

BLESSINGS ON THE ONE

— MARK 11:9

Welcome to worship! We're delighted you are here!



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Holy Communion is offered to all who seek the presence of Christ. This is a welcome table.



Gethsemane Lutheran Church wishes to acknowledge and honor the Osage, Quapaw, Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówiŋ, Kaskaskia, and Kickapoo peoples upon whose ancestral homelands we gather for worship, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place—this land—and call it their home.

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This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

GATHERING

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

Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶The disciples told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming dominion of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹Then Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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. We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through our Lord 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 him in the way of the cross, so that, dying and rising with him, we enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Trumpet Fanfare

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 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.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The congregation is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

⁴The Lord God has given me a trained tongue, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning the Lord God wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore, I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸the one who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court 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.

Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16

The choir will lead the singing of the Psalm with the congregation singing the bolded lines.

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

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

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

when they see me in the street [|] they avoid me.

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

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

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in [|] you, O LORD.**
I have said, "You [|] are my God.

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

¹⁶**Let your face shine up- [|] on your servant;**
save me in your [|] steadfast love."

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though existing in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷but relinquished it all, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Please remain seated until instructed to stand.

A Telling of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 14th chapter:

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 14:1-9 – Anointing Jesus' Feet at Bethany

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

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

1 My song is love unknown,
my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Mark 14:10-25 – Judas Prepares to Betray, Last Supper

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

¹²On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” ¹³So Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹⁵The owner will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” ¹⁶So the disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as Jesus had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

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

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

2 He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own
would not its Savior know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!

Mark 14:26-42 – Praying in Gethsemane

²⁶When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’” ²⁸“But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” ²⁹Peter said to him, “Even though all fall away, I will not.” ³⁰Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” ³¹But Peter said vehemently, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And all of them said the same.

³²They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴And he said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” ³⁵And going a little farther, Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me, yet, not what I want but what you want.” ³⁷Jesus came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? ³⁸Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ³⁹And again Jesus went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son-of-Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand.”

Hymn: *My Song is Love Unknown* (Verse 3)

Hymn # 343

3 Sometimes we strew his way
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to our king.
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath,
and for his death we thirst and cry.

Mark 14:43-52 – Judas Betrays Jesus

⁴³Immediately, while Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived, and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” ⁴⁵So when Judas came, he went up to Jesus at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. ⁴⁶Then they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. ⁴⁷But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁴⁸Then Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a rebel? ⁴⁹Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” ⁵⁰All of them deserted him and fled.

⁵¹A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, ⁵²but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

4 We cry out; we will have
our dear Lord made away,
a murderer to save,
the prince of life to slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes
that he his foes from thence might free.

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Mark 14:53-72 – Jesus on Trial, Peter Betrays Jesus

⁵³They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. ⁵⁴Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest, and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. ⁵⁶For many gave false testimony against Jesus, and their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, ⁵⁸“We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’ ” ⁵⁹But even on this point their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” ⁶¹But Jesus was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” ⁶²Jesus said, “I am, and ‘you will see the Son-of-Man seated at the right hand of the Power’ and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven.’ ” ⁶³Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “Why do we still need witnesses? ⁶⁴You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?” All of them condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” The guards also took him and beat him.

⁶⁶While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the female servants of the high priest came by. ⁶⁷When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, “You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.” ⁶⁸But he denied it, saying, “I do not know or understand what you are talking about.” And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. ⁶⁹And the female servant, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” ⁷⁰But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean, and you talk like one.” ⁷¹But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know this man you are talking about.” ⁷²At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Mark 15:1-20 – Jesus on Trial

¹As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered him, “You say so.” ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the festival Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³They shouted back, “Crucify him!” ¹⁴Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.

¹⁶Then the soldiers led Jesus into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters), and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

Mark 15:21-32 – Jesus is Crucified

²¹They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²²Then they brought Jesus to the place

called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. ²

⁵It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two rebels, one on his right and one on his left.

²⁹Those who passed by derided Jesus, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

Hymn: When I Survey the Wonderous Cross (Verse 3)

Hymn # 803

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

Mark 15:33-39 – Jesus Dies

³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion who stood facing him saw that in this way Jesus breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

The congregation is seated.

Hymn: When I Survey the Wonderous Cross (Verse 4)

Hymn # 803

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Mark 15:33-39 – Jesus is Buried

⁴⁰There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome, ⁴¹who followed him when he was in Galilee and ministered to him, and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

⁴²When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council who was also himself waiting expectantly for the dominion of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Then Pilate wondered if Jesus were already dead, and summoning the centurion he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵When Pilate learned from the centurion that Jesus was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶Then Joseph bought a linen cloth and, taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of rock. Joseph then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: What Wondrous Love Is This

Hymn # 666



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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BLESSING OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED COMMUNION INSTRUCTION:

P: Today this community of faith rejoices with the following people who join in sharing the meal of holy communion: Evelyn Gorvie, Soren Matlock, Oskar Starr-Hunter, Henry Szyman, and Jacob Walentik.

