

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ...

Psalms 100:3

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April 13th – Passion Sunday – Palm Sunday

Our theme for the Lenten season is, ***“Lord Jesus, You Are Our Song As We Journey.”*** Martin Luther said, “The only true theology is a theology of the cross, not the false theology of glory.” We need to be constantly reminded by Luther and Apostle Paul, the Gospel writers and the entire Scriptures, of our God who is revealed most clearly, not in glory but in the cross, in weakness, in suffering, in loss, in loneliness, pain, and sorrow.

ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH.

God makes no exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to all, including those who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection. We rely on the healing, unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Good Shepherd.

Welcome guests! There is more information for you on the back of the bulletin.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Evangelical Lutheran Worship – **ELW (red book)**

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GATHERING – IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

ACCLAMATION

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

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁸ After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ 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, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray... **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

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

*Repeat as we proceed to the Sanctuary with our Palms. Children lead procession, following behind the cross. **Children, remain up front after the procession for the children’s message.***

GATHERING HYMN: ACS 929 Blessed is the One

Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name, who comes

in the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is the one who comes

in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Text: Psalm 118:26
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***PRAYER OF THE DAY: ...Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid 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.

⁴ 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 awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶ 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.

⁷ 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; ⁸ he 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?

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

⁹ Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I ¹ am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat ¹ and my belly.

¹⁰ **For my life is wasted with grief, and my ¹ years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones ¹ are consumed.**

¹¹ I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to ¹ my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street ¹ they avoid me.

¹² **Like the dead I am forgotten, ¹ out of mind;
I am as useless as a ¹ broken pot.**

¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is ¹ all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to ¹ take my life.

¹⁴ **But as for me, I have trusted in ¹ you, O Lord.
I have said, “You ¹ are my God.**

¹⁵ My times are ¹ in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who ¹ persecute me.

¹⁶ **Let your face shine up- ¹ on your servant;
save me in your ¹ steadfast love.”**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus’ humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on

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

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING: Luke 23:1-53

Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God's reign. The leader serves the followers, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus—the innocent bringer of life—is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ² They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.” ³ Then Pilate asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He answered, “You say so.” ⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.” ⁵ But they were insistent and said, “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”

⁶ When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷ And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹ He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹ Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹² That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵ Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶ I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

¹⁸ Then they all shouted out together, “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!” ¹⁹ (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰ Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹ but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” ²² A third

time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." ²³ But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵ He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

²⁶ As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸ But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³² Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." ⁴⁸ And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ But all his acquaintances,

including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

⁵⁰ Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, ⁵¹ had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. ⁵² This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³ Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 340 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth (verses 1 and 4)**



1 A lamb goes un - com - plain-ing forth to save a world of sin - ners.
 2 This lamb is Christ, our great-est friend, the Lamb of God, our Sav - ior,
 3 Our Sav - ior an - swered from his heart that he would take the bur - den:
 4 Of death I am no more a - fraid; your dy - ing is my liv - ing.



He bears the bur - den all a - lone, dies shorn of all his hon - ors.
 whom God in mer - cy chose to send to win us reb - els o - ver.
 "My Fa - ther's will is my com-mand; I'll do as I am bid - den."
 You clothe me in your roy - al robes that you are al - ways giv - ing.




He goes to slaugh - ter, weak and faint, is led to die with -
 "Go down, my child," the Fa - ther said, "and free my chil - dren
 Oh, won-drous love! Oh, lov - ing might! To right what mor - tals
 Your love is dress e - nough for me to wear through all e -

