

SUNDAY OF CHRIST'S PASSION (PALM SUNDAY) • MARCH 24, 2024

CROSS

Cross Lutheran Church

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3/29 Dave Olson
3/31 7:30a Dan Erickson
3/31 9:30a Dave Olson

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3/29 Phyllis Moser
3/31 7:30a Katie Erickson
3/31 9:30a Duane Gudknecht

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3/28 Duane Gudknecht
3/31 7:30a Katie Erickson
3/31 9:30a Duane Gudknecht

Reader:
3/24 Peter Brown

Ushers:
3/24 Matt Wickoren and
Sheree Kieffer
3/28 Sharon Crist and
Sheree Kieffer
3/31 9:30a Sharon Crist
and Matt Wickoren

Acolyte:
3/24 Amelia Brynildson
3/28 Amelia Brynildson
3/29 Kirby Doughty Crist
3/31 9:30a Henry Mizinski

Livestream Producer:
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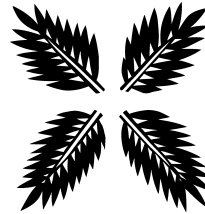
Altar Guild:
March: Linda Duncan and
Lisa LeMay

Coffee:
3/24 Wayne and LuAnn
Lund
3/31 EASTER

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*As we celebrate and remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, all are invited to stand
and wave your palm leaves during the Processional hymn.*



PRELUDE	Hosanna, Loud Hosanna	Michael Burkhardt
CHORAL ANTHEM.	On That Day When He Rode into Jerusalem	Mary Kay Beall
	Cross Choir	

MARK 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and 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. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,
"Hosanna!

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

Then he 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.

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

If you are interested in serving coffee following worship, please sign-up on the bulletin board between the narthex and the kitchen.

If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday Worship, sign up on the bulletin board in the back of the narthex, or contact the office.

The Liturgy of Holy Communion, which we celebrate every Sunday, is the principal form of Lutheran worship. Here, the Holy Spirit gathers us around the means of grace—the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need.

The basic pattern of this liturgy—gathering, word, meal, sending—is a structure that allows for freedom and flexibility in the ways our worship may be shaped locally, while focusing on what the church holds in common. The whole people of God are joined by the same gifts of grace, for the sake of the same mission of the gospel, into the life of the one triune God.

*WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we are caught in snares of sin
and cannot break free.

We hoard resources while our neighbors
are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

For all these things and for sins only you know,
forgive us, Lord. **Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world,

