

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION

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

**OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

5:30 PM, Saturday

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

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

GROWING IN GOD (September - May), 10:00 AM, Age 3-Adults

Our nursery in the social hall is currently not staffed though you are welcome to use the space if needed. 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.

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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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have called us to the fellowship of the gospel and you bind us in love, fellowship and service in your holy Church. Grant that we may together grow in grace, be fruitful in every good work, and endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace; that at the day of Christ we may be welcomed in the Church triumphant, there ever to glorify you with your Son in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God blessed forevermore.

C **Amen.**

P Do you promise to abide in the faith and in the covenant of your baptism, and as a member of the Church to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of Christ in word and deed, to serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**New Members: I do, by the help of God.**

P We welcome you into this family of faith, and receive you as workers with us in the kingdom of God.

C **Amen.**

**ANTHEM:** *Then Will the Very Rocks Cry Out*

*Stand and face the rear of the sanctuary*

## GATHERING

### GREETING

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

## PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

P The holy gospel, according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?”

<sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

## BLESSING OF PALMS

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

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



\*Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.



Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na.



Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -



san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace.

*\*Additional verses*

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

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

**C** **Hosanna in the highest.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## WORD

### PASSION NARRATIVE ACCORDING TO MATTHEW: Matthew 26:14-27:66

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

### HYMN, *In the Hour of Trial*



1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me,  
2 With for - bid - den plea - sures should this vain world charm,  
3 Should thy mer - cy send me sor - row, toil, and woe,



lest by base de - ni - al I de - part from thee.  
or its sor - did trea - sures spread to work me harm,  
or should pain at - tend me on my path be - low,



When thou seest me wa - ver, with a look re - call;  
bring to my re - mem - brance sad Geth - sem - a - ne,  
grant that I may nev - er fail thy hand to see;



nor from fear or fa - vor suf - fer me to fall.  
or, in dark - er sem - blance, cross-crowned Cal - va - ry.  
grant that I may ev - er cast my care on thee.

Narrator (N): Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests and asked,

**Congregation (C): How much will you pay me to betray Jesus to you?**

N And they gave him thirty pieces of silver. From that time on, Judas began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked,

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

Jesus (J): As you go into the city, you will see a certain man. Tell him, “The Teacher says: My time has come and I will eat the Passover meal with my disciples at your house.”

N: So the disciples did as Jesus told them and prepared the Passover meal there.

When it was evening, Jesus sat down at the table with the twelve disciples. While they were eating, he said

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

N: Greatly distressed, each one asked in turn

**Men: Am I the one, Lord?**

**Women: Am I the one, Lord?**

J: One of you who has just eaten from this bowl with me will betray 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: Judas, the one who would betray him, also asked

**C: Rabbi, am I the one?**

N: And Jesus told him

J: You have said it.

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 this and eat 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 said,

J: Each of you drink from it, for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many. Mark my words-- I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom.

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

**HYMN, *Eat This Bread***

*(sing 2 times)*

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*Refrain*

"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

N: On the way, Jesus told them,

J: Tonight all of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, "God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered." But after I have been raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there.

N: Peter declared,

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

N: Jesus replied,



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

N: But Peter insisted,

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

N: And all the other disciples vowed the same.

Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and he said,

J: Sit here while I go over there to pray.

N: He took Peter and Zebedee's two sons, James and John, and he became anguished and distressed. He told them,

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

N: He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying

J: My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.

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

J: 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!

N: Then Jesus left them a second time and prayed,

J: My Father! If this cup cannot be taken away unless I drink it, your will be done.



I Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
 your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
 turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.

- N: When he returned to them again, he found them sleeping, for they couldn't keep their eyes open. So he went to pray a third time, saying the same things again. Then he came to the disciples and said,
- J: Go ahead and sleep. Have your rest. But look-- 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 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 and elders of the people. The traitor, Judas, had given them a prearranged signal:
- C: "You will know which one to arrest when I greet him with a kiss."**
- N: So Judas came straight to Jesus.
- C: "Greetings, Rabbi!"**
- N: He exclaimed and gave him the kiss. Jesus said,
- J: My friend, go ahead and do what you have come for.
- N: 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.

J: Put away your sword. Those who use the sword will die by the sword. Don't you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly? But if I did, how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that describe what must happen now?

N: Then Jesus said to the crowd,

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 teaching every day. But this is all happening to fulfill the words of the prophets as recorded in the Scriptures.

N: At that point, all the disciples deserted him and fled.

