

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

10:00 AM

Hosanna

*Blessed is the one
who comes in the
name of the Lord!
Blessed is the king
of Israel!*

Welcome to Worship!

**As we prepare for worship, please silence your mobile devices.
We invite you to a time of silence and focus.**



WELCOME TO WORSHIP: It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, in-person and from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available to use in the Sanctuary for worship. They are located in the Sound Booth; ask the Sound Booth operator if you would like to use one.

WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED in the Faith and Family Center (located near the entrance doors to the large parking lot). Anyone is welcome to worship in that space.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP! Like Jesus who welcomed children to his ministry, Saint Andrew's welcomes children to our worship services. Re-usable activity bags (for readers and non-readers) with books, stickers, crayons, paper, and a snack are available from the usher/hospitality team; please return the bags following worship.

- "Younger Disciples Tips" are in the bulletin with ideas to engage children in worship.
- "A Time for Younger Disciples" during worship invites all God's children to listen to a message.

Health Practices in place to help reduce the spread of viruses and illness:

- Mask wearing is optional. Anyone who wishes to mask is welcome to do so.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

For other activities, events, meetings check our website: <https://SALC.church>

VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS

Saint Andrews livestreams and records its worship services to YouTube. Video and Audio recording is currently in progress. It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshippers in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Sortie”
Will Simpson, Organ

César Franck

WELCOME

Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.

*Worship leaders will say text in light print.
Congregation will say/respond with bold text.*



ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 12:12-19

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 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!”

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

“Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, 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 of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, “You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



LITANY OF BLESSING

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise and thank you, Holy One, for your redemption of the world through your Son, Jesus.

On this day, we remember his entrance to the holy city of Jerusalem with shouts of praise.

On this day, we ask that you bless us, your servants, as we worship you. May our hearts be filled with the joy of this day as we shout:

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Bless us today, O God, as you blessed the world long ago. In the name of Jesus, our Messiah, we pray.

Amen.



Bell peal leads into our first hymn.

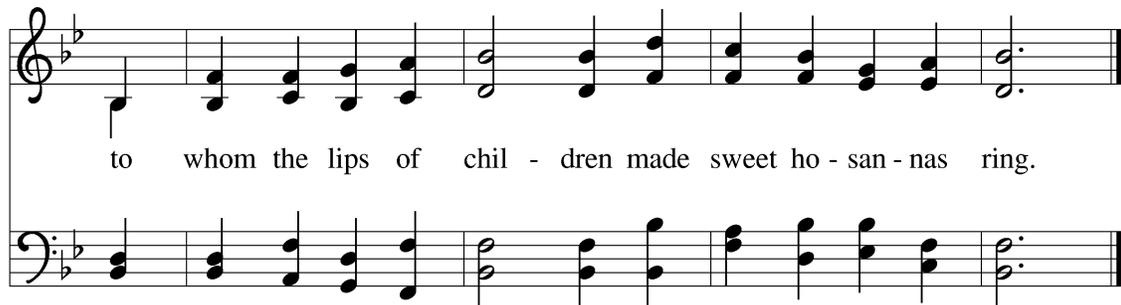
HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

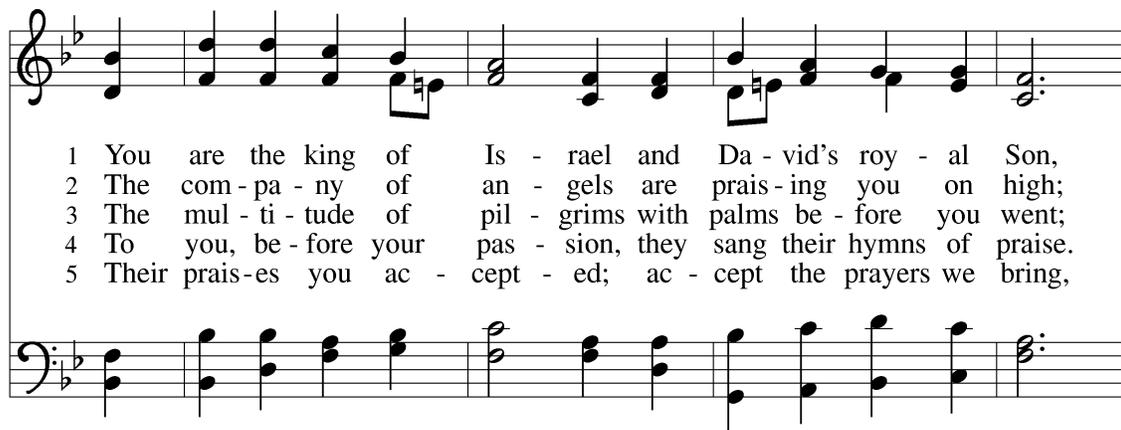
Refrain



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 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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

KYRIE

Sing two (2) times

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

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

**For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you,
and for desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word;
for failing to recognize your coming reign,
and for hindering the work of the Spirit;
for drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers;
for disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world;
for dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life;**

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love, gracious God.

