
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
MARCH 29, 2026
+ THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE +

REGISTRATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Members of Mt. Calvary and visitors, who are confirmed members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to announce attendance at Holy Communion by means of the registration cards in the pews. Non-member visitors and guests, who may desire to attend Holy communion, are asked to speak in person with the pastor before doing so. Those who desire a blessing, but choose not to commune, may come forward and simply cross their hands over their chest.

In accord with Holy Scripture, our church teaches that Holy Communion is open only to those who: (1) have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; Matt. 28:19, Acts 2:41-42; (2) are able to examine themselves both as to what this meal is and also its purpose; 1 Cor. 11:26-30; (3) have confessed and repented of their sins; 1 John 1:8-2:3; (4) believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine all communicants receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins: 1 Cor. 11:23-27, 1 Cor. 10:16, Matt. 26:26-28; and who (5) are united in belief in the same teaching: 1 Cor. 10:17, Rom. 16:18, 2 John 10-11, Matt. 28:20, Heb. 13:9.

Looking for extra help in focusing your thoughts for the Lord's Supper? "Christian Questions with Their Answers" was prepared by Luther to address just that. They can be found in your hymnal on pages 329-330. Review them if you get to church early, or during the offering, or if you are waiting to be invited forward.

Prayer before Worship: O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

PRELUDE

RINGING BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*(If you have not already done so, please gather in the Narthex
for the procession with the palms, if you are able.)*

WELCOME**GATHERING FOR PROCESSION WITH PALMS**

(the congregation speaks those portions printed in **C: CAPITAL LETTERS**)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

P: Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID.

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; Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN.

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

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

John 12:12-19

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So 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!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His 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. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. ¹⁹So 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 our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN LSB 442 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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.

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P: Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord.

C: HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

BLESSING OF THE PALM FRONDS

(Please raise your palm fronds)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

P: Let us pray.....

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty deeds whereby You have given us life everlasting. And we now ask that You would bless these fronds and those who bear them that they may remind us throughout the year of the work by which Christ has redeemed us so that we might always prepare a way for Him and greet Him as Son of David and King of Kings; through the same, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN.

INTROIT

Ps. 24:7–10; antiphon: Ps. 118:26



BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME | OF THE LORD!*

WE BLESS YOU FROM THE HOUSE | OF THE LORD.

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, STRONG AND MIGHTY, THE LORD, MIGHTY IN | BATTLE!

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, O GATES! AND LIFT THEM 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!

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME | OF THE LORD!*

WE BLESS YOU FROM THE HOUSE | OF THE LORD.

KYRIE

C: LORD HAVE MERCY, CHRIST HAVE MERCY, LORD HAVE MERCY.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. . .

C: **ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, YOU SENT YOUR SON, OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, TO TAKE UPON HIMSELF OUR FLESH AND TO SUFFER DEATH UPON THE CROSS. MERCIFULLY GRANT THAT WE MAY FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF HIS GREAT HUMILITY AND PATIENCE AND BE MADE PARTAKERS OF HIS RESURRECTION; THROUGH THE SAME JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.**

PSALM Psalm 118:19-29

Open to me the gates of | righteousness,*
that I may enter through them and give thanks | to the LORD.

THIS IS THE GATE | OF THE LORD;*

THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL ENTER | THROUGH IT.

I thank You that You have | answered me*
and have become my sal- | vation.

THE STONE THAT THE BUILDERS RE- | JECTED*

HAS BECOME THE | CORNERSTONE.

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

THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE | LORD HAS MADE;*

LET US REJOICE AND BE | GLAD IN IT.

Save us, we pray, | O LORD!*

O LORD, we pray, give | us success!

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME | OF THE LORD!*

WE BLESS YOU FROM THE HOUSE | OF THE LORD.

The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine up- | on us.*

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the | altar!

YOU ARE MY GOD, AND I WILL GIVE | THANKS TO YOU;*

YOU ARE MY GOD; I WILL EX- | TOL YOU.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | He is good;*

for His steadfast love endures for- | ever!

