

**Sunday of the Passion**  
**April 2, 2023**  
**This Is the Day**

**As We Gather** -Today is a very special day. This is true not only because it is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week; today is a very special day because the Word of God is proclaimed in our hearing. In this present hour, in this very house of the Lord, His Word delivers to us the saving work of Jesus. Far from being a detached dispatch from a distant deity, this Word of God is living and active, inspired by the life-giving Spirit who, this very day, brings us to the King who humbled Himself by becoming "obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8). As we gather again in the presence of our crucified and risen King, may we join with the ancients and say, "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

**Offering and Registry of Worship Cards: (Sunday Only)** Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

**Saturday Worship:** Offerings and Worship Cards will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

**About Protecting the Healthy:** To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms of an infectious illness are highly encouraged to stay home. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

**GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.**

**Prelude and Meditation:** Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

**Prelude:**

**PROCESSION OF PALMS**

*If the procession begins outside the nave, the congregation gathers around the processional cross. If the congregation is already seated in the nave, it now stands and faces the processional cross at the entrance to the nave.*

## Greeting

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** Hosanna to the Son of David.

## Collect

**P** Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Holy Gospel

*John 12:12–19*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

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

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

<sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup>"Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

<sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup>The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

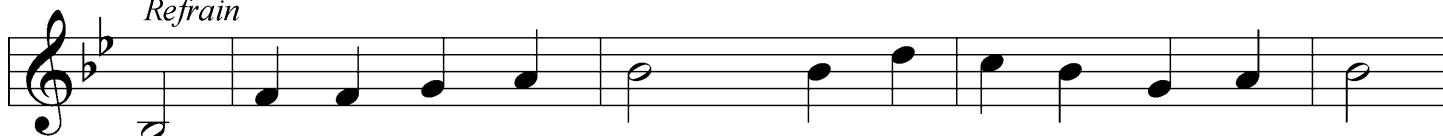
- P** Let us go forth in peace,
- C** in the name of the Lord.

**Hymn:**

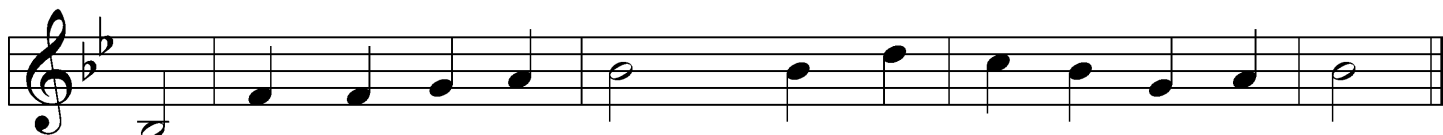
**All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

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*Refrain*



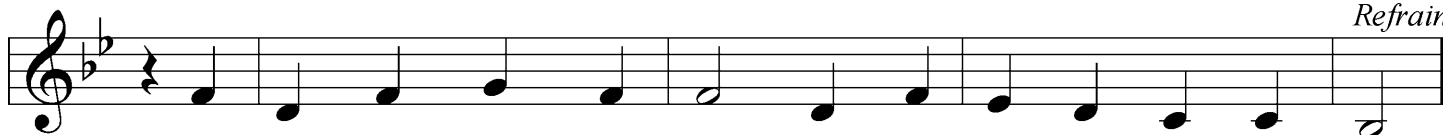
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re - deem - er, King,



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 Is 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 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



*Refrain*

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
 And we with all cre - a - tion 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.  
 O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulf of Orléans, c. 762–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.  
 Tune: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.  
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*When all have arrived at their places, the procession concludes with the following:*

- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C** Hosanna in the highest.

## PREPARATION

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

### Confession and Absolution

*Based on Philippians 2:5–11; Psalm 118:23*

- P** Lord Jesus, on this day when we remember Your entry into Jerusalem as King and Savior, we walk with You to Your cross, where Your righteousness is given to all who believe. Search our hearts and minds that we may receive Your Word, share in Your Spirit, and be renewed in our relationships with You and with one another.

