

PALM SUNDAY

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ELW SETTING 5

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Welcome to **WORSHIP**

We are glad you are with us today.

We are a family of faith living and growing together in Christ.

This bulletin is filled with information about the life of the church, you are invited to take it home for reference and further reflection during the week. Various updates and additional church information, along with the Pastor Tim's sermons, are posted each week on our website — www.holyspirit-elca.org. Welcome cards/envelopes are located in the pew rack. Please take a moment to fill out the information and return it to the offering plate.

Our sound system includes a T-system hearing loop, which allows worshipers with T-system compatible hearing aids to tune in directly to the worship leaders' microphones for clearer sound. There are two hearing unit headsets available in the narthex for use. Additionally, large print bulletins are available at the sanctuary door.

As we worship and celebrate communion this morning we remind you that this is the Lord's table. Jesus is the host. We are his guests. God welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live! Please extend your hand to receive the bread, then take a cup from the tray. Please indicate if you prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer. Those not receiving communion are welcome to receive a blessing.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Spirit, please see Pastor Tim. Membership comes through baptism or affirmation of faith.

Please let us know if we can be of service to you in any way!

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

All page and hymn numbers refer to the red ELW hymnal.

The Congregation gathers in the fellowship hall for the beginning of the palm procession to the sanctuary. Branches are distributed before the service begins.

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

PRELUDE

Palm Sunday Processional

Hal Hobson

Patrick Cantagallo, trumpet

BLESSING AND PROCESSION OF PALMS

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

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

A The Processional Gospel according to Luke the nineteenth chapter.

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

A ²⁸ After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that

has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

- A The Processional Gospel for this day.
- C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

BLESSING OF THE PALMS (*raise palms*)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.**

PROCESSION

P Let us go forth in peace,

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

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 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,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals 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.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Once all are standing at their places in the sanctuary the greeting is offered.

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

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Procession of the Lord”

LYFE Choir

Words & music by Bill Vaananen 2022

It’s the dawn of a long-awaited day
When the new king is arriving in an unexpected way
He rides down the Mount of Olives and Jerusalem awaits
Though the Romans and the elders aren’t about to abdicate!
There’s a murmur in the crowd and they’re lining at the gates
When the procession of the Holy Lord begins....

From the palms of our hands
We will lay palms at his feet
We will pave the road with roses
When Messiah we will meet!
We will lay down our coats
We won’t need them anymore!
He’s the Savior of Salvation -
The lamb is now the Lord!

With the robes from our shoulders
We will pave him a path
And we’ll lead him through Jerusalem

And sing on his behalf.
He'll arrive at the temple
And will stand upon the throne
It's time to shout "*Hosanna!*"
Our King has come back home!

Today marks the high point of your earthly ministry!
From the Sermon on the Mount to the Sea of Galilee
Who knows where you'll go from your new ascendancy?
Perhaps a greater kingdom yet to be?

When his dynasty begins.....*Hosanna!*
When the Lord of Love will win.....*Hosanna!*
He has no foe! Oh, Hosanna!
When Jesus claims his kingdom in the name of the Lord!

Now the prophecy's begun....*Hosanna!*
We await the Father's son.....*Hosanna!*
He has no foe! Oh, Hosanna!
Arriving with the rising of the sun.....
Our Lord will rule his kingdom yet to come!

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens— awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

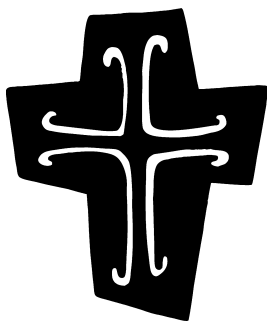
⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO LUKE

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

*Due to the length of the passion reading, all are seated until the appropriate time when, by tradition, the congregation stands as the passion narrative concludes. The congregation is invited to participate by reading allowed in unison parts of the People, which is in **bold** type and marked by the symbol*



Speaking Parts:

Narrator	Servant
Jesus	Witness
Peter	Pilate
People	First Criminal
Centurion	Second Criminal

Assembly will read in unison the part of the People, which are indented sections with



Icon and in bold type.

The Passion of the Lord According to Luke.

Luke 22:1-23:56

(new revised standard version)

NARRATOR: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray Jesus to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying,

Jesus: Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it.

NARRATOR: They asked him,

Peter: Where do you want us to make preparations for it?

Jesus: Listen, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, "The teacher asks you, 'Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.

NARRATOR: So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

Jesus: I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

Jesus: Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

NARRATOR: Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given I hanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

Jesus: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remem-brance of me.

NARRATOR: And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

Jesus: This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is doing as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!