**HYMN, *Ah, Holy Jesus, v. 1-2***

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1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to  
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.

N: Then the people who had arrested Jesus led him to the home of Caiaphas, the high priest, where the teachers of religious law and the elders had gathered. Meanwhile, Peter followed him at a distance and came to the high priest's courtyard. He went in and sat with the guards and waited to see how it would all end.

Inside, the leading priests and the entire high council were trying to find witnesses who would lie about Jesus, so they could put him to death. But even though they found many who agreed to give false witness, they could not use anyone's testimony. Finally, two men came forward who declared,

**C: This man said, "I am able to destroy the Temple of God and rebuild it in three days."**

N: Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus,

**C: Well, aren't you going to answer these charges? What do you have to say for yourself?**

N: But Jesus remained silent. Then the high priest said to him,

**C: I demand in the name of the living God-- tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.**

N: Jesus replied:

J: You have said it. And in the future 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,

**Men: Blasphemy! Why do we need other witnesses? You have all heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?**

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

N: Then they began to spit in Jesus' face and beat him with their fists. And some slapped him, jeering,

**Men: Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who hit you that time?**

N: Meanwhile, Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant girl came over and said to him,

**Women: You were one of those with Jesus the Galilean.**

N: But Peter denied it in front of everyone, saying:

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

N: Later, out by the gate, another servant girl noticed him and said to those standing around,

**Women: This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.**

N: Again Peter denied it, this time with an oath, saying:

**Men: I don't even know the man!**

N: A little later, some of the other bystanders came over to Peter and said,

**Women: You must be one of them; we can tell by your Galilean accent.**

N: Peter swore,

**Men: A curse on me if I'm lying-- I don't know the man!**

N: And immediately the rooster crowed.

Suddenly Jesus' words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me." And he went away, weeping bitterly.

**HYMN, *Go To Dark Gethsemane*, v.2**

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2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;



oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!



Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

N: Very early in the morning the leading priests and the elders of the people met again to lay plans for putting Jesus to death. Then they bound him, led him away, and took him to Pilate, the Roman governor.

When Judas, who had betrayed him, realized that Jesus had been condemned to die, he was filled with remorse. So he took the thirty pieces of silver back to the leading priests and the elders and declared:

**Men: I have sinned for I have betrayed an innocent man.**

**Women: “What do we care? That’s your problem,”**

N: they retorted.

Then Judas threw the silver coins down in the Temple and went out and hanged himself.

The leading priests picked up the coins.

**Women: It wouldn’t be right to put this money in the Temple treasury since it was payment for murder.**

N: After some discussion they finally decided to buy the potter’s field, and they made it into a cemetery for foreigners. That is why the field is still called the Field of Blood. This fulfilled the prophesy of Jeremiah that says, “They took the thirty pieces of silver-- the price at which he was valued by the people of Israel, and purchased the potter’s field, as the LORD directed.”

Now Jesus was standing before Pilate, the Roman governor. He asked him,

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

J: You have said it.

N: But when the leading priests and the elders made their accusations against him, Jesus remained silent. Pilate demanded:

**C: Don’t you hear all these charges they are bringing against you?**

N: But Jesus made no response to any of the charges, much to the governor's surprise.

Now it was the governor's custom each year during the Passover celebration to release one prisoner to the crowd-- anyone they wanted. This year there was a notorious prisoner, a man named Barabbas. As the crowds gathered before Pilate's house that morning, he asked them:

**Men: Which one do you want me to release to you-- Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?**

N: (He knew very well that the religious leaders had arrested Jesus out of envy.)  
Just then, as Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him this message:

**Women: Leave that innocent man alone. I suffered through a terrible nightmare about him last night.**

N: Meanwhile, the leading priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas to be released and for Jesus to be put to death. So the governor asked again,

**Men: Which of these two do you want me to release to you?**

N: The crowd shouted back,

**Women: Barabbas!**

N: Pilate responded,

**Men: Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?**

N: They shouted back,

**Women: Crucify him!**

**Men: Why? What crime has he committed?**

N: asked Pilate. But the mob roared even louder,

**C: Crucify him!!**

N: Pilate saw that he wasn't getting anywhere and that a riot was developing. So he sent for a bowl of water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

**Men: I am innocent of this man's blood. The responsibility is yours!**

N: And all the people yelled back,

**Women: We will take responsibility for his death-- we and our children!**

N: So 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.

