

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION

MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY



*Hosannah! Blessed is He who comes in the  
name of the Lord*

**OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## **WORSHIP SERVICES**

5:30pm, Saturday

9:00 and 11:00am, Sunday (11:00am livestreamed)

An area is available in the narthex for parents and young children.

The service is broadcast to the narthex. The volume may be adjusted by turning the knob on the wall near the left sanctuary doors.

Online services are available through  
facebook.com/ORLutheran, YouTube and the church's website.

## **GROWING IN GOD (SUNDAY SCHOOL)**

September 24 - May 5, 10:00 AM, Age 3-Adults

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

"As Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is a community of people believing in Jesus Christ, our overall purpose is to worship, teach, serve, evangelize and witness to that belief."

*Welcome to worship! Please pass the fellowship pads down your row at this time. If you are a visitor and would like more information about our church, please include your address and phone number. You're invited to speak the responses in bold print, and stand as is comfortable for you at the places indicated.*

*Stand and face the rear of the sanctuary*

## **GATHERING**

### **GREETING**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

### **PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11**

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

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"<sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"<sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>11</sup>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.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN, *Pave the Way with Branches*



### *\*Additional verses*

Release for the captives . . .  
Hope for the downtrod . . .  
Land for the landless . . .  
Debts are forgiven . . .

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

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

**Amen.**

*Sit*

## **WORD**

**PASSION NARRATIVE ACCORDING TO MARK:** Mark 14:1-15:47

*The Gospel will be read by a variety of voices – the congregation parts are labeled “C” and shown in bold print.*

Narrator (N): It was now two days before Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The leading priests and the teachers of religious law were still looking for an opportunity to capture Jesus secretly and kill him. But they agreed:

**Congregation (C): But not during the Passover celebration or the people may riot.**

N: Meanwhile, Jesus was in Bethany at the home of Simon, a man who had previously had leprosy. While he was eating, a woman came in with a beautiful alabaster jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard. She broke open the jar and poured the perfume over his head. Some of those at the table were indignant.

**C Why waste such expensive perfume? It could have been sold for a year’s wages and the money given to the poor!**

N: So they scolded her harshly. But Jesus replied:

Jesus (J): Leave her alone. Why criticize her for doing such a good thing to me? You will always have the poor among you, and you can help them whenever you want to. But you will not always have me. She has done what she could and has anointed my body for burial ahead of time. I tell you the truth, wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world, this woman's deed will be remembered and discussed.

**HYMN, *Holy Woman, Graceful Giver* v. 1 & 4**

1 Ho - ly wom - an, grace - ful giv - er, proph - et,  
4 Ho - ly wom - an, cost - ly trea - sure, with the

ser - vant, and be - liev - er, wom - an with the oint - ment  
jar of al - a - bas - ter, shows the hid - den gift we

jar, rose up near the time ap - point - ed, broke the  
are; there - fore let us as Christ's ser - vants hold our

seal, Christ's head a - noint - ed for the com - ing fa - tal  
sis - ter in re - mem - brance, wom - an with the oint - ment

hour, for the com - ing fa - tal hour.  
jar, wom - an with the oint - ment jar.

N: Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests to arrange to betray Jesus to them. They were delighted when they heard why he had come, and they promised to give him money. So he began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus. On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, Jesus' disciples asked him,

**C: Where do you want us to go to prepare the Passover meal for you?**

N: So Jesus sent two of them into Jerusalem with these instructions:

J: As you go into the city, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him. At the house he enters, say to the owner, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?' He will take you upstairs to a large room that is already set up. That is where you should prepare our meal.

N: So the two disciples went into the city and found everything just as Jesus had said, and they prepared the Passover meal there. In the evening Jesus arrived with the Twelve. As they were at the table eating, Jesus said

J: I tell you the truth, one of you eating with me here will betray me.

N: Greatly distressed, each one asked in turn,

**Choir Side: Am I the one?**

**Pulpit Side: Am I the one?**

J: It is one of you twelve who is eating from this bowl with me. For the Son of Man must die, as the Scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible it will be for the one who betrays him. It would be far better for that man if he had never been born!

N: As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying,

J: Take it, for this is my body.

N: And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And he said to them,

J: This is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice for many. I tell you the truth, I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new in the Kingdom of God.

N: Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.

**HYMN, *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*, v. 1 & 4 (#494)**



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,  
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

N: On the way, Jesus told them,

J: All of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, ‘God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I am raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there.

