



# Weekly Announcements

## Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

**For Week of April 2, 2023**

### TODAY! YOUTH BREAKFAST

For the first time since 2019, the Youth Palm Sunday Breakfast has returned! Join us for a breakfast of egg bake, caramel rolls, fruit and beverages. All are welcome!

**The youth will serve today from 8-9 a.m. and 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

There is no charge but we are collecting a free-will offering to be donated to [Feed My Starving Children](#). A big thank you to everyone who donated food and beverages to share!

### NEWCOMERS MEET AND GREET

If you are new to Mt. Carmel, welcome! We are so glad you're here. Pastor Christopherson is ready to meet you, get to know you, and answer your questions about our church. Today there will be a special table downstairs at brunch for visitors who'd like to chat with the pastor. Next month, watch for an invitation to coffee with the pastor on the first Sunday, May 7.

### FOUNDATION MATCHING GIFT – 1 FOR 2!

All special offerings over and above your pledged giving for 2023 will be matched 50% by the Mt. Carmel Foundation. For example, your \$2.00 gift will be matched with \$1.00 to grow to \$3.00! Please designate any amount you'd like to give to this as "1 for 2 match" and we will track our progress towards the 6/30/23 benchmark of \$5000. We'll report our success to the Foundation, and they will add their dollars! **Join in the fun to erase the deficit.**

### CARE NOTES

Are you or a loved one struggling with a diagnosis of cancer or dementia? Are you having difficulties as a caregiver? Have you recently lost a job? These are a few of the topics addressed by Care Notes. They are being provided by our Befriender Ministry. Browse the pamphlets on the shelves beneath the flower sign up sheet in the narthex, and take one or more for yourself or a loved one. If you would like to speak to someone more in depth about one of these subjects, call the church office or Pr. Dave Olson at 651-528-7459.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Apr. 4 – Kathy Halverson

Apr. 6 – Leif Kutzer, Janell Partyka, Liz Pukenis

Apr. 7 – Al Erickson

Apr. 8 – Gerry Johnson, Oliver Kutzer

### EASTER LILY GARDEN

Sponsor a lily for the altar for Easter Sunday. Each plant is \$10 and yours to take home after the service. Pay online or by special offering envelope. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex or let the office know how you'd like your name and honoree to be written in the bulletin.

### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OFFERING – EASTER FOOD BASKETS

Goal met! Thank you to all those who contributed to the Easter Food Baskets. We are so glad we can help families to make a nice holiday meal to celebrate Easter.

### NO SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP TODAY

Sunday school and youth group resume after Easter on April 16. Join us for brunch downstairs!



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## THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- The Naylor family, grieving the loss of 16-year-old Gianna last week.
- Annette Dahl, recovering in rehab after a fall
- The Nordeen family, grieving the loss of Matt's father, Tom.
- Lorraine Carlson, grieving the sudden loss of her brother-in-law to a heart attack, followed by his son's death two days later from cancer
- Steve Metzler, Janell Wampler's friend, undergoing cancer treatment for a brain tumor
- Marilyn, Janell Wampler's sister, whose wound is almost healed and is staying in the health care center.

To include your prayers on this list, contact the church office.

## HOMEBOUND AND LONG-TERM CARE

Ethel Antonson, Marlene Black, Lorraine Carlson, Annette Dahl, Gerry Johnson, and Dorothy Warhol

## REMEMBERING TO GIVE

Please continue to support our congregation with your faithful financial contributions to Mt. Carmel as you are able. There are several ways to give:

- Mail your check to the church or drop off in the secure mailbox.
- Online by credit card or bank account. Visit [mountcarmelmpls.org/give](http://mountcarmelmpls.org/give) or scan the QR code for online giving opportunities.



Your generous support for Mt. Carmel and our ministry is truly appreciated.

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP ACTIVITY BAGS

Activity bags are available in the Narthex. Feel free to pick one up any time during the worship service. The red bags are geared for preschoolers and the blue bags are geared for elementary school age kids. Please return bags to the box marked Bag Returns.