Amen.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead
dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts,
and gives you life and peace.

Amen.

GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. Eternal God,
**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.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

You can find this in your Story Bible on page 454.

Pastor Lara

WORD

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 12:20-26

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



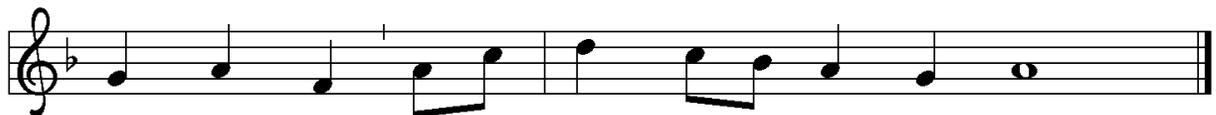
GOSPEL RESPONSE



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

SERMON

Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Restore in Us, O God



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Trusting in God's baptismal promises,
we affirm our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the
Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

** here, "catholic" means the wholeness of the church in all times and places.*

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.



OFFERING Our ushers will be passing offering plates. We welcome your gifts to support the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. There are envelopes in the pews, or you can give online using the QR code.



OFFERTORY MUSIC

“The Call”
The Chancel Choir

Z. Randall Stroope
Text by George Herbert

Verse 1

Come my Way my Truth my Life
Such a way as gives us breath
Such a truth as ends all strife
Such a life as killeth death

Verse 2

Come my Light my Feast my Strength
Such a light as shows a feast
Such a feast as mends in length
Such a strength as makes his guest

Verse 3

Come my Joy my Love my Heart
Such a joy as none can move
Such a love as none can part
Such a heart as joys in love

OFFERTORY VERSE



2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;



let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.



OFFERTORY PRAYER: O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to
nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and
wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness
to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

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 choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed and broke it and shared it with his friends, saying, “Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

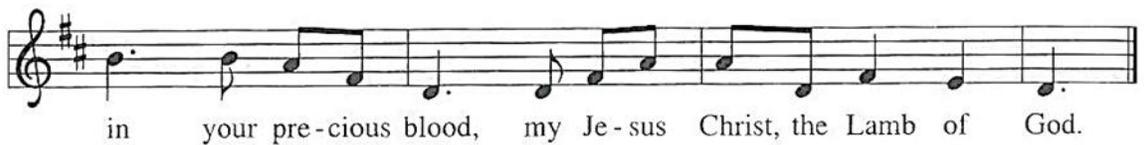
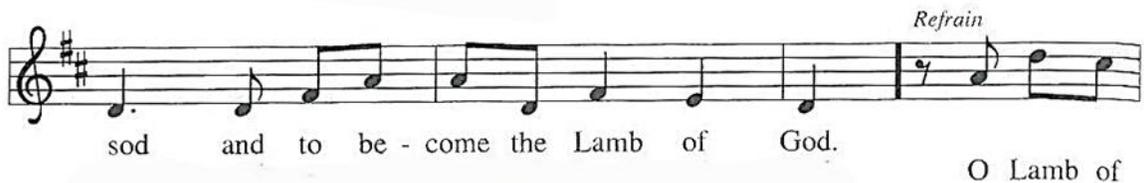
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come to the table.
The feast of grace is spread.

Please be seated. We wait silently as the participants who are worshipping online are communed. All are invited and welcome at the Lord’s table.



LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion is received around the altar rail. You are invited to kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. Please follow the directions of the ushers and use the hand sanitizer provided.

Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup. Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.

If you wish to be communed in your seat, please let one of the ushers/hospitality team know.

COMMUNION HYMN

One Bread, One Body

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



Refrain

wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together. God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you,
and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for
all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing.