N: Peter said to him,

**C: Even if everyone else deserts you, I never will.**

J: I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know me.

N: But Peter yelled,

**C: No! Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!**

N: And all the others vowed the same. They went to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and Jesus said,

J: Sit here while I go and pray.



N: He took Peter, James, and John with him, and he became deeply troubled and distressed. He told them,

J: My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.

**HYMN, *Stay With Me* (#348)**

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and

pray. Watch and pray.

N: He went on a little farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if it were possible, the awful hour awaiting him might pass him by.

J: Abba, Father, everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.

N: Then he returned and found the disciples asleep. He said to Peter,

J: Simon, are you asleep? Couldn't you watch with me even one hour? Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak.

# HYMN, *Stay With Me* (#348)

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and  
pray. Watch and pray.

N: Then Jesus left them again and prayed the same prayer as before. When he returned to them again, he found them sleeping, for they couldn't keep their eyes open. And they didn't know what to say. When he returned to them the third time, he said,

J: Go ahead and sleep. Have your rest. But no—the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Up, let's be going. Look, my betrayer is here!

N: And immediately, even as Jesus said this, Judas, one of the twelve disciples, arrived with a crowd of men armed with swords and clubs. They had been sent by the leading priests, the teachers of religious law, and the elders. The traitor, Judas, had given them a prearranged signal

**C: You will know which one to arrest when I greet him with a kiss. Then you can take him away under guard.**

N: As soon as they arrived, Judas walked up to Jesus and exclaimed,

**C: Rabbi!**

- N: And Judas kissed Jesus. Then the others grabbed Jesus and arrested him. But one of the men with Jesus pulled out his sword and struck the high priest's slave, slashing off his ear. Jesus asked them,
- J: Am I some dangerous revolutionary, that you come with swords and clubs to arrest me? Why didn't you arrest me in the Temple? I was there among you teaching every day. But these things are happening to fulfill what the Scriptures say about me.
- N: Then all his disciples deserted him and ran away. One young man following behind was clothed only in a long linen shirt. When the mob tried to grab him, he slipped out of his shirt and ran away naked.
- N: They took Jesus to the high priest's home where the leading priests, the elders, and the teachers of religious law had gathered.
- Meanwhile, Peter followed him at a distance and went right into the high priest's courtyard. There he sat with the guards, warming himself by the fire.
- Inside, the leading priests and the entire high council were trying to find evidence against Jesus, so they could put him to death. But they couldn't find any. Many false witnesses spoke against him, but they contradicted each other. Finally, some men stood up and gave this false testimony:
- C: **We heard him say, 'I will destroy this Temple made with human hands, and in three days I will build another, made without human hands.'**
- N: But even then they didn't get their stories straight! Then the high priest stood up before the others and asked Jesus,
- C: **Well, aren't you going to answer these charges? What do you have to say for yourself?**
- N: But Jesus was silent and made no reply. Then the high priest asked him,
- C: **Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?**
- J: I am. And you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God's right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven.
- N: Then the high priest tore his clothing to show his horror and said,
- C: **Why do we need other witnesses? You have all heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?**

N: And they all cried out together,

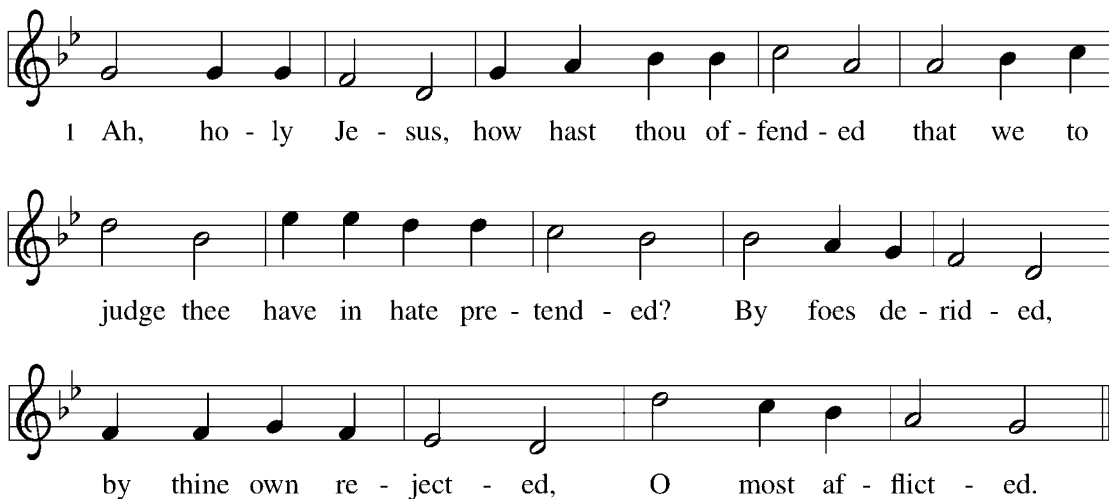
**C: Guilty! He deserves to die!**

N: Then some of them began to spit at him, and they blindfolded him and beat him with their fists. They jeered at him,

**C: Prophecy to us!**

N: And the guards slapped him as they took him away.