NARRATOR: Then they began to ask one a not her, which one of them it could be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them us lo which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

Jesus: The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who

serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has con-ferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

NARRATOR: And Peter said to him,

PETER: Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

Jesus: I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this clay, until you have denied three times that you know me.

NARRATOR: He said to them,

Jesus: When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?

NARRATOR: They said,



No, not a thing.

NARRATOR: He said to them,

Jesus: But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, "And he was counted among the lawless"; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.

NARRATOR: They said,



Lord, look, here are two swords.

NARRATOR: He replied,

Jesus: It is enough.

NARRATOR: He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

Jesus: Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

NARRATOR: Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

Jesus: Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.

NARRATOR: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

Jesus: Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

NARRATOR: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

NARRATOR: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,



Lord, should we strike with the sword?

NARRATOR: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

Jesus: No more of this!

NARRATOR: And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

JESUS: Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!

NARRATOR: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

SERVANT: This man also was with him.

NARRATOR: But he denied it, saying,

PETER: Woman, I do not know him.

WITNESS: You also are one of them.

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: Man, I am not!

NARRATOR: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

WITNESS: Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

NARRATOR: But Peter said,

PETER: Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

NARRATOR: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly. Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,



Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?

NARRATOR: They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,



If you are the Messiah, tell us.

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.


NARRATOR; All of them asked,

 **Are you, then, the Son of God?**


NARRATOR; He said to them,

JESUS: You say that I am.

NARRATOR; Then they said,

 **What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!**

NARRATOR: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

 **We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.**

NARRATOR: Then Pilate asked him,

PILATE: Are you the king of the Jews?


NARRATOR: He answered,

JESUS: You say so.

NARRATOR: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

PILATE: I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

NARRATOR: But they were insistent and said,

 **He Stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.**

NARRATOR: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate.

That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

PILATE: You brought this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

NARRATOR: Then they all shouted out together,



Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!

NARRATOR: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,



Crucify, crucify him!

NARRATOR: A third time Pilate said to them,

PILATE: Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

NARRATOR: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

JESUS: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

NARRATOR: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

NARRATOR: Then Jesus said,

JESUS: Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

NARRATOR: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,



He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

NARRATOR: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

WITNESS: If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!

NARRATOR: There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

FIRST CRIMINAL: Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

NARRATOR: But the other rebuked him, saying,

SECOND CRIMINAL: Do you not fear God, since you are under the same

sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

NARRATOR: Then he said,

SECOND CRIMINAL: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

NARRATOR: Jesus replied,

JESUS: Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

NARRATOR: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. The Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

JESUS: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

NARRATOR: Having said this, he breathed his last.

(Silence)

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

CENTURION : Certainly this man was innocent.

NARRATOR: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of

Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

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P The Gospel of the Lord
C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

Pastor Tim Linstrom

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lamb of God”

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D GM7 D F#m

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

Bm F#m Em7 D/F# GM7 Bm F#m

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

G GM7 D/A GM7/A D *Refrain* A/C#

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

Bm A2/G D F#m Bm D/F# Em7 A7 D

God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me

GM7 F#m7 Bm GM7 D/A GM7/A D

in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

NICENE CREED

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power.

God, in your mercy,

C Receive our prayer.

A Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy,

C Receive our prayer.

A Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. We pray for those serving in the military and their families, especially **Amelia Eastman, Thomas Menter** (grandson of Louise), **Dylan Utterback** (son of Julie & Joel), **Jim Detjen** (brother of Mary), **Dylan Glenner, and Hannah Best** (son and daughter of Anne-Marie Glenner). God, in your mercy,

C Receive our prayer.

A Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering. We especially pray for **Carol Bertrand, Ruth Berman, Ethan Cloonan, Gordy Duprey, Jane Ernst, Elizabeth Falato, Dorothea Lehtinen, Marian McBride, Cathy Nathan, Kathy Roderer, Tom Weglarz, Allison Wittich, Emily Becker** (friends of the Bettickers), **Don Bever** (friend of Carol Bertrand), **Sharon**

Bockelman (friend of pastor Tim and Maria Linstom), **Laura Hansel** (sister of Mary Detjen), **Jim Hanzel, Kevin Quinn** (uncles of Patrick Cantagallo), **Dana Imlah** (Mary Lou Gilleam's daughter), **the Chase Petersen family** (friends of Amy Dohler), **Kari, Sydney, and Luke Stocks** (daughter in-law and grandchildren of Dorothy and Ron Stocks), **Katie Workman** (friend of Dorothy and Ron Stocks), **Michael Ungari, Lenita Spears**, (relative & friend of the Labellarte family), **Coco & Lukas** (grandchildren of JoAnne Schwarcz). God, in your mercy,

C Receive our prayer.

A Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

C Receive our prayer.

A We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy,

C Receive our prayer.

A Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always

C and also with you.

All the people greet one another through the sharing of the peace.

THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

“The Power of the Cross”


**arr. Schrader
Adult Choir**

OFFERTORY PRAYER


A Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.


THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



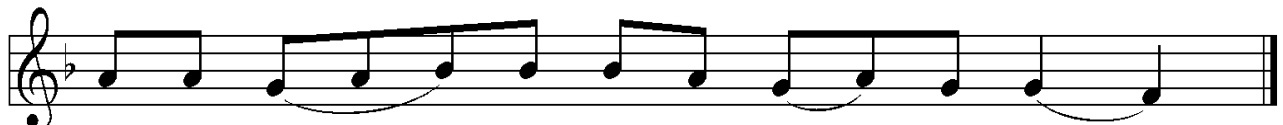
♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.



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



♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



♩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en 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.

P Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

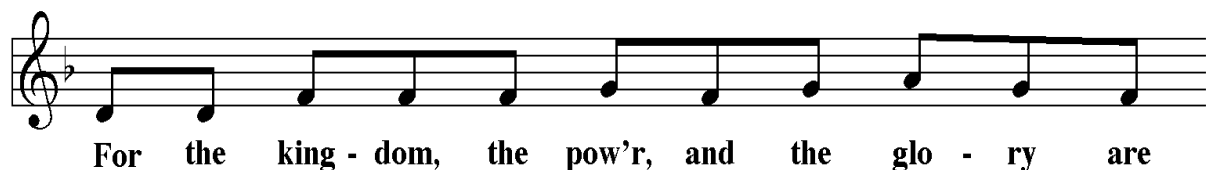
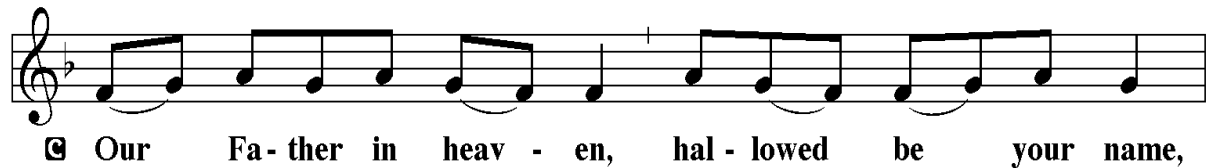
Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world. Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

P Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

P All who believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are welcome at the table of the Lord. Let us pray together as our Lord taught us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

P All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.

COMMUNION CANTICLE

L Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men

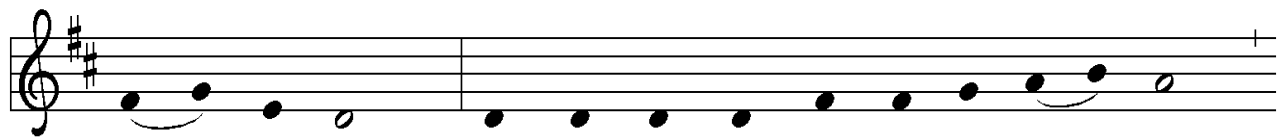
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



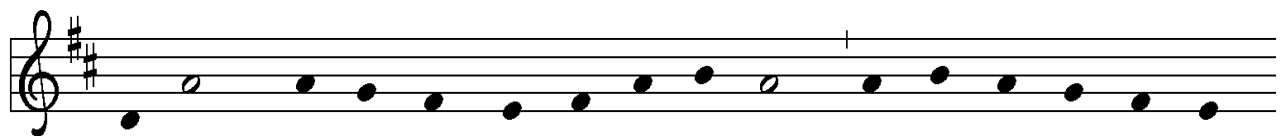
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has



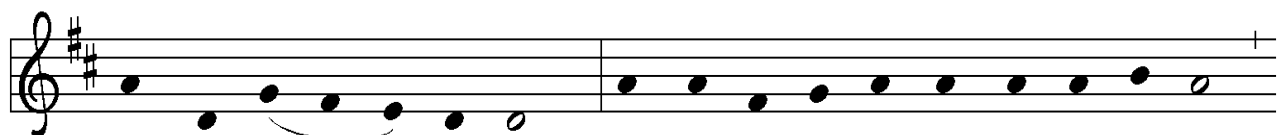
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion



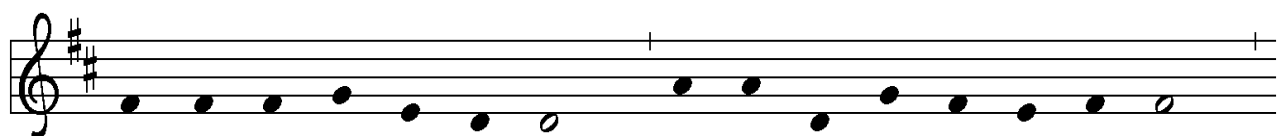
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:



a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,



and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,



is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

- P God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
- C **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

ELW 338

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE **“Toccata on All Glory Laud and Honor”** **Bukrhardt**

Sanctuary flowers were donated by the Nancy and David Fencil in honor of family birthdays.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Maundy Thursday, April 17th 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18th 7:30 p.m.