*We take a moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.*

- P** With humble hearts, let us pray together.
- C** **Lord Jesus, the Father's only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray.**
  
- P** You reign over all things and yet humbled Yourself for our salvation.
- C** **We confess that our rebellion against You in thought, word, and action is the reason why You entered into this world.**
  
- P** It is why You passed through the gates of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and why You laid down Your life upon Calvary's cross on Good Friday—
- C** **to forgive our sins, to redeem our lives, and to cancel the debt we owe to God.**
  
- P** With hearts that are humble and lives that are grateful, help us to receive Your grace and bow before You in worship,
- C** **confessing that You alone are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**
  
- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, shows His mercy to us in the sending of His only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords. The One who entered into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday was handed over to death upon the cross so that we may be reconciled to the Father and granted His remission, full and free. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

**P** Because of our King's mercy, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

**C** "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

## WORD

### Introit

*Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26*

**P** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

**C** We bless you from the house of the LORD.

**P** Lift up your heads, O gates!

**C** And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**P** Who is this King of glory?

**C** The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

**P** Lift up your heads, O gates!

**C** And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**P** Who is this King of glory?

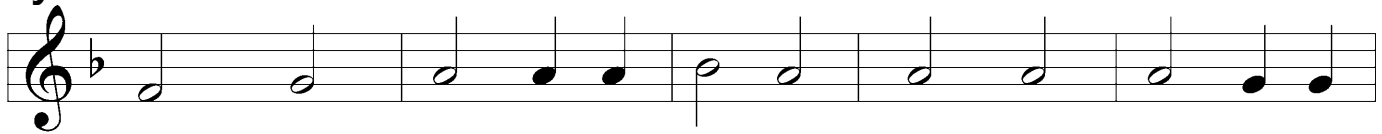
**C** The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!

**P** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

**C** We bless you from the house of the LORD.

### Kyrie

*LSB 186*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation

LSB 201

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross.

**C** **Rejoicing in Your mercy to us this day, enable us to follow our Savior, walking with Him to His cross and sharing with Him in His resurrection.**

**P** We pray this in the name of our humble King, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 50:4–9a*

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. <sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 118:19–29*

- P** Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
- C** **This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**
- P** I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.
- C** **The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**
- P** This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- C** **This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- P** Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!
- C** **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!**
- P** We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- C** **The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.**
- P** Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!
- C** **You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You.**
- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
- C** **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

## Epistle

*Philippians 2:5–11*

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Verse

*Philippians 2:8b*

- P** Jesus humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,  
**C** **even death on a cross.**

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 27:11–66*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh chapters.  
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." <sup>12</sup>But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" <sup>14</sup>But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

<sup>15</sup>Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" <sup>18</sup>For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. <sup>19</sup>Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." <sup>20</sup>Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. <sup>21</sup>The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." <sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" <sup>23</sup>And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

<sup>24</sup>So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." <sup>25</sup>And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" <sup>26</sup>Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. <sup>28</sup>And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>30</sup>And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup>And



when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup>As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup>they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup>And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. <sup>36</sup>Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup>And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." <sup>38</sup>Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup>And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." <sup>41</sup>So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, <sup>42</sup>"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup>He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" <sup>44</sup>And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

<sup>45</sup>Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup>And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup>And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." <sup>48</sup>And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." <sup>50</sup>And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup>And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup>The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, <sup>53</sup>and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup>When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

<sup>55</sup>There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, <sup>56</sup>among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

<sup>57</sup>When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup>He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. <sup>59</sup>And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud <sup>60</sup>and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. <sup>61</sup>Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

<sup>62</sup>Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees

gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup>and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' <sup>64</sup>Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." <sup>65</sup>Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." <sup>66</sup>So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

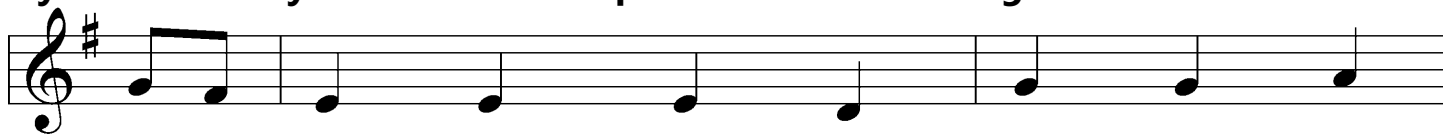
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Creed

*Nicene Creed*

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet  
 2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;  
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;  
 4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake



With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's  
 With palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the  
 The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but  
 The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"  
 cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne.  
 on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown.  
 form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.



