



# *Palm Sunday*

**Sunday of the Passion**

“He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” **Phillipians 2:8**

DIVINE SERVICE ✝ MARCH 24, 2024 ✝ 10:00AM

# SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are so glad that you are here! This is God's House and He put the wiggle in children, so please feel completely at home and try these tips from parents who've gone before you:



**Sit towards the front:** That's where children can easily see the procession, note the colors and watch the pastor and leaders.

**Help your child look and listen:** Tell them key words that will be used often. Point out crosses, banners and other reminder of Jesus and His Good News.

**Participate joyfully!** Sing, fold your hands for prayer, stand and kneel. Bring them to the Communion rail for a blessing. Your child will model your actions. They watch everything you do.

**Involve your child:** Encourage them to say and pray their parts: "*Amen. Lord have mercy. I believe... Our Father...*" Ascension at Prayer allows you to learn songs and prayers ahead of time so that children recognize them as their own.

**If You and Your Child Must Leave:** Use the nursery for emergencies, but then come back. What we do here will engage your children little-by-little and shape them powerfully and forever.

If you need help, just ask! We are here to serve Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16)

## WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

If you are a visitor, we are delighted to have you join us in worshipping God and hearing His Word! Please take a moment after the service to introduce yourself to our pastor. You are cordially invited to join in our congregation's fellowship and study of God's Word between services and all week long.



During the final week of the Lenten season, the Holy Church remembers the events of the **Passion of Our Lord**.

It begins today with the Lord's triumphant and joyful entry into the city of God on **Palm Sunday**. The assembly gathers outside the church to commemorate our Lord's entry into Jerusalem, and we publicly declare His kingship to our community and world. "Hosanna" means "Save us, we pray!" and palms signify deliverance and victory (Rev. 7:9) won for us by this good and humble King on a donkey's colt.

This Sunday is also known as the **Sunday of the Passion**. The story of Jesus' suffering and crucifixion is read and all who receive Communion understand and proclaim that, come what may, their lot is with Jesus.

**Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday** (the **Easter Vigil**) form a unit called Triduum—Latin for "three days". **Triduum** is a single service that continues (with interruptions) from Thursday to Saturday evening.

After the evening of **Maundy Thursday**, where we remember Jesus' institution of the Holy Eucharist and the "new command" regarding Jesus' love, the altar is stripped as the congregation prays Psalm 88 and leaves in silence.

The congregation gathers again on **Good Friday** to hear the passion account of St. John, adore the cross and pray psalms and the church's ancient bidding prayer in a severe and dramatic liturgy of growing darkness that symbolizes the extinguishing of our Lord's breath upon the cross.

The three-day service concludes in the great **Vigil of Easter** on Holy Saturday which begins in the darkness where Good Friday left us and proclaims the shining light that broke forth there in our Lord's resurrection. It is the Christian Passover from death to life in which the mystery of Holy Baptism is proclaimed from God's Word and celebrated among all God's people.

# Gathered Together...

*The congregation gathers outside the doors of the church.*

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

**C** Amen.

## PROCESSION OF PALMS

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

**C** Hosanna to the Son of David.

**P** Let us pray.

Most merciful God, we pray that You would bless and consecrate these palm branches and those who bear them, that we may honor Christ our Lord and King and that we may follow Him without fear as He leads us on the path 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.

*JOHN 12:12-19*

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

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

**P** 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,

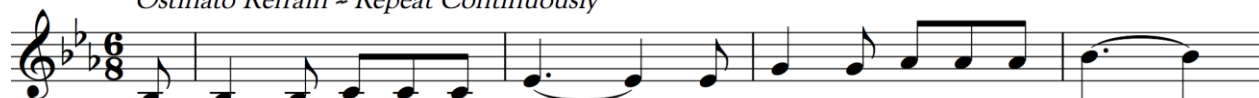
**C** in the name of the Lord.