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# Sunday of the Passion and procession with palms April 2, 2023

## ***Christ is our tree of life where we find shelter and rest***

*On this day Christians throughout the world begin the great and holy week that culminates in the central celebration of our faith: the Lord's passage from death to new life celebrated in the Three Days. Today's reading of Christ's passion sets forth the central act of God's love for humankind. In the reception of the Lord's body and blood, the church receives this life-giving love. In prayer, hymn, and readings, we hear the great paradox of our faith: Christ is proclaimed the mighty one who reigns from the tree of life.*

## GATHERING

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### PROCESSION WITH PALMS

#### WELCOME AND BLESSING

*Weather permitting, the assembly may gather outside of the usual worship space. The presider welcomes and instructs the assembly in the procession with palms. Children are invited forward to lead the procession.*

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

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*Jesus enters Jerusalem*

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

L: When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying 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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>"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."

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

**C: "Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"**

L: <sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking,

**C: "Who is this?"**

L: <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying,  
C: **“This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”**  
L: The gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### BLESSING OF PALMS

L: The Lord be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**  
L: Let us pray . . . now and forever.  
C: **Amen.**  
L: Let us go forth in peace,  
C: **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

#### CHILDREN’S SONG

Hosanna The Little Children Sing

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

##### All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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*The hymn begins as the assembly enters the sanctuary.*

##### **Refrain:**

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**1 You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,  
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. [Refrain]**

**2 The company of angels are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. [Refrain]**

- 3** The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. *[Refrain]*
- 4** To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *[Refrain]*
- 5** Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. *[Refrain]*

**“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

*The hymn begins as the assembly enters the sanctuary.*

*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 are 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 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless-ed One.  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals 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.  
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

*The assembly raises their palm branches.*

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

C: **Hosanna in the highest.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Sanctuary Choir

"Hosanna"

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: ...one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## WORD

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FIRST READING

*The servant submits to suffering*

Isaiah 50:4-9a

L: The 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.

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

<sup>6</sup> I 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.

<sup>7</sup> The 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;

<sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

<sup>9</sup> It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
Who will declare me guilty?

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

*Death on a cross*

Philippians 2:5-11

L: Paul writes:

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death —  
even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## MEDITATION

*After a brief introduction, the assembly joins in the gospel reading.*

*The passion and death of Jesus*

Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

P: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup>and said, “What will you give me if I betray him to you?” They paid him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup>And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

<sup>17</sup>On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

C: **“Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?”**

<sup>18</sup> “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’ “ <sup>19</sup>So they disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

<sup>20</sup>When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; <sup>21</sup>and while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” <sup>22</sup>And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

C: **“Surely not I, Lord?”**

<sup>23</sup> “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>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.”

<sup>25</sup>Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?”

“You have said so.”

<sup>26</sup>While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” <sup>27</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

<sup>30</sup>When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

‘I will strike the shepherd,

and the sheep of the flock will

be scattered.’

<sup>32</sup>But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.” <sup>33</sup>Peter said to him, “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.”

<sup>34</sup> “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”

<sup>35</sup> “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." <sup>37</sup>He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." <sup>39</sup>And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." <sup>40</sup>Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? <sup>41</sup> Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>42</sup>Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." <sup>43</sup>Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup>So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. <sup>45</sup>Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." <sup>49</sup>At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. <sup>51</sup>Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>52</sup>The Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. <sup>53</sup>Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup>But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it

must happen in this way?” <sup>55</sup>At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. <sup>56</sup>But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

<sup>57</sup>Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. <sup>58</sup>But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. <sup>59</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, <sup>60</sup>but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward <sup>61</sup>and said,

**C: “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’”**

<sup>62</sup>The high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you? <sup>63</sup>But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, “I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

<sup>64</sup> “You have said so. But I tell you,

From now on you will see the Son of Man

seated at the right hand of Power

and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

<sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. <sup>66</sup>What is your verdict?”