God draws near to us,

breaks every snare of sin,

washes away our wrongs,

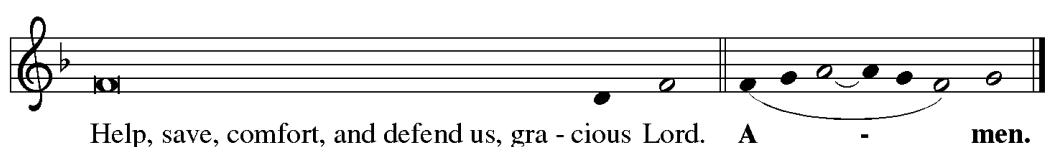
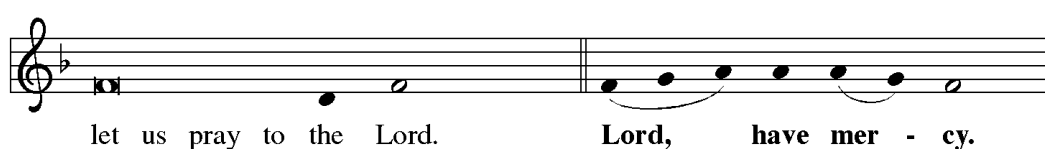
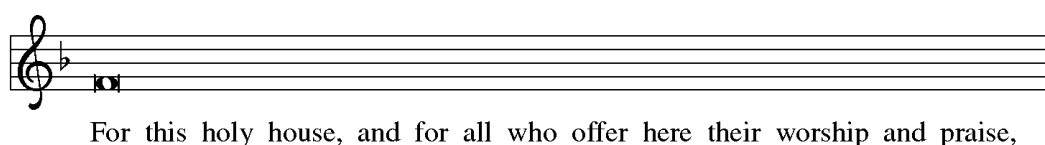
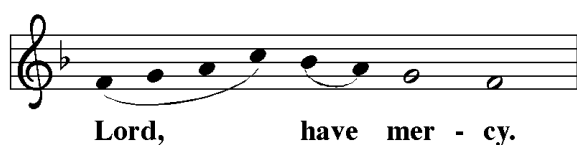
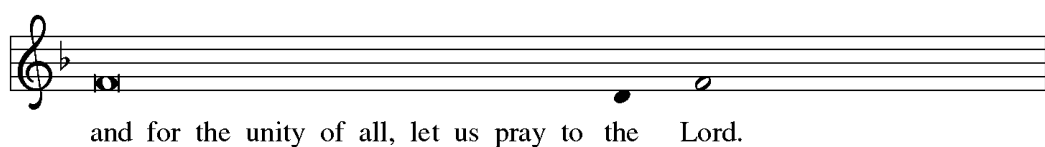
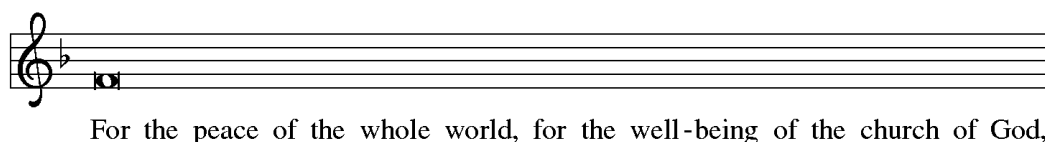
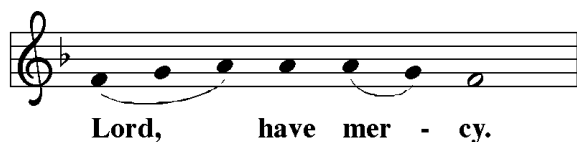
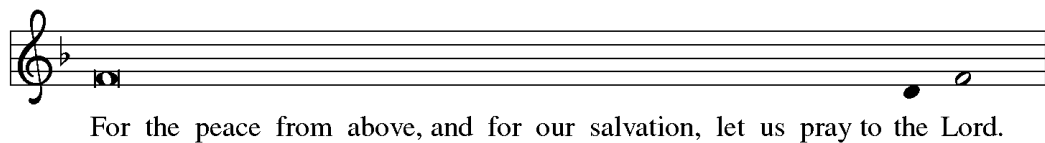
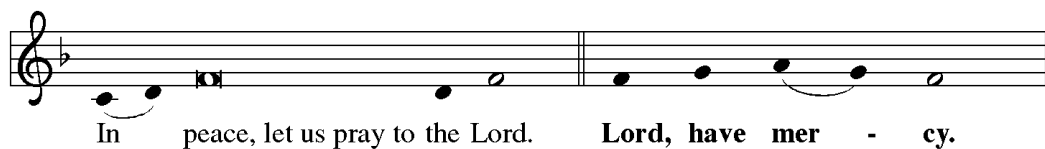
and restores the promise of life through ☩ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*KYRIE

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Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



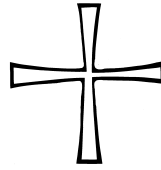
you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Hosanna! King of all, you reign over all. Reign in our lives, triumph over evil, and teach us to follow in your footsteps. Amen.



WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

*We gather around the **WORD** in reading, preaching, and song, as we enter into the steadfast love of God as proclaimed through Holy Scripture.*

*For Lutherans, the **Gospel of Christ**—the Good News of what God has done in Jesus —is at the heart of our public witness and proclamation.*

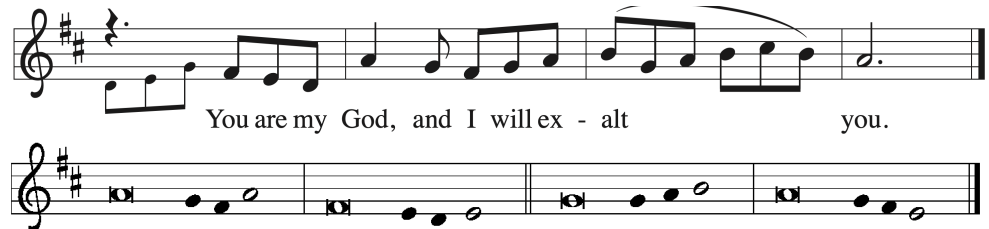
This Good News is received through the Gospel accounts of the apostles Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, yes, but also in the writings of Paul, John, and Peter; in the witnesses of the Old Testament prophets; the memories of the people of Israel; and through the poetry and prose of Psalms, Ecclesiastes, Proverbs and others. The Gospel is truly the Good News of Christ proclaimed from Genesis to Revelation, whenever and however it points to God's loving, redeeming, and creative power in, with, and through Jesus Christ and by the Holy Spirit. Good News indeed.

FIRST LESSON Mark 14:1-2

It 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, for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:25-29



Hosanna! | O Lord, save us!

We pray to you, Lord, pros- | per our days!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the Lord;

we bless you from the house | of the Lord.

The Lord is God and has giv- | en us light.

Form a procession with branches up to the corners | of the altar.

You are my God, and | I will thank you;

you are my God, and I | will exalt you.

Give thanks to the Lord, | for the Lord is good;

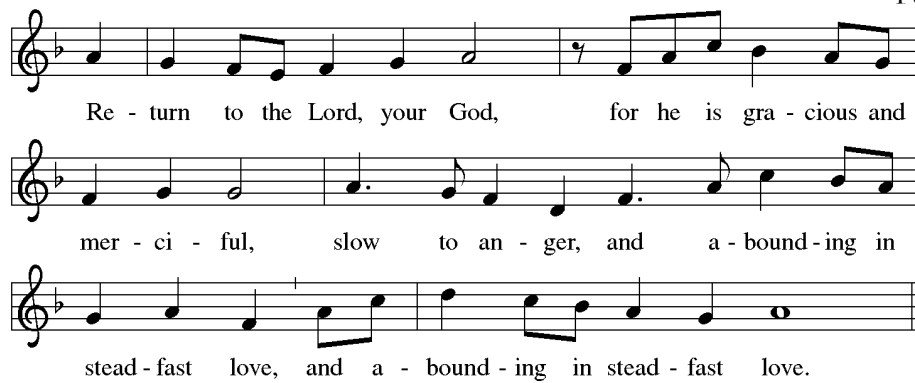
God's mercy en- | dures forever. **R**

SECOND LESSON

Mark 14: 3-9

While he 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. But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



*GOSPEL

Mark 14:10-11

The Gospel according to Mark... Glory to you, O Lord.

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

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

*SONG OF THE DAY

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

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1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,
4 Let me view your pain and loss with re - pen - tant griev - ing,



let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.
bonds and blows and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;
but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.
nor pre - pare a - gain your cross by un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,
For I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.
how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.
this the shame - ful cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.
that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

**PREACHING
SCRIPTURES**

As we continue through this year of Mark, here are the main biblical texts for the coming weeks:

**March 24. Triumphal
Entry**

Mark 11:1-11; 14:1-11

Psalms 118:25-29

**March 28. Lord's
Supper, Prayer in
Gethsemane**

Mark 14:22-42

Psalms 116:12-19

March 29. Crucifixion

Mark 15:16-39

Psalms 22:1-2, 14-21

March 31. Resurrection

Mark 16:1-8

Psalms 118:21-27

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

This week we pray for:
Bud and Margo, Roman
Joseph, Marya, Marilee,
Sherry, Sharon, Ray and
Clara, Kay, Dawn, Brady,
Richard, Andrew, Judy,
Sheree, Marv, Dottie,
Alicia, Debbie, BettyLu,
David, Greg, Kennedee,
Kenny, Robin, Hailey,
Jerrod, and Kelly.