**HYMN, *Ah, Holy Jesus* v. 1 (#349)**



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to  
judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.

N: Meanwhile, Peter was in the courtyard below. One of the servant girls who worked for the high priest came by and noticed Peter warming himself at the fire. She looked at him closely and said,

**Women: You were one of those with Jesus of Nazareth.**

N: But Peter denied it.

**Men: I don't know what you're talking about.**

N: And he went out into the entryway. Just then, a rooster crowed. When the servant girl saw him standing there, she began telling the others,

**Women: This man is definitely one of them!**

N: But Peter denied it again. A little later some of the other bystanders confronted Peter and said,

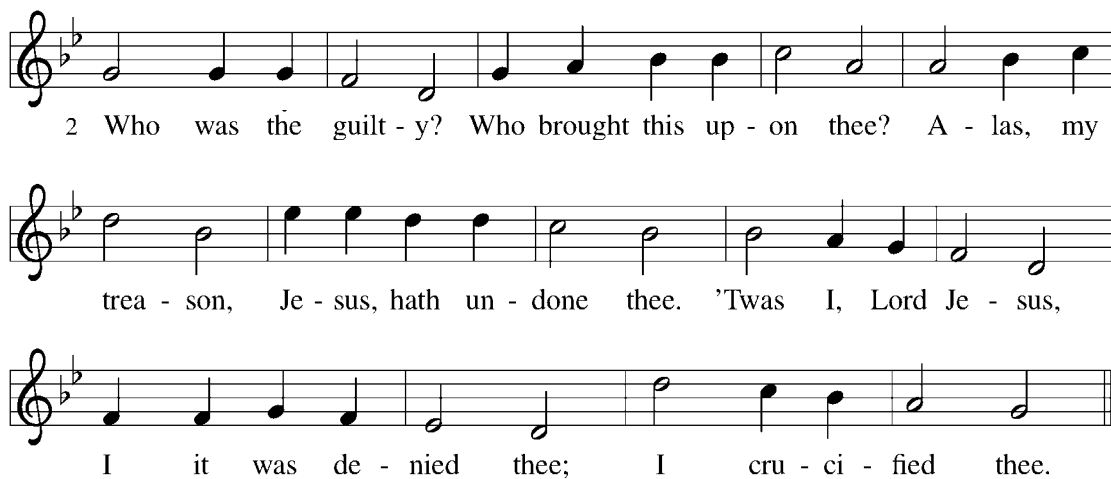
**Women: You must be one of them, because you are a Galilean.**

N: But Peter swore,

**Men: A curse on me if I'm lying—I don't know this man you're talking about!**

N: And immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Suddenly, Jesus' words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know me." And he broke down and wept.

**HYMN, *Ah, Holy Jesus* v. 2 (#349)**



2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my

trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,

I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.

N: Very early in the morning the leading priests, the elders, and the teachers of religious law—the entire high council—met to discuss their next step. They bound Jesus, led him away, and took him to Pilate, the Roman governor. Pilate asked Jesus,

**C: Are you the king of the Jews?**

J: You have said it.  
Then the leading priests kept accusing him of many crimes, and Pilate asked him,

**C: Aren't you going to answer them? What about all these charges they are bringing against you?**

N: But Jesus said nothing, much to Pilate's surprise. Now it was the governor's custom each year during the Passover celebration to release one prisoner—anyone the people requested. One of the prisoners at that time was Barabbas, a revolutionary who had committed murder in an uprising. The crowd went to Pilate and asked him to release a prisoner as usual. Pilate asked:

**Choir Side: Would you like me to release to you this 'King of the Jews'?**

N: For he realized by now that the leading priests had arrested Jesus out of envy... But at this point the leading priests stirred up the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas instead of Jesus. Pilate asked them,

**Choir Side: Then what should I do with this man you call the king of the Jews?**

N: They shouted back,

**Pulpit Side: Crucify him!**

**Choir Side: Why? What crime has he committed?**

N: But the mob roared even louder,

**Pulpit Side: Crucify him!**

N: So to pacify the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified.