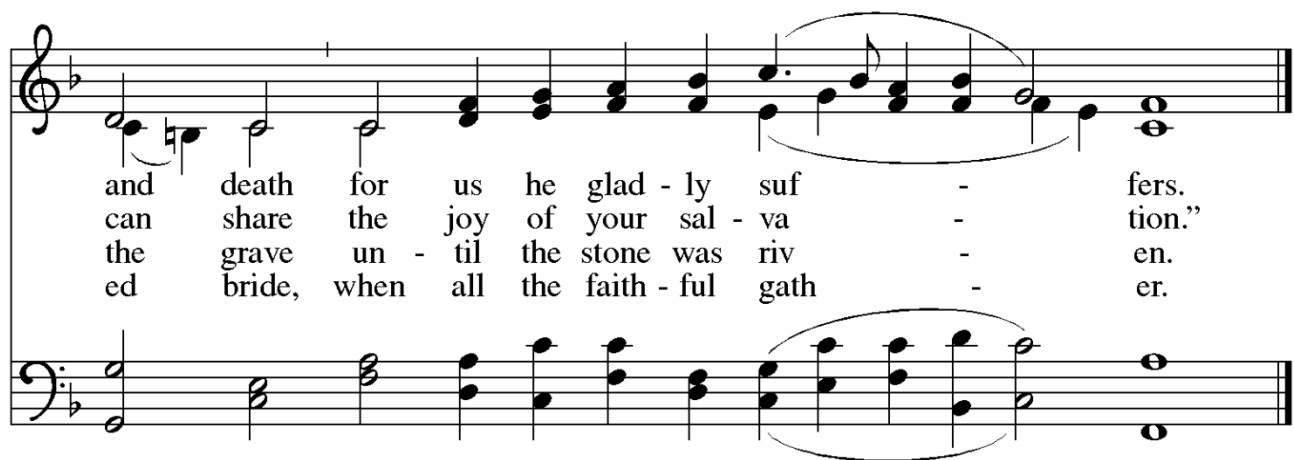


out com - plaint; his spot - less life he of - fers. He bears the shame,
 from their dread of death and con-dem - na - tion. The pain - ful stripes
 can - not right the Son was sent from heav - en. What love, O Love,
 ter - ni - ty be - fore the throne of heav - en, where we shall stand





the stripes, the wrath; his an - guish, mock - er - y,
 are hard to bear, but by your death they all
 who came to save by lov - ing e - ven to
 close by your side, your church, the well - ap - point -



and death for us he glad - ly suf - fers.
 can share the joy of your sal - va - tion."
 the grave un - til the stone was riv - en.
 ed bride, when all the faith - ful gath - er.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *Response is: God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

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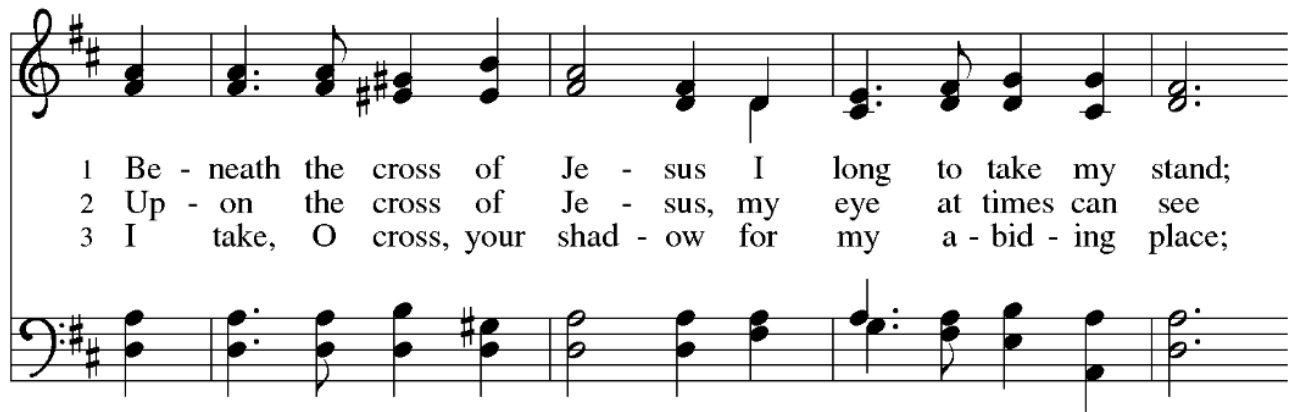
***PEACE OF CHRIST:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

We share peace by waving to those worshipping online or through the public access channel and then with those in the sanctuary.

