

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

GATHERING

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

C: Hosanna in the highest.

**Processional Gospel: Luke 19:29-40*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 19th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, ‘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. ³¹If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?” just say this: “The Lord needs it.”’ ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ ³⁴They said, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As 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, ³⁸saying,

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

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, order your disciples to stop.’

⁴⁰He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.’

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Blessing of the Palms*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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 palms 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

P: Let us go forth in joy.

**Palm Procession – “Hosanna”*

(piano)

**1. Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest;
Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Lord, we lift up Your name, With hearts full of praise;
Be exalted, O Lord, my God, Hosanna in the highest.**

**2. Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings;
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings.
Lord, we lift up Your name, With hearts full of praise;
Be exalted, O Lord, my God, Hosanna in the highest.**

** Confession and Forgiveness*

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from sin to live for you alone. You came on a donkey, proclaiming your kingdom of mercy and grace, and while people welcomed you with hosannas, others resisted. We, too, welcome you with hosannas, and we resist. We resist your mercy and grace because it calls us to love neighbors we would rather not love. We resist your mercy and grace because it calls us to change in ways we don't want to change. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Silence for Reflection and Confession

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 all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of 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 Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**Sharing Christ's Peace*

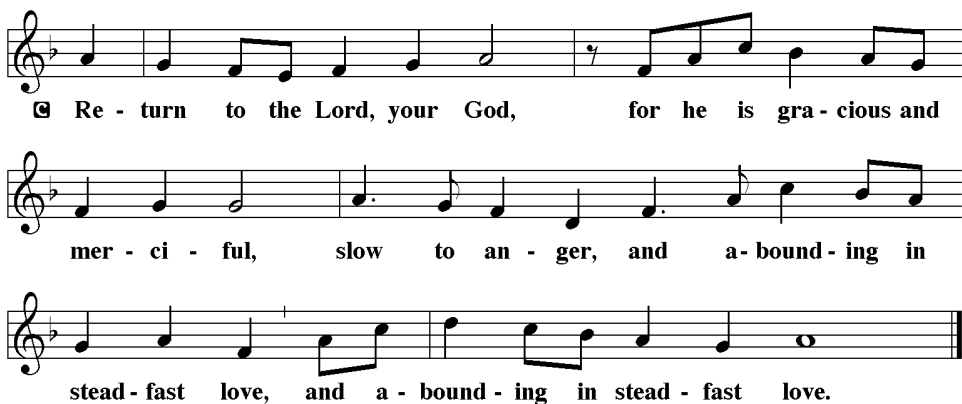
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children's Sermon

**Gospel Acclamation*



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.

WORD

**Gospel Reading:* Luke 20:9-19

Reader: Sharon Woodworth

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹He began to tell the people this parable: ‘A man planted a vineyard, and leased it to tenants, and went to another country for a long time. ¹⁰When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants in order that they might give him his share of the produce of the vineyard; but the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹Next he sent another slave; that one also they beat and insulted and sent away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third; this one also they wounded and threw out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, “What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.” ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they discussed it among themselves and said, “This is the heir; let us kill him so that the inheritance may be ours.” ¹⁵So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.’ When they heard this, they said, ‘Heaven forbid!’ ¹⁷But he looked at them and said, ‘What then does this text mean:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone”?

¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ ¹⁹When the scribes and chief priests realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to lay hands on him at that very hour, but they feared the people.

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: "The Vineyard"

Song of the Day – “My Song is Love Unknown” ELW 343

(organ)

- 1 **My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?**
- 2 **He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own would not its Savior know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!**

- 3 **Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day hosannas to our king.
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.**
- 4 **We cry out; we will have our dear Lord made away,
a murderer to save, the prince of life to slay.
Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.**
- 5 **In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home but mine the tomb wherein he lay.**
- 6 **Here might I stay and sing—no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!**

