

Palm into Passion



The Crucified Messiah

Witnessing Truth & Travesty

March 29, 2026



Welcome! We're glad you're here!

*If you are a guest and are interested in knowing more about this community and the ministries that Holy Shepherd is engaged in, please add your information on the clipboard located at the **Information Center** kiosk. You may add as much information as you'd like to share. We look forward to getting to know you!*

Trusting God + Loving the World

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Palm Sunday begins in a spirit of joy as we remember Jesus' arrival into the city of Jerusalem and the shouts of 'hosanna' that welcomed him.

Prelude

Welcome

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors,

That the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty in battle.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts is the King of glory.

Processional Song **All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

ELW 344 vs. 1-3

(Assembly waves palms during the refrain)

Refrain

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.** *Refrain*

**The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.** *Refrain*

**The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.** *Refrain*

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest!**

Gospel Reading

John 12:12-19

¹²The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So 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!" ¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: ¹⁵"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His 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. ¹⁷So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. ¹⁸It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. ¹⁹The 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**

Prayer of the Day

Eternal and holy God,

You reign in our hearts and in all the earth, and creation gives testimony to your glory and power. Yet you are a ruler like none we have experienced, and gave all of yourself for the sake of the world. Teach us the kind of sacrificial love that can transform all things, for the sake of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

 **Children's Church**
Children age 3yrs – 4th grade.
After children's message, meet the
leader in back of church. 

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

Jesus is crucified while those responsible argue with one another over the significance of his death, whether he was killed for being a king or for claiming to be one.

Gospel Acclamation

**Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy,
come seek the tender faithfulness of God. (repeat)**

Holy Gospel

John 12:23-27

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very 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. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Silence for reflection follows

Your only Son no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side.
To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain

**Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me your precious blood,
my Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.**

Your gift of love we crucified, we laughed and scorned him as he died.
The humble king we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. *Refrain*

I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to your side.
To be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain*

Prayers of the People

With hope in your promised redemption, we pray for the church,
the world, and all in need.

Sung before and after all prayers

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.**

Prayer response:

God of mercy and grace, **we lift our prayers to you.**

Into your hands we place our prayers, spoken and unspoken, and entrust all
things to your eternal care. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**



Transition to Passion

*The royal purple is removed from the cross and crimson hung in its place.
We end today's liturgy by leaning into the solemnity of what is to come.*

**The choir is singing several pieces for this passion portion, no applause please. **

Choir Anthem

I Am Light, I Am Life, I Am Love

- McDonald

Congregation & Choir

**Let us break bread together on our knees.
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

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 God thanks and praise.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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 his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

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

Jesus Christ, whose reign is forever, invites you as siblings and friends to this sacred feast in his name. Here is bread and wine in remembrance of his sacrifice for us and for all creation. Come to where Jesus meets us in this meal, and be made whole.

+ All Are Welcome at the Table +

Options for receiving Holy Communion

Please come forward to the front and kneel or stand, starting at the center and filling in along the step. After you have received communion please exit by the side aisles and put your empty cup in the basket. Bread (gluten-free) and wine or grape juice (center of the tray) will be given to you at the rails with the words spoken:

“The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.”

If you would like communion served in the pew, please signal to a pastor.

You are invited... To bring **offering** forward during Holy Communion or before or after worship
The offering is gathered in front of the communion table where we are reminded of
God’s gifts given to us in Christ and our response to these gifts.

Communion Songs

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sins of the world, grant us, grant us peace.

Jesus Remember Me

ELW 616

**Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom. (repeat)**

Prayer After Communion

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.**

Choir Anthem

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

– McDonald

Congregation & Choir

**O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns thine only crown.**

How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!

How does that visage languish, which once was bright as morn. *(song continues...)*



Purple to Crimson



Choir Anthem

When I Survey

- McDonald

Let Him Be Crucified

Holy Gospel

John 19:16b-22

¹⁶So they took Jesus; ¹⁷and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.

¹⁹Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,
in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of hist'ry,
still you rise with ev'ry morn, still you rise with ev'ry morn.

From the dawning of creation
you have loved us as your own;
stay with us through all temptation,
make us turn to you alone, make us turn to you alone.

God of all our fear and sorrow,
God who lives beyond our death,
hold us close through each tomorrow,
love as near as ev'ry breath, love as near as ev'ry breath.

God blesses us and sends us out in mission to the world.

Blessing

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

Go in peace. Believe the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Worship Leadership

Pastors	Julie Brooks, Kim Gonia
Pianist/Organist	Chris Johnson
Reader	Tom Knapp
Communion Assistants	Kelli Marko, Gail Walkowich
Music Offerings	Chancel Choir
Greeters	Wally & Linda Settgest
Usher.....	Youth
Altar Guild	Donna Madsen
Children's Church	Children's Church Team
Worship Technology	Dan Mohrbacher, Mark Lee

The Holy Week experience continues ...

Maundy Thursday - April 2th

Holy Communion + Stripping of the Altar + Washing of Feet + Hand Blessing

10:30am & 6:30pm Services

Good Friday - April 3rd

Readings, Song & Prayer

10:30am & 6:30pm Services

Easter Sunday - April 5th

Festival Holy Communion

8:30am & 10:30am Services

9:30am – Easter Breakfast | 11:30am Easter Egg Hunt

+ WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES +

- **THANK YOU** for being considerate of disabled worshippers and their families. Please leave the pew cuts and several adjoining seats available for those with walkers & wheelchairs.
- **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES** are located at the sound booth located in the back of the sanctuary on the east side. You can also download the app WaveCast Receiver which is designed for hearing aids with Bluetooth capability. See Diane Klinkerfues or our sound engineer Mark, in our sound booth. (Back of the sanctuary, SE corner).
- **PRAYER WALL/CANDLE STATION** is available during worship for candle-lighting and writing prayers and placing them in the prayer wall. Blue paper for writing prayers is available at the prayer wall or in the pews where the offering envelopes are located.

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING (FELLOWSHIP)

After worship, you are invited to get to know one another for the first – or 100th time, in the narthex (behind the sanctuary) or in the fellowship hall with coffee and snacks.

OFFERING

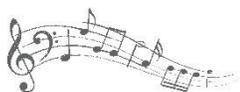


If you would like to make a donation to the mission of Holy Shepherd, which will be used to serve the community, neighborhood and the world, there is an offering plate located at the front of the sanctuary. Please make checks payable to: Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church or use the **Tithely** link at the left. *Thank you.*

KIDS AREA (Nursery)

The **Kids Area** (un-staffed) is available your family to use if you need a place to step out with kids during the service. It is located off the hallway west of the sanctuary and has a television available for watching the worship live-stream. Kid busy bags are also located in the narthex (outside the sanctuary).

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