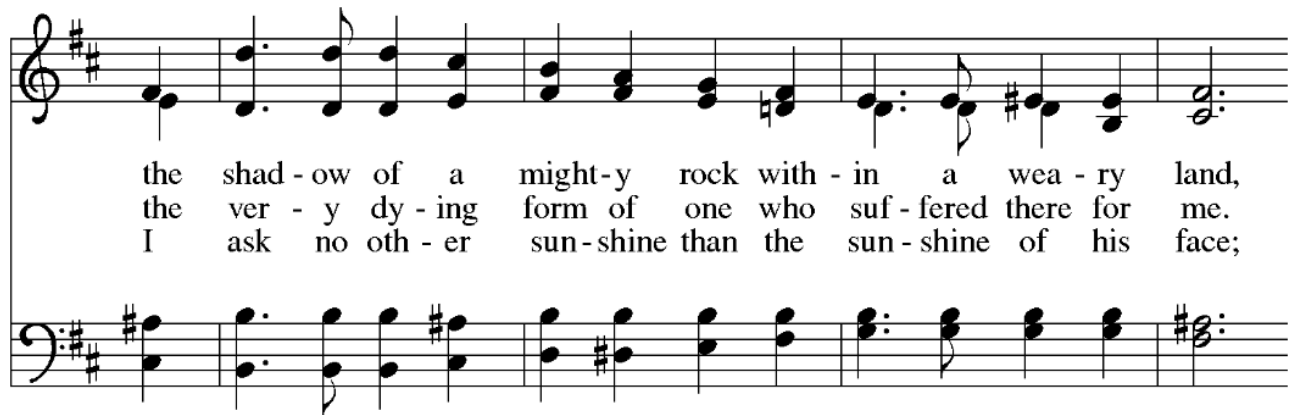
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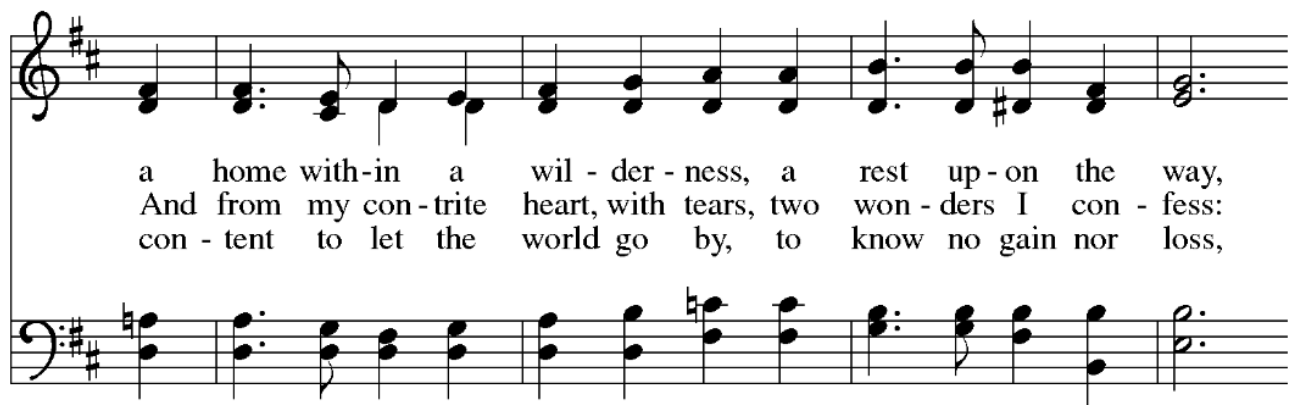
***OFFERTORY SONG: ELW #338 Beneath the Cross of Jesus (verses 1 and 2)**



