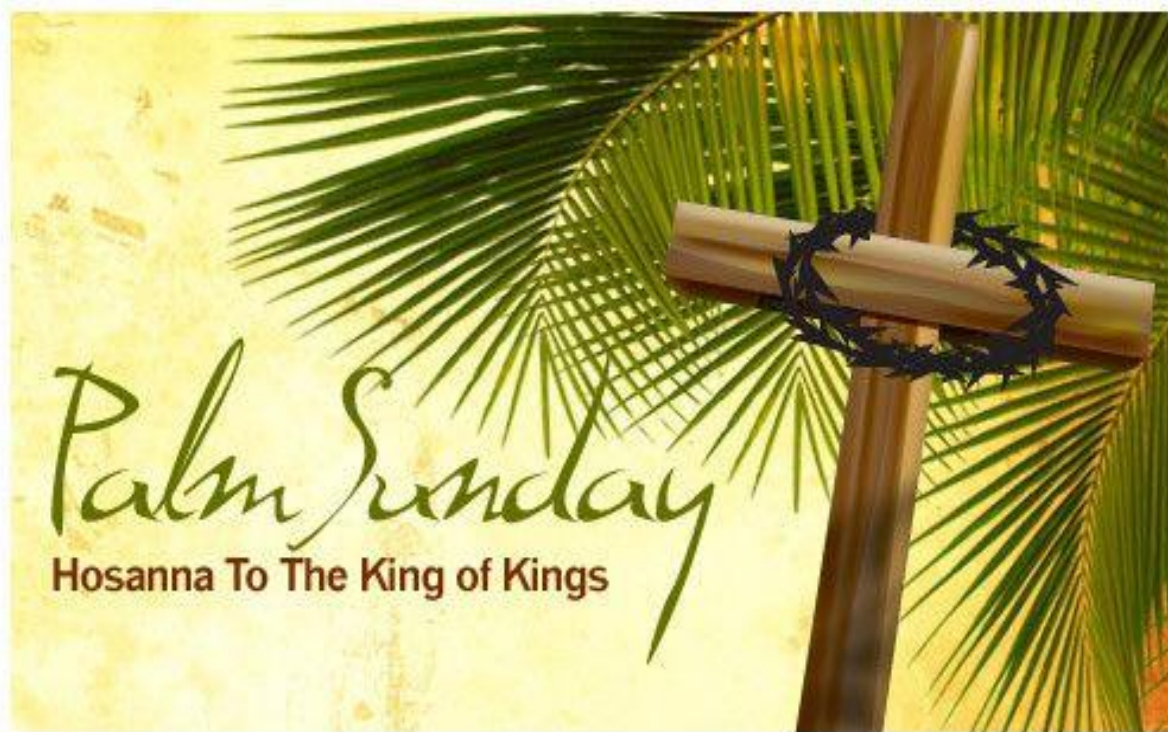

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday



Come as you are. All are welcome!



WELCOMING OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

GATHERING

Prelude

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

We gather today in the name of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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

C Hosanna in the highest!

THE PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

LUKE 19.35-40

Then they brought the colt to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As 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, saying,

“Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

C Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

C Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

C Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

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.**

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,
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.

GREETING, SONG AND PRAYER

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**
- A** Together our prayer continues,
- C** **Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who
pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

L The word of God. C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard
equality with God as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

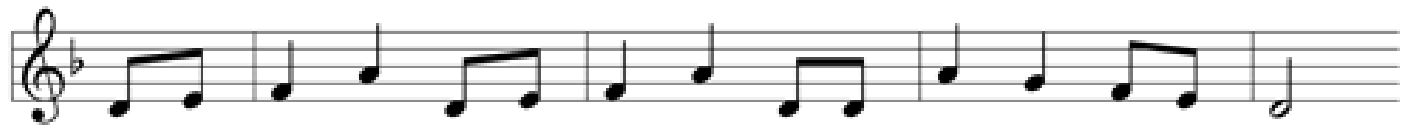
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

L The word of God. C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind—



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL

Mark 14:1 - 27

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; ²for they said, “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

³While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

¹²On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go and

make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?”¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him,¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’¹⁵ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”¹⁶ So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

¹⁷When it was evening, he came with the twelve.¹⁸ And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”¹⁹ They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I?”²⁰ He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me.²¹ For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

²²While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.”²³ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it.²⁴ He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.²⁵ Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

²⁶When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.²⁷ And Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’”

L The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Music Ministry

“Hosanna, Hosanna!”

