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Sunday, March 29, 2026
Passion/Palm Sunday
Holy Communion

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Worship begins in our gathering space.
Please take a palm before the service begins.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Processional Gospel Matthew 21:1-11

The gospel for Palm Sunday is from the gospel according to St. Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² 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. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵ “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.”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ 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!”

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The gospel of our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The congregation is invited to raise their branches.

P: Almighty and loving God...

...in the way that leads to eternal life.

C: Amen.

PROCESSION

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: In the name of Christ. Amen!

The procession into the sanctuary begins, congregation follows the Pastor.

GATHERING HYMN:

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR, ELW 344

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,

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Please be seated

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ
Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of
death— even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the
earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
NOISY OFFERING

The Noisy Offering supports the Community Needs Fund and we collect Pennies from Heaven for ELCA World Hunger; these are collected in bread pans often by our children serving in worship.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



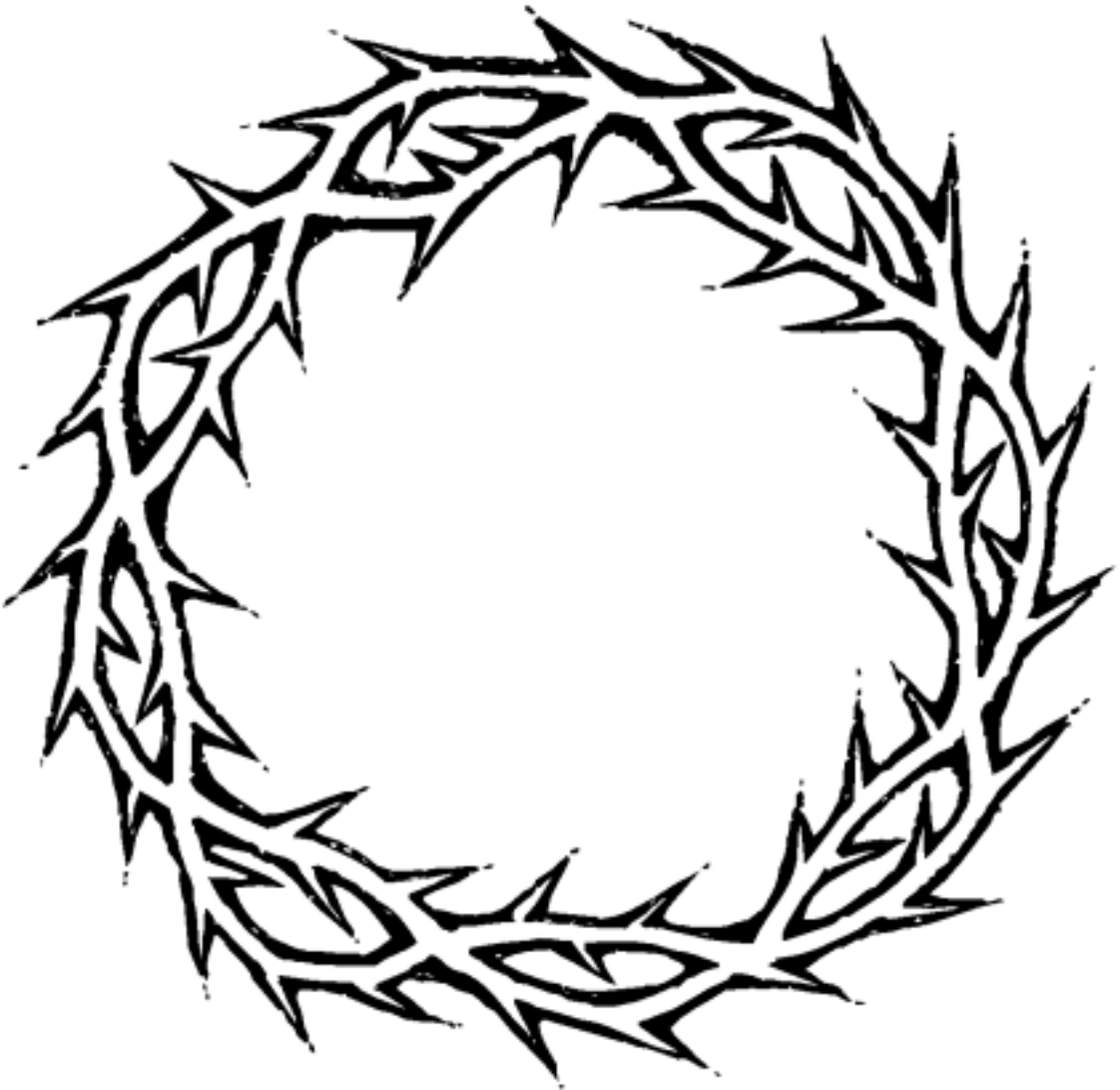
Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



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THE PASSION NARRATIVE - Matthew 26:14—27:66

The Passion of Jesus Christ



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The Passion According to Matthew

The congregation remains seated and will take the role of the “Crowd” in bold print. The “Crowd” is a conflation of the priests and scribes, the leaders and the people, who often speak with one voice. The Narrator begins by saying:

Narrator: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Judas Iscariot was one of the twelve disciples. He went to the chief priests and asked,

Judas: “How much will you give me if I help you arrest Jesus?”

Narrator: They paid Judas 30 silver coins, and from then on he started looking for a good chance to betray Jesus.

On the first day of the Festival of Thin Bread, Jesus' disciples came to him and asked,

Disciples: “Where do you want us to prepare the Passover meal?”

Narrator: Jesus told them to go to a certain man in the city and tell him,

Jesus: “Our teacher says, ‘My time has come! I want to eat the Passover meal with my disciples in your home.’”

Narrator: They did as Jesus told them and prepared the meal. When Jesus

was eating with his twelve disciples that evening, he said,

Jesus: “One of you will surely hand me over to my enemies.”

Narrator: The disciples were very sad, and each one said to Jesus,

Disciples: “Lord, you can't mean me!”

Jesus: “One of you men who has eaten with me from this dish will betray me. The Son of Man will die, as the Scriptures say. But it's going to be terrible for the