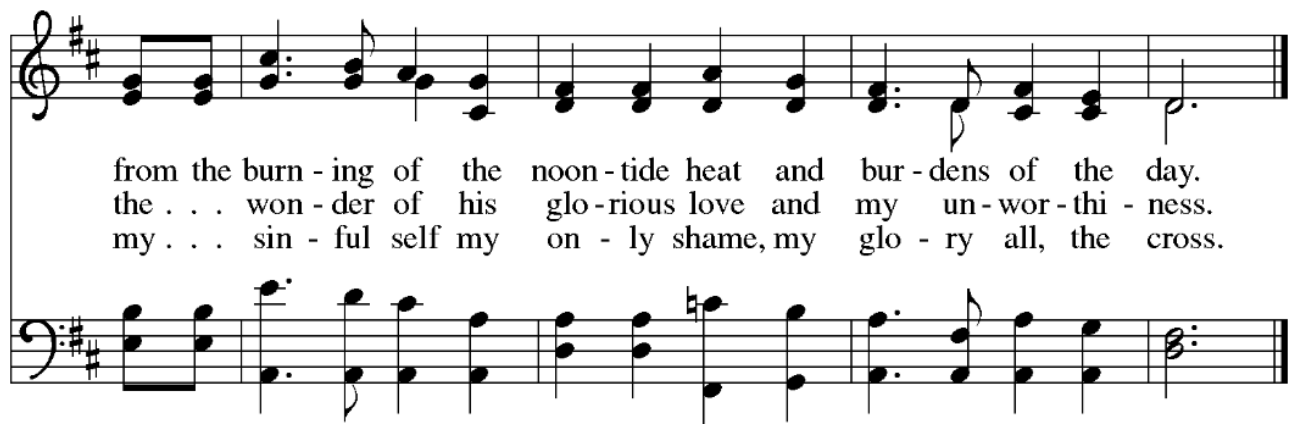
1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



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;



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



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.

***OFFERING PRAYER:** Let us pray... Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right... 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.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION – THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE:**

...let us pray as Jesus taught us: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours now and forever. Amen**

HOLY COMMUNION: *All are welcome at Christ's table.*

- *Worshippers will be directed down the center aisle.*
- *Communion is served in the pews for those who wish to remain seated.*
- *If you prefer only a blessing, indicate by placing your hands over your heart.*
- *Gluten and dairy free bread and red wine/white grape juice are available to all.*
- *Egg-free wheat wafers are also available.*
- *Please place your wine and juice cups in the tray as you return to your pew.*

COMMUNION SONG:

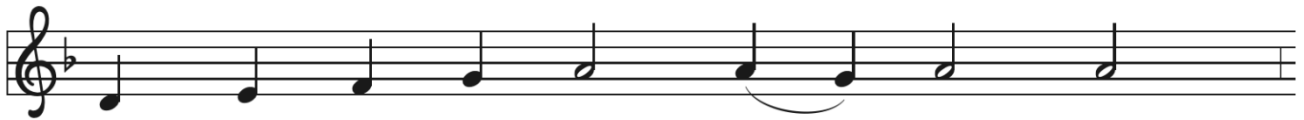


1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



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.

COMMUNION HYMNS: ACS 954 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 stripped of might up - on the cross,
 sit in pow - er at God's side,
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



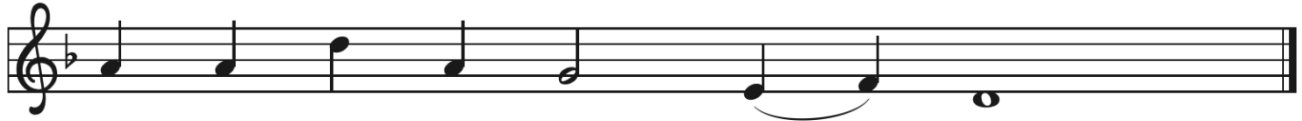
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 have a love that reach - es wide.
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
you, who are both gift and cost.
you, who are our pil - grim and guide.
you, who are our death and life.

ELW 494 For the Bread



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.



Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823–1895

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ELW 616 Jesus Remember Me

The image displays a musical score for the hymn 'Jesus Remember Me'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in-to your king - dom.' are written below the treble staff of each system. The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 7/8 time signature. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community
Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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TABLE BLESSING The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING** God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: ACS 930 Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now

1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing
2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -
3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you

feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and
vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry
ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in

life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.
is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

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DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE: Were You There – arr. Paul Nicholson

The postlude sends us out for service in the world. Feel free to use this time in any way that helps to send you out!