**HYMN, *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*, v. 1-2**

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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: Some of the governor's soldiers took Jesus into their headquarters and called out the entire regiment. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. They wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head, and they placed a reed stick in his right hand as a scepter. Then they knelt before him in mockery and taunted,



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

N: And they spit on him and grabbed the stick and struck him on the head with it. When they were finally tired of mocking him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him again. Then they led him away to be crucified.

Along the way, they came across a man named Simon, who was from Cyrene, and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross. And they went out to a place called Golgotha (which means "Place of the Skull"). The soldiers gave him wine mixed with bitter gall, but when he tasted it, he refused to drink it.

After they had nailed him to the cross, the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. Then they sat around and kept guard as he hung there. A sign was fastened above Jesus' head, announcing the charge against him. It read: "This is Jesus, 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. They yelled at him:

**Men: Look at you now! You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuilt it in three days. Well then, if you are the Son of God, save yourself and come down from the cross!**

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

**Women: He saved others but he can't save himself! So he is the King of Israel, is he? Let him come down from the cross right now, and we will believe in him! He trusted God, so let God rescue him now if he wants him! For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'**

N: Even the revolutionaries who were crucified with him ridiculed him in the same way.

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

J: Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

N: Which means "My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?"

Some of the bystanders misunderstood and thought he was calling out 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 the rest said,

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

N: Then Jesus shouted out again, and he released his spirit. At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, rocks split apart, and tombs opened. The bodies of many godly men and women, who had died were raised from the dead. They left the cemetery after Jesus' resurrection, went into the holy city of Jerusalem, and appeared to many people.

The Roman officer and the other soldiers at the crucifixion were terrified by the earthquake and all that had happened. They said,

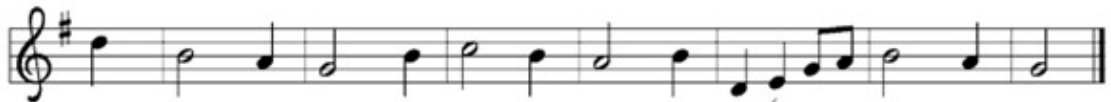
**C: This man truly was the Son of God!**

HYMN, *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*, v. 1-2

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1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov-'reign die?  
2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?  
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, and love be - yond de - gree!

N: And many women who had come from Galilee with Jesus to care for him were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary (the mother of James and Joseph), and the mother of James and John, the sons of Zebedee.

As evening approached, Joseph, a rich man from Arimathea who had become a follower of Jesus, went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. And Pilate issued an order to release it to him. Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a long sheet of clean linen cloth. He placed it in his own new tomb, which had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a great stone across the entrance and left. Both Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting across from the tomb and watching.

The next day, on the Sabbath, the leading priests and Pharisees went to see Pilate. They told him,

**Women: Sir, we remember what that deceiver once said while he was still alive: 'After three days I will rise from the dead.' So we request that you seal the tomb until the third day. This will prevent his disciples from coming and stealing his body and then telling everyone he was raised from the dead! If that happens, we'll be worse off than we were at first.**

N: Pilate replied,

**Men: Take guards and secure it the best you can.**

N: So they sealed the tomb and posted guards to protect it.

*Stand*

**HYMN, *Beneath the Cross of Jesus***

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1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. With the humility of a servant, equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings to proclaim your extravagant love for all. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

A Save your creation, O God. Every living being you have made has purpose. Give us renewed appreciation of farm animals who labor in the fields, service animals who accompany their human companions, and beloved pets who live alongside us. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

A Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their religious beliefs or political activism, and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to places where conflict runs deep. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

A Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are incarcerated or awaiting trial, and stand with those who are unjustly accused. Be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful especially George, Carol, Tom Edith, Steve, Cindy, Chris, Dorothy, Kerri, Martha, Richard, Lori, Ray, Mandy, Gary, Beth, Dianne, Tim, Kathy, and those we name out loud and in our hearts. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

A We give you thanks for our new members whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

A Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of church musicians, pastors, choirs, readers, deacons, technicians, acolytes, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they accompany congregations through this Holy Week. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

A Save us at the last, O God. We give you thanks for your saints of old who embodied your servant love. As you came to their aid, so deliver us in times of trial, that every knee would bend in praise to you. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
C **Amen.**

Sit

### OFFERING

*Our monetary offerings are part of our worship of God. Because so many of our people give their offerings through Simply Giving, the offering plate is not passed, but located in the back of the sanctuary for your use as you enter or leave the sanctuary. One plate is brought forward at the time of the Offertory, and one remains in the back.*