**The Apostles' Creed*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

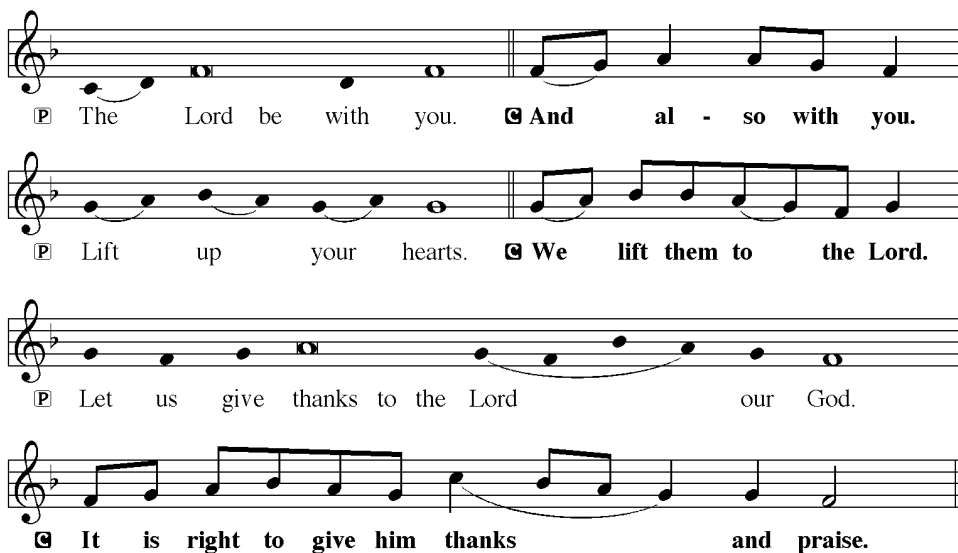
**Prayers of Intercession*

Stewardship Time

**“The Wonderful Cross,” arr. Jeff Anderson
Faith Singers**

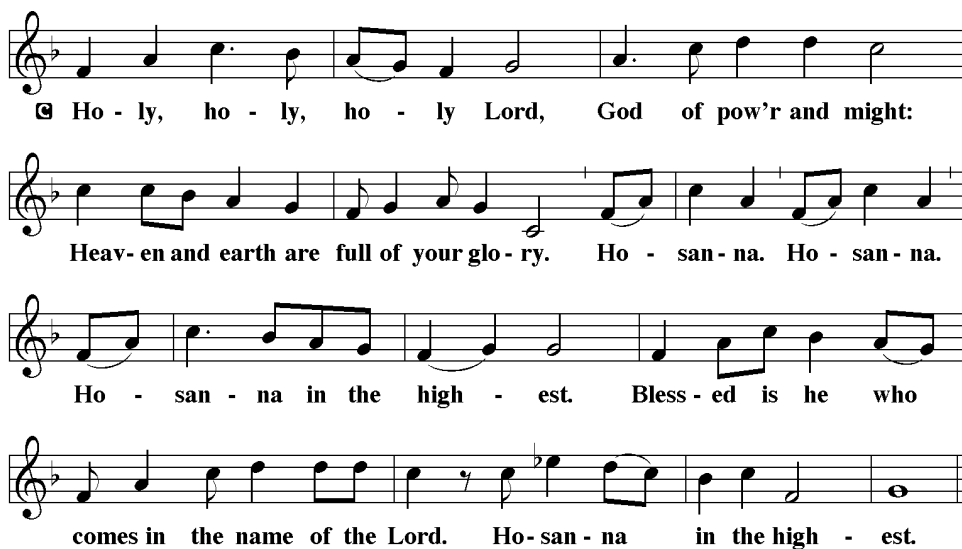
—Please take a moment to sign into the Welcome Folder in your pew—

**Great Thanksgiving*



P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you.
 P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.
 P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... and join their unending hymn:



C 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. Ho - san - na.
 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*

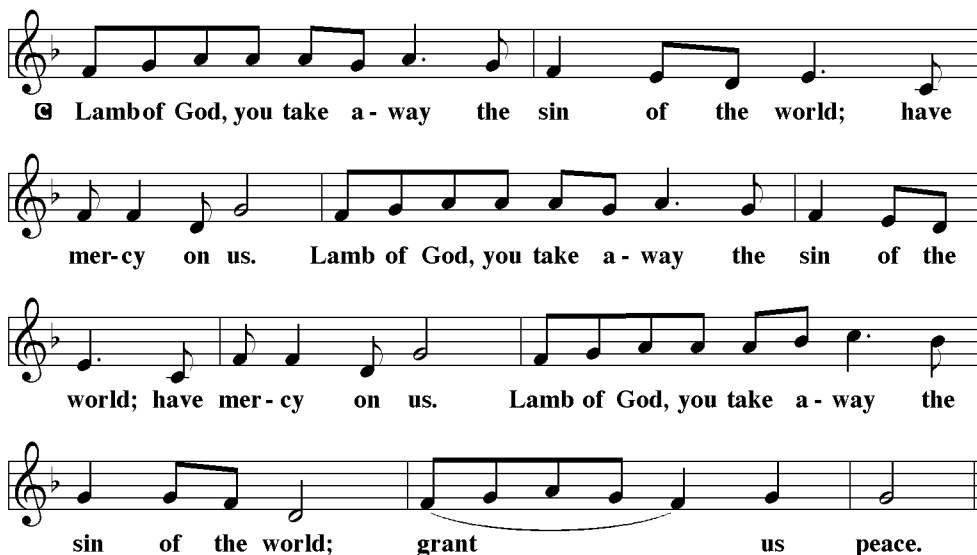
P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

**Lord's Prayer*

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

**Lamb of God*



♩ 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.

