

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

PALMS & HOSANNAS, CHARLES YOCUM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Hosanna in the highest!

To those who would silence our joy, we proclaim:

Even if we were silent, the very stones would cry out!

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PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL // John 12:12-27

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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!”

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.

“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.

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

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (ELW 344)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Let us pray. God of honor and celebration,

Together we cry, "Hosanna!" to your son, who rode willingly and bravely into Jerusalem. Hear us as we celebrate your anointed one, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

+ WORD +

READING // Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it,

**for he has founded it on the seas
and established it on the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false
and do not swear deceitfully.**

They will receive blessing from the Lord
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

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,
the Lord, mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in!

**Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.**

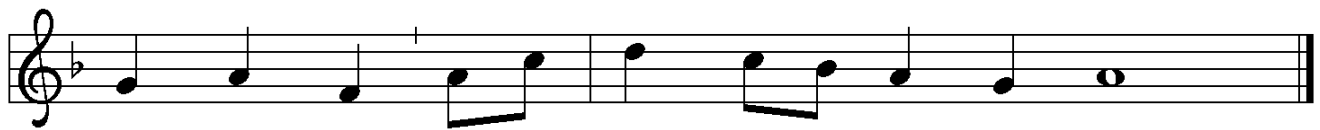
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

GOSPEL // John 19:16-22

The Holy Gospel, according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross by himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many 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. Then 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.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON (10:45)

SERMON

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from heav - en's throne sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times we strew his way, and his sweet prais - es
 4 Un - heed - ing, we will have our dear Lord made a -
 5 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly
 stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior
 sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to our
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to
 vine: nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like

be. O who am I that for my sake my
 know. But O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and
 slay. Yet stead - fast he to suf - fering goes, that
 thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I

Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 at my need his life did spend!
 for his death we thirst and cry.
 he his foes from thence might free.
 all my days could glad - ly spend.

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 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.**

CHANCEL CHOIR (10:45)

Introit for Palm Sunday, Robert Lehman

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

O God, you announce words of grace and truth. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church, both globally and locally. Open our hearts to encounter the infinite life you offer in Jesus. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You hold the whole universe. Gather sun and moon, clouds and stars, land and sea, and plants and animals around the cross, so that all creation bears witness to your saving love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your power is sure. Destroy inequity and division in every place, and build your beloved community among all people. Guide judges, attorneys, and juries so that they act with justice and fairness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your heart breaks open at our pain. Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus, know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Be with those experiencing pain or loss this day, especially those we name before you now, either aloud or silently within our hearts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your ways show compassion. Let this same mind be in us as we enter Holy Week. Bless those here who will lead worship and tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O God, your embrace is eternal. Praise and thanks to you for all the faithful departed who rest in your mercy. Deliver us all from death's power and raise us to life in you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING



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ORGAN OFFERTORY

O Lamb of God, Charles Yocum

OFFERING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns (ELW 885)



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.

+ MEAL +

DIALOGUE



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



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



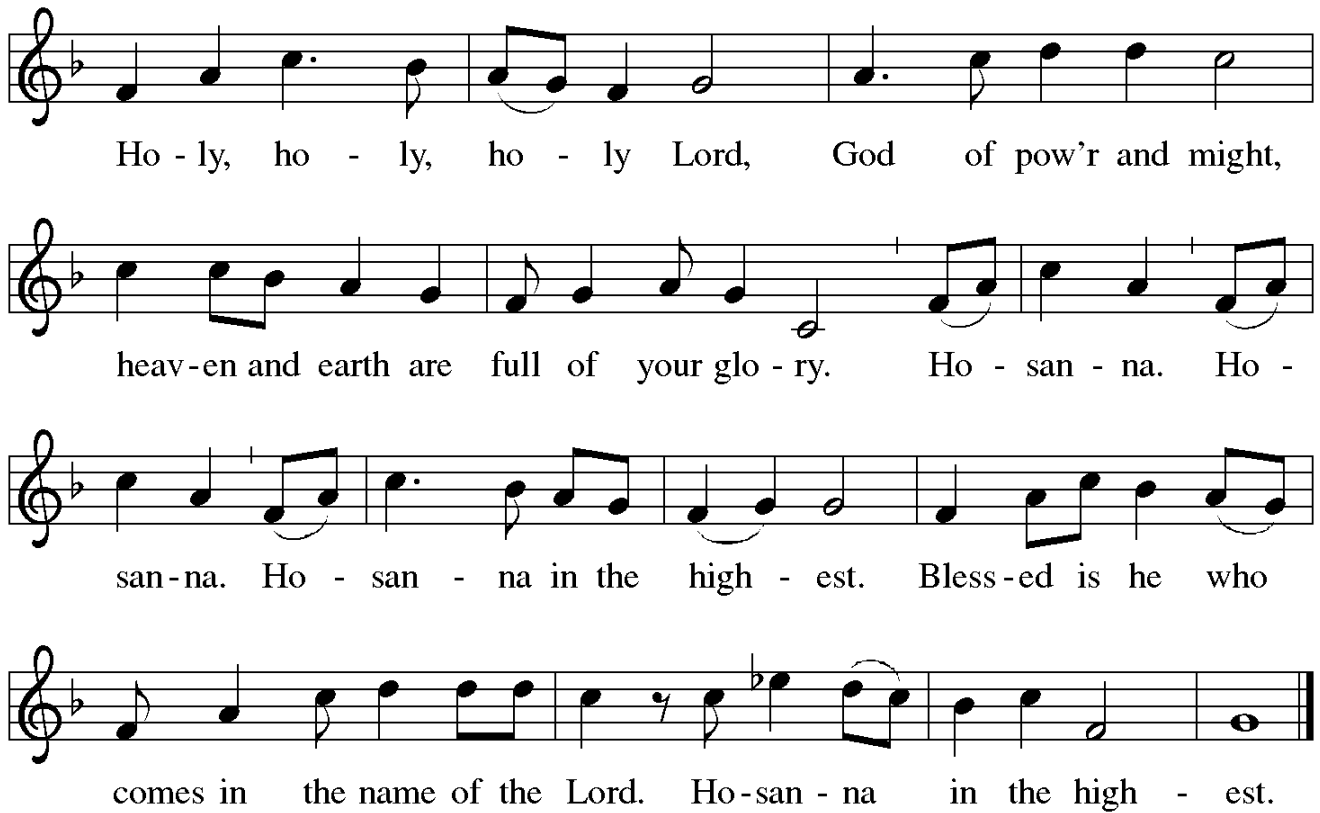
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy ...



