



"Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving."

Palm Sunday

Communion Worship

April 2nd, 2023

If you are a VISITOR with us today, we are so grateful that God brought you here. Please sign our guest book and/or complete the info sheet in the bulletin and place it in the offering basket located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Feel free to take home one of our newsletters to learn more about us! Happy Easter greetings to you!

This worship is being livestreamed. Your presence in the sanctuary signifies your agreeing to be on our live broadcast.

*NOTE: **Bold text** indicates worshippers' response, and '*' means please stand as able.*

PRELUDE
BELL

Michelle Young

(THIS MORNING...Children and adults are encouraged to gather with Pastor Mary at the back of the sanctuary with palms...children can remain at the altar area after the hymn.)

*P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! **All: Hosanna in the Highest.**

*PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL according to Matthew, the 21st chapter, verses 1-17

All: Glory to you O Lord.

(at end of reading) P: This is the Gospel of the Lord **All: Praise to You, O Christ!**

*PROCESSION WITH THE PALMS (please stand as you are able and sing, palms can be lifted high and even waved if you are comfortable doing so)

*#108 PROCESSIONAL HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Chorus: 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 blessed One. **(chorus)**

3) The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went. Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. **(chorus)**

4) To you before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise. To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. **(chorus)** Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Public Domain

* PRAYER OF THE DAY Let us pray. Triumphant Jesus, **You entered the city to shouts of "Hosannah!" and reclaimed God's holy house for God's purposes. Give us a heart for your worship and passion for your justice. Amen.**¹

WELCOME/CHILDREN SING/LUTHER PARK MESSAGE

PALM SUNDAY Gospel of Matthew, beginning at the 17th verse of Chapter 26.

¹⁷On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹⁸He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" ¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. ²⁰When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; ²¹and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." ²²And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" ²³He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴The 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." ²⁵Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER **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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

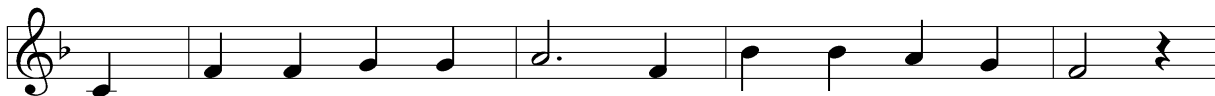
DISTRIBUTION of HOLY COMMUNION – *All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and wine are welcome to commune with us. Gluten-free wafers available and give "thumbs up" for grape juice. Children who do not yet receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing. Please let the ushers know if it would be easier to have communion brought to you or a family member in the pew. Our ushers will direct you forward to the communion rail beginning in the back of the sanctuary. You may kneel or stand as you receive communion, and children not receiving communion are invited forward to receive a blessing.*

#1. THE PASSION OF OUR LORD, ACCORDING TO MATTHEW the 26th and 27th Chapter **All: Glory to you O Lord.** *That very same night of their last meal together, Jesus was betrayed by one of his 12 and arrested by a large crowd from the chief priests and elders of their faith. He was brought before the High Priest. ^{26:57} Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸ But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. ⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. *Later angered by Jesus' response to questioning those assembled declared Jesus deserved death.**

^{27:1} When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. ² They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. ¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

#94 HYMN *My Song Is Love Unknown* vs.1-2

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1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they
Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!
thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.
'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

#2. *Pilate offered the crowd an opportunity to have Jesus released, as part of the festival tradition. Instead they chose a notorious prisoner to be released, and for Jesus the crowd yelled Crucify him!*

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵Then the people as a whole answered, **ALL: "His blood be on us and on our children!"** ²⁶So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. ²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, **ALL: "Hail, King of the Jews!"** ³⁰They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

#94 HYMN *My Song Is Love Unknown* vs. 3-4

#3. ³²N: As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷Over his head they put the charge against him, which

read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

³⁸Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying,

ALL: "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

N: ⁴¹In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

ALL: ⁴²"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'"

N:⁴⁴The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

#92 HYMN *Were You There* vs.1

1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Text: African American spiritual

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MESSAGE

Pastor Mary Eide

#4. N: CONCLUSION ⁴⁵ From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵⁴ Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" This is the Passion Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

#92 HYMN *Were You There* vs. 3

3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

* CONFESSING LITANY

In worship we profess words of praise, **O give thanks to God, for God is good, God's steadfast love endures forever!**

We claim Jesus is the one who comes in the name of our God. **Yes, he is our Savior and our friend!** And yet, we know at times we TOO have betrayed and rejected God. **Turning our back on God, placing certain people, possessions, and ambitions ahead of our relationship with God.** Jesus' passion story reminds us once again what God did for us, how Jesus suffered for us. **Jesus, remember us, so we may enter your kingdom.**

In faith and humility, let us claim Jesus as our king, **and allow this truth to set us free.**

*PRAYERS (P: Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**)

*OFFERTORY PRAYER: Giving God, **you do not require sacrifices, but instead call us to respond in gratitude for all that you have given us. Bless these gifts we joyfully offer, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.** ¹

*ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING *Respond with Amen.*

*#115 SENDING HYMN "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

* DISMISSAL Go in the knowledge of God's grace, and Jesus' loving sacrifice. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Michelle Young

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HOLY WEEK at Shepherd of the Hill

Today: 8:45am - Sunday School

10:00 am - Worship (pick up a palm please!)