If you have a name
to add or remove from
this prayer list, please
contact Pastor Scott
or Katie Tomek, Admin.
Assistant.

OFFERING

We bring our offerings to
God with grateful hearts,
in confidence they will be
used to support the work
of the church both here
and throughout the world.

In ELCA liturgy, the
Offering is set within the
context of the Meal, for it
is here that we set the
table with the fruits of our
hands— financial
offerings, yes, but also
bread and wine which are
products of human effort
and gifts of our gracious
God. It is from this table
of blessing that God
feeds us with the
presence of Christ.

*APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a covid-friendly sign of peace with those around you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Paul Manz

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS – Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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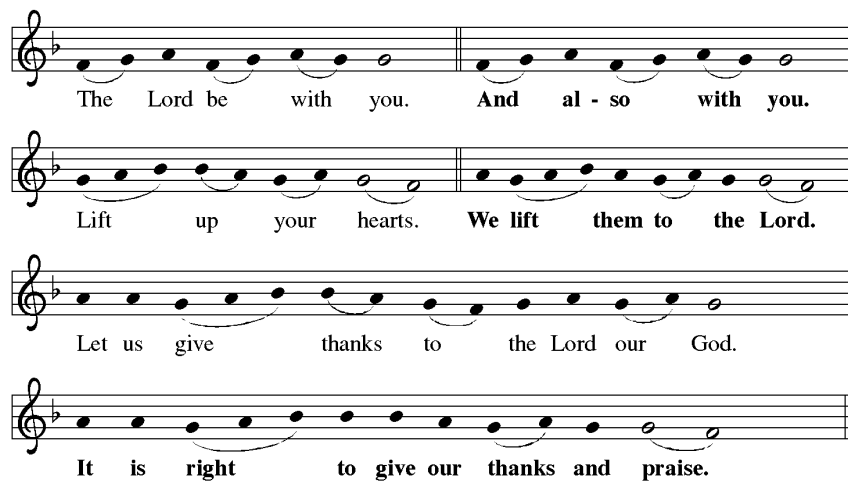
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

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

***DIALOGUE**

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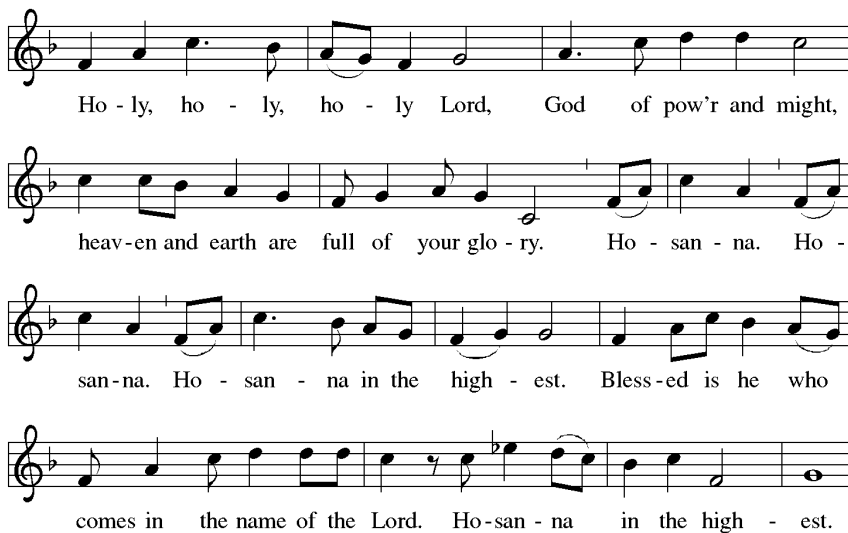
*In **Holy Communion**, we receive the gift of Christ's presence in bread and wine (the body and blood of Jesus) through the holy promise that this gift is "for you." All who desire to receive Christ's presence in, with, and through the wine and the bread are invited to this table.*

***We remember** God's faithfulness to God's people and God's purposes.*

***PREFACE**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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***PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your
holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation. In faithful
response, we join our voices to proclaim the sacred story:

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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.