To greet what pomp of king - ly pride  
 A - stride a colt He pass - es by  
 The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,  
 Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name



No bells in tri - umph ring, No cit - y gates swing  
 As loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y  
 The streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the  
 Till heav - en's raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

**Sermon:**

**“New Minds”  
Philippians 2:5–11**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

*Psalm 118:23*

**P** Because of the Spirit’s intercession, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

**C** **“This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.”**

**P** Confident in our Father’s mercy, let us come before Him in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, trusting that our prayers will be answered according to His good and gracious will.

Gracious Father, we join with the masses of people, past and present, who enter Your gates with thanksgiving and courts with praise as we begin Holy Week. With humility and faith, we walk with our Savior as He journeys to the cross for our salvation. And so we pray:

**C** **help us to trust in Him.**

**P** Giver of every blessing, You alone are the One who exchanges the rags of our sin for the robe of Your righteousness. Because of the innocent blood of Christ, offered for us on Calvary’s tree, we are granted Your cleansing and pardon. By Your grace alone, we, through faith, receive the benefits of Jesus’ death and resurrection. As we look to our Savior during this week of His passion:

**C** **help us to trust in Him.**

**P** Your Son is the reason we rejoice this day as we come into Your merciful presence to receive You as You humble Yourself for us, serving us by Your Word and Spirit. With hearts ready to receive and mouths ready to share with others the confession of Your saving name, grant that Jesus be glorified throughout His Church on earth, here among us in this congregation and wherever His Gospel is proclaimed. We ask You, Father:

**C** **help us to trust in Him.**

**P** Sovereign Lord, all nations will bow down to You on the day of Your glorious return. Until that day of resurrection, we know that You reign over all things in heaven and on earth. Guide the nations of the world to walk in peace and to know the benefits that come from Your hand alone. Bless our local community, our state, and our nation, raising up godly leaders among us and guiding those who lay down their lives for the benefit of their neighbors. As we confess our Savior and King before the world He died to save:

**C help us to trust in Him.**

**P** Restorer of the broken and Physician of both soul and body, look with mercy upon those who are sick, homebound, hospitalized, recovering, or awaiting medical procedures. This day we name before You [*names*], that they may experience Your merciful presence, healing, and comfort in their lives. Commending them and ourselves to Your care, we pray:

**C help us to trust in Jesus, who died and rose again so we may receive Your righteousness.**

**P** We ask for this grace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You, O Father, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**P** Because of the Father's faithfulness, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

**C "This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."**

*Sit*

**Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (*Sunday Only*)**

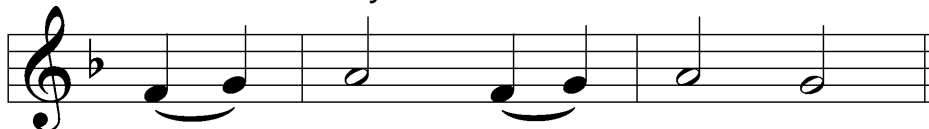
**Registry of Worship Cards (*Sunday Only*)** – *Please pass your completed cards to the center aisle.*

**Offertory: (*Sunday Only*)**

**Confirmation (*Saturday Only*)**

**SACRAMENT**

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**Preface****P** The Lord be with you.**C** And with thy spir - it.**P** Lift up your hearts.**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.**C** It is meet and right so to do.**Proper Preface**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have shown us Your mercy once again this day and have given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ, the humble King who journeys to the cross for our salvation and who calls us to lives that walk with Him by faith. Send Your Holy Spirit to us now that our hearts may be prepared to receive Your good gifts and joyfully remember our Redeemer who comes to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and in the words He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