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

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

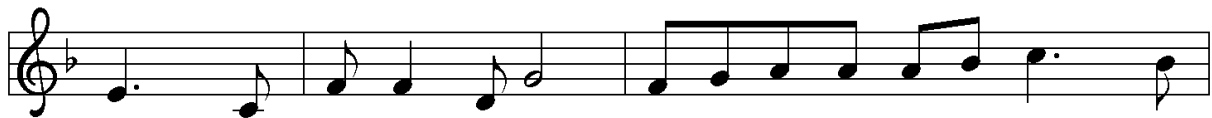
LAMB OF GOD



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

COMMUNION HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus (ELW 349)



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep-herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. 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 +

BLESSING

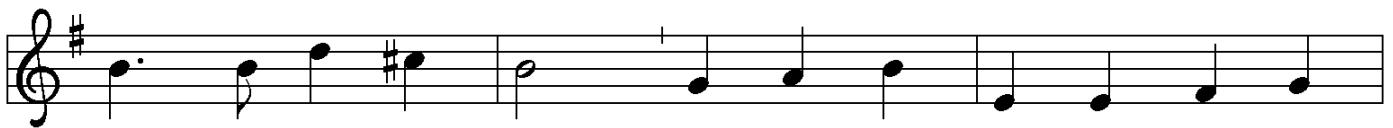
Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty! (ELW 346)



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -
an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring
pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal



sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.
gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the Good News! **Thanks be to God. We will!**

POSTLUDE

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded, J.S.Bach

PASTOR:

Pastor Alex Martini

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES:

Karl Segletes

ORGANIST:

David Binkley

LITURGIST: 8AM: Karl Segletes

10:45AM: Sara Weiss

LECTOR: 8AM: Laurie Hoover

10:45AM: Carol Forbes

USHERS:

Dory Kessler & Kathy Zagoric

TECH TEAM:

Craig Nelson & Pam Ringhoffer

HOLY WEEK

— at St. Peter Lutheran Church —

April 2

Maundy Thursday

Wee Worship – 5:30 PM

Shrimp & Lobster Dinner – 6:00 PM

Worship – 7:15 PM

April 3

Good Friday



Worship – 7:00 PM

April 4

Faith Party

10:00 AM

April 5

Easter Sunday



One Service – 9:30 AM



ST. PETER'S FAITH PARTY

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH
10:00 AM**

**JOIN US FOR A STORY, CRAFT,
SNACK, & EGG HUNT**
(PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BAG/BASKET)

**THIS EVENT IS FOR TODDLER AGE UP TO 5TH GRADE.
PLEASE FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM IF
INTERESTED IN JOINING US!**

**Questions? Contact Sarah Bowers
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Easter Eggs for Sale - Peanut butter, maple walnut, coconut cream & butter cream eggs are available. Eggs are just \$1.25 each and can be purchased & picked up at the following times: Sundays - 8:30 AM - 12 PM — Tuesdays & Thursdays - 9 AM - 12 PM Please contact Carolyn King at 717-766-0988 for additional pickup times.

Lenten Giving Project - Something will be getting Fishy around here! In keeping with the Fish theme of Lent, we will be collecting canned tuna and salmon for New Hope Ministries. The pulpit side will collect canned salmon, and the organ side will collect canned tuna. Let's try to "catch" a really BIG one to help our neighbors in need.

Faith Party! - Calling all toddlers through 5th graders! Join us for our annual Faith Party on Saturday, April 4th, at 10:00 AM. We'll have an Easter song, story, craft, and snack, followed by an Egg Hunt! Use the QR to register.



Youth Sunday, April 12 - We're celebrating the Second Sunday of Eater with our annual Youth Sunday Breakfast Church. We have **one service at 9:30** that day, and we'll worship that morning in the church gym.