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY: PREACHING AND

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A Note about Our Palms: Our palms are from the forests of Mexico or Guatemala and supplied by the Eco-Palms Project, a collaboration of universities, agricultural and environmental institutes, and church bodies, including the Lutheran World Federation (LWF). The Project promotes social justice, fair trade, and environmental stewardship. You are welcome to take some home with you.

ADULT FORUM TODAY: LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE – Ukraine. Gaza and the West Bank. Sudan. Myanmar. Hurricanes. Wildfires. Drought. Tornadoes. Floods. Over the past year, a new disaster occurred somewhere in the world every two to three days on average. Disasters and crises keep happening with increasing frequency and intensity due to the impacts of climate change. And in the midst of the chaos and suffering, Lutheran Disaster Response is present. Come hear from **Maryn Olson, Director of Lutheran Disaster Response**, about how our church is accompanying disaster-and crisis-impacted communities around the world, and learn how you can support this life-saving ministry.

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY! PASTOR KRISTEN LARSEN-SCHMIDT ACCEPTS CALL TO GOOD SHEPHERD; PASTOR SUSAN FRIEDRICH WILL SERVE AS INTERIM PASTOR UNTIL MID-JUNE: We rejoice that Pastor Kristen Larsen-Schmidt has accepted the Call to serve “with joy” at Good Shepherd! She will begin on Monday, June 16. Pastor Kristen is coming to us from her current position as Interim Pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Thompson, North Dakota. And, we rejoice that Pastor Susan Friedrich will serve as Interim Pastor beginning May 1! Pastor Susan and her husband Norman are members. She has served 25 years as a minister in the ELCA, most recently as an Interim Pastor for the Northeastern Iowa Synod. She is also Secretary of the Northeastern Iowa Synod.

STARTING MAY 1st – NEW GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF MEMBER GABBY BIZAL: New Luther graduate Gabby Bizal has accepted the twofold, now combined position of Youth Director and Ministry and Communications Coordinator at Good Shepherd. We are so excited! We will have a special “Gabby day” to welcome and begin to get to know Gabby Bizal on April 23rd.

WORSHIP SERVICE AND CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE AND BLESSINGS FOR PASTORS APRIL AND JUDD, SUNDAY, APRIL 27th: All members and friends are invited to this special service and celebration, which is **Bishop Emerita April Ulring Larson's** last Sunday preaching and presiding at Good Shepherd as our Interim Pastor. The worship service will close with a time of gratitude for and blessing of Pastors April and Judd, as we celebrate their 8+ months among us. Following the service, there will be a time of celebration, expressions of gratitude, and special treats in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor April's last day is **Wednesday, April 30.**

YOUTH LENTEN PROJECT SUPPORTS LUTHERAN SERVICES IN IOWA: This year's Lenten Project, sponsored by Good Shepherd youth, will raise funds for Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI). A Lutheran Services of Iowa fact and offering prayer, written by students during Sunday School time throughout Lent, will be presented by youth each Wednesday and Sunday during Lent. Donations for LSI can be placed in a special art piece, created by our younger Sunday School students, at the altar during the Offertory Wednesdays and Sundays through Palm Sunday. If you'd like to write a check, make it to Good Shepherd with Youth Lenten Project on the memo line.

EASTER POTLUCK DINNER AT GOOD SHEPHERD, EASTER SUNDAY, 11:30 AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL: Come and enjoy a time of fun and community at the Easter Potluck Dinner in the Fellowship Hall! Co-sponsored by WELCA and the EPIC Scholarship Committee, the potluck is also a **fundraiser** for two ministries: the **Mission Assistance Fund**, selected by WELCA, and the **Mission Endowment Fund**, selected by the EPIC Scholarship Committee. Meat and beverages will be provided, with members invited to bring a side dish, bread, or dessert. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space. Visitors are our guests.

"GABBY DAY" TACO SUPPER, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23rd, 5:00 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL: Children, youth, families, and all folks who support Good Shepherd's youth ministry are invited to a Taco Supper to greet Gabby Bizal, our new Youth Director and Communications Coordinator. The "Gabby Day" Taco Supper is hosted by Good Shepherd's "Eat, Play, Love" group. The group usually meets the third Sunday of every month for a potluck and play time, so families can get to know each other.