**C: “He deserves death.”**

<sup>67</sup>Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, <sup>68</sup> saying,

**C: “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”**

<sup>69</sup>Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” <sup>70</sup>But he denied it before all of them, saying, “I do not know what you are talking about.” <sup>71</sup>When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” <sup>72</sup>Again he denied it with an oath, “I do not know the man.” <sup>73</sup>After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

**C: “Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.”**

<sup>74</sup>Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know the man!” At that moment the cock crowed. <sup>75</sup>Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

<sup>27:1</sup>When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. <sup>2</sup>They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

<sup>3</sup>When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. <sup>4</sup>He said, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”

**C: “What is that to us? See to it yourself.”**

<sup>5</sup>Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. <sup>6</sup>But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

**C: “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.”**

<sup>7</sup>After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners. <sup>8</sup>For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. <sup>9</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, <sup>10</sup>and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

<sup>11</sup>Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” <sup>12</sup>But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. <sup>13</sup>Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make 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 festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” <sup>18</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. <sup>19</sup>While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” <sup>20</sup>Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. <sup>21</sup>The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?”



**C: “Barabbas.”**

<sup>22</sup>“Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

**C: “Let him be crucified!”**

<sup>23</sup>“Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more,

**C: “Let him be crucified!”**

<sup>24</sup>So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” <sup>25</sup>Then the people as a whole answered,

**C: “His blood be on us and on our children!”**

<sup>26</sup>So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

<sup>27</sup>Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. <sup>28</sup>They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

**C: “Hail, King of the Jews!”**

<sup>30</sup>They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup>As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; 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 clothes among themselves by casting lots; <sup>36</sup>then they sat down there and kept watch over him. <sup>37</sup>Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

<sup>38</sup>Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

<sup>39</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup>and saying,

**C: “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”**

<sup>41</sup>In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

**C: <sup>42</sup>“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.**

**<sup>43</sup>He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’”**

<sup>44</sup>The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

<sup>45</sup>From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

<sup>46</sup>And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” <sup>47</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

**C: “This man is calling for Elijah.”**

<sup>48</sup>At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>But the others said,

**C: “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”**

*The assembly stands.*

<sup>50</sup>Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. <sup>51</sup>At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. 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>After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup>Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

**C: “Truly this man was God’s Son!”**

<sup>55</sup>Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. <sup>56</sup>Among them 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 was also 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>So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth <sup>60</sup>and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. <sup>61</sup>Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. <sup>62</sup>The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup>and said,

**C: “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’**

**<sup>64</sup>Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception would 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 with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN**

**Lamb of God**

**ELW 336**

**1 Your only Son, no sin to hide  
But you have sent Him, from your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God.**

**Refrain:**

**Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God,  
I love the Holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**2 Your Gift of Love, they crucified.  
They laughed and scorned him as he died  
The humble king, they named a fraud,  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. [Refrain]**

**3 I was so lost, I should have died,  
But you have brought me to your side  
To be led by your staff and rod  
And to be called a lamb of God. [Refrain]**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Prayers are invited for the church, the nations, the earth, and those in any need.  
Each petition will conclude*

L: ... Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

L: Hear our prayers, merciful God, and transform our lives by your grace. Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## MEAL

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### PEACE

P: In Jesus' passion God has made peace with us. The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another.*

### GATHERING OF GIFTS

*At every celebration of the Lord's Supper an offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the*

*offering is gathered, bread, wine, money, and other gifts are brought forward. The assembly stands as the procession reaches the chancel. You may find baskets for your offerings at the entrance. Thank you for your generosity.*

ORGAN OFFERTORY      “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P:     Let us pray together.

**C:     God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone,  
but with the words of grace and life.  
Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P:     The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving, concluding:*

**C:     Lord’s Prayer (1789)  
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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION

**Lamb of God**

**ELW p. 146**

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Grant us peace.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**L: Let us pray . . . Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING**

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**BLESSING**

**L: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit watch your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore.**

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty**

**ELW 346**

**1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;  
O Savior meek, your road pursue,  
with palms and scattered garments strewed.**

**2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.**

**O Christ, your triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The hosts of angels in the sky  
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.**

**4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die,  
bow your meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL

**L:** Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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### **Serving in Worship Today**

Presiding..... Pastor D Foy Christopherson

Music Director ..... Ruth Bills

Altar Guild ..... Janell Partyka

Assisting Minister ..... Dave Olson



Reader ..... Lory Dubbels  
 Sound Operators ..... Myrna Flatland and Patrick Lathrop  
 Ushers ..... Rick Feist and Patrick Kutzer  
 Mini-bus ..... Andy Benedict  
 Palm Sunday Brunch ..... Youth

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