

Palm /Passion Sunday Sunday, April 2, 2023

Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Whether you are joining us in-person or on-line we are blessed to have you worshipping with us today. We pray that our time of worship together further encourages and strengthens our call to discipleship.

MISSION STATEMENT

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we share God's grace and mercy. We welcome and encourage all to grow with us in God's kingdom through praise, worship, and service.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHERING +

The congregation stands as they are able, for the reading of the processional Gospel

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

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21st Chapter Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on

the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

+ THE 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.

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

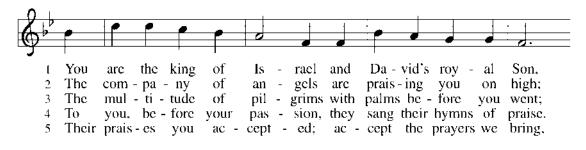
GATHERING HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor (vv. 1, 3 & 5)

ELW #344



¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."





Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 resurrecttion, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ WORD +

FIRST LESSON

A reading from Isaiah 50:4-9a

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience in the midst of persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

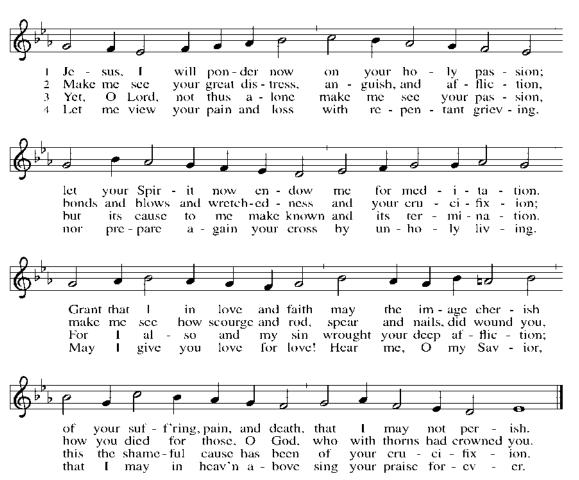
⁴The Lord GoD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GoD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck 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?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN Jesus, I will Ponder Now (vv 1 & 4) ELW #345
A READING OF THE PASSION ACCORDING TO THE GOSPEL OF ST. Matthew



Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626-1681; tr. August Crull, 1846-1923, alı. Music: JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UND PEIN, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

The congregation may follow along and participate where indicated.

The congregation may take a moment for silent meditation on the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

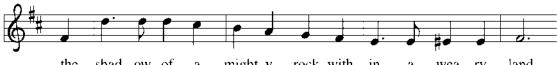
HYMN OF THE DAY

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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- 1 Be neath the cross of Je sus I long to take my stand;
- 2 Up on the cross of Je sus, my eye at times can see
- 3 I take, O cross, your shad ow for my a bid ing place;



the shad-ow of a might-y rock with in a wea-ry land, the ver-y dy-ing form of one who suf-fered there for me.

I ask no oth-er sun-shine than the sun-shine of his face;



home with-in wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the a way. And from my con-trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess: con - tent to let the world go know no gain nor by. loss. to



from the burn - ing of the noon-tide heat and bur-dens of the day. the . . . won-der of his glo-rious love and my un-wor-thi - ness. my . . . \sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869

Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927

THE 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Prayers are offered for the church, the world, and all creation

Merciful God. Receive our prayer.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

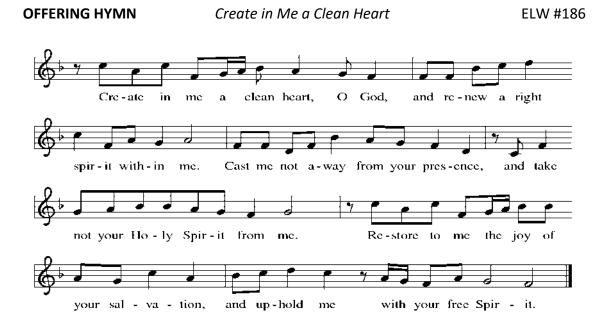
CHOIR ANTHEM Hosanna, Hosanna!