*Psalm 118:23*

**P** Because of our Savior's grace, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

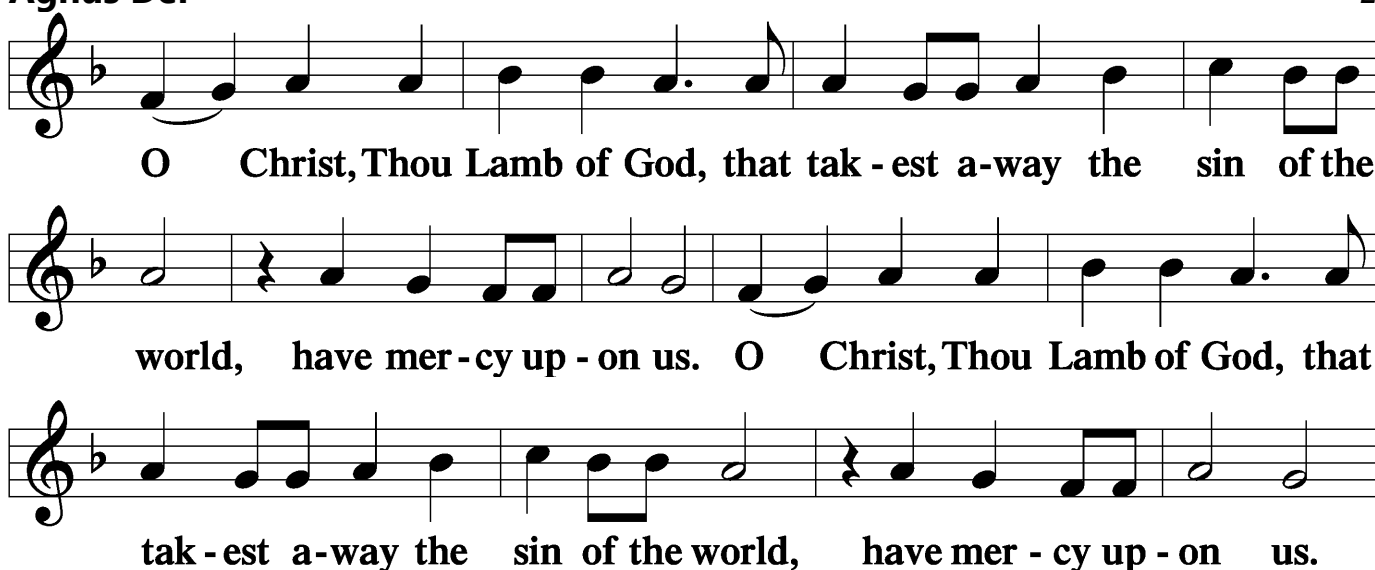
**C** "This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*LSB 198*



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

**Distribution:**

***Distribution Hymns (Sunday Only)***

*LSB 619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior*

*LSB 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

*LSB 560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed*

Stand

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

### *(Saturday)*

**P** Let us pray together.

**C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

### *(Sunday)*

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, who in love and mercy sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. Strengthen us in the certainty of our Savior's saving work that we may rejoice this day and every day because of the faithful love You have shown to us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26; Psalm 118:23*

**P** Because of Jesus' blessing, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

**C** **"This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."**

**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.**

**Closing Hymn:**

**What Wondrous Love Is This**

LSB 543



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be-  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my  
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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**Postlude:**

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**LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

**Pastor**..... Pastor Christopher Hazzard

**Organist**..... Marvin Dalton

**Saturday**

**Elder** ..... Lee Crapo  
**Lector** ..... Geri Slaten/Rick Smith  
**Audio** ..... Lee Crapo/Robin Fox

**Sunday**

**Elder** ..... Fred Sterns  
**Lector** .....  
**Greeter** ..... Joann Shepker  
**Audio** ..... Kyle Welch  
**Video** ..... Video TD: Kris Welch  
GFX/ Stream: Robin Fox  
**Altar Guild** ..... Charlene Rosane and Cheryl Erwin

**LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY**

**Pastor** ..... Pastor Christopher Hazzard  
**Organist** ..... Marvin Dalton  
**Elder** ..... 7 AM Lee Crapo.....10 AM Steve Rosane  
**Lector** ..... P.J. Nunez  
**Greeter** .....  
**Audio** ..... Maria Hazzard  
**Video** ..... Video TD: Kris Welch  
GFX: / Stream: Robin Fox  
**Altar Guild** ..... Charlene Rosane and Cheryl Erwin

**ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK**

Lent Service March 22..... 44  
Saturday Worship Attendance ..... 27  
Sunday Worship Attendance.....130  
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings .....  
Simply Giving/Vanco..... \$0  
Paypal Offerings ..... \$0  
Website (ShareFaith)..... \$0  
**Total of Offerings Received**.....  
Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts.....

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH- Palm Sunday** – Every tongue must and shall confess Jesus and not ourselves as Lord over death and life (Philippians 2:11). When offered gall to accelerate His own dying, the Savior declined, even in His terminal condition (Matthew 27:34). We also may commend ourselves and our neighbors into the Heavenly Father's loving hands as days draw to their ends.