BLESSING

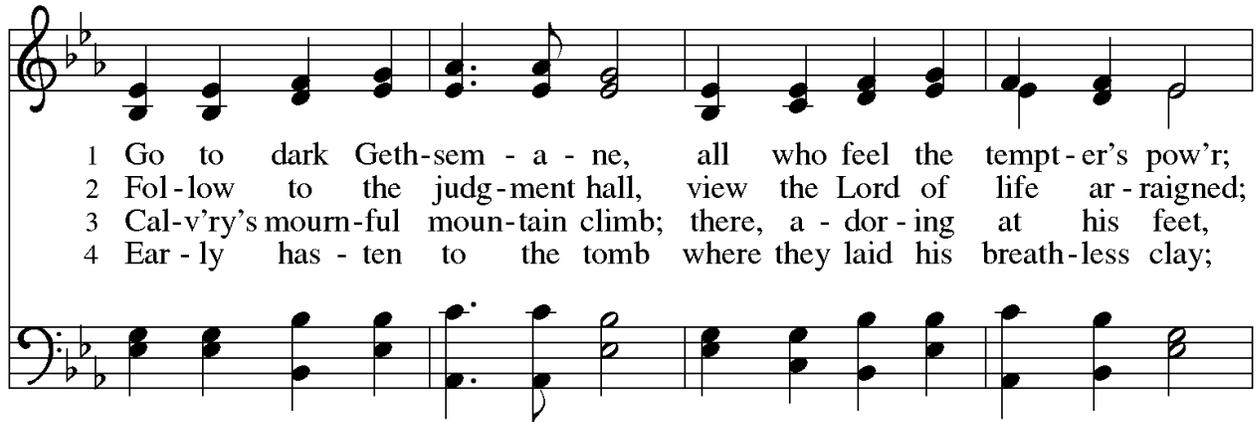
May God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✚ bless you now and always.

Amen.

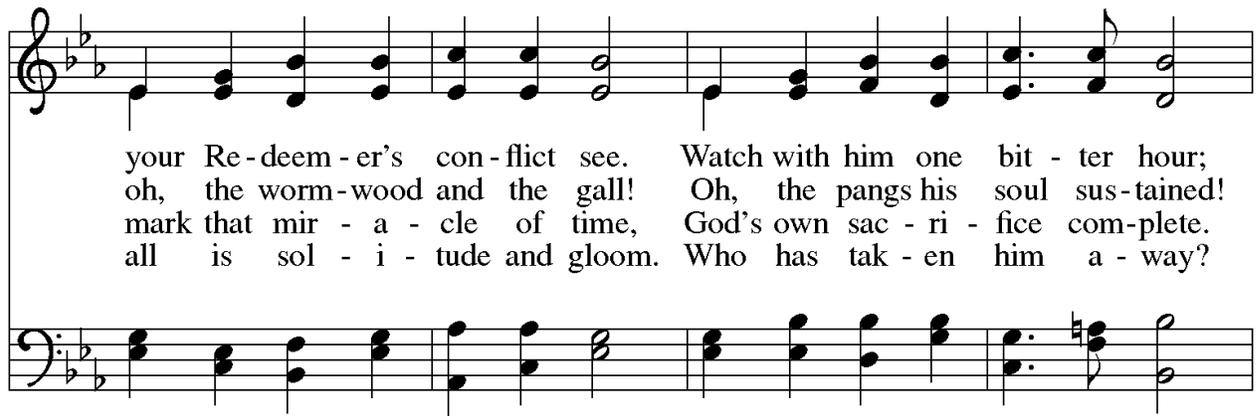


SENDING HYMN

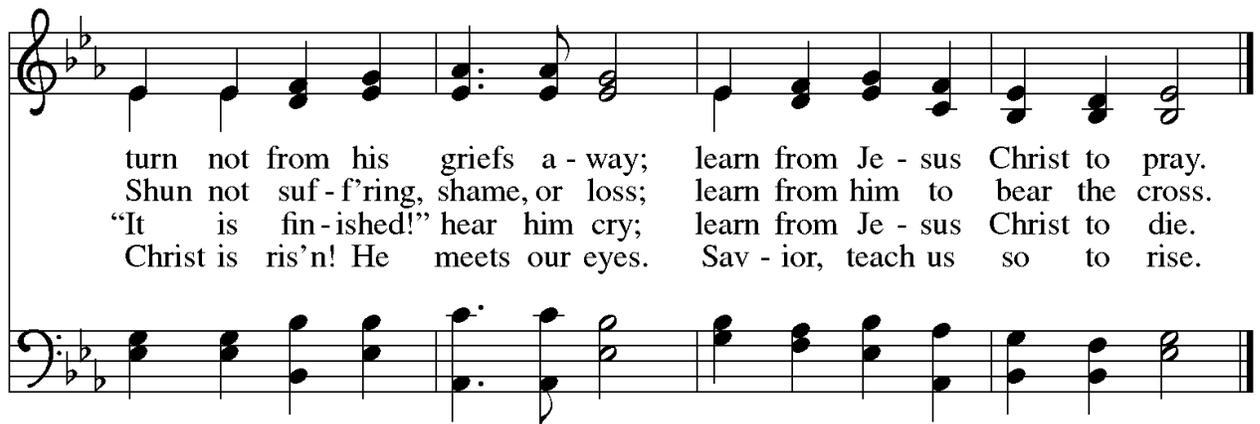
Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt-er's pow'r;
2 Fol-low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;
3 Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath-less clay;



your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

We depart in silence in preparation for the Great Three Days.