The soldiers took Jesus into the courtyard of the governor's headquarters and called out the entire regiment. They dressed him in a purple robe, and they wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head. Then they saluted him and taunted,

**C: Hail! King of the Jews!**

N: And they struck him on the head with a reed stick, spit on him, and dropped to their knees in mock worship. When they were finally tired of mocking him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him again. Then they led him away to be crucified.

HYMN, *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*, v. 1-2 (#352)



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,  
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.

N: A passerby named Simon, who was from Cyrene, was coming in from the countryside just then, and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross. (Simon was the father of Alexander and Rufus.) And they brought Jesus to a place called Golgotha (which means "Place of the Skull"). They offered him wine drugged with myrrh, but he refused it.

Then the soldiers nailed him to the cross. They divided his clothes and threw dice to decide who would get each piece. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. A sign announced the charge against him. It read, "The King of the Jews." Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery.

**Women: Ha! Look at you now! You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days. Well then, save yourself and come down from the cross!**

N: The leading priests and teachers of religious law also mocked Jesus.

**Men: He saved others but he can't save himself! Let this Messiah, this King of Israel, come down from the cross so we can see it and believe him!**

N: Even the men who were crucified with Jesus ridiculed him.

At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. Then at three o'clock Jesus called out with a loud voice,

J: Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani? My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

N: Some of the bystanders misunderstood and thought he was calling for the prophet Elijah. One of them ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, holding it up to him on a reed stick so he could drink. But another said,

**C: Wait! Let's see whether Elijah comes to take him down!**

N: Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed,

**C: This man truly was the Son of God!**



HYMN – *Were You There* v. 1, 2, 4 (#353)



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?



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

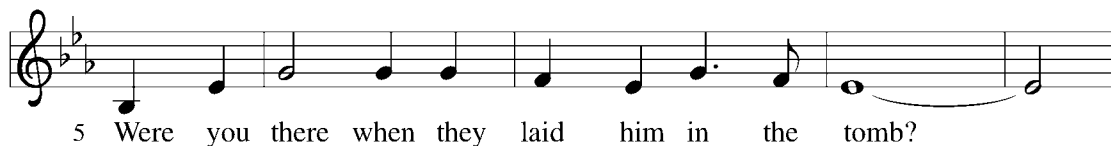


Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?

N: Some women were there, watching from a distance, including Mary Magdalene, Mary (the mother of James the younger and of Joseph), and Salome. They had been followers of Jesus and had cared for him while he was in Galilee. Many other women who had come with him to Jerusalem were also there.

N: This all happened on Friday, the day of preparation, the day before the Sabbath. As evening approached, Joseph of Arimathea took a risk and went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. (Joseph was an honored member of the high council, and he was waiting for the Kingdom of God to come.) Pilate couldn't believe that Jesus was already dead, so he called for the Roman officer and asked if he had died yet. The officer confirmed that Jesus was dead, so Pilate told Joseph he could have the body. Joseph bought a long sheet of linen cloth. Then he took Jesus' body down from the cross, wrapped it in the cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone in front of the entrance. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where Jesus' body was laid.

**HYMN, *Were You There* v. 5 (#353)**



*Stand*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

*A brief silence.*

Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Give energy and joy to our pastors, worship leaders and musicians. Guide and direct our council, call committee and other committees as they lead us in the variety of ministries in this congregation. Inspire us all to join in the work that you call us to do in this place. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Establish peace and justice among the nations. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bring comfort and healing to any who struggle with chronic illness, addiction, or anxiety. Bless those known to us as they face grief, uncertainty or recovery from surgery and sickness, especially Kathy, Francine, Carol, Ray, Chris, Jen, Gary, Randy, and those we name aloud and in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life.