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

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

VOLUNTARY

Do You See That Man?

Adult Choir

Russell. Nagy

HOMILY

HYMN

LSB 441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

GOSPEL VERSE

P: He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,

C: EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS.

INTRODUCTION

P: The Passion of our Lord according to St. Matthew, the 26th & 27th chapters.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING*Matthew 26:1 – 27:66*

Please use the Pew Bibles for Gospel Reading

Pp. 847-851

*(You may be seated until the account of the crucifixion is begun)***RESPONSE**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**HYMN OF THE DAY***"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"**LSB 438***NICENE CREED***Page 158*

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY*Create In Me*

LSB 192-193

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: AMEN.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: BUT IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, GOD, WHO IS FAITHFUL AND JUST, WILL FORGIVE OUR SINS AND CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: MOST MERCIFUL GOD, WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE BY NATURE SINFUL AND UNCLEAN. WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED, BY WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND BY WHAT WE HAVE LEFT UNDONE. WE HAVE NOT LOVED YOU WITH OUR WHOLE HEART; WE HAVE NOT LOVED OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES. WE JUSTLY DESERVE YOUR PRESENT AND ETERNAL PUNISHMENT. FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON US. FORGIVE US, RENEW US, AND LEAD US, SO THAT WE MAY DELIGHT IN YOUR WILL AND WALK IN YOUR WAYS TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME. AMEN.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

VOLUNTARY

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty
Douglas Wagner

Bell Choir

PREFACE

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P The Lord be with you.



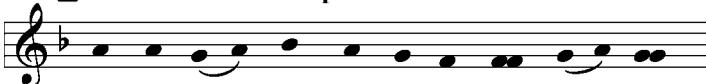
C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly meet, 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

Holy, Holy, Holy

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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 cometh in the name of the Lord.



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

LORD'S PRAYER

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P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to 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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

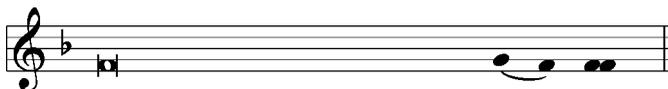
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P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 ✝ 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*The Peace of the Lord*

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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Please be seated

AGNUS DEI*Lamb of God*

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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.

Prayer before Communing: Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving after Receiving the Sacrament: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the live-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

LSB 436

Go to Dark Gethsemane vv. 1-3

LSB 421

Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing ?

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the true Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His most precious Blood, strengthen you in true faith, granting you the forgiveness of sins, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace.

C: AMEN.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

*Nunc Dimittis – Song of Simeon
Lord, Now You Let Your Servant*

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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

THANKSGIVING

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P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



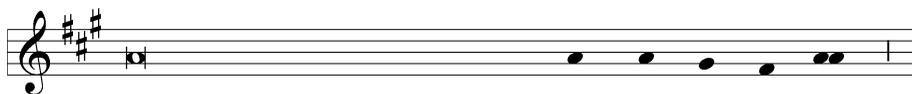
C A - men.

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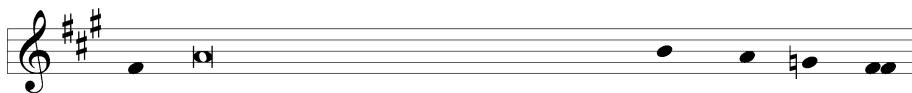
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

LSB 451

SILENT PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

<u>Maundy Thursday</u>	11:15 a	Divine Service
	6:30 p	Divine Service/ Stripping of the Altar
<u>Good Friday</u>	12:00 p	Noon Prayer/Commemoration of the Cross
	6:30 p	Tenebrae
<u>Holy Saturday</u>	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil
<u>Easter Sunday</u>	9:00 am	Easter Divine Service
	10:30 a	Easter Breakfast

... he **humbled** himself
and became **obedient**
to the point of **death** —
even **death on a cross.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:8, NRSV