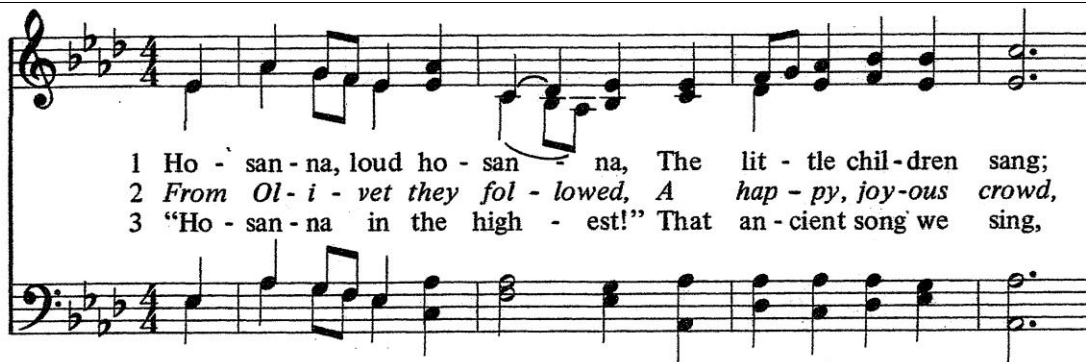
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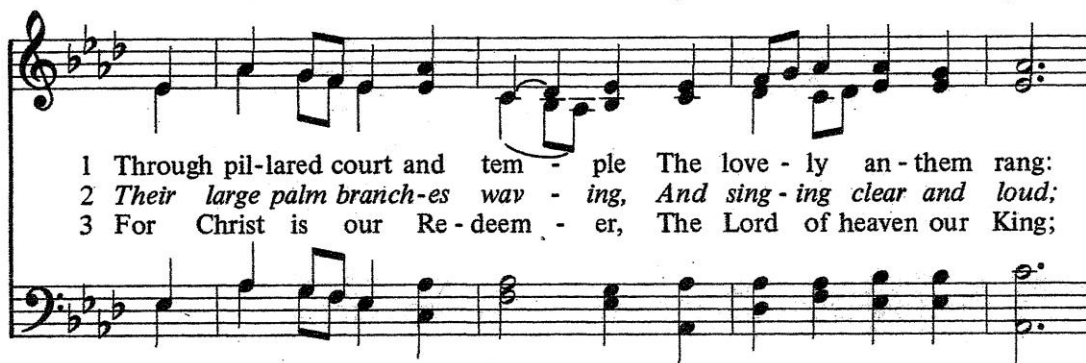
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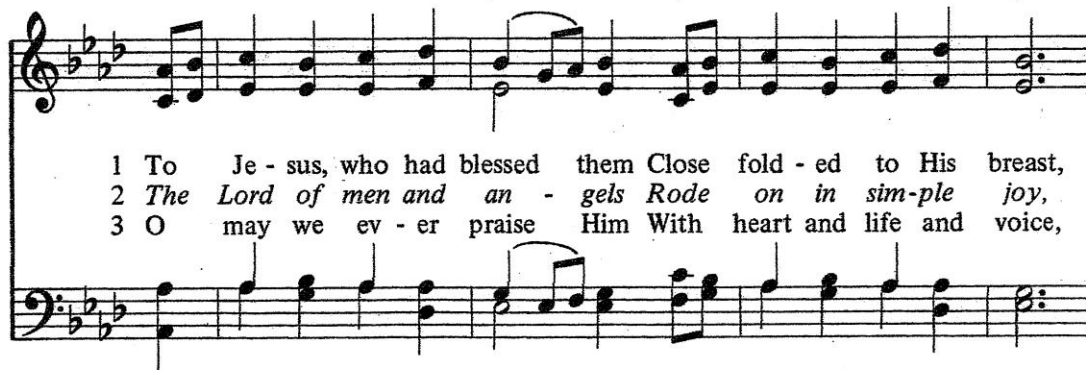
HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 *From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed, A hap - py, joy - ous crowd,*
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



1 Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang:
 2 *Their large palm branch - es wav - ing, And sing - ing clear and loud;*
 3 For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heaven our King;



1 To Je - sus, who had blessed them Close fold - ed to His breast,
 2 *The Lord of men and an - gels Rode on in sim - ple joy,*
 3 O may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice,



1 The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
 2 *And wel - comed all the chil - dren: Each lit - tle girl and boy.*
 3 And in His ho - ly pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

RESPONSE

A Together we confess our faith,
**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 into hell. 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.

A Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **C** Amen.

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A Together we pray,

C Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL OF GRACE

P The Lord be with you. C **And also 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 our thanks and praise.

P 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

A Together we pray,

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.

As we celebrate the meal of our Lord, all are invited. If you are a guest and regularly commune at your church, you are welcome to commune here. For children who are not communing, please keep your hands folded and you will receive a blessing. Both wine (red) and grape juice (white) are available at communion.

If you prefer grape juice to wine, please raise an index finger when the server comes to you. If you require a gluten-free wafer, notify the server. If you are unable to come to the altar rail and would like to receive communion in your seat, please notify an usher.

As we prepare to come to the table we sing



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

after all have communed

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

A Together we pray,

C Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

P May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you † peace. **C** Amen.

HYMN

Jesus Keep me Near the Cross

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1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

DISMISSAL

P Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to live, love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Faith's Weekly Announcements
Welcome to all of you attending this morning!

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday: 6:00 pm

Good Friday: 6:00 pm

Easter

Please join us for morning worship at
7:00 am (at the Memorial Garden)
8:30 am & 10:30 am (inside)

It's Easter Lily Time!

If you would like to help us decorate for Easter by purchasing one or more lilies, there are only a few left. The sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you make a dedication, please write legibly as this where we get the information for the bulletin. Cost is \$11.

The Flowering Cross

For many years we have had a flowering cross as part of our Easter morning celebration. We will be doing that again this year, and we need your help. On Easter morning, please bring a flower (either from your garden or artificial) and place it on the cross. We will have the cross outside for our 7:00 service, then bring it inside for the next two services. It's a beautiful visual!

Urgent Need

We still need 3 ushers for the Maundy Thursday service at 6:00 pm. If you are able to help, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

April Ladies Luncheon

The April Ladies Luncheon will be held at 11:30 am, Wednesday April 10th, at Ken & Barb's Grove City Grill. The restaurant is located just off Placida Road at the bridge near the high school. We will order off the menu with separate checks. Come for the enjoyment of fellowship and laughter! Deadline to sign up is Sunday, April 7th. The sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you need more information, see or call Kathie Wiley (941-662-5383).

Food Pantry

This week the food bank especially needs canned meats and tuna. All donations should be placed in the bin in the narthex.

Thank You

~ I just wish to express my gratitude and love to all for all of my get-well cards and for your prayers. I'm so very grateful for it all.
With love in Christ, Toni

~ Our secretary, Barbra, also thanks you for your prayers. Her thyroid issues are not as bad as originally thought, and she will follow up with the doctor in six months.

FYI

The article may help those of you who are having difficulty receiving our emails on a regular basis. Check it out:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/daveywinder/2024/03/19/new-mass-gmail-rejections-will-start-in-14-days-google-says/>

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Every week day morning	6:30 am	AA meets at church
Monday	8:00 pm	AA meets at church
Tuesday	7:30 am	Work Crew
	9:00 am	Lutheran Chicks
	11:30 am	Chimes
	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Bible Study
Thursday	6:00 pm	Maundy Thursday worship
Friday	6:00 pm	Good Friday worship

Attendance Last Week: 62 (early) + 63 (late)

Serving Today

Altar Guild:

First Service:

Lector/ Worship Assistant: Kathryn Gallagher

Usher: Jeff Kamm

Second Service:

Lector/ Worship Assistant: Debby Porter

Ushers: Brian Lindhurst, Doug & Sue Schuemann,
Ken Stephens

WE PRAY FOR...

Verna Newlon

Tom Jackling

Bruce Grosvenor

Toni Newton

Lou Taylor

John Schleede

Terry Flincheaueh

Barbra Davis

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PASTOR'S OFFICE: 10:00 – 1:00 (M-TH) AND BY APPOINTMENT

Our Guiding Principle: GOD'S GRACE WINS....

As we WORSHIP Jesus as our Lord and Savior

As we LOVE one another, welcoming everyone

As we SERVE, inspired by the Holy Spirit

As a deep FAITH is taught and caught

As we make WITNESS and MISSION our life