In the sacrament of holy baptism proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to holy communion.

Welcome to the Lord's table. We thank God for you. We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal, until we feast forever at God's heavenly banquet.

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

THE PRAYERS

AM: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

AM: ... Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

P: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also, with you.

P: I invite you to share a sign of peace with those around you.
The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.**

The congregation is seated.

MEAL

THE OFFERING: *The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

MUSICAL OFFERING: *What Wondrous Love*

arr. John A. Behnke

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has a repeat sign after the first measure. The second staff also has a repeat sign after the first measure. The third and fourth staves do not have repeat signs. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is more complex than the first section, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,', 'heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -', 'san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who', and 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.'

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

COMMUNION

P: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

The congregation is seated.

All who seek the Lord are welcome at Christ's table to receive the gift of God's grace! Those not receiving the bread and wine are welcome to come for a blessing. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

Choir: *Hosanna in the Highest*

Palestrina,
arr. Elwood Coggin

Were You There

Hymn# 353



- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
- 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



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Refrain



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



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Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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The song, *Were You There*, was most likely composed by an African American slave in the 19th century. It was the first spiritual to ever be printed in a major American hymnal in 1940. Also, of interest, is that it was one of peace activist, Mahatma Gandhi's favorite songs.

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

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

These are ways we are sharing God's Grace with our community and with the world!

BLESSING

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace.

Amen

The congregation is seated.

SENDING HYMN: *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

Hymn # 347



- 1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
- 2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
- 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
- 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Share your bread.
Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Women's Luncheon: Please plan to join us tomorrow, Monday, March 25th, at Bartolino's Osteria in the Drury Inn on Hampton at 11:30 am. See Kathleen Moe to save your spot.

Easter Breakfast: The Gethsemane Youth Group is preparing an Easter Breakfast fundraiser for between services on March 31st. For more information and to reserve your seat, scan the code or complete the Easter Breakfast insert found in your bulletin on the back of Easter Flowering Plant order form.

Flowering Plants for Easter: This is your last chance to order Begonias, Cyclamens, and Kalanchoe to help decorate the church sanctuary for Easter. You may also use the order form found in your bulletin to make a special Easter donation. Orders are due tomorrow, Monday, March 25th.

Meet Circuit Attorney Gabe Gore Here, Monday, March 25th at 6pm. The North Hampton Neighborhood Association has invited Circuit Attorney Gabe Gore to join them at their next meeting. They will be meeting in our fellowship hall from 6pm to 8pm. This meeting is open to the public.

Request of the Month: For the months of March and April, we are collecting toilet paper and menstrual pads for our Food Pantry Partners: Isaiah 58 and St. Anthony's. Items may be placed on the shelves of the collection unit located in the main hall next to the Council corkboard and family mailboxes. Items placed in the grocery cart will be placed in Gethsemane's Little Free Pantry.

Green Committee Pancake Dinner and a Movie Night: Save the date for the Green Committee's first Pancake Dinner and a Movie fundraiser night on Friday, April 12th! Delicious pancakes, sausage and fruit will be served from 5:30 - 7pm, followed by a movie. We are raising funds to replace the gas stove in Gethsemane's kitchen with a more energy-efficient appliance. See the Friday e-newsletter or monthly Messenger for additional information and learn how you can help.

Attention Church Mice: We have updated the available church repair options. A complete list is available in the hallway outside of the kitchen in the basement. There you will find pictures of the work that needs to be completed and instructions. Simply select a job you are interested in by taking the sheet and following the steps on the instruction sheet to learn more about the specific job, the equipment needed, and to schedule a time to complete the job.

Would you like more readings for Holy Week? Here are the readings assigned for the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday between Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday.

Monday, March 25th: Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 36:5-11, Hebrews 9:11-15, and John 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 26th: Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 71:1-14, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, and John 12:20-36

Wednesday, March 27th: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 70, Hebrews 12:1-3, and John 13:21-32

Vacation Bible School RETURNS! All potty-trained four-year-olds to those currently in the 5th grade are welcome to join us for the return of Vacation Bible School at Gethsemane, July 29-August 2, 2024! VBS will run from 9am-noon, and we are once again offering after care (aka VBS+) from 12pm-5:30pm! The VBS+ will be run and supervised by Anja Walentik, a professional 1st grade teacher. Cost for VBS only (9am-12pm) is \$30/child or \$60/two or more children. Cost is \$100/child or \$200/two or more children for VBS+ (9am-12pm PLUS 12-5:30pm) See the Friday e-newsletter or church website for more information.