Communion Songs

“You Are My All in All”

(piano)

1. **You are my strength when I am weak You are my treasure that I seek
You are my all in all.
Seeking you as a precious jewel Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all.**

Refrain: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

2. **Taking my sin, my cross, my shame Rising again I bless your name
You are my all in all.
When I fall down you pick me up When I am dry you fill my cup
You are my all in all. *Refrain***

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name” ELW 634 *(organ)*

- 1 **All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.**
- 2 **O seed of Israel's chosen race now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.**
- 3 **Hail him, you heirs of David's line, whom David Lord did call
the God incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.
The God Incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.**
- 4 **Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies 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.
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.
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.**

**Post-Communion Blessing*

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

**Closing Prayer*

SENDING

Announcements

**Benediction*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor, and + give you peace.
C: **Amen.**

**Sending Song – “Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now” (ACS 930) (organ)*

- 1 **Three holy days enfold us now in washing feet and breaking bread,
in cross and font and life renewed: in Christ, God's firstborn from the dead.**
- 2 **The myst'ry hid from ages past is here revealed in word and sign,
for Jesus' story is our own: new life through death is God's design.**
- 3 **Christ, lifted high upon the tree, before you ev'ry knee shall bend
and ev'ry tongue in praise proclaim: "You are the Lord of all. Amen."**

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, April 13, 9:30am: Worship – Palm Sunday

4:30pm: Bible Boot Camp

5:30pm: Faith Inkubators

Wednesday, April 16, 10:00am: Discipleship Group in the Faith Library

Thursday, April 17, 7:00pm: Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 18, 7:00pm: Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Sunday, April 20, 8:00am: Easter Breakfast

9:30am: Resurrection Worship

10:30am: Easter Breakfast

Thursday, April 24, 6:00pm: Church Council Meeting

The altar plants are given today by Jeff and Shelley McDaniel
in thanksgiving for granddaughter Ivy Jane who is one month old
and
by Hallie Mayner in celebration of Hylan Degroot's 11th birthday

News Updates

Maundy Thursday - April 17

Holy Week continues with Holy Communion at our traditional Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 p.m. The events of the night confront power and humility in a variety of ways. Before the meal, Jesus washes the disciples' feet and gives them a command to love others. At the table, the disciples argue about who is the greatest, only to hear that the greatest must be least and the leader must be the servant.

Good Friday - April 18

Join us on Friday at 7:00 p.m. for our traditional Tenebrae service. "Tenebrae" means darkness or shadows in Latin. As we read Luke's account of Jesus' crucifixion, the shadows grow long and darkness claims the sanctuary and our hearts. We place nails in the cross to remember Jesus' death for us. The Christ Candle departs to signify Jesus sealed in the tomb, but returns to give us hope in despair and light in the darkness.

Easter Sunday - April 20

Join us at the empty tomb as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and our grief is swept up in hope. As the sanctuary is filled with beautiful flowers and alleluias, we gather at the altar for the feast of the Lamb of God.

Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke

The Bible Study will resume on April 27.

Faith's Little Flock

Faith's Little Flock is for children ages 2-7. We also welcome Big Kid Helpers (ages 8 and up) to help the little ones with the more difficult parts of the crafts, and our older adults to read the scripture story to the children. Contact Melissa Street if you would like to take a turn reading the story to the children. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far! The children all return to the sanctuary for the communion blessing. Word-finds, crossword puzzles, and other activity sheets are available in the gathering area for the older children (and adults) to help reinforce the message of the day. We look forward to seeing all of the children in April!

Bible Boot Camp

Bible Boot Camp is a program for elementary-school-aged children. Pastor Adam warms them up with singing, dancing, and some retelling of Bible stories from recent worship services. Patty Nelson and Shelley McDaniel lead them in some creative play and crafts, and then we all join with parents and older youth for a meal. **Our next event will be held today, April 13, from 4:30-6:00.** Spread the word and bring a friend!

Faith Inkubators

Our Faith Inkubators youth nights incorporate all the learning of confirmation, but also some games and activities so that it is open for some upper-elementary-aged kids that are up for the challenge and our high school youth to still be involved. **Future events are scheduled for today, April 13, from 5:30-7:30.**

Lenten Devotional Books

Pick up your own devotional book to dig deeper into the weekly binaries that Jesus addresses in Luke's gospel. In addition to scripture, each week includes commentary, poetry, visual art, hymns, and journaling prompts. Pair this book with your Bible as they accompany you through the Lenten season to the empty tomb.

Women of Faith

Make plans to join us in May for a special Mother's Day event. More details coming soon!

Sign-Up Sheets

are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

Movie Night – Sunday, April 27, 6:00pm at the Illinois Theater

Area junior high and high school students are invited to a special showing of Disney's **Mufasa – The Lion King** at the Illinois Theater. Admission is FREE and includes popcorn and a drink. Contact Pat Glyshaw at pat.glyshaw@gmail.com with any questions and to secure you or your group's reservation. Chaperones will be available from local youth groups. Presented by the Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches and Faith Lutheran Church.