being waved. Yet it was from that entry that Jesus went to show His true love—His passion—by dying on the cross on Friday. That death showed His love for you. By faith, we believe what Jesus did was for us. Everything about us—our sin, our eternal destination—changed that week because Jesus took the road from palms to passion. Receive what Jesus did for you by faith, knowing your home in heaven was paid for with the King’s ransom—His own blood.

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**Please meet with an usher for prayer requests.  
Ask us about Associate Memberships for Lutherans who are part-time residents.**

**A Gentle Reminder to turn off cell phones and hold any applause for acknowledgements during the announcements. Thank You.**

### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION**



As Lutheran Christians, we believe that our Lord's Body and Blood are truly present (not symbolic) in the Bread and Wine and received by all who attend. Since our Lord reminds us that thoughtless or faithless reception of the Sacrament can incur His judgment, all are encouraged to examine themselves that they may receive it worthily. (1 Corinthians 11:27-32)

Please use the following questions and LSB p. 329 as a personal guide before partaking of this Holy Sacrament:

- \*Do I renounce sin, Satan and my own flesh, and seek true forgiveness and reconciliation with God and my neighbor?**
- \*Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil?**
- \*Do I believe that Christ's own words, this is my body and this is my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins (Mt. 26:28), mean exactly what they say for us today?**
- \*Do I earnestly desire to live a Godly life by the power of the Holy Spirit and in thanksgiving to Christ?**

Because attendance at Communion is also a testimony to this faith in the Triune God confessed and taught here, and to unity in belief as brothers and sisters in Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16-17), we ask that any visitors not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and who desire to receive the Sacrament introduce themselves to the Pastor or Elder beforehand if possible.

#### **Please Note**

An invitation for children not confirmed in the Lutheran church to come and receive a blessing at the altar.

We offer a traditional communion wafer,  
Off-White Color Wafers are Gluten Free.

While communing, please point to the bread meeting your preference.  
Clear Color Wine is Alcohol Free

**PRELUDE Trumpet Voluntary - Heron**

**WELCOME**

**PREPARATION**

**INVOCATION**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES**

- P** Hosanna!  
**C** Hosanna to the Son of David!  
**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!  
**C** Hosanna in the highest!

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P** We confess before You, Lord, that we have sinned against You.  
**C** We have sinned not only against You but one another, with what we have thought, what we have said, and by what we have or have not done.  
**P** We unseat You and put ourselves on the throne that belongs only to You.  
**C** Our pride in these and all sins deserves Your punishment, yet today we approach Your throne of grace, asking for Your mercy.  
**P** So I ask you now: are you sincere in this, your confession before God, and promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? If so, answer, "Yes, with the help of God."  
**C** Yes, with the help of God.  
**P** Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday to show His love for you at the cross. At the cross, He showed His passion for you by dying for your sins and paying the price we could not pay. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen! Thank You, Lord, for Your passion for us.

**WORD**

**COLLECT**

- P** 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.

## PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

**John 12:12–19**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

“The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, ‘You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.’”

**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.**

## OPENING HYMN # 442 “All Glory, Laud, And Honor”

## GREETING

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

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

## KYRIE *LSB 186*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## HYMN “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” LSB 440 sts. 1 & 4

1. **Jesus, I will ponder now on Your holy passion;  
With Your Spirit me endow for such meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith may the image cherish  
Of Your suff’ring, pain and death that I may not perish.**
4. **Grant that I Your passion view with repentant grieving.  
Let me not bring shame to You by unholy living.  
How could I refuse to shun ev’ry sinful pleasure  
Since for me God’s only Son suffered without measure?**

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, on this day, You entered Jerusalem with pomp and circumstance, yet Your true passion was to be sacrificed for our sins. Help us, we pray, to look past the pomp and circumstance and see Your passion for us; we ask this in Your name, who with the Father and Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING **Deuteronomy 32:36–39**

“The LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. Then he will say, “Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection! “See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me;

I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM**     *Psalm 118:19–29*

**P** Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**C** **This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.**

**P** The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**C** **This is the LORD’S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**P** This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**C** **Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!**

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless You from the house of the LORD.

**C** **The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!**

**P** You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;

**C** **You are my God; I will extol You.**

**P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

**C** **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

## **EPISTLE READING**     **Philippians 2:5–11**

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**VERSE**      *Philippians 2:8b*

- P** He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
- C** even death on a cross.

