

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY † MARCH 29, 2026

**CROSS**

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4/2 Duane Gudknecht  
4/3 Dave Olson  
4/5 7am Duane G  
10am Phyllis M.

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4/5 10AM Sherry  
Batterman

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4/2 Katie Erickson  
4/5 7am Duane G.  
10am Katie E.

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3/29 Phyllis Moser and  
Sheree Kieffer  
4/5 Sharon Crist and  
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Linda Duncan and Lisa  
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**Coffee: No Volunteers**

**March Counters:**  
Linda Duncan and Kay  
Olson

**April Counters:**  
Kay Stack and Diana  
Border

If you are interested in  
serving coffee following  
worship, please sign-up  
on the bulletin board

If you would like to  
provide flowers for  
Sunday Worship, sign

## GATHER

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

### PRELUDE

Hosanna!

Craig A. Penfield

(Fanfare Hymn Tun on "St. Drostane")

### PALM SUNDAY STORY

John 12:12-19

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—  
the King of Israel!"

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

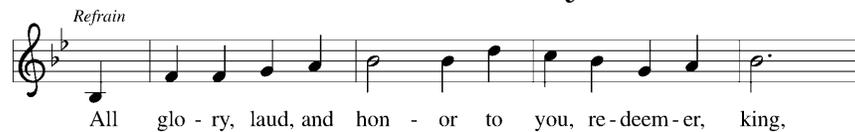
His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!"

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

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ELW344



- 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,



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.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign,  
and for hindering the work of the Spirit:  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,  
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers:  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin,  
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.  
Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the  
righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you,  
pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **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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In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

*up on the bulletin board in the back of the narthex, or contact the office.*

In each liturgy of Holy Communion, the **Holy Spirit** gathers people around the **means of grace: the Word of God and the sacraments.**

Sunday is the primary day on which the Church gathers; the first day of creation when God transformed darkness into light. Sunday is the day that the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the disciples and was made known to them in word and in the breaking of bread.

The **heart of worship** is not found in what we do, the words we speak, or the songs we sing. The heart of worship is **what God does and what God gives.**

In the presence of all of us together—in baptism, in the word sung and preached and prayed, in the gift of the body and blood of Christ in holy communion—we participate in God's mission to the world.

On this day of Christ's resurrection, and at other times, we make the sign

Together we are brought into the presence of God with an honest recognition of human sin and brokenness and the reality of our own sin and brokenness.

Together we hear God's promise and declaration of forgiveness.

United in worship, we are God's people, gathered around Word and sacrament.

During the gathering, music plays an important role in giving us a common identity.

Gathering songs welcome us to the mercy of the triune God and move us from our individual experiences into the purpose of worship.

Whether the gathering is brief or extended, the presiding minister and assembly greet each other in the name of the triune God.

The *Kyrie* is our prayer of peace for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.

The *Canticle of Praise* gives thanks for God's glory revealed in Jesus Christ.

When we sing *Glory to God*, our voices join with the angels in a song from Luke's gospel.

In *This is the Feast*, we gather with all creation around God's heavenly throne, singing words from the book of Revelation.

The *Prayer of the Day* marks a hinge or turn in the service. This prayer gives thanks to God through Jesus Christ and is prayed in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Led by the presiding minister, the Prayer of the Day gathers all our praise

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**  
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.  
**A - men.**

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE** Now the Feast and Celebration

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*Refrain*  
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!  
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has  
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*  
2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*  
3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of  
God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God, As Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a donkey's colt along a road strewn with palm branches, the people cried: "Glory to God in the Highest... Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

What shall be our cry as we enter into this Holy Week— reflecting, contemplating, anticipating—what "Glory to God" means in this day and age... And what the name "Jesus", the one who comes in the name of the Lord, means for us 2000 years later?

Let us pray... **Hosanna, Jesus. Blessed are you who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven! Even if our voices were silenced, creation itself would rise up to praise you! Hosanna in the Highest! Amen.**

## \*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## WORD

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

### FIRST LESSON

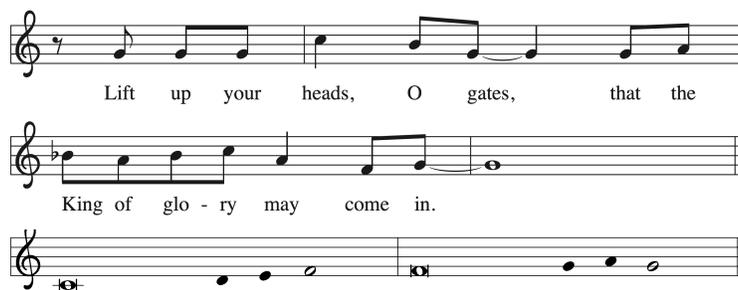
John 12:20-27

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

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

### Psalm 45



The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

**For the LORD has founded it up- on the seas  
and established it up- on the rivers. R**

Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,  
and who may stand in God's holy place?

**Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,  
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

They shall receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

**Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. R**

Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is this King of glory?**

**The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is this King of glory?**

**Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory. R**

into one and highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear.

**All Christian worship is biblical.** In scripture reading, preaching, and song, the church hears the good news of God acting in this and every time and place.

The **first reading**, usually from the *Old Testament*, is followed by a psalm sung in response to the reading.

The **second reading**, usually from a *New Testament* letter, bears the witness of the early church.

After the second reading and before proclaiming the Gospel, we join in another sung response.

This **pattern of .read, sing, read, sing.** is a practice Christians inherited from the ancient synagogue worship of the Jewish people.

Before the **Gospel** is read, we stand and acclaim the living Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, who is among us.

The Gospel then leads directly to **preaching**. Luther considered preaching to be the first of two peaks or high points in the worship service.

For Lutherans, preaching is biblical and participates in the creating and transforming word of God, proclaims Jesus Christ crucified and risen, and brings God's word of law and gospel into our time and place to awaken and nourish faith.

**The Holy Spirit works through preaching**, forming and empowering us to carry out the mission of God in our daily lives.

This **preaching event is a means of grace.**

God's word is now further proclaimed as we sing and confess our faith.

One uniquely Lutheran element in the service of Holy Communion is the **Hymn of the Day.**

This hymn is the assembly's response to God's word read and preached and echoes themes of the season or the day.

The creed that follows is also both response to the word and proclamation of the word.

A creed professes the faith of the whole church. **The Apostles Creed** is anchored in holy baptism. **The Nicene Creed** ponders the wonder of the incarnation.

Each creed links us to the saints, our ancestors in faith, and is a confession of faith that unites us with the church around the world and people of every nation, from all tribes, peoples, and languages *Revelation 7.9*

God's word read and preached, sung and acclaimed, leads the assembly to the **Prayers of Intercession.**

These prayers are the assembly's prayers for the wideness of God's mercy to be known throughout the world. Prayers for the church, for the well-being of creation, for peace among nations, for the poor and all in need, for local needs and special concerns, and for the faithful departed, take up St. Paul's invitation that supplications, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone *1 Timothy 2.1*

Following the prayers of intercession, the presiding minister and assembly **greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.** This greeting is more than a "hello" or "good morning." This

## SECOND LESSON **Philippians 2:5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,

but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and 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.**

### \*LENTEN ACCLAMATION

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Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

### \*GOSPEL **John 19:16-22**

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

**Then he [Pilate] handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross by himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Judeans." Many of the Judeans read this inscription because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Judeans said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Judeans,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Judeans.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."**

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

### SERMON

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  
 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.

## \*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.

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## OFFERTORY

Andante

George Frederic Handel

greeting is the very peace by which Jesus greets his disciples following the resurrection.

The peace we share, which marks another hinge or turn in the service, is a sign of God's mission of reconciliation among us and the reconciliation we have with one another in Christ Jesus.

The same peace of God, now received and extended, also reaches out from this assembly and into the world.

A *collection* of material goods for the church's mission, including the care of those in need, is a *sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all God's gifts*.

As the gifts are gathered, the table is set with bread and wine.

**The proclamation of the Word of God and the celebration of the Lord's Supper are connected.**

Luther called these the *two "high points"* in the liturgy of Holy Communion.

In the Word read and proclaimed, God speaks to us.

In the Lord's Supper, a "visible word" of which Luther speaks, **God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ**.

Before the Lord's Supper is shared, the presiding minister leads us into **thanksgiving** for the gifts of creation and redemption, including themes of the season or festival that are the focus of this gathering.

As part of thanksgiving we join our voices with all of creation and sing the angels' song, "Holy, Holy, Holy." *Isaiah 6.3*

In the meal of Holy Communion, **the grace of God's gift for us is always proclaimed** by the presiding minister, in Jesus' own words of command and promise.

This clear proclamation in **the words of institution** is shared by the assembly, and **included in a prayer of thanksgiving**, which includes praise to God for creation, for God's faithfulness to the people of ancient Israel, for God's revelation in the saving work of Jesus Christ, remembering the crucified and risen Christ, and praying for the Holy Spirit in this meal.

**The Great Thanksgiving concludes with the Lord's Prayer.**

In Christ's body and blood given to us, God's saving mission is made known. We sing as the bread is broken and as the meal is shared.

**We receive the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world** *John 1.29*

We are forgiven and given new life.

Like the disciples, we recognize the presence of the risen Christ who is made known in the breaking of the bread. *Luke 24.30.*

Christ, who died and rose from the dead, is given to us and we are united with one another in the body of Christ. Through this meal, God also nourishes us for mission in the world.

**We receive the body of Christ in the sacrament of Holy Communion to live as the body of Christ in the world.**

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#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*This week we pray for:  
Lisa, Marya, Sheree,  
Marie, baby Hayden,  
Gabby and baby Creed,  
Ray and Clara, Henry,*

## \*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS Create in Me a Clean Heart

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

### \*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.**

### \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### \*DIALOGUE

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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.