All are invited to proclaim the words of institution along with the presiding pastor.

Today we practice continuous communion using a pouring chalice as a common cup. Ushers will invite you to proceed up the aisle towards the pastor and the bread. Please offer your cupped hands to receive the bread.

Proceed to the cupbearer, picking up an empty cup from the tray. Hold out your cup for the lay minister to fill from the common pouring chalice.

Please recycle your cup in the basket provided and return via the side aisle.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please tell the pastor when you approach to receive the bread. Pre-filled grape juice cups are available. Please ask your server.

Children who are not yet communing and others wishing not to commune may approach the pastor for a blessing. Please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you are not comfortable with coming forward for communion due to health concerns, individual communion sets are available at the sanctuary entrance. Please indicate to the usher if you would like one.

*PRAYER OF THANKFULNESS

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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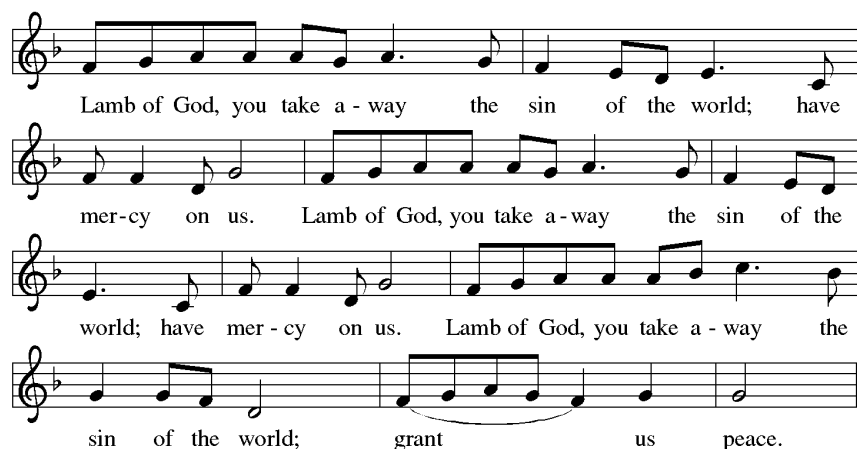
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

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 forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.

Communion songs: 324 - In the Cross of Christ I Glory: 466 - In the Singing

*COMMUNION BLESSING

*COMMUNION PRAYER

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

***SENDING SONG**

My Song is Love Unknown

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1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es
4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a -
me, love to the love - less shown that they might
stow; the world that was his own would not its
sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas of
way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of
love - ly be. Oh, who am I that
Sav - ior know. But, oh, my friend, my
to our king. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is
life to slay. Yet cheer - ful he to
for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!
all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.
suf - f'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.

5 In life no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6 Here might I stay and sing—
no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend!

ANOINTING After
communing, you may
receive prayer and
anointing with oil from
the assisting minister
stationed in the
narthex.

*The Holy Spirit
SENDS us, restored
and refreshed in the
Word and the Meal,
to share the Good
News.*

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen Christ. **Thanks Be To God.**

In observance of Lent, there will be no postludes during this season.

HOLY WEEK at CROSS LUTHERAN

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24, 9:30 am Worship

Maundy Thursday

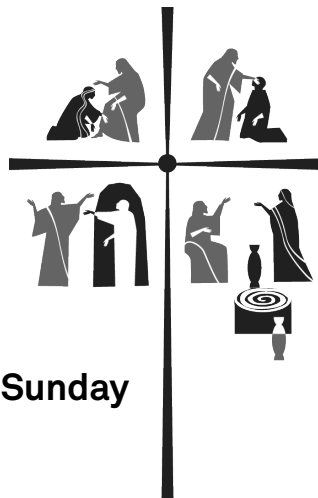
March 28, 6:00 pm Worship

Good Friday

March 29, 6:00 pm Worship

Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday

March 31, 7:30 am Sunrise Worship
9:30 am Festival Worship



TODAY AT CROSS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP in the community room following worship.