**FLOWER SPONSOR**– No Flower Sponsor this week.

**BULLETIN SPONSOR** – No Bulletin Sponsor this week.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR (SUNDAY)** – Team 1 is serving today; team 3 will serve next week. Everyone is invited. There is no charge and a freewill offering is voluntary.

**BIBLE STUDY CANCELLED** – The 11:15 Bible Study today (Sunday) is cancelled. Next Sunday, both Bible Studies (8:30 and 11:15) are cancelled.

**SERVICE FOR GEORGE MILLER** – The Memorial Service for George Miller will be held Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:00 AM at the Clubhouse at Schalamar Creek Community.

**ACTIVE ASSAILANT TRAINING** – The Active Assailant Training will be held this Monday, April 3, at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. This training is open to anyone that would like to attend.

**OUTREACH MEETING** – The Outreach Committee will meet this Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**SERVICE FOR VERN (RUDY) RUDOLPH** – The Memorial Service for Rudy Rudolph will be held this Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM here at Christ Lutheran.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY AND PRIVATE COMMUNION CANCELLED** – This Wednesday's Bible Study and Private Communion is cancelled. It will resume next week.

**UPCOMING HOLY WEEK SERVICES** – This week Maundy Thursday service will be at 6:30 pm. Good Friday Services at Noon and 6:30 pm. NO Saturday Service. Easter Services at 7 AM and at 10 AM. Easter Breakfast will be served between the two services from 8:15 – 9:30 am.

**EASTER BREAKFAST** – Council, Elders, and Youth will be serving pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, and fruit from 8:15 – 9:30 AM next Sunday. A free will offering will be accepted.

**YARN DONATIONS** – Mary Martha is in need of yarn. If you have any yarn you would like to donate, please leave it outside the Quilters Room or contact Belinda Freer at 863-602-5159.

**DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS** – Volunteers are needed to help check- in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Robin Fox at 863-513-4774 to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

**RECIPES WANTED** - Mary Martha is collecting favorite recipes for the Church Cookbook. If you have a favorite recipe and would be willing to share it, please write it legibly, sign your name on it and put it in the box located in the Narthex. There is no limit to number of recipes you can submit.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** – If you are a seasonal visitor and would be interested in an Associate Membership with Christ Lutheran, please see an Elder.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the narthex for more information or email Kim Kaniecki at [stewardship@clclakeland.org](mailto:stewardship@clclakeland.org).

**GREETERS NEEDED** – Volunteers are needed to be Greeters in the Narthex to welcome guest and members as they enter for service. If you are interested, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board.

**TRUSTEE VOLUNTEER DAY** – If you are interested in volunteering to help with maintenance around the church, please contact Sandy Spanier at 863-665-5572.

**NAMETAGS** – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER- Palm Sunday - Matthew 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”** Did Jesus really *need* the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey, would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! Likewise, with us — the Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His church.

**THANK YOU** – 2023 Spring Training Baseball Parking – God truly blessed us this season with sunny days, awesome volunteers and lots of baseball fans. The lure of hot dogs and cold water on 80+ degree days helped bring people in. ■■■ was the total of money deposited from parking and three days of water sales when there were no hot dogs sold. It takes at least seven volunteers each day to safely park about 200 cars on the

church grounds. Twenty-eight people stepped up to help this year. And then there's Pastor Hazzard who gets the music going before he takes his stop sign and guides the fans across Grenada. No one can miss him in his fluorescent green attire! We are so grateful for the friendships that developed with the fans who return year after year, the season ticket holders we see each game, and among our fellow Christians as we serve God and CLC in this outreach. We also appreciate the crew who stepped up for the hot dog lunches. It's amazing how much the fans count on eating with us. Our days begin with prayer and end with a hot dog, with lots of smiles and blessings in between. To God be the glory, Fred and Cathy Sterns

### THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Monday ..... George Miller Memorial Service at Schalamar Creek Community @ 11 am  
Active Assailant Training in Fellowship Hall @ 6 pm