### \*PREFACE

#### \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

Praise to you for inviting us to share in your sacred story, that...

## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

**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.**

## \*PRAYER OF THANKFULNESS

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

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 ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Dawn, Brady, Judy, Marv,  
Dottie, BettyLu, Lonna,  
Bruce, Kelly, Pastor Brian,  
Nick, Joshua, Rose, Dean  
and Shirley, Mike, MaryJo,  
Jose and family, Lew, the  
Johns family, Barb, Janice,  
Ron, and the Marilyn  
Lewinski family.*

*If you have a name  
to add or remove from this  
prayer list, please contact  
Jamie Gudknecht or  
Pastor Scott.*

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. Please offer cupped hands to receive the bread. Proceed to the cupbearer, select an empty cup and hold it for the lay minister to fill. 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 in the silver tray. Children who are not yet communing and others wishing not to commune may receive a blessing from the pastor. Please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest.

Individual sealed communion sets are also available at the sanctuary entrance.

**ANOINTING** After communing, you may receive prayer and anointing with oil in the narthex.

## LAMB OF GOD

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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.

## SONGS DURING COMMUNION

ELW466 — *In the Singing*

ELW335 — *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross*

## DISTRIBUTION

### \*COMMUNION BLESSING

#### \*SONG OF THANKS

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

ELW 207

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let  
 ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.  
 Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with  
 shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us. Amen.

## SENDING

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

### \*BLESSING

The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, † bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy. Amen.



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,  
 2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,  
 3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name  
 4 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due  
 5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him king of glo - ry now.  
 all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,  
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,  
 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true.  
 on the clouds of glo - ry, with his an - gel train;



It is God's good plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
 thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,  
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last;  
 Crown him as your cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;  
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
 all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.  
 brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.  
 let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.  
 and our hearts con - fess him king of glo - ry now.

**\*DISMISSAL** Go in peace; see the goodness of God. **Thanks be to God.**

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

*The Sending* brings our worship full circle. We have been gathered, in all our diversity, and shaped into a community, one body in Christ.

From the table where, in communion, Jesus Christ brings forgiveness, life, and salvation, God sends us out in mission, into daily baptismal living.

The presiding minister blesses us in the name of God, granting us God's favor and peace.

*With the blessing of God we go out to live as Christ's body in the world*, proclaiming the good news that the kingdom of heaven has come near. (Matthew 10.7), living in service to others, caring for all in need, and continuing our participation in God's mission, only to be gathered here again around the means of grace, God's Word and sacraments.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** Join us after worship in the community room for fellowship and coffee.

**ADULT EDUCATION** will return after Easter - watch for information

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**COMING UP**

**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY** returns on April 9th

**CROSS CHOIR**— There will be a brief rehearsal after service next Thursday, April 2nd. Next rehearsal will be on April 16th from 6:30-7:30, following bell rehearsal. Anyone interested in singing or has questions please contact Ken.

**BELL CHOIR**— There will be no rehearsal this week. Next bell choir rehearsal Thursday, April 16th, from 5:30-6:30. Rehearsals will be typically held twice a month going forward. Anyone interested in ringing or has questions please contact Ken.

*We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world*

**HOLY WEEK**  
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Maundy Thursday (April 2)**  
6:00 PM

**Good Friday (April 3)**  
Seven Last Words  
6:00 PM

**Easter Sunday (April 5)**  
7:00 AM Sunrise Service  
10:00 AM Easter Celebration

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**NEXT COMMUNITY MARKET**  
April 22nd

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**THIS WEEK AT CROSS**

**Sunday, March 29**

9:30am  
Sunday Worship  
10:30am  
Coffee and Fellowship  
1:00-5:00  
Promesa De Dios  
5:00 – 9:00pm  
Ebenezer Elim

**Monday, March 30**

Office Closed  
2:00-5:00pm  
Pastor Scott office drop-in

**Tuesday, March 31**

1:00-5:30pm  
Pastor Scott office by appt

**Wednesday, April 1**

1:00-6:00pm  
Pastor Scott office by appt  
7:00pm  
Adventista Septimo Dia

**Thursday, April 2**

11:00am  
Bible Study  
1:00-2:00pm  
Worship at the Shores  
2:30-5:00pm  
Pastor Scott Office  
6:00pm  
Maundy Thurs Worship  
7:00pm  
Choir Practice

**Friday, April 3**

1:00 - 6:00pm  
Pastor Scott office by appt  
6:00pm  
Good Friday Worship  
7:00pm-10:00pm  
Ebenezer Elim

**Saturday, April 4**

9:00am – 1:00pm  
Adventista Septimo Dia  
1:30pm – 4:30pm  
Cross Organ Practice  
5:00 – 7:00pm  
Adventista Septimo Dia

**Sunday, April 5**

7:00am & 10:00am  
Easter Sunday Worship  
1:00-5:00pm  
Promesa De Dios  
5:00 – 9:00pm  
Ebenezer Elim