Thank you to all who are assisting in worship today:

Pastor Lara Forbes, *Preaching and Presiding Minister*
Dr. Will Simpson, *Director of Music*
Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*
Vanessa Wilkie, *Handbell Director*
Sharon Gurtel, *Assisting Minister*
Aaron Davis, *Lector*
Avery Laub, *Acolyte*
Art Gurtel and Gary Rudolph, *Ushers*
Hillary Nordwell, *Altar Guild*
David Mills, *Livestream Video*
Peter Cornwell, *Audio*
Diane & Andy Hogle, *Greeters*

*Instructions to create
a palm cross:*

1. Holding a palm strip fold the widest end in a loop.

2. Bend the thin end of the palm to the right, ceasing a diagonal line.

3. Fold the palm behind the cross. Secure the center with staple.

4. Wrap the remainder of the palm over the top-right angle of the cross, bringing it straight across the back and over the top-left angle to the front. Cross it diagonally to the bottom-right corner.

5. Weave the small remaining piece in the back under loops and tie it off. If needed, you can use another staple or a drop of glue.

6. You can add ribbon or flower.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2, 2026

7:00 PM



EASTSIDE LUTHERAN
CHURCH COMMUNITY

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Join us at 7:00 PM

at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
8501 SE 40th Street, Mercer Island

Participating congregations:

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church



Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

Join us for joyful worship at

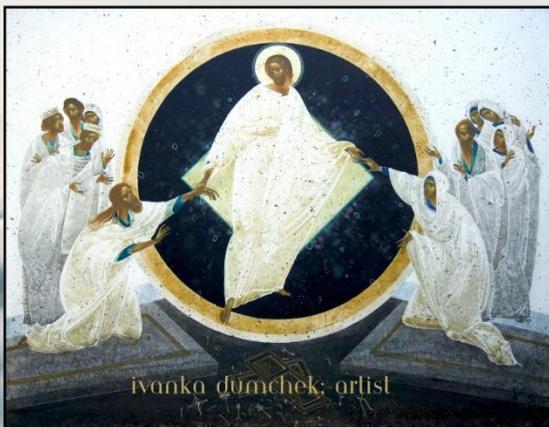
10:00 AM

in person or livestream

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Continental breakfast following worship

All are welcome!



Good Friday Worship: This worship service is a collaboration with other congregations in our conference. This year it will be at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Mercer Island. We hope you plan to attend.

Singers: If you'd like to be part of the choir that evening, arrive at 5:45 PM to rehearse!

Directions to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church:

Take I-90 West to Island Crest Way. Take a left at the exit and proceed on Island Crest Way to 40th Street. Take a left onto 40th (there is a dedicated left turn lane.)

Holy Trinity has a lower parking lot at 40th & 85th and an upper lot at 40th & 86th.

Parking is also available across the street at Northwood Elementary school or on the surrounding streets

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

9:00 AM Adult Education
Sunday School (Preschool – 5th grade)
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, March 30

1:00 PM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM ELF planning meeting

Tuesday, March 31

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
7:00 PM Bell Choir

Wednesday, April 1

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2

Maunder Thursday

2:00 PM Timber Ridge Worship
7:00 PM Maunday Thursday Worship

Friday, April 3

Office is closed

7:00 PM **Good Friday Worship**
At Holy Trinity Lutheran, Mercer Island

Saturday, April 4

10:00 AM Easter Cross Decorating
Easter Set Up

Sunday, April 5

Easter! Continental Breakfast

10:00 AM Worship

Monday, April 6

Office is closed -Easter Monday

6:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting (Virtual)
7:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting (Virtual)

Tuesday, April 7

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men (Virtual)

Wednesday, April 8

2:00 PM Care Team Meeting (Virtual)
4:00 PM Adult Education Meeting (Virtual)

Thursday, April 9

Friday, April 10

Office Closed

Saturday, April 11

10:00 AM ELCC meeting (St. Lukes)

Sunday, April 12

9:00 AM Adult Education
Sunday School (preschool – 5th grade)
10:00 AM Worship
4:00 PM Joint Confirmation
Youth Group

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