**Your mercy is great.**

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

**Amen.**

*Sit*

# MEAL

## OFFERING AND MUSICAL OFFERING

*Our offering is an act of worship. If you make your offering through Simply Giving, or regularly give on a non-weekly basis, you are invited to place a Simply Giving envelope in the offering plate when it is passed to you, as a reminder of the offering you have already made.*

**ANTHEM:** *Who Is He*

## PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

*Stand*

**OFFERING SONG,** *Change My Heart, O God, #801*

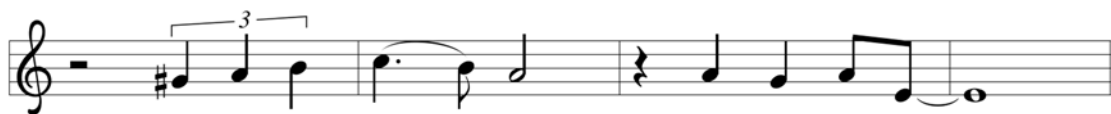


Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

*End*



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus, you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

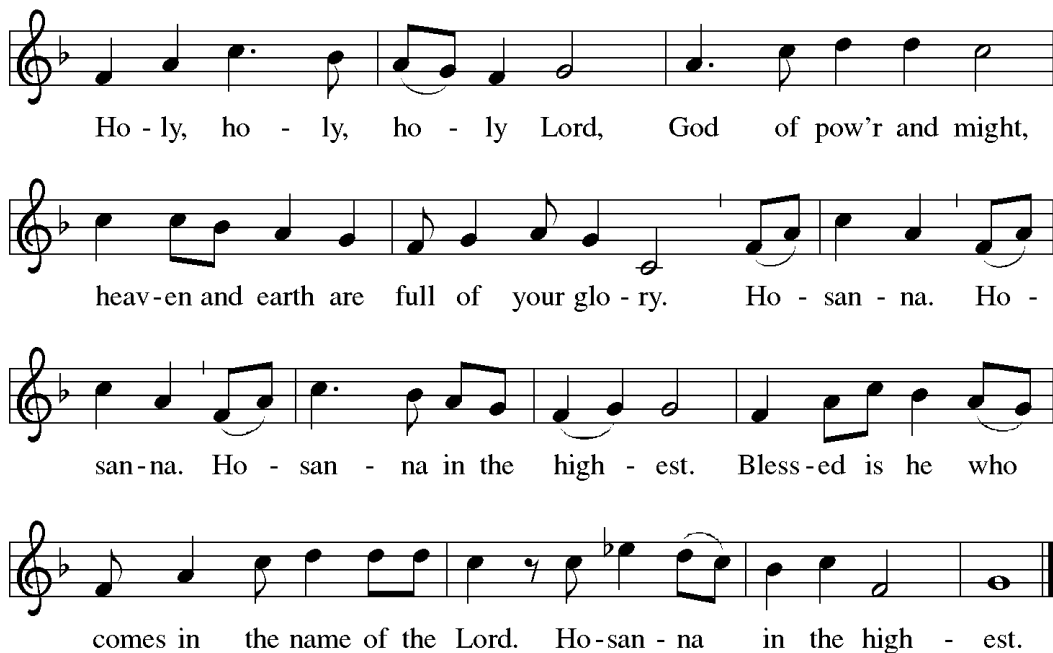
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
 who preached good news to the poor,  
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

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**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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**

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

*Sit*

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

*As Lutherans, we believe that Christ is really present in the bread and wine we share. All are welcome to commune here. Infants and others who do not commune are invited to come forward and receive a blessing.*

*Please take a communion glass from the ushers on your way forward. As the pastors and lay assistants give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant: The body of Christ, given for you; the blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen. Wine is offered by Communion Assistants holding the silver chalices. Grape juice is offered by the Communion Assistant on each side holding the pottery chalice. (The grape juice is purple.)*

*Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastors. Let them know that you need one when you come forward to receive the bread.*

## SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 SONG, *Around You, O Lord Jesus*, #468



- 1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still  
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;  
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.  
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.  
we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my  
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your  
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"  
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.  
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

*Stand*

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

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

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

**SENDING HYMN, *What Wondrous Love Is This* (#666)**



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



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



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



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

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share your bread.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **THIS WEEK AT “OUR REDEEMER”**

### **SUNDAY, March 24, 2024, Palm Sunday**

- 9:00am      Worship
- 10:00am     Growing in God
- 10:00am     Adult Class
- 11:00am     Worship
- 7:00pm      Noah’s Ark Board
- 6:30-8:00pm   Crossroads

### **MONDAY, March 25, 2024**

### **TUESDAY, March 26, 2024**

- 7:00pm      Pub Theology (Voodoo Brewing Co.)

