

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday

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*‘Have This Mind Among You’*



We welcome our members and guests to Christ Lutheran today, and pray God’s richest blessings upon you during this time of worship!

*All members and our guests are asked to complete the worship attendance pads which can be found on each pew. Guests are also asked to sign the guest register found in the Narthex. We are so glad to have you worshipping with us today!*

*LARGE PRINT worship folders are available at the usher stand at the back of the nave.*

## **WELCOME:**

“Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ comes before us, when he would show [people] how to suffer, who when he was struck bore it patiently, being reviled he reviled not again, when he suffered he threatened not, but he gave his back to the smiters and his cheeks to buffetings, and he turned not his face from spitting; and at last, he was willingly led to death, that we might behold in him the image of all that is virtuous and immortal, and that we, conducting ourselves after these examples, might truly tread on serpents and scorpions and on all the power of the enemy.”

—St. Athanasius, *Letter 10*

# THE LORD'S SUPPER

In preparation for reception of the Lord's Supper (*Holy Communion*), it is important that we review and understand what the Bible teaches regarding this sacrament:

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine in Holy Communion<sup>1</sup>, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins<sup>2</sup>, and strengthens us for daily living, and draws us into closer fellowship with Him and other believers. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal<sup>3</sup>. For those receiving Holy Communion, examine yourself with these questions:

**Do I believe that I am a sinner and I am sorry for my sins?**

**Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?**

**Do I believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in this holy meal for my forgiveness?**

**Do I truly intend with the help of God to correct my sinful life?**

According to Christ's Word in the Holy Scriptures, and in confession with the true Christian faith, at Christ Lutheran we observe the practice of closed communion. We believe that all who commune must confess the same holy faith, as Holy Scripture teaches. Since one's church affiliation indicates an individual's confession of faith, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the above teaching **and** are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod commune. If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold a different confession of faith<sup>4</sup>, you are still welcome to come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

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<sup>1</sup> Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23

<sup>2</sup> Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19

<sup>3</sup> 1 Corinthians 11:28-32

<sup>4</sup> 1 Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

# DIVINE SERVICE II

*The service begins in the narthex outside the sanctuary.  
Please pick up a service folder and palm leaf before the service begins.*

## GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** Amen.
- P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C** Hosanna to the Son of David.

## COLLECT

- P** Let us pray.  
Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts, and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 12:12-19*

- P** The Holy † Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out:

“Hosanna!

‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’

The King of Israel!”

Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:

“Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
Behold, your King is coming,  
Sitting on a donkey’s colt.”

His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, “You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him!”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

**C** In the name of the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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*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 Blessèd 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*

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** Hosanna in the highest.

# CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

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

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

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

**C** **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**PSALM: IN TE, DOMINE, SPERAVI**

*Psalm 31:9-16; Ant. Psalm 31:5*



Into your hand I commit my | spirit;\*  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

**Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | in distress;\*  
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body | also.**

For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with | sighing;\*  
my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones | waste away.

**Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my  
neighbors, and an object of dread to my ac- | quaintances;\*  
those who see me in the street | flee from me.**

I have been forgotten like one | who is dead;\*  
I have become like a broken | vessel.

**For I hear the whispering of many—terror on | every side!—\*  
as they scheme together against me, as they plot to | take my life.**

But I trust in you, | O LORD;\*  
I say, “You | are my God.”

**My times are | in your hand;\*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors!**

Make your face shine on your | servant;\*  
save me in your | steadfast love!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Into your hand I commit my | spirit;\*  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

## KYRIE

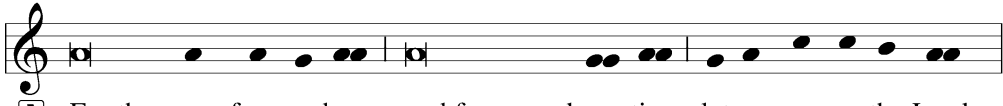
*Mark 10:47*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



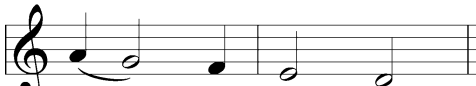
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



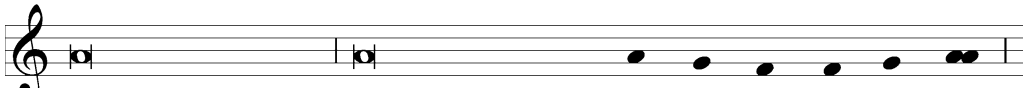
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



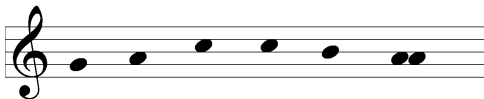
and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



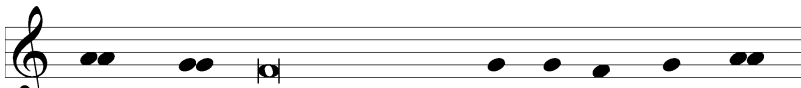
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

*The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Lent.*

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Please be seated*

## OLD TESTAMENT

*Isaiah 50:4-9a*

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word  
him who is weary.  
Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.  
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.

