

# Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24, 2024 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Livestream at 11:00 a.m.



**FAITH . DISCIPLESHIP . COMMUNITY**  
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Rev. Alejandro Mejia, Interim Senior Pastor  
The Rev. William (Bill) Gohl, Jr., Interim Associate Pastor

At The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, we embrace the uniqueness of every individual and respect their dignity and worth, for all are created in the image of God. We strive to welcome everyone in the fullness of who they are.

Let us call together for reconciliation, and live out God's vision of love for people of every sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, socio-economic status, age, physical or mental ability, political persuasion, race, ethnicity, and personal history. Let us walk together to strive for racial equity, as Jesus calls us to do.

All people are welcome here to worship, build community, and grow together as Jesus' disciples at this place.

*Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Joyfully. Serve Christ Faithfully.*

## ✦ GATHERING ✦

### Prelude

*Please rise, as you are able.*

### Confession and Forgiveness

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** *Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** *Most merciful God,*

**C** **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P** *In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Parent, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C** **Amen.**

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

**C** **Hosanna in the highest.**

*The members of the congregation raise their branches.*

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

**C** **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*  
Verses 1, 3, & 5

No. 344



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



**P** *The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, the reconciling love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*  
**C** **And also with you.**

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

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

*Please be seated.*

## ✦ THE WORD ✦

### Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

**L** *A reading from Philippians. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,*

*<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,*

*<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.*

*And being found in human form,*

*<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.*

*<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,*

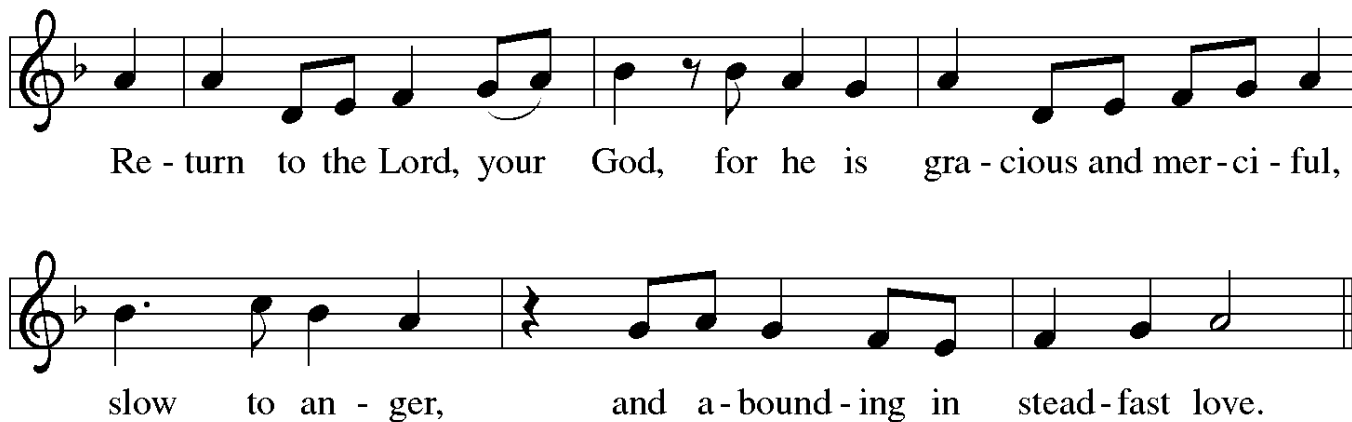
*<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,*

*<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.*

**L** *The word of the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise, as you are able.*



## Gospel

John 12:12-26

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

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

**P** <sup>12</sup>*[Five days before the Passover] the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.<sup>13</sup> So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna!*

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!”*

<sup>14</sup>*Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:*

<sup>15</sup>*“Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.*

*Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”*

<sup>16</sup>*His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.*

**P** *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

The Rev. Alejandro Mejía

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Hymn of the Day**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

No. 634

Verses 1-2, 5-6



- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,  
3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—  
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.  
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe  
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.

**A** *Let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.*

**C** **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of  
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from  
Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being  
with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and  
for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of  
the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**A** *Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.*

*A brief silence.*

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**A** *Hear us, O God.*

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** *Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.*

**C** **Amen.**

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

**C** **And also with you.**

*After sharing the peace, please be seated.*



*As the gifts are presented, please stand, as you are able.*

*Refrain / Estribillo*



The musical score is written for a Chancel Choir in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a refrain and several verses. The lyrics are in Spanish and English. The refrain is marked 'Refrain / Estribillo' and is repeated at the end of the piece. The verses are numbered 1 through 6. The lyrics are as follows:

*Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la*  
 Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the

*me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -*  
 feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is

*re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.*  
 wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

*1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -*  
 1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -

*pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la*  
 mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm

*cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.*  
 walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.