**ANTHEM:** *Crucified! Jesus Dies for You and Me*

Stand

### OFFERTORY

## Create in Me a Clean Heart



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.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.  
God of good gifts,  
receive these and all our offerings  
as we present them in faithful service  
for the sake of your gospel.  
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal  
as you pour out your very presence  
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.  
C **Amen.**

## MEAL

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

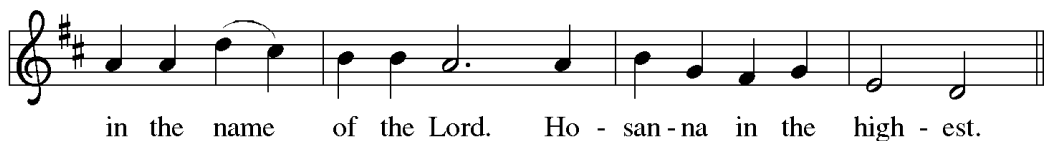
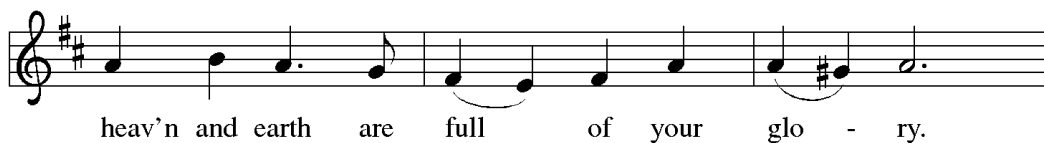
P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C **It is right to give 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,  
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.  
You gather your people around the tree of the cross,  
transforming death into life.  
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:



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

C **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

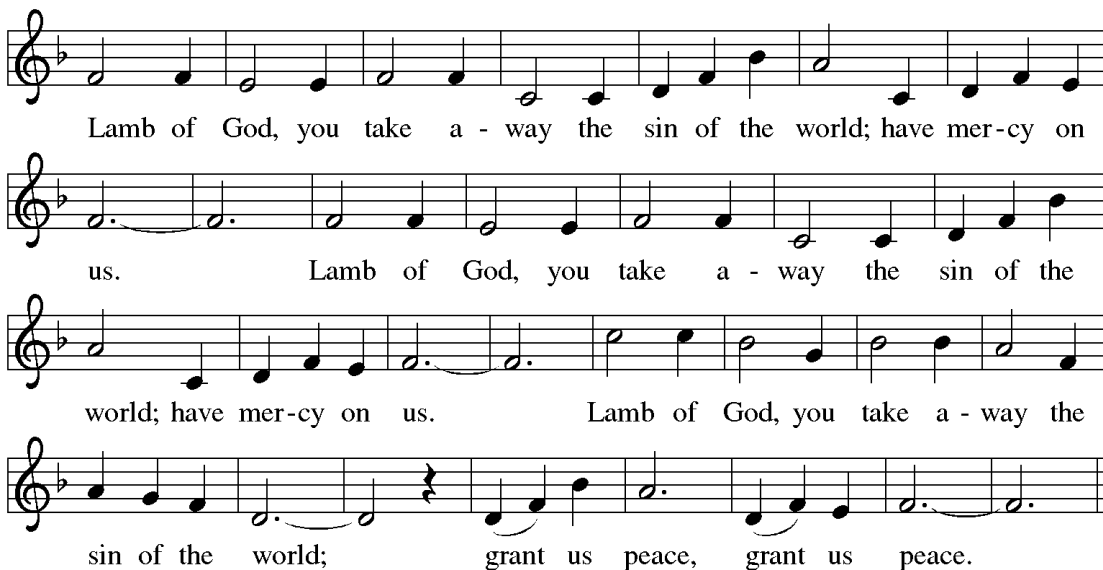
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

*Sit*

## 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, grant us peace.

## SHARING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*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.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastors. Let them know that you need one when you come forward to receive the bread. For those who require it, grape juice is available instead of wine in the prefilled, purple glasses in the communion cup trays.*

*Stand*

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

**C** Amen.

## SENDING

### CHARGE

P Go now to serve  
Jesus, the savior  
who was born to die.

As you leave,  
wave your palms in celebration.  
God is here!  
And Jesus is unlike any authority  
that rules this earth.

Jesus entered Jerusalem  
to triumphal shouts;  
but Jesus would not take  
the crown  
until he had ascended  
to the cross.

Where will Jesus take us  
when we follow?