Violin—Jean Tweet; Composer—Joseph M. Martin

+ THE MEAL +

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

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Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923 Music Ø 1978 Linherm Book of Woship, admin. Augsburg Fortness.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of good gifts,

receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

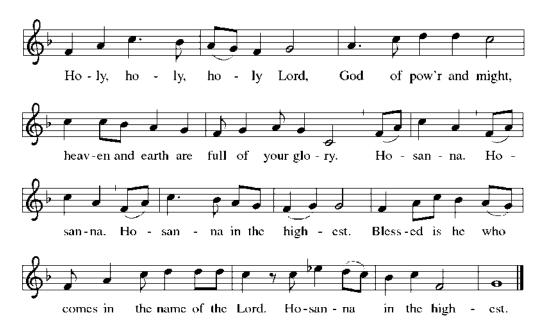
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again,

we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

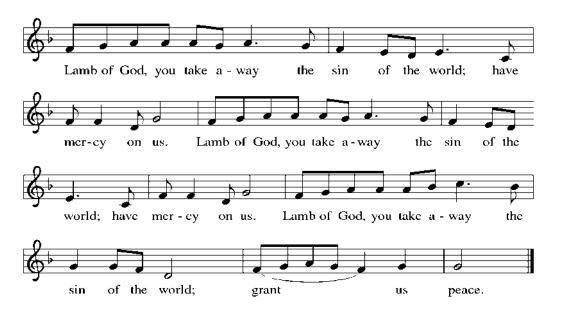
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

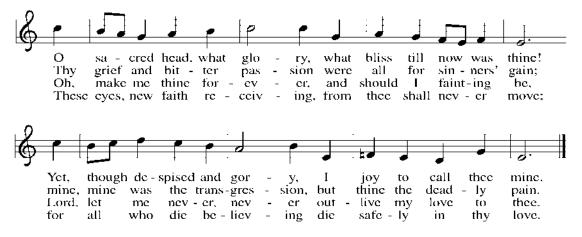
Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness. **Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD ELW p. 146



CONTEMPORARY/COMMUNION HYMNS Sing Hosanna





Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1280; tr. composite Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Love Divine, All Love Excelling

ELW #631





Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in Love.

Thanks be to God.

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ABOUT THIS WEEKS TEXT

TODAY, WE ENCOUNTER THE PARADOX THAT DEFINES OUR FAITH: JESUS CHRIST IS GLORIFIED KING AND HUMILIATED SERVANT. WE TOO ARE FULL OF PARADOX: LIKE PETER, WE FERVENTLY DESIRE TO FOLLOW CHRIST, BUT FIND OURSELVES AFRAID, DENYING GOD. WE WAVE PALMS IN CELEBRATION TODAY AS CHRIST COMES INTO OUR MIDST, AND WE FOLLOW WITH TREPIDATION AS HIS PATH LEADS TO DEATH ON THE CROSS. AMID IT ALL WE ARE INVITED INTO THIS PARADOXICAL PROMISE OF LIFE THROUGH CHRIST'S BROKEN BODY AND OUTPOURED LOVE IN A MEAL OF BREAD AND WINE. WE BEGIN THIS WEEK THAT STANDS AT THE CENTER OF THE CHURCH YEAR, ANTICIPATING THE COMPLETION OF GOD'S ASTOUNDING WORK.

THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

PETE ELLERTSEN, DEBI ELLERTSEN, JUDY BARHOOVER, MICK BUCHLER, TOM CHRISTELL, PAULA TONELLATO, MIKE SCADUTO, NORM KOEFOED, TOM ZUPANSIC. DALE KRUCKEBERG

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, or know someone who would like to be added to our list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card, send an email to peace.lutheran@comcast.net OR call the Office at (217)546-7646. Please note—for privacy reasons, we must have an individual's permission to add their name.