Holy Week Children’s Event Saturday, April 19th 11:00 a.m.

Easter Morning Worship, April 20th 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Easter Breakfast April 20th 9:30-10:30 a.m.



EASTER FLOWERS

Each year our sanctuary is made more beautiful by the special gift of flowers in abundance for Easter. You are invited to share in this seasonal beauty by ordering spring flowers to decorate our sanctuary on Easter morning. Please complete the order form and return with payment of \$20 per plant to the church office no later than April 13th.

Your Name _____

Number of Spring Flowers @ \$20.00 each _____

Given to the glory of God:

in memory of in honor of _____

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EASTER BREAKFAST —

A special tradition at Holy Spirit is the gathering of the community for breakfast on Easter morning. You are invited to join us from 9:30-10:30 a.m. It's always an incredible breakfast and a great way to celebrate Easter with your church family. Please sign up to attend and also consider volunteering to help out. Sign up sheets are in the gathering space as well as on the church website at www.holyspirit-elca.org.

EASTER BREAKFAST VOLUNTEERS —

We really need people to help on Saturday. Most of the food prep such as cutting fruit, bagels and cakes will be done on Saturday. We want to invite all who can to help and remind you this prep does not require heavy lifting, you will **NOT** be setting up tables or chairs. Please sign up to help out. Sign up sheets are in the gathering space as well as on the church website at www.holyspirit-elca.org.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY — Holy Spirit will be sending 3 delegates to the Metropolitan Chicago Synod Assembly on **May 30 and 31** at the Q Center in St. Charles, Illinois. If you are interested in being a delegate for our congregation this year, please see Pastor Tim for more information. We need to register as early as possible to meet the early bird lower cost deadline.

COOL FOOD PANTRY —

Please consider making a donation to support the C.O.O.L. pantry. This month they are in need of cereal and peanut butter.

QUILTERS —

The Quilting Ministry meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

PRAYER GROUP —

Our prayer group meets at 9:30a.m. on Thursday mornings in room 3. If you'd like to pray with us, please come! We'd love for you to join us.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY —

Every Thursday morning from 10:15 to 11:30 our weekday Bible Study meets, and everyone is encouraged to attend our spirited conversations. Besides delving into the Holy Scriptures, we also study contemporary theologians, our Lutheran roots, and current issues as they impact our lives. We are currently studying “The Imitation of Christ” by Thomas Kempis. This work focuses on the importance of embodying the teachings of Jesus Christ, emphasizing humility, inner reflection, and a life of devotion to God over worldly concerns. It offers profound guidance in developing a personal relationship with Christ, fostering moral integrity, and achieving spiritual enlightenment. Join us as we develop a deeper understanding of our spiritual journey in light of Christ’s example. We always close our time together in prayer.

ON-LINE GIVING AND TEXT TO GIVE —

Our secure online giving option makes it more convenient for members and visitors to donate. Giving is also as easy as sending a text with our text-to-give feature. Text the amount you want to donate to 844-573-1379. A registration link will be texted back for you to enter your information. Tap “Process” to complete your donation. Please scan this code with your phone to donate using our secure online giving page.



LIVE STREAM —

Our services are live-streamed and archived on our Holy Spirit YouTube Channel. www.youtube.com/@churchinthewoods-holyspirit6256 or scan the QR code. Please reach out to Daaron Dohler or Ryan Hathaway if you have any questions.



HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

Sunday April 13	9:30 am	Palm Sunday
	10:45 am	Bells
Monday April 14	Council Meeting	7:00pm
Tuesday April 15	Quilters	10:00 am
	LYFE	4:15 pm
	Confirmation	4:30 pm
Thursday April 17	7:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday April 18	7:30 pm	Good Friday Service
Saturday April 19	11:00 a.m.	Holy Week Children's Event
Sunday April 20	8:30 am	Easter Morning Worship
	9:30-10:30 am	Easter Breakfast
	10:45 am	Easter Morning Worship

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