Thank you Reg Laursen for making a case with the city and securing our permit for the Easter Vigil bonfire.

Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

Praying for others is a cherished ministry that everyone can participate in at any time. There are no time constraints to our care for others as we offer their needs up to God.

People on the prayer list are welcome to remain there for as long as is needed.

Those with health concerns:

- Lise Kildegaard
- Amanda Schwoegler
- Anne Clausen
- Bob Wilson
- Mickey Slind
- Scott Barnes
- Jon Wendling
- Elizabeth Hermeier
- James Barth
- Ginny Olson
- Haisleigh – *children's hospital, Iowa City*
- Wanda Rueber
- LaVerne Ramsey
- Scott Ulring
- Phillip Swanson
- Harland Nelson
- Dennis Martin, Marv & Mickey Slind's brother-in-law
- Ingrid Callaghan
- Carrie Solberg
- Jutta Anderson

Those in a time of crisis:

- Mike Sammons, our staff custodian, and his family (Rachael Mun and daughters Althea and Eleanor), in the wake of a house fire

Those who grieve:

- Pete and Kari Espinosa and their families, upon the deaths of Pete's sister on Sunday, March 23rd and Kari's nephew on Tuesday, March 18th.
- Glendalu Wuest and family, upon the death of her husband Dick Wuest on Monday, March 3rd.

Those serving the needs of others:

- Martha Monson Lowe
- Maryn Olson, *Director of Lutheran Disaster Response*
- Pastor Kathryn Thompson as she serves higher education students through LuMin in La Crosse

To have a prayer request added to or removed from the Prayer List, please email Tristan at office@goodshepherddecorah.org or call (563) 382-3963.

Good Shepherd Worship Schedule

Today, Sunday, April 13th: *Passion Sunday*

Worship at 9:30 AM; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Fellowship Time: 10:45 AM; Fellowship Hall; treats provided by the Red Flock

Adult Forum: 11:00 AM; Gathering Space; presented by Maryn Olson

Thursday, April 17th: *Maundy Thursday Worship*

Worship at 7:00 PM; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Friday, April 18th: *Good Friday Worship – Jazz Service*

Worship at 7:00 PM; Sanctuary

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Saturday, April 19th: *Easter Vigil Bonfire and Worship*

Bonfire at 7:00 PM; Backyard; worship following in Sanctuary

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Sunday, April 20th: *Resurrection of our Lord – Easter Sunday*

Worship at 9:30 AM; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Easter Potluck Dinner: 11:30 AM; Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 27th: *Second Sunday of Easter*

Worship at 9:30 AM; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Celebration of Gratitude and Blessings for Pastor April: 10:45 AM; Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 4th: *Third Sunday of Easter*

Worship at 9:30 AM; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Susan Friedrich

Fellowship Time: 10:45 AM; Fellowship Hall; treats provided by the Orange Flock

WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS and especially to Luther College Students! It is a joy to worship with you. You are welcome to enjoy really great coffee, juice, treats, and conversation down the hall after worship – follow the crowd. Sit anywhere!

ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION. It is Christ's table and Christ is the host. Instructions are included in the communion section of the Order of Worship.

THE PRESENCE, ENERGY, AND NOISE OF CHILDREN ARE MOST WELCOME HERE! The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. This congregation is glad to share in this work. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. A nursery with toys and activity bags is available. Mothers are welcome to nurse anywhere that works.

RACIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT: This Statement was approved at the annual meeting of the congregation on February 6th, 2022. It was developed through the work of the Racial Justice Team which held listening sessions with the congregation. Find the full statement at goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement or by scanning the code.



IN KEEPING WITH OUR WELCOME, Good Shepherd is a *Reconciling in Christ* partner congregation, affirming our welcome to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and our commitment to anti-racism work so that all may participate fully in the life of our congregation. We are an *AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation* - Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.

The Good Shepherd buildings are Carbon Neutral/Net Zero Energy use.

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