### **WEDNESDAY, March 27, 2024**

- 7:00pm      Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, March 28, 2024, Maundy Thursday**

- 7:00pm      Worship

### **FRIDAY, March 29, 2024, Good Friday**

- 10:00am     Children’s Good Friday
- 12:00noon   Community Good Friday - Stations of the Cross
- 7:00pm      Good Friday worship

### **SATURDAY, March 30, 2024**

- 10:30am     Easter Egg Hunt

### **SUNDAY, March 31, 2024, Easter Sunday**

**Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8**

- 8:30am      Festival Worship
- 9:30-10:45am   Easter Breakfast
- 11:00am     Festival Worship

# Holy Week at ORLC

## **Palm/Passion Sunday (March 23-24)**

Saturday, 5:30pm Worship

Sunday, 9:00am & 11:00am Worship

## **Maundy Thursday (March 28)**

7:00pm - Worship with Holy Communion  
and the Stripping of the Altar

## **Good Friday (March 29)**

10:00am - Children's Good Friday

noon - Community Good Friday - Stations of the Cross

7:00pm - Good Friday worship

## **Holy Saturday (March 30)**

10:30am - Easter Egg Hunt

*No Saturday evening worship*

## **Easter Sunday (March 31)**

8:30am - Festival Worship

9:30-10:45am - Easter Breakfast

11:00am - Festival Worship

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers of healing and comfort are requested for Larry Moul, Kathy Russman, Francine Carlson, Carol Ausefski, Ray Hrabar, Chris Decker, Jen Barbati, Gary McGaffic, Randy Stonemark, and those friends and family members who have asked for our prayers: Cameron Mayer, Fritz Fox, Makenna McDonough, Kara Smith, Roy Brown, Frank Ricciuti, Jr., Phyllis Rhone, Clem Ferri, Doug Brandt, Nancy Adams, Robert Ruppel, Mike Levkulich, Dave Brewton, Pam Turner, Joan Dvorznak, Linda Day, Gary Lasher, Calvin Cokeley, Laura Norton, Anthony Santaguida, Judy Concannon, Dan Stimmel, Janice Poole, Nester Miskow, Wendy Brosky, Anthony Orecchio, Tamara Brister, Heidi Garner, Carol Davelli, Dot Glidden, Marcy Raeford, Nancy Lyons, Kayden Spencer, and Larry Pansino.

*The most recently added names appear at the beginning of the lists and will remain for 3 months. You may remove a name sooner or ask for renewal if a person is still in need of prayer after the three months. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please submit your request in writing and place in the offering plate, drop off in the church office, or submit by email to [orlc@comcast.net](mailto:orlc@comcast.net).*

This weekend's altar flowers have been given by Nancy Till in celebration of John's birthday.



### Easter Breakfast

We are excited to invite you to Easter breakfast! A wonderful breakfast of egg casseroles, ham, breads, fruit and beverages along with great fellowship will take place 9:30-10:45am.

Sign up sheets for attending and for helping are available online and on the bulletin board in the narthex.

We hope to see you there!

**Summer Camp** - Registration for the summer of 2024 is open! ORLC offers camperships for any children attending Lutherlyn or Agapé, our local ELCA camps. Do not submit payment to the camp at registration, but inform the church office before May 15 so campership money may be sent.

**Pub Theology** - All adults are welcome to join in great fellowship and lively conversation around topics of interest in our daily lives each month at the Voodoo Brewing Company in Houston, PA. Our next gathering will be on **Tuesday, March 26, 7:00pm.**

**Service opportunity for April** - Join us on **Friday April 5 from noon-2pm** at the Food Helpers/Greater Washington County Food Bank warehouse in Brownsville (about 30min. from the church) to pack boxes of nonperishables to be given out at their Truck to Trunk distributions. We can take up to 12 participants, must be at least 12 years old. Please sign up on the bulletin board or online. The warehouse is located at 909 National Pike W, Brownsville, PA 15417. Contact Jaymi Moody with any questions, shawnandjaymi@verizon.net

**SWPA Synod MLK Event** - Pastor Kerri invites you to an afternoon of learning and worship on **Sunday, April 7** for “The Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr: Fires of Freedom and Cloud of Witnesses”. This year’s event will be hosted at House of Prayer Lutheran in Aliquippa. A pre-event will be held at 2pm at Uncommon Grounds, and the event begins at 4pm with a panel discussion and youth breakout, followed by dinner at 5:30pm and worship at 6:30pm, with the Rev. CeCee Mills preaching and Bishop Kurt Kusserow presiding. Find more information here - <https://www.swpasynod.org/calendar/mlk2024>.