I gave my back to those who strike,  
 and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
 I hid not my face  
 from disgrace and spitting.  
 But the Lord GOD helps me;  
 therefore I have not been disgraced;  
 therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
 and I know that I shall not be put to shame.  
 He who vindicates me is near.  
 Who will contend with me?  
 Let us stand up together.  
 Who is my adversary?  
 Let him come near to me.  
 Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;  
 who will declare me guilty?  
 Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;  
 the moth will eat them up.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL**

*Hebrews 9:12, 15; Psalm 111:9*



**[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of | his own blood,\***  
**thus securing an eternal re- | demption.**  
**Therefore he is the mediator of a new | covenant,\***  
**so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal in- | heritance.**  
**He sent redemption to his | people;\***  
**he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.**

## EPISTLE

*Philippians 2:5-11*

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## VERSE

*Philippians 2:8b*

*He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the | point of death, \*  
Even death up- | on a cross.*

*Please stand*

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 12:20-43*

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



**C** Glo - ry - to You, O Lord.

Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”

Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

But Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

“Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name.”

Then a voice came from heaven, saying, “I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.”

Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to Him.”

Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.” This He said, signifying by what death He would die.

The people answered Him, “We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this Son of Man?”

Then Jesus said to them, “A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke:

“Lord, who has believed our report?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:

“He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts,

Lest they should see with their eyes,

Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn,

So that I should heal them.”

These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.

Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

OFFICE HYMN

**Ride On, Ride On in Majesty**

**#441**

SERMON

*The Lord GOD Has Opened My Ear*

*Please stand*

NICENE CREED

**☩ I believe in one God,** (Rom 10:10; Deut 6:4)  
**the Father Almighty,** (Mt 6:9; Ex 6:3)  
**maker of heaven and earth** (Gen 1:1; Jn 1:1)  
**and of all things visible and invisible.** (Col 1:16)  
**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,** (Rom 10:9)  
**the only-begotten Son of God,** (Jn 3:16; Mt 16:16)  
**begotten of His Father before all worlds,** (Jn 1:2)  
**God of God, Light of Light,** (Jn 17:22; Jn 8:12; Jn 1:1)  
**very God of very God,** (Col 2:9) **begotten, not made,** (Jn 1:2)  
**being of one substance with the Father,** (Jn 10:30)  
**by whom all things were made;** (Heb 1:2; Jn 1:3)  
**who for us men and for our salvation** (1 Tim 2:4; Rom 3:23)  
**came down from heaven** (Jn 6:41; Lk 15:20)  
**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary** (Lk 1:34-35)  
**and was made man;** (Jn 1:14)  
**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.** (Mk 15:25; Jn 19:16-18)  
**He suffered and was buried.** (Jn 19:1-3; Lk 23:53)  
**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures** (1 Cor 15:4; Lk 24:6)  
**and ascended into heaven** (Acts 1:9)  
**and sits at the right hand of the Father.** (Acts 7:55)  
**And He will come again with glory** (Mt 26:64)  
**to judge both the living and the dead,** (Acts 10:42; Mt 3:12)  
**whose kingdom will have no end.** (2 Pt 1:11)  
**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,** (Jn 14:26; Gen 1:2; Acts 2:38)  
**the Lord and giver of life,** (Gen 1:2; Jn 3:6)  
**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,** (Jn 15:26)  
**who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,** (Mt 3:16-17)  
**who spoke by the prophets.** (Eze 11:5)  
**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,** (1 Pt 2:5; Eph 2:19-22)

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,** (Eph 4:5)  
**and I look for the resurrection of the dead** (1 Cor 15:35-49; 1 Thess 4:13-18)  
**and the life ✠ of the world to come.** (Mk 10:29-30; Mt 10:40-42)

**Amen.** (Ps 106:48)

*Us men* means all people.

*Christian:* the ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition of the prayer:*

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*For comfort, health, and recovery:* **Andie Boone, Donna Carson, Martha Clark, Marshall Entekin, Fawn Fields, Merina Hansen, Margaret Haynes, Elmer Held, Sharon Holleman, Merlyn Lauber, Theresa Mendenhall, Richard Mullis, Natalie Rudsenkske & Child, Eloise Springer, Nicole Tatum, Larry Taylor, Dorothy Zeigler;**