### BLESSING

P God, the giver of love,  
+ Christ, the resurrection and the life,  
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth  
bless you in this Lenten journey.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN, *Were You There*



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
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Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

*Refrain*



Oh! some-times it caus - es me to



trem-ble, trem - ble, trem - ble. Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
there when they nailed him to the tree?  
there when they pierced him in the side?  
there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
there when they laid him in the tomb?

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace; serve in love.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## **THIS WEEK AT “OUR REDEEMER”**

### **SUNDAY, April 2, 2023, Palm Sunday**

- 9:00am   Worship, Reception of New Members
- 10:00am   Growing in God, Adult Sunday Class
- 11:00am   Worship, Reception of New Members
- 12:15-1:45pm   Easter Egg Prep (6th-12th grades)

### **MONDAY, April 3, 2023**

- 9:00am   Noah’s Ark Preschool

### **TUESDAY, April 4, 2023**

- 9:00am   Noah’s Ark Preschool

### **WEDNESDAY, April 5, 2023**

- 9:00am   Noah’s Ark Preschool
- 7:00pm   Chancel Choir

### **THURSDAY, April 6, 2023, Maundy Thursday**

- 9:00am   Noah’s Ark Preschool
- 7:00pm   Worship

### **FRIDAY, April 7, 2023, Good Friday, Office Closed**

- 10:00am   Children’s Good Friday
- 12:00pm   Community Service
- 8:00pm   Tenebrae Service

### **SATURDAY, April 8, 2023**

- 10:30am   Easter Egg Hunt
- No Worship Service

### **SUNDAY, April 9, 2023, Easter**

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

This weekend we welcome into membership:

John and Sheryl Borden  
Randy and Denise Graham  
Jen King and her daughter, Xander  
Jeffrey and Meghan Trojan and their sons, Carter and Luca

*Welcome to Our Redeemer!*

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Prayers of healing and comfort are requested for George Andrewson; Carol Ausefski; Tom Barczak; Edith Bencic; Steve Broome; Ruth Brosky; Cindy Cox; Chris Decker; Dorothy Dillemuth; Kerri Evans; Martha Fecher; Richard and Lori Gajdowski; Ray Hrabar; Mandy Jarosh; Gary McGaffic; Beth Ricciuti, Dianne Rigby; Tim Roberts; Kathy Russman; and those friends and family members who have asked for our prayers: Chris, Doug, Kate, Sam, Terry Anntonate, Larry Arch, Sandi Babbie, Gladys Bacco, Nikki Baselj, Todd Brosky, Wendy Brosky, Doug Bush, Tom Caley, Carolyn Dagg, Ellen Deutsch, Carl Engman, Pat Filipiak, Beth Gallagher, Catie Geory, Ian Gonzalez, Norma Gower, Lisa Grimes, Robert Hildebrand, Bob Hohowski, Joyce Hough, Stan Karoleski, Ray Keisling, June Lance, George Langford, Jess Lee, Gordon and Diane Ley, Elizabeth Locher, Mildred Maize, Charlene Marquart, Megan Meseck, Samantha L. Middlemiss, Jolie Mihalik, Chuck Miller, Owen Miller, Adam Miskow, Linda Moeslein, Joyce Morrison, Dolores Munsick, Beth Napolitano, Kathy Oberle, Lynn Oberg, Brad Olson, Jean Orth, Gracie Patton, Tracey Perles, Dave Provenzano, Cyndi Quinn, Betty and Frank Rively, Jeanie Rose, Joe Sarubbi, Dave Schrader, Jeff Schwarz, Meryl Severson, Holly Shader, Karol Smith, Rick Snyder, Donna Stafford, Dan Stimmel, Gary Stinson, Andrew Straka, Terri Strawn, Jennifer Kepple Styles, Tina Thielet, Nancy Verderber, Art W., Dave Weikel, Rhianna Wilk, and Frank Yocca.

### **Easter Breakfast Returns this Year!**

We are excited to invite you to Easter breakfast once again!  
Wonderful food and fellowship will take place 9:30-10:45am.

Much help is still needed! You can help by providing food  
(egg dish or bread) and/or setting up and cleaning up.

Sign up for attending and for helping are available online and on the bulletin board at church.

Join in celebrating Jesus' resurrection with good food and great fellowship!



**Dining Divas** - The Dining Divas will gather for lunch on Wednesday, April 19 at 12:30pm at *Ramen King* (3351 Washington Road, plaza next to the church).