**Holy Hikers** – Our April edition of the Holy Hikers series will be held on **Saturday, April 13 at 9:00am** at the Arrowhead Trail starting at the large parking lot behind the old St. Petersburg Center building (210 Valley Brook Rd) east of the intersection of Rte 19 and Valley Brook Rd. We will head west along the trail featuring several old railroad bridges and tunnels on a 2-mile out and 2-mile back journey (crossing Chartiers Creek). The surface is crushed limestone on a very slight gradient. Dogs are encouraged so bring your furry friends along. As always, everyone is welcome, RSVPs not required (just show up). Self-paced so no need to keep up with the fast-walkers (bring a friend along to hike with!). This is easy-going, informal, come as you are, participate as you will, get exercise, have fun!! If directions are needed give me a call.

**Support our trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering** - We’re so excited! Simon Beck, Xander King, Susan O’Brien, and Pastor Kerri will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July! The ELCA Youth Gathering is a faith formation event for high school students and their adult leaders held every three years. As part of this experience, participants will:

- Be affirmed and challenged in their faith
- Experience new perspectives
- Ponder their vocation
- Bond with their congregational group
- Learn more about the ELCA and our partners

Your help is needed as we raise \$7,000 to attend this powerful and transformational event! In worship on **Sunday, April 14**, we’ll be sharing a bit about the event and what we’re looking forward to this summer! Donations with the designation “youth gathering” may be made by cash, check, and online. Thank you!

**Crossroads Confirmation** - Crossroads Confirmation will meet on **Sunday, April 14 from 6:30pm - 8pm**. Students are also invited to attend Youth Group from 4:30-6:15pm, and then stay for class.

**Youth Group** - All 7th-12th graders are invited to join Pastor Kerri for Youth Group on **Sunday, April 14 from 4:30-6:15pm**. We'll eat dinner together (sandwiches) and have a jam session - bring your instruments! Crossroads students should plan to stay for class at 6:30pm.

**Family Friday** - K-6th graders and families: bring your dinner and join us for Family Friday on **Friday, April 19 at 5:30pm** in the Social Hall for a story, activities, and playtime as we look ahead to Earth Day!

**Spring Clean-up Day** - Spring is just around the corner. Our annual spring clean-up will be held on **Saturday, April 20** (rain date of April 27). Bring your garden gloves and any tools that you feel will be helpful to clear out the old and make way for the new growth.

**Dining Divas** - The Dining Divas will meet for lunch on **Tuesday, April 30 at 12:30pm** at Al's Cafe (435 McMurray Road, Bethel Park). Ladies, even if you can't come every month, we welcome you whenever you can to join in the fun and fellowship.

**SWPA Women of the ELCA Convention** will be held **Saturday, May 18** at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Greensburg, PA. Opening Worship begins at 8:30 AM. Bishop Kusserow will be present for a Q&A time following worship. "Fair Trade" products will be on sale! Theme is "All Creation Praises and Sings!" For more information and registration form see narthex bulletin board. Registration form must be submitted by **April 30, 2024**. Registration fee is \$40, which includes Saturday lunch.

**G.i.G. Teacher Appreciation will be observed on May 5!** Watch for more information about this celebration coming soon. Please note this will be the last day for Growing in God classes!

**Lutheran Day in the Capitol - Thursday, May 9** is Lutheran Day in the Capitol. Join Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) in Harrisburg for a day of learning, inspiration, advocacy, and celebration around the theme of "Church Together for the Sake of the World God Loves". In the morning, attend workshops and a worship service at Trinity Lutheran, Camp Hill. In the afternoon, visit with legislators at the Capitol. For those who wish to stay longer, join a gala event in the evening in celebration of LAMPa's 45th anniversary and the 50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger. For more information, and to register, visit <https://www.lutheranadvocacypa.org/about/lutheran-day-2024/>.



**Vacation Bible School** - Mark your calendars! VBS at Our Redeemer will take place **Monday, July 8 through Thursday, July 11, 9:15am-noon**. We'll head into the woods for a summer camp adventure at "Camp Firelight" and learn to trust God! Use the QR codes below to register as well as to volunteer.

A vibrant, cartoon-style poster for Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Our Redeemer. The background is a dark, starry night sky with silhouettes of trees and a full moon. In the center, a small wooden cabin with a red roof and a lit window sits on a grassy patch. To the right of the cabin is a campfire with a bright orange flame. A cheerful, yellow cartoon bee with large eyes and wings is flying towards the left, holding a glowing yellow orb. The text "VBS! JULY 8-11, 9:15AM - NOON" is written in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font at the top. Below this, the title "Camp Firelight" is written in a large, stylized, yellow font. Underneath the title, a brown banner reads "A SUMMER CAMP" and another banner below it reads "ADVENTURE WITH GOD". To the right of the title, the text "Psalm 56:3" is written in a smaller, yellow font. At the bottom left, there is a QR code and the text "REGISTER KIDS AGE 3.5 - COMPLETED 5TH GRADE". At the bottom right, there is another QR code and the text "TEEN & ADULT VOLUNTEERS".

