

PALM SUNDAY

of the Lord's Passion

Luke 23:1-56

First Lutheran Church

April 13, 2025

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

GATHERING

(The assembly gathers in the Fellowship Hall)

PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

(Please stand)

PALM SUNDAY ACCLAMATION

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

C: **Hosanna in the highest!**

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PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

LUKE 19:28-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

²⁸ After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path

down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen,
³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”
³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

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

BLESSING OF THE 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 an the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PROCESSION

L: Let us go forth in peace,
C: **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

*(As the “Procession” begins into the Nave,
you are invited to wave your palms and drop them on the ground,
just as many did as they welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem.)*

EXTENDED HYMN INTRODUCTION

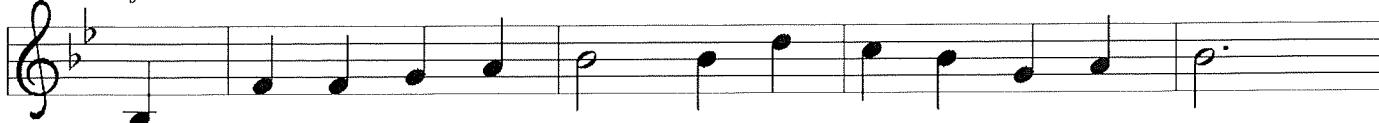
VALET WILL ICH DER GEBEN

All Glory, Laud and Honor

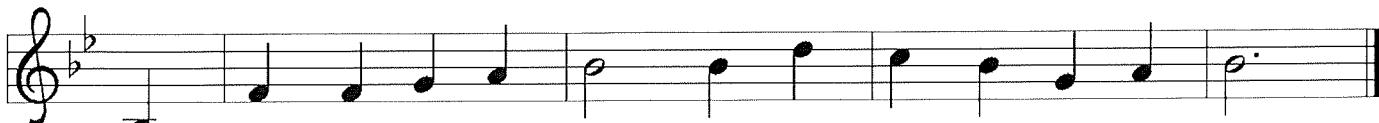
Dan Miller

PROCESSIONAL SONG

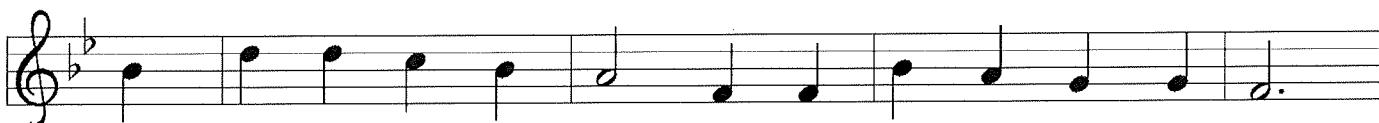
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



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

Refrain



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

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - owed mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est that an - cient song we sing,



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang,
the vic - tor palm branch wav-ing and chant- ing clear and loud.
for Christ is our Re - dem - er, the Lord of heaven our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - na - ly re - joice!

(Please be seated)

BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

(Please stand)

P: People of God, do you promise to support Layla and Elliani and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

C: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

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

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered

over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land. By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

BAPTISM

P: Layla Morgan Reyes, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Elliani Nicole Strawsburgh, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WELCOME

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

MEAL

OFFERING AND CHOIR ANTHEM

Joseph M. Martin

Hosanna, Hosanna!
Senior Choir

(Please stand)

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: 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

P: It is indeed right . . . and join their unending hymn

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION IN TWO MANNERS

† You may commune in your pews.

Individual communion kits are available at the Narthex doors.

The presiding minister will share a blessing,
all communing in-place will commune together.

† You may come to the Table, to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.
A basket is available for disposal of your individual communion cups.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.

COMMUNION SONG

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.

HERLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN

JOHANNES BRAHMS

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

(Please stand)

TABLE BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Generous Host,

you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Passion Reading

Luke 23:1-56

P: This is the Passion of our Lord according to Luke the twenty-third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Then the whole assembly rose and led Him off to Pilate. ² And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar, and claims to be Christ, a king." ³ So Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus replied, "Yes, it is as you say."

⁴ Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no basis for a charge against this man." ⁵ But they insisted and said, "He stirs up the people all over Judea, by His teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here."

⁶ On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. ⁷ When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been waiting to see Him. From what he had heard about Him, he hoped to see Him perform some miracle. ⁹ He plied Him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing Him. ¹¹ Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked Him. Dressing Him in an elegant robe, they sent Him back to Pilate.

¹² That same day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies. ¹³ Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people,

¹⁴ and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined Him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against Him. ¹⁵ Neither has Herod, for he sent Him back to us; as you can see, He has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶ Therefore, I will punish Him and then release Him."

¹⁸ With one voice they cried out, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!" ²⁰ Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again; ²¹ but they kept shouting, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" ²² For the third time he spoke to them, "Why, what crime has this man committed? I have found in Him no guilt deserving death; Therefore I will have Him punished and then release Him." ²³ But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that He be crucified. ²⁴ So Pilate decided to grant their demand. ²⁵ He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.