**Church Women United** - Our Redeemer will serve as host for the World Day of Prayer on Friday, April 21 at 11am. The theme is "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk." Donors and hands are needed for the lunch that follows. Please see the bulletin board for specific requests. Please make lunch reservations before April 14 by signing up on the bulletin board or by contacting the church office.

**Crossroads** – Crossroads Confirmation will meet for class on **Sunday, April 23 at 6:30pm** (please note the date change).

### **Children and Youth**

**Easter Egg Hunt** - Kids 10 and under are invited to join us for an Easter Egg Hunt and activities on Saturday, April 8 at 10:30am. Volunteers are needed to staff the activity stations and hide eggs - look for more information and sign up on the bulletin board.

**Easter Egg Prep** - 6th-12th graders are invited to help prep eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 2 from 12:15-1:45, lunch will be provided.

**Family Friday** – K-6th graders and their families are invited to bring dinner and join us on Friday, April 21 at 5:30pm for a story and activities together. Sign up on the bulletin board or online.

**Youth Group** – 7th-12th graders - we'll gather on Sunday, April 23 from 4:30-6:15pm to cook and eat dinner together and play games! Crossroads students should plan to stay for class at 6:30pm. Sign up on the bulletin board or online.

**Camperships** are available for those children attending summer camp. Once you register your child let the office know the program and week. We need to know by mid-May.

**VBS Save the Date** - Mark your calendars! VBS at Our Redeemer will be August 7-10, from 9:15am to noon. With ReNew: The Green VBS, we will grow in faith, have fun, and change the world as we practice stewardship of creation!

***Sign up for all events on the bulletin board or online.***



# Installation of Rev. Daniel Clark

Sunday, April 16: 3:30 PM

Stewart Avenue Lutheran Church

2810 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh PA 15227

Pastor Daniel (Pastor Kerri's husband) will be installed as pastor of Stewart Avenue Lutheran Church, Carrick. All are welcome to attend. A reception will follow the service of Holy Communion.

## THIS SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE (APRIL 2)

### 9:00 AM

LAY ASSISTANT - Beth Pansino  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Cheryl  
Debowski, Susan Loeser, Ruth Ann  
Lowery, Phyllis Permar  
GREETER - Phyllis Permar  
USHERS - Mike Debowski and Keith  
Lowery  
GIFT BEARER - Ruth Ann Lowery  
ALTAR GUILD - Susan Loeser and  
Becky Long  
POWERPOINT - Garrett Langley

### 11:00 AM

LAY ASSISTANT - Jackie Beck  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Kim  
Maize, Gerda Moul, Linda Nickles,  
Jamie Whyte  
GREETER - Linda Nickles  
USHERS - Joe Maize and Doug Meley  
GIFT BEARER - Dani and Penny Mizia  
ALTAR GUILD - Heather Morelli and  
Sally Ruppel  
POWERPOINT - Ryan Hettinger  
CAMERA - Sam Mizia  
TELLERS - Dave Borra, Barb  
Schumacher and Jackie Beck

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*In The Hour of Trial*. Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854. Music: PENITENCE, Spencer Lane, 1843-1903.

*Eat This Bread*. Text: Taizé Community. Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994. Text and music © 1984 Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent, 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Reprinted/Podcast/Streamed with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-700919.

*Go To Dark Gethsemane*. Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854. Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820-1901.

*Ah, Holy Jesus*. Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt. Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598-1662.

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*. Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite. Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612.

*Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*. Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764-1824.

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*. Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869. Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927.

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*Were You There*. Text: African American spiritual, alt. Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual.

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# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY April 6, 7pm**

*The word, "Maundy" means "command." On the last night of his earthly life, Jesus told his disciples, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another..." In our worship service, we will celebrate Holy Communion and participate in the Stripping of the Altar which reminds us of the humiliation faced by Jesus during his final hours on earth.*

## **GOOD FRIDAY April 7, 10am (Children's), 12noon (Community) 8pm (Tenebrae)**

*On this holy day we recall Jesus' suffering on the cross. The Children's Service tells the story in a gentle, interactive way. During the service at noon, we will remember the words that Jesus spoke from the cross. The Tenebrae Service is an experience of the increasing darkness that came into the world as it crucified our Lord.*

## **EASTER April 9, 8:30 and 11:00am (no Saturday service)**

### **Easter Breakfast 9:30-10:45**

*The sadness of Jesus' death is replaced by the joy of the resurrection! "He is not here; he has been raised!" We experience the joy of God's love given to us in the Risen Christ! Through song, word and sacrament, our hearts are filled with joy and gratitude!*