TUESDAY 11:30-12:30 - Pop-up Pantry at Elk Mound Village Hall parking lot

4-6pm - Food Pantry

Wednesday Noon-2pm - Senior Lunch and Worship

Thursday 7 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday: 10 am-noon - Food Pantry

Noon-6pm - Blood Drive

3:00 pm - Good Friday Worship HERE w/ Trinity UMC

7:00 pm - Good Friday Worship HERE w/ Trinity UMC

Sunday: NO Sunday School

10:00 am - Easter Worship with Communion

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

In response to how God has been so good to this congregation, we set a goal at our Annual Meeting to PAY IN FULL for 2 children/youth to attend Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek this summer. We have reached and surpassed that goal!! *PARENTS and KIDS...let us bless YOU with this gift. Please let Pastor Mary or any of the council members or Sunday School teach know which of the 3-day or weeklong camps your child(ren) are interested in attending. Grab a camp booklet or checkout <http://lutherpark.org/summer-camp>*

A Green Team is a group of people who are like-minded in the goal of learning more about caring for the water, sky, land, and creatures God has made. They help educate others and put into place ways for recycling or other eco-conscious practices. If you are interested in being part of our new Green Team or have questions, contact Sue Suechting at 715-309-9080.

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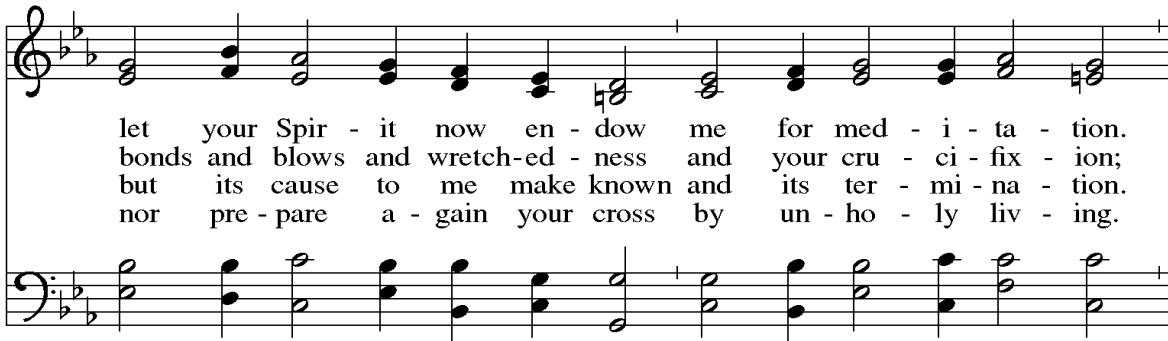
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Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



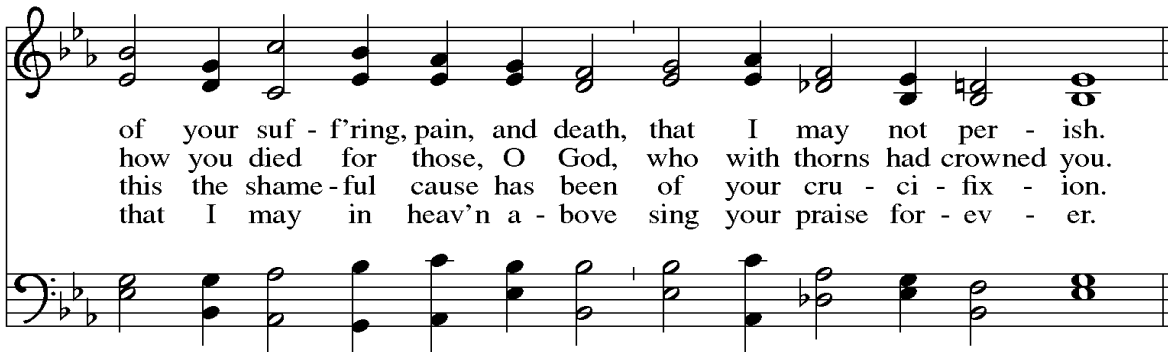
1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,
4 Let me view your pain and loss with re - pen - tant griev - ing,



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.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
Music: JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UND PEIN, Melchior Vulpus, 1570–1615

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- First time guest
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- Interested in Sunday School/Confirmation
- Would like Pastor Mary to contact me/us
- Interested in learning more about Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church
- Providing member updated information about myself/family

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