*For those who mourn:* the family and friends of **Elaine Johnson;**

*For those who are ill or distressed:* **Jenalee Adams, Blair Alford, Layne Bagley, Shirley Bagley, W.L. Bagley, Sarah Bowman, Deloris Brent, Martha Brown, Nathan Brown, Hunter Burkhalter, Wayne Burt, Bobby Carroll, Donna Carson, Joan Cowards, Belinda Cowards-Gonzales, Robert (Andy) Evers, Tahlia Ferderer, Fawn Fields, George Fields, Parker Haines, Dan Hansen, Tim Hansen, Faye Hartman, Elmer Held, Valerie Henderson, Sharon Holleman, April Ann Hubmann, Joslyn Jones, Steve Kennedy, John Koster, Katelyn Lawing, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Edlia Miller, Elaine Monaghan, Don Ochs, Pippin Family, Deborah-Annette Ried, Kaye Reid, Jon Sandberg, Noah Schultz, Jonnie Pearl Smiley, Bob Smith, Sherri Smith, Deborah Springer, Eloise Springer, Gary Stoeckmann, Dana Taquino, Lesley Tatum, Nicole Tatum, Donny Thomas, Nikki Vines, Leonard Watson, Cynthia Widlitze, Barbara Zeigler;**

*For college and graduate students:* **Sara Fields, James Hansford;**

*For military servants and their families:* **Glen Hansford, James Hansford, Bill Nelson, Steven Tatum;**

*This week's prayer family:* **The Kettler Family** and their loved ones.

*Please be seated*

## OFFERING

*Please stand*

OFFERTORY

*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al-so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
 pow'r 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.

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28*

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

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD’S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver ✠ us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## PAX DOMINI

*John 20:19*



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



**C** A - men.

**AGNUS DEI**

*John 1:29*



**C** 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, grant us peace.

*Please be seated*

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

*All who are members in good standing of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have introduced themselves to one of the pastors are welcome to partake of the Holy Communion at Christ Lutheran. If you have not spoken to a pastor, but would like to receive the Lord's blessing, you may still come to the rail and kneel, crossing one arm over the other in the shape of an 'X'. This symbolizes that one is marked by the cross and Triune name of Almighty God.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

O Perfect Life of Love  
Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed  
Glory Be to Jesus

#452  
#437  
#433

*Please stand following distribution of communion*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

*Luke 2:29-32*



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**A** Let us pray.

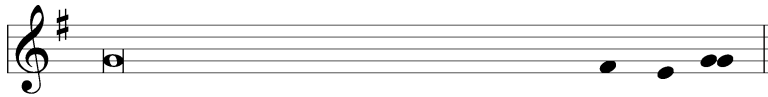
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24–26*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

## Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

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## Serving Today

**Pastor:** Rev. George Fields

**Acolytes:** Nathan Hansford, William Hansford

**Interpreter:** Charlie Warren

**Altar Guild:** Linda Kirtley

**Elder:** Keith Martin

**Organist:** Sr. Sara Fields

**Cantor:** Natalie Rudenske

**Holy Week Services:** Today commences Holy Week, wherein we trace the steps of our Lord during His Passion. See below for service times:

**Thursday 7:00 p.m.** Maundy Thursday Divine Service

**Friday 7:00 p.m.** Good Friday Chief Service

**Saturday 8:00 p.m.** Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

**Sunday 10:30 a.m.** Easter Sunday Divine Service

**Easter Brunch:** Our annual Easter Brunch will be held Easter morning from 9:00-10:00 a.m., complete with an *Easter egg hunt* for the kids! (There will be no Sunday School classes that morning.) If you would like to bring a dish to the brunch, please check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Come join the feast before *the* Feast as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection!

**No 'Wednesday' This Week:** If you come to church Wednesday evening, you are welcome to pray as always, but alas, there will no dinner or vespers. See you *Thursday!*

**No Bible & Breaky This Week:** Due to the Holy Week schedule, we will break from midweek studies this week and resume again next week.

**Letters to Our Soldier:** James Hansford is at Basic Training! Let us pray for and support him while he is away. Each Sunday, there is a card on the table in the Fellowship Hall for us to sign and send off – a little bit of home to keep him going. Thank you for showing Christ's love to our brother while he is away!

**Readings for next Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord:**  
Introit Ex. 15:1-2a, 6, 13, 17-18; Psalm 16; Isaiah 65:17-25; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12.

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**KIDS IN THE  
DIVINE SERVICE**  
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### **Why do we celebrate “Palm Sunday”?**

The Sunday before Jesus was crucified by the people, they honored and adored Him as their Lord and king with palm branches. We remember this as the beginning of Christ’s bitter walk to the cross.



**PRAISE HIM!**

**CRUCIFY HIM!**

### **Why did the people honor and adore Jesus on Palm Sunday and then kill Him on Good Friday?**

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the people began to praise and honor Him as their king. They believed Him to be a powerful leader who would overthrow the Roman government and restore Israel. When Jesus did not do this, the people wanted Him crucified. You and I know what kind of a king He is. He’s a king who came to die for the sins of His people. Wow! What a king!



**Parents:** Remind your children that it was important that Jesus did die for their sins. That is exactly what He came to earth to do. He came to pay the price that we could never pay. Direct your children to the symbols in the church that reflect Christ’s death. Remind them that we will hear of His victory over death next Sunday on Easter!!!



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	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service—The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord</b>



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