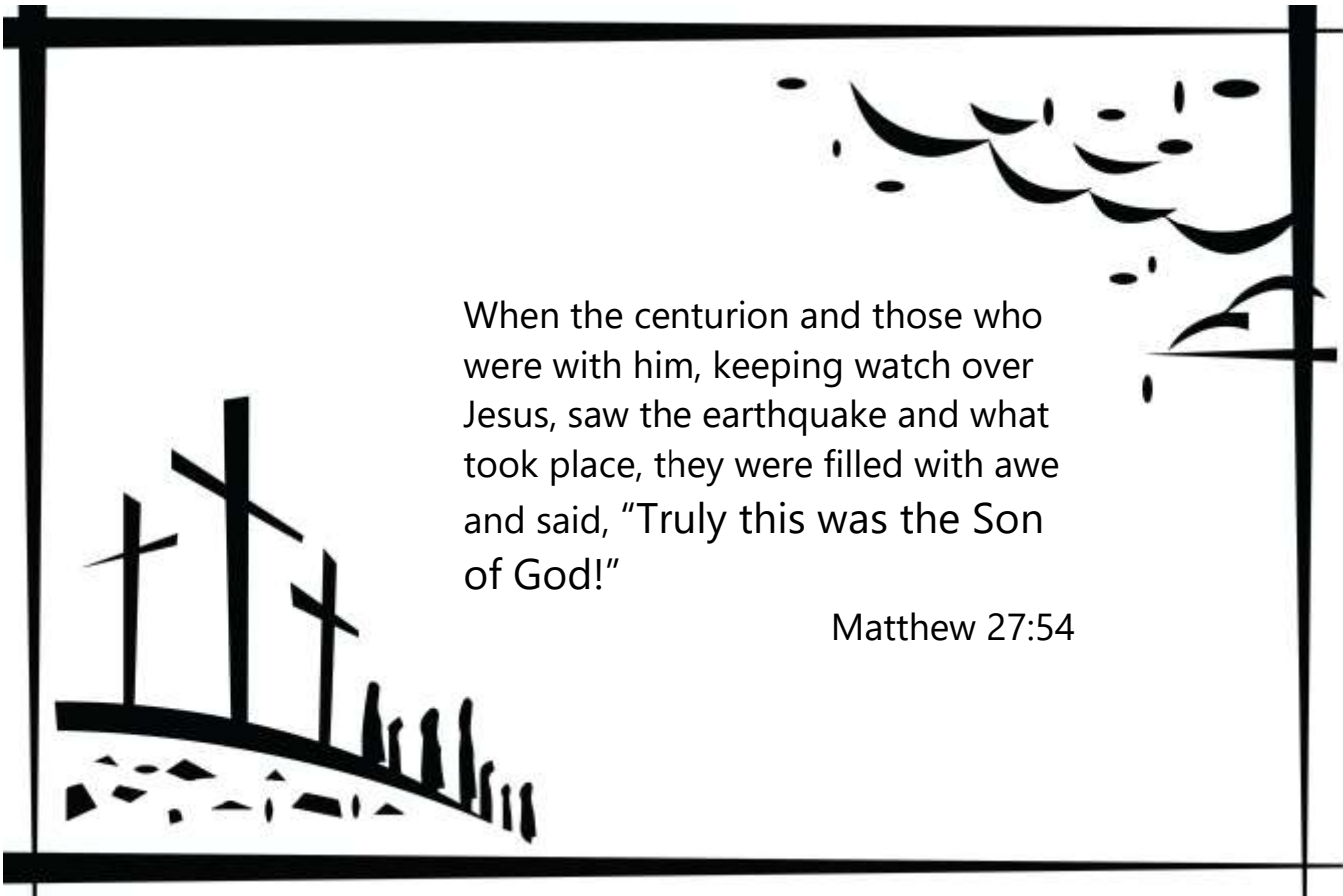
Tuesday ..... Trustee Workday @ 9 am  
Quilters @ 10 am  
Outreach Meeting @ 5:30 pm

Wednesday ..... Vern (Rudy) Rudolph Memorial Service @ 10 am  
Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran  
**No Bible Study**  
**No Private Communion**  
Youth Group @ 6:30 pm  
Choir @ 7:30 pm

Thursday ..... Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30 pm

Friday ..... Good Friday Service at Noon  
Good Friday Tenebrae Service @ 6:30 pm

Sunday ..... Sunrise Easter Service @ 7 am  
Easter Breakfast 8:15 – 9:30 am  
Easter Worship Service @ 10 am



When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

Matthew 27:54