*Refrain / Estribillo*

- A** *Let us pray. Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.*
- C** **Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

### ✦ THE EUCHARIST ✦

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the season; the congregation responds:



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

**P** *Holy God...*

*In the night in which he was betrayed...*

*Again, after supper...*

**P** *Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:*

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

**P** *With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.*

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** *Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.*

**C** **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

**P** *Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.*

**C** **Amen.**

**P** *Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*  
**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.**

**P** *Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!*  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

*We welcome to the table all who proclaim with us that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and the wine. (Note: should you prefer, we also offer gluten free wafers and grape juice.*

*During the distribution of communion, the following is sung:*



*Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .*



*ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer - cy up - on us.*



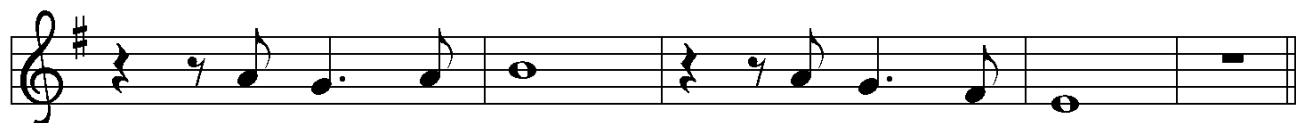
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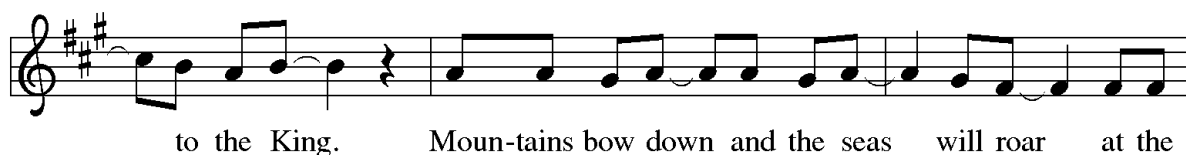
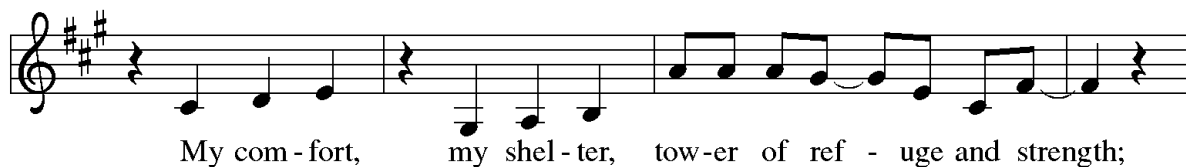
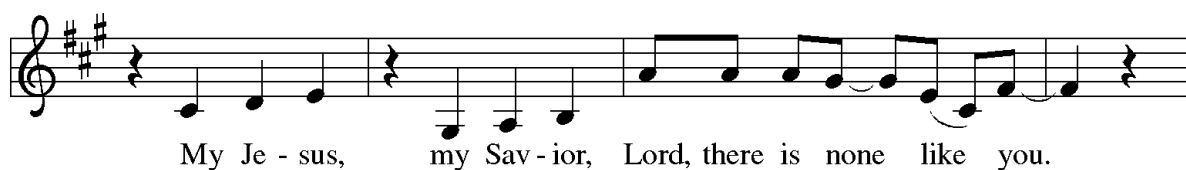
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have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer - cy up - on us.*



*Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .*



*da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.*



# Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

No. 659



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.  
 walk the mile and bear the load.  
 speak the peace you long to hear.  
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

*After all have communed, please stand, as you are able.*

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

**C** **Amen.**

**A** *Let us pray. Generous God,*

**C** **at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.**



# ✦ SENDING ✦

**P** *Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace.*

**C** **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

## *Great is thy Faithfulness*

No. 733



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

### *Refrain*



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

**A**    *Go in peace. Share your bread.*

**C**    **Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

*We welcome and thank Jessie Lim for leading our music  
during worship this morning!*

**Pray for Those That Need God's Healing**

*Ray, Paul, Al, Donna, Lind, Joan, Ed, Marion, Betty, Theresa, Linda,  
Elaine, Georgeann, Jean, Lois, Barbara & Bruce*

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**8:30 a.m.**

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**11:00 a.m.**

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