Gethsemane Lutheran Church Calendar
March 24-31, 2024

Today	8:30 am	Worship Service: In-Person and on YouTube
	9:45 am	Sunday School and Fellowship
Palm Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service
	5:00 pm	Vocal Choir Rehearsal
3/25 Monday	11:30 am	Women's Luncheon
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
	6:00 pm	Neighborhood Meeting in Fellowship Hall
3/26 Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
3/27 Wednesday	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
3/28 Thursday	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday
3/29 Friday	7:00 pm	Good Friday
3/30 Saturday	7:30 pm	Easter Vigil at St. Mark's on Clayton
3/31 Sunday	8:30 am	Worship Service: In-Person and on YouTube
	9:30 am	Fellowship and Easter Breakfast
Easter Sunday	10:00 am	Easter Egg Hunt
	11:00 am	Worship Service

Upcoming Dates to Consider

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday, April 2 nd	6:00 am – 7:00 pm	GLC is Election Polling Place
Sunday, April 28 th	9:30 am	One Service Followed by Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Blood Pressure (BP): First and third Sunday of each month in the fellowship hall.

Women's Luncheon: Fourth Monday of every month.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Deanna Brooker: healing and strength

Stephen Brown: healing and strength

The Crotty Family: upon the death of Ed and Anne's daughter Susan

Mark Cutelli: healing

Sue Flaxbart: healing after hip surgery

Mike Fenton: health management, patience, understanding

Natalie Fontana and Family: upon the death of Natalie's father, Dennis Fontana

Damien Gustafson: strength, comfort, and healing after fall on ice

Neil Gustafson: healing and strength after surgery

Barb Johnson: increase in mobility and decrease in pain

Conrad Otto: recovery from spine surgery

The Family of Sharon Ryan: upon her death on Monday, March 11

Sharon Salerno: healing and strength

Request for:	<i>On Behalf of:</i>
Sandy and Debbie (healing, comfort)	<i>Boehlje Family</i>
Shelly H., Pam M., Lauren M., Arlene R. (healing)	<i>Jean Chouquette</i>
Tyla (house upon flooding of her house); Parents (continued health); Farmers of the world	<i>Cat Leonard</i>
Darlene's mom (comfort, strength)	<i>McElwee Family</i>
Pat Fulton (strength); Ginny Olson (strength, pain relief); Mica Thompson (strength, healing); those impacted by disasters; the people of Gaza; for peace with justice in our world	<i>Olson/Fulton Family</i>
The children of Saint Louis	<i>Starr-Hunter Family</i>
Thanks for the blessings received; Frank and Beth (courage)	<i>Kate Schejbal</i>
Pat (healing, strength, guidance for her, her family, and medical team)	<i>Joan Williams</i>
End of Texas wildfires, resolutions end of war/conflict in Ukraine and Israel	<i>Anonymous</i>

Note: Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for two weeks. After that time, they will be removed. Simply resubmit or update your request as necessary. Requests made after 2:00pm on Thursdays may not appear in the following Sunday bulletin due to printing timeline.

Gethsemane is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation Affirmation of Welcome

Christ's welcome knows no boundaries! Therefore, our welcome knows no boundaries and we invite all people to full participation in the life of the congregation.

We at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Saint Louis embrace...

People of any race or ethnicity...

People who are male, female, transgender, or any other gender identity...

People of any age...

People wherever they are, or wherever they have been, on their faith journeys...

People who are single, married, widowed, divorced, separated or partnered...

People who are straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, or any other sexual orientation...

People with a variety of political perspectives...

People who have, or had, addictions, phobias, abortions, or a criminal record...

People who are homeowners, renters, living with parents, or homeless...

People who are fully-abled, disabled, or of differing abilities...

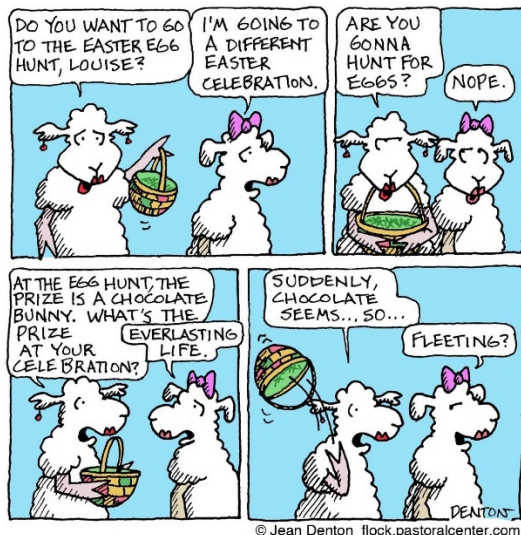
People of differing educational backgrounds...

People of any socio-economic condition...

People not mentioned above, all of whom are created and loved by God!

As we celebrate and seek to preserve the beautiful, amazing diversity of God's creation, we pledge to ourselves and to all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world. We are committed to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith.

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