**HOLY GOSPEL**    **Luke 23:1-56**

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second and twenty-third chapters.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

“Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate...”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    # 444 “No Tramp Of Soldiers’ Marching Feet”

**SERMON**    “Having A Reaction”    Luke 23:1-56

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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. 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. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- P** Almighty God, King of the universe, we come before You humbly asking that You would hear our prayers and answer them according to Your will. We bow before You and give to You our worship and praise.
- C** We worship You not because we love You, but You loved us first and gave the King’s ransom to pay our sin’s debt. Thank You, Jesus, for loving us so much.

- P** We thank You for the working of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives both to bring us to faith and keep us in the faith.
- C** **Continue to open the eyes of our hearts and those around us, that we might see Your entry with palms for what it really was—Your passion to save us.**
- P** As we near the day of Your return, we see a world in turmoil.
- C** **Help us, Prince of Peace, amid all the chaos, to keep our eyes fixed on You.**
- P** You are a benevolent King, known to grant requests.
- C** **While You walked this earth, You granted the requests of the blind, the lame, the deaf, and even the widow at Nain, who did not ask You for anything, and You raised her son back to life.**
- P** We lift up those who are sick, those who are suffering, and all those who serve as caregivers for loved ones [*including . . .*]. Have mercy upon them, Lord.
- C** **Be with them, ease their pain, and bring relief from sicknesses through doctors, nurses, medicines, and miracles to accomplish Your will in their lives.**
- P** You tell us in Your Word to remember those in authority. We lift up those who hold seats of power.
- C** **For rulers in all places, high and low, north, south, east, and west, we ask that Your Spirit would guide them and Satan’s power be thwarted in all places.**
- P** For Your church in all places, that the Gospel would be powerfully proclaimed this week, and the Holy Spirit stir faith in the hearts of many,
- C** **use us according to Your will, that others may see the life of Jesus in us.**
- P** Before Your throne, almighty King, we lift these and all petitions of our hearts, trusting You will answer all according to Your will.
- C** **We pray in the name of Jesus, who with the Father and Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY Jesus, Remember Me *LSB 767 (sing twice)*



Je - sus, re-mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king-dom.



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# SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

- 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 Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

- 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 *LSB 161*

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF OUR LORD “Remember Me” by Martin Nystrom, Gerrit Gustafson

- P** (*sung*) “On the night ... This is My blood poured out for you and as you drink it remember Me.”  
**C** (*sung*) “So we thank You for the wine and for the bread;  
For we see the life You gave And the blood you shed.  
And we remember Your wondrous love  
You gave your body You shed Your blood  
And we remember Your wondrous love  
You gave your body You shed your blood.”

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## LORD'S PRAYER

- 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.

## PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI *LSB 163*

- C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- #527 O Savior, Precious Savior #456 Were You There? sts. 1-3  
#437 Alas and Did My Savior Bleed #560 Drawn to the Cross  
#435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:23-26*

- 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** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN #441 "Ride On, Ride On In Majesty"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

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Altar flowers today are given by Roberta Jamieson  
In celebration of John's birthday.  
To God Be the Glory

**Reader Today: Sherri Church**

**Last Week Att.: 89    Wed.: 42**

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Mon. Apr. 14    10:00 a.m.    Women's Bible Study  
Tues. Apr. 15    10:30 a.m.    Childcare Chapel  
Tues. Apr. 15    1:00 p.m.    GodConnects Class  
Wed. Apr. 16    3:00 p.m.    Childcare Board  
Thur. Apr. 17    10:30 a.m.    Support Group  
**Thur. Apr. 17    4:00 p.m.    Maundy Thursday Worship**  
**Fri. Apr. 18    4:00 p.m.    Good Friday Worship**  
**Sun. Apr. 20    EASTER 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service; 8:30 Easter Breakfast**  
**10:00 a.m. Worship (No Bible Study 4/20 & 4/27).**

**EASTER BREAKFAST COOKS** Easter is **April 20<sup>th</sup>** this year and again we will be serving Easter Breakfast at **8:30 a.m.** This feast is prepared and served by the men of the congregation. If you are interested in helping, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. **Questions:** contact **Jim Bean** 970-379-7358.

### BIRTHDAYS

Apr. 13 Larry Rosenwinkel    Apr.13 Nichole Seamann    Apr. 14 Noah O'Neill  
Apr. 14 CC Sersland    Apr.17Jessica Ethington    Apr. 17 Gary Smith  
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