ZOOM MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM—9:30AM

FAITH FORMATION—10:30AM

DWELLING IN THE WORD—10:45AM

DRIVE THRU COMMUNION—11:00-11:30AM

TUESDAY, APRIL 3 COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE—5:30PM VIA ZOOM

THURSDAY, APRIL 6 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE—5:30PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 7 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE—6:30PM

SUNDAY, APR. 9 IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM—9:30AM

EASTER EGG HUNT

ASSISTING THE WEEK OF APRIL 2:

PRESIDING: REV. MARY E. ZUPANSIC

ASSISTING MINISTER: MIKE HORN

MUSICIAN: BRENDA PECK

CAMERA: JANET KOCIS

POWERPOINT: LINDA RICE

FELLOWSHIP: NORM KOEFOED

USHERS: DOUG MCFARLAN, JOE HENKLE

FLOWERS: SUE GLINTBORG—IN MEMORY OF HER MOTHER, DOROTHY DEMAKOS

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Palm Sunday

WORSHIP AT 9:30 A.M.

On this day we wave palms in celebration Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6 Maundy Thursday

WORSHIP AT 5:30 P.M.

We begin in the Fellowship Hall

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. On this night we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another.

Worship begins in the Fellowship Hall. Around tables we will share a meal, hear scripture, experience a 'ritual washing of hands', and share Holy Communion with one another. A procession will lead us to the sanctuary for the 'Stripping of the Altar & Chancel'.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Good Friday

WORSHIP AT 6:30 P.M.

Life and death stand side by side as we enter Good Friday. With scripture, prayer, reflection, and music we will recall Jesus' passion and death. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Easter Sunday

WORSHIP AT 9:30 A.M.

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

*Weather permitting there will be an easter egg hunt for the children.



EASTER FOOD BASKETS FOR SCHOOLS

IT'S TIME FOR PEACE'S ANNUAL COLLECTION OF FOOD AND FINANCIAL DONATIONS TO SUPPORT THE DELIVERY OF EASTER FOOD BASKETS TO 30 FAMILIES AT BLACK-HAWK ELEMENTARY AND JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOLS. THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GRACE LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY, WE PROVIDE FAMILIES WITH A LARGE TOTE OF CANNED AND BOXED GOODS, A HAM, MILK, BREAD, EGGS, SNACKS AND PERSONAL ITEMS. YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS PROJECT IN TWO WAYS: MAKING FI-

NANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS DESIGNATED FOR "HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS" AND/OR DONATING FOODS THAT WE'LL COLLECT ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE: FEB. 26 AND MARCH 5 -- CEREAL; MARCH 12 -- CANS OF BEEF RAVIOLI; MARCH 19 -- CANS OF PORK AND BEANS; MARCH 26 -- CANS OF PASTA SAUCE; APRIL 2 -- JARS OF PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY. THE BASKETS WILL BE PACKED AND DELIVERED TO THE SCHOOLS ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5.



PASTORAL CARE

If you would like a visit from **Pastor Mary** or you have a pastoral emergency please call pastor on her **cell phone** at **920.671.4338**. you may also leave a message on the office phone at 217.546.7646.



FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE IS
HOSTING AN EASTER EGG HUNT FOR
THE CHILDREN ON EASTER SUNDAY.
PLAN TO STAY AFTER WORSHIP AND
FNIOY THE FUN!





- OATMEAL, CEREAL AND PANCAKE MIX
- PASTA SAUCE IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS
- PASTA
- PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS
- INSTANT POTATOES
- CRACKERS
- TUNA IN A POUCH INSTEAD OF A CAN
- NOODLE SIDES
- STUFFING MIX
- CEREAL BARS, GRANOLA BARS, TRAIL MIX AND NUTS
- COFFEE

THANK YOU FOR BEING A NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBORS!



ALTAR FLOWERS

WE ARE TAKING ORDERS FOR 2023 ALTAR FLOWERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF OR IN HONOR OF A PERSON OR EVENT IN THE COMING YEAR PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE. YOU CAN ALSO SIGN UP FOR FLOWERS ON OUR WEBSITE IN THE MEMBERS' SECTION. FLOWERS ARE \$35.00. MANY DATES STILL AVAILABLE!



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