EASTER FLOWERS are ordered! Pick yours up after worship on Easter Sunday, March 31.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Cross Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 6pm in preparation for Easter season ministry. There will be a short rehearsal on Thursday, March 28th. All experiences and backgrounds are welcome. Choir will be singing two times per month, in addition to services during Holy Week and Easter. Participation is encouraged even if you can't be at every service! If you have questions, please contact Ken at worship@crosslutheranchurch.org.

JOHN GLENN LAUNCHING PAD

The donation item for March is personal cleaning cloths. School supplies, especially chisel type Expo Markers, continue to be needed.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Thursdays at 10:30 am. All are welcome to join! It's always a lively time.

MERRICK MARCH FOOD DRIVE is on! Their overall goal is to raise \$30,000, and every donation makes an impact – for example, each \$100 raised provides approximately 300 meals. Cross is assisting with this by collecting monetary and food donations. Plan to bring in all donations before Easter. All checks should be made payable to Cross Lutheran Church. Check out www.merrickcs.org for a list of what foodstuffs are most needed.

BLOOD DRIVE The May 2nd Blood drive is ready for scheduling. If you would like to donate, go to the American Red Cross website.

Instructions for signing up: Click on the top option, "Give Blood" and in the page it opens, in the box labeled "make an appointment", type: 55109. Click "Refine Search" and choose the date "May 2". Click "Refine Results".

This will bring up Cross Lutheran with available times. If you have been a donor previously it should bring up your information. There will be the availability to do Power Red also. Remember to do Rapid Pass and print the information.

If you have questions, please see Sylvia Graham. Thanks so much!

SPRING WORK DAY! Please join us for a few hours on Saturday morning April 20th at 9am to do some spring cleaning in and around the building. Feel free to bring a rake, broom and a pair of gloves if you can.

HAM BINGO is happening at Presentation of Mary Church on March 23rd, and Cross is invited! Try your hand at Bingo to win one of 9 hams. Dinner is at 6pm and Bingo is at 7pm; location is the school gym on Larpenteur and Kennard. The event is on behalf of Boy Scout troop 461.

THIS WEEK AT CROSS

Sunday, March 24

9:30am

Sunday Worship

10:30am

Sunday School

10:30am

Coffee Fellowship

1:00–5:00pm

Promesa De Dios

5:00–9:00pm

Ebenezer Elim

Monday, March 25

Office Closed

Tuesday, March 26

1:00–5:30pm

Pastor Scott office by appt

Wednesday, March 27

1:00–6:00pm

Pastor Scott office by appt

7:00 – 9:00pm

Adventista Septimo Dia

Thursday, March 28

8:00am–5:00pm

Katie Tomek office

11:30am–2:30pm

Pastor Scott office

3:00 – 4:00pm

Worship @ The Shores

6:00–7:00pm

Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, March 29

1:00–4:00pm

Pastor Scott office by appt

3:00 – 4:00pm

Good Friday Worship @

Shores

6:00–7:00pm

Good Friday Worship

7:00pm – 10:00pm

Ebenezer Elim

Saturday, March 30

9:00am – 1:00pm

Adventista Septimo Dia

1:30pm – 4:30pm

Cross Organ Practice

5:00 – 7:00pm

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Sunday, March 31

7:30am

Sunrise Worship

9:30am

Celebration Worship

10:30am

Sunday School

10:30am

Easter Brunch

1:00 – 5:00pm

Promesa De Dios

1:30 - 2:30 pm

Easter @ Shores

5:00 – 9:00pm

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