²⁶ As they led him away, they seized Simon of Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A

large number of the people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for Him.²⁸ Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, weep for yourselves and for your children.²⁹ For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bare, and the breasts that never nursed.'³⁰ Then they will say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.'³¹ For if men do this when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"³² Two others men, both criminals, were also led out with Him to be executed.³³ When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him, along with the criminals, one on His right the other on His left.³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they do." They divided up His clothes by casting lots.³⁵ The people stood watching; and the rulers even sneered at Him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the chosen one!"³⁶ The soldiers also camp up and mocked Him, They offerd Him vine vinegar and said,³⁷ "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"³⁸ There was also a written notice above Him, which read, "This is the King of the Jews."³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him. "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence?⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."⁴³ Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in Paradise."⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour (noon), and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, (three in the afternoon),⁴⁵ for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.⁴⁶ Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." when He had said this, He breathed His last.⁴⁷ The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man."⁴⁸ When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place; they beat their breasts and went away.⁴⁹ But all those who knew Him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching all these things.⁵⁰ Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man,⁵¹ who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea and he was waiting for the kingdom of God.⁵² Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body.⁵³ Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth, and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid.⁵⁴ It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.⁵⁵ The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how the body was laid in it.⁵⁶ Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

P: The passion of our Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

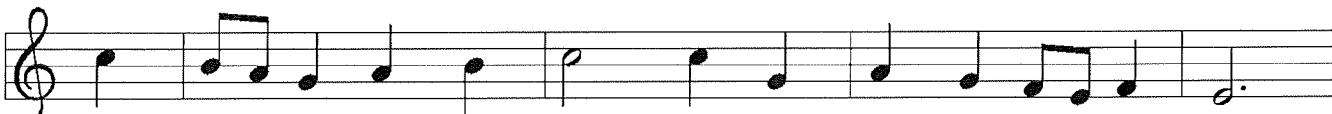
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SENDING SONG**O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

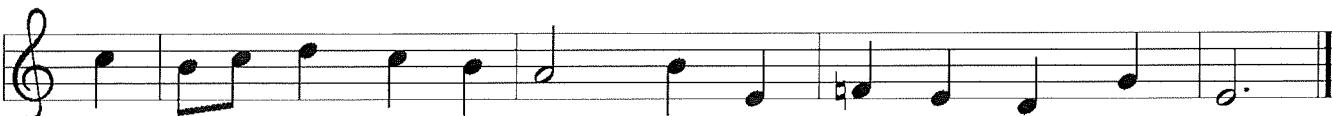
1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
 2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



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!
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



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;
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint-ing be,
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



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.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
 for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

BLESSING

P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one,
 God the reconciling Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace.

P: Care for others as God cares for you.

C: Thanks be to God!

DEPART IN PEACE AND SILENCE.

Events in Review

This Week

Sunday

April 13

10:00AM

Church Service
Baptisms
No Catechism class

Monday

April 14

10:00AM

Bible Study @Willows
Bells of Praise

Thursday

April 17

7:00PM Maundy Thursday Service

Friday

April 18

7:00PM

Good Friday Service

Next Week

Sunday

April 20

9:00AM

Breakfast before Service

10:00AM

Easter Sunday Service

Monday

April 21

10:00AM

Bible Study @Willows

1:30PM

Bookworms

Tuesday

12 to 6PM

April 22

Blood Drive

Thursday

1PM

April 24

Food Bank

Lawn Mower for the Week



Shawn Vallery

Celebration of Baptism

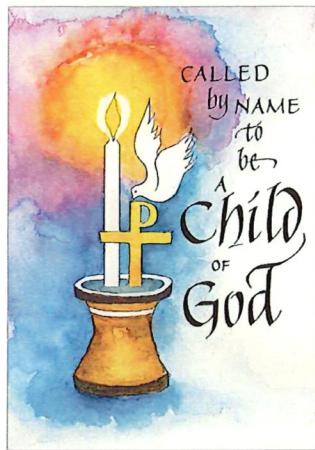
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We celebrate

2 new members to
our

First Family

By Baptism



Layla Morgan Reyes

Daughter of Jacob & Lydia Reyes

Elliana Nicole Strausbaugh

Daughter of Ryan & Mercedes
Strausbaugh

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers were given today in
honor of the baptism of

Layla Morgan Reyes

By her parents, grandparents and
great grandparents.



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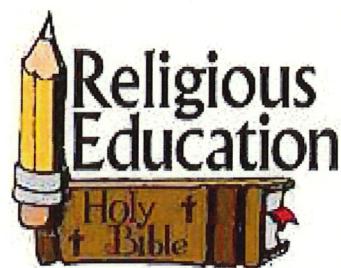
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Catechism Classes

Rick Greene and Mike Porter will be hosting Catechism Classes. If anyone is interested
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Our Mission Statement

“God is among us!”

“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”

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