*The assembly processes behind the cross, down Kenilworth St. to Morehead St. and then into the sanctuary. Those who have difficulty walking may enter immediately and await the procession in the nave.*

## PROCESSIONAL

### Prepare the Way of the Lord

*Ostinato Refrain ~ Repeat Continuously*




Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre - pare the way of the Lord,  
and all peo - ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God.

*Upon entering the sanctuary, find your place and remain standing to sing.*

### 443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

**Children only (v.1):** 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 - joice!

*When all have arrived at their places, the procession concludes with the following:*

- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C** Hosanna in the highest.

*Pastor welcomes the congregation and invites all new member candidates and sponsors to gather behind the baptismal font.*



## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*...that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:17-19*

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

**C** Amen.

**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 hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

*The pastor addresses the catechumens and they reply together with the sponsors and congregation.*

**P** Do you renounce the devil?

**C** Yes, I renounce him.

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**C** Yes, I renounce them.

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**C** Yes, I renounce them.

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

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

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

**C** 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.

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C** 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.

*The congregation is seated except for the candidates.*

*The whole company of candidates is addressed.*

**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 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.



*The candidates for confirmation are introduced and asked to kneel and be blessed. The pastor places his hands on the head of each catechumen, declares God's Word, and anoints their forehead with the sign of the cross. The sponsors of each candidate are invited to stand.*

**+ Will Adams +**

*Let all that you do be done in love. (1 Corinthians 16:14)*

**+ Sarah Buie +**

*Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17)*

**+ Daniel Richard +**

*Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. (Psalm 62:11)*

**+ Marshal Sawyer +**

*Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. (Matthew 10:39-40)*

**+ Nicholas Sbardella +**

*For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. (Philippians 2:13)*

**[P]** Will/Sarah/Daniel/Marshal/Nicholas, 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.

**[P]** Peace ✝ be with you.

**[C]** Amen.

*The pastor greets those new members who are being received by transfer from a sister congregation or returning to confess the faith and fulfill the promises they made at their confirmation.*

**+ Zach Buehring +**

**+ Collin Hogrefe +**

**+ Branden & Hope Korzeniowski +**

**+ Austin Lowrey +**

**+ Chris May +**

**+ Robert Schnietz & Leya Saju +**

**+ Brent Tweel +**

**+ Sue & Tim Warnke +**

*Then all new members are welcomed together:*

**[L]** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brothers and sisters in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**[C]** Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

**Stand.**

**P** Let us pray.  
Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have, through the new birth in Holy Baptism and the confession of many believers, made all these members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that You would keep them in their baptismal grace, safe from the power of Satan, faithful in hearing and declaring Christ's Word and participating in His body and blood, that we may, together with them, lead godly lives to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Peace ✝ be with you.

**C** Amen.

**All return to their places. Please remain standing.**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** 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.

**Sit.**

...*Around the Word*...

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

ZECHARIAH 9:9-12

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Zechariah, the ninth chapter.

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.  
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.

As for you also, because of the blood of  
my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the  
waterless pit.

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.



## ANTHEM

CHANCEL CHOIR

### The Lord of the Dance

arr. Allen Pote

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth, at Bethlehem I had my birth.*

*Dance, then wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,  
and I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.*

*I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen for James and John; they came with me and the dance went on.*

*I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and left me there on a cross to die.*

*I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black, it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on.*

*They cut me down and I left up high. I am the life that'll never never die,  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me, I am the Lord of the Dance said He.*

## EPISTLE READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

**A** The Epistle is from Philippians, the second chapter.

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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The Gospel Acclamation is sung twice.*



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and  
mer - cy, come seek the ten - der faith-ful-ness of God.

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

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say

that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

"He has blinded their eyes  
and hardened their heart,  
lest they see with their eyes,  
and understand with their heart,  
and turn,  
and I would heal them."

Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

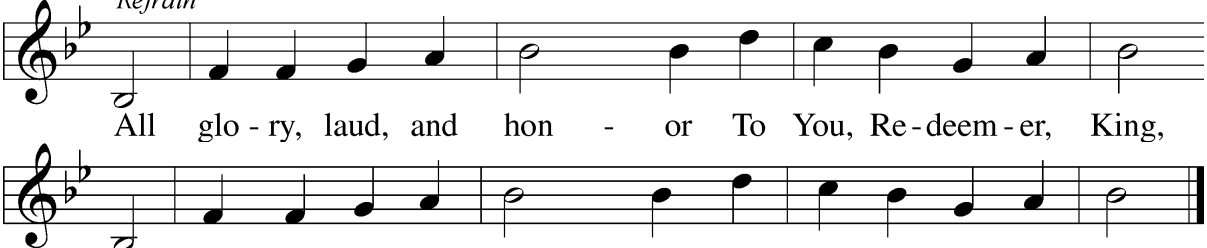
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit. The children may be invited forward for the children's message.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### 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.

## SERMON

*Sit.*

## SUPPLICATION OF THE FAITHFUL

- P** Heavenly Father, strengthen us, your unworthy servants, for Your service with the power of Your Holy Spirit.
- C** Now let us, the faithful, proclaim the death of the Lord, confess His resurrection, and await His coming with joy. Amen.



Where have your love, your mercy, your compassion shone  
out more luminously than in your wounds?

**St. Bernard of Clairvaux**

# ...and Blessed

## OFFERING

*Tithes and offerings may be placed in the plate as the ushers pass by.*

*Please sign the red book found at the end of each pew to register your attendance.*

## OFFERTORY

*Stand.*

### 550 Lamb of God

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have

sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a  
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and

sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

*Refrain*

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!

O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

## ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

*The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here today! Since this meal unites us by faith in the Word of God, we ask all Christians who wish to commune to prepare their hearts. Holy Communion is for all who:*

- Have been baptized and confirmed, publicly confessing this sacred gift and its blessings.*
- Believe Jesus' words that the bread and wine are, in fact, His own body and blood, given and shed for you.*
- Come to receive the assurance of forgiveness, healing from doubt and shame, God's gift of a holy life and reconciliation through Jesus.*

*Those who are not prepared to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing at God's altar.*

*Please fold your hands over your heart during the distribution of the sacrament and join in our prayers for God to unite all people and unite all divisions in the Faithful Love of Christ according to His Word.*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**L** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For the Church of Christ, that her faith would remain faithfully fixed upon His death for our salvation, and that His Gospel would be proclaimed and lived out in holy love until He comes again in glory, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For the world, that the Lord would uphold it in His order; for the Church, that she would be defended from all enemies; for our homes, that God would bless parents and children in service toward each other and faith until life's end; and for the government, that God would grant all authorities health and wisdom, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who suffer in this world, that they would not fear but fix their eyes on Jesus as they await the fullness of their salvation. We pray especially for...

*our members:*

Debra Eicher

Dewey Bryson

Kate Locher

Sarah Wilkalis

Brenda Gordon

Pastor Mike MacDonald

Carol Howell

Al Schmidt

Ruth Pilsbury

Cissi Burtner

Brittany Hatfield

Elaine Elston

*those at home:*

Sharon Gugel

Mary Keefauver

Betty Treat

Hazel Peek

Helen Gounis

Jackie Elam

Bob & Louise Nordman

Ann Weers

Doris Falconieri

Karen Priebe

*those dear to us:*

Tweel Family

Runge Family

Ed Newberg

Jenny Parker

Clementine O'Sullivan

Todd Mees

John Park

and rejoice with...

*our family birthdays:*

Natali Delozier

Romain Bell

Sam Cousins

Magdalena Newberg

Rae Fangmeier

Allison Bennes

let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For worthy reception of Christ's body and blood among those who cry "hosanna," so we may receive Him according to His promises for the forgiveness of our sins and in the unity of a true confession, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** Hosanna! (Save us!) 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 salvation, show us the answer to Your people's prayers 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.



## SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE

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

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Let us share His peace with one another.