**VBS! JULY 8-11, 9:15AM - NOON**

**Camp Firelight**

*Psalm 56:3*

A SUMMER CAMP

ADVENTURE WITH GOD

REGISTER KIDS AGE 3.5 - COMPLETED 5TH GRADE

TEEN & ADULT VOLUNTEERS

## **THIS SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE (MARCH 24)**

### **9:00am**

ACOLYTE - *Child volunteer requested*  
LAY ASSISTANT - Laura Culp  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Kim  
Chupinka, Debbie Healey Langley,  
Susan Loeser, Beth Pansino, Phyllis  
Permar  
GREETER - Dianne Rigby  
USHERS - Clint Langley and Ken Rigby  
GIFT BEARER - *Child volunteer*  
*requested*  
ALTAR GUILD - Barb Hrabar and Susan  
Loeser  
POWERPOINT - Rolf Otterness

### **11:00am**

ACOLYTE - *Child volunteer requested*  
LAY ASSISTANT - Lori Greene  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Carol  
Brandyberry, Rochelle Koerbel, Sue  
Lambert, Heather Morelli, Sally  
Ruppel  
GREETER - Dani Mizia  
USHERS - Jim and Max Mizia  
GIFT BEARER - Penny Mizia  
ALTAR GUILD - Joyce Kilgore and  
Sally Ruppel  
POWERPOINT - Rolf Otterness  
CAMERA - Sam Mizia  
TELLERS (Sunday) - Barb Schumacher  
and Soheila Lunney

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE (MARCH 28)**

### **7:00pm**

ACOLYTE - *Child volunteer requested*  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Missy Bookhammer, Lori Greene, Linda Nickles,  
Phyllis Permar, Carl and Sally Ruppel  
GREETER - Missy Bookhammer  
USHERS - Garrett Langley and Keith Mason  
GIFT BEARER - Phyllis Permar  
CRUCIFER - Alex Dagnal  
ALTAR GUILD - Susan Loeser and Sally Ruppel

## **GOOD FRIDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE (MARCH 29)**

### **12:00noon**

GREETER - Karen Smith  
USHER - Joe Maize

### **7:00pm**

LAY ASSISTANT - Carl Ruppel  
GREETER - Phyllis Permar  
USHERS - Garrett Langley and Gary Milavec

## **EASTER SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE (MARCH 31)**

### **8:30am**

ACOLYTE - *Child volunteer requested*  
LAY ASSISTANT - Kim Chupinka  
LECTOR - Garrett Langley  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Karen  
Glass, Debbie Healey Langley, Susan  
Loeser, Linda Nickles, Beth Pansino  
GREETERS - Caroline and Juliette  
Langley  
USHERS - Drew and Karla Lance, Clint  
Langley, Ken Rigby  
GIFT BEARER - *Child volunteer  
requested*  
ALTAR GUILD - Susan Loeser and  
Becky Long  
POWERPOINT - Ryan Hettinger

### **11:00am**

ACOLYTE - Jules Greco  
LAY ASSISTANT - Kim Maize  
LECTOR - Tim Prex  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Carol  
Brandyberry, Maegan Bregenser,  
Becky Long, Phyllis Permar, Tammy  
Wiens  
GREETER - Karen Smith  
USHERS - Jacob Casper, Joe Maize,  
Keith Mason, Doug Meley  
GIFT BEARER - Reece Greco  
ALTAR GUILD - Carol Brandyberry,  
Sue Lambert and Becky Long  
POWERPOINT - Gary Milavec  
CAMERA - Rolf Otterness  
TELLERS (Tuesday) - Gary Milavec,  
Judy Pilof, Terry Divelbliss

#### **Event Sign-ups**



Scan the QR code to visit  
the online "bulletin board"  
and sign up for upcoming  
events at Our Redeemer!

***Sign up for all events on the  
bulletin board, through our  
website,  
[www.OurRedeemer-  
peters.org](http://www.OurRedeemer-peters.org), or scan the QR  
code to the left. For Online  
Giving, scan the QR code to  
the right.***

#### **Online Giving**



Scan the QR code to  
support the mission and  
ministry of Our Redeemer  
by giving an offering online.

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