*Greet one another in the Lord's name saying, "Peace be with you!"*

## PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136*

**P**:

The Lord be with you.

**C**:

And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the  
Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

- 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

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo- ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

- 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.  
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.

## 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 26:26-28; 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

*John 20:19*

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

God in Christ died forgiving. With the dead body of Jesus, he wedged open the door between himself and the world and said, "There! Just try and get me to take that back!"

**Robert Farrar Capon**

Kingdom, Grace and Judgement, p. 18-19



## AGNUS DEI

1. 2. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

3. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Sit.*

*This morning's distribution of Holy Communion will be continuous.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

- 1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
 There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
 Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;  
 As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. *Refrain*

*Refrain* Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
 Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
 Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
 Join with all nature in manifold witness  
 To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
 Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

### 444 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

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| 1 No tramp of soldiers' marching feet<br>With banners and with drums,<br>No sound of music's martial beat:<br>"The King of glory comes!"<br>To greet what pomp of kingly pride<br>No bells in triumph ring,<br>No city gates swing open wide:<br>"Behold, behold your King!"   | 3 What fading flow'rs His road adorn;<br>The palms, how soon laid down!<br>No bloom or leaf but only thorn<br>The King of glory's crown.<br>The soldiers mock, the rabble cries,<br>The streets with tumult ring,<br>As Pilate to the mob replies,<br>"Behold, behold your King!" |
| 2 And yet He comes. The children cheer;<br>With palms His path is strown.<br>With ev'ry step the cross draws near:<br>The King of glory's throne.<br>Astride a colt He passes by<br>As loud hosannas ring,<br>Or else the very stones would cry<br>"Behold, behold your King!" | 4 Now He who bore for mortals' sake<br>The cross and all its pains<br>And chose a servant's form to take,<br>The King of glory reigns.<br>Hosanna to the Savior's name<br>Till heaven's rafters ring,<br>And all the ransomed host proclaim<br>"Behold, behold your King!"        |

### 340 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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| 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!<br>Behold, the King of glory waits.<br>The King of kings is drawing near;<br>The Savior of the world is here.<br>Life and salvation He doth bring;<br>Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.<br>To God the Father raise<br>Your joyful songs of praise. | 3 How blest the land, the city blest,<br>Where Christ the ruler is confessed!<br>O peaceful hearts and happy homes<br>To whom this King in triumph comes!<br>The cloudless sun of joy is He<br>Who comes to set His people free.<br>To God the Spirit raise<br>Your happy shouts of praise. |
| 2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;<br>His chariot is humility,<br>His kingly crown is holiness,<br>His scepter, pity in distress.<br>The end of all our woe He brings;<br>Therefore the earth is glad and sings.<br>To Christ the Savior raise<br>Your grateful hymns of praise.          | 4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;<br>Make it a temple set apart<br>From earthly use for heav'n's employ,<br>Adorned with prayer and love and joy.<br>So shall your Sov'reign enter in<br>And new and nobler life begin.<br>To God alone be praise<br>For word and deed and grace!     |
| 5 Redeemer, come and open wide<br>My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!<br>O enter with Thy grace divine;<br>Thy face of mercy on me shine.<br>Thy Holy Spirit guide us on<br>Until our glorious goal is won.<br>Eternal praise and fame<br>We offer to Thy name.                           |   |

**Stand.**

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in  
body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace. *John 6:56; Ephesians 1:7*
- C** Amen.

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endures forever!

*Psalm 136:1*

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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** Let us bless 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 on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## DEPARTING HYMN

### 441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the  
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel  
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and  
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -  
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs  
ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and  
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His  
pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to



sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
sap - phire throne A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.  
mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.



## POSTLUDE

### A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

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#### HOLY WEEK AT ASCENSION

- 3/28 Holy Thursday, 7pm Service**  
**3/29 Good Friday, 12pm *Sights & Sounds***  
**Good Friday Tenebrae, 7pm Service**  
**3/30 Easter Vigil, 8pm Service**  
**3/31 Easter Sunday Worship** 8:30am Service  
9:30am *Easter Breakfast*  
11am Service

#### IN HIS SERVICE

**Ascension Soup Kitchen:** served lunch to 106 guests this Tuesday.  
**Ascension Food Pantry:** served a week of groceries to 30 families, 82 individuals on 3/15 and 3/18.  
**Soli Deo Gloria!**

##### Ascension Soup Kitchen

The soup kitchen furnishes a hot, well-balanced and fresh lunch every Tuesday from 11am-12pm. Everyone is welcome! No ID or referral needed. Currently service is to-go for pick-up in the parking lot.

##### Ascension Food Pantry

The food pantry distributes a week's worth of healthy groceries to individuals with a Loaves and Fishes referral, Mondays and Fridays, 11am-1:30pm. *In need of a referral?* Call the church office at 704-372-7317. Anyone in need will be eligible for up to 12 weeks of groceries per year.



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### WORSHIP BROADCAST

Sunday Divine Services are broadcast  
live on the Internet at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

### ASCENSION LUTHERAN SOUP KITCHEN

Every Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.  
Serving to-go lunches in the parking lot.

### WHAT WE BELIEVE

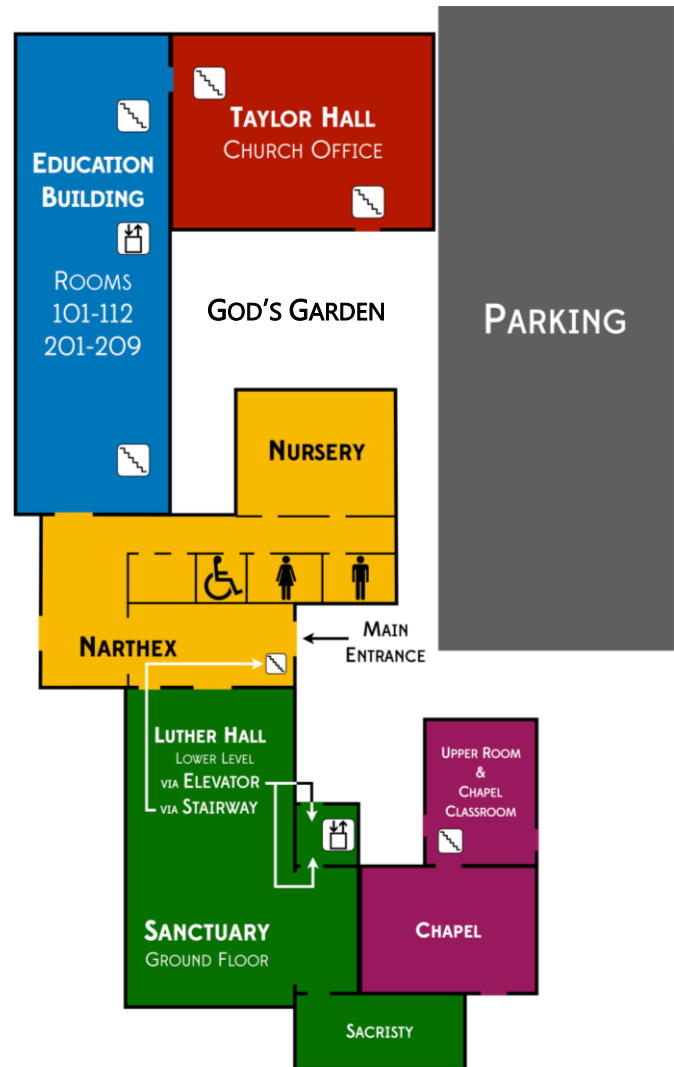
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RESTROOMS are located down the hallway at the back of the narthex.



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ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES are available for check-out from the sound booth in the rear of the sanctuary.

### THOSE IN CRITICAL NEED

Members needing financial or physical assistance, please contact pastor for application to the crisis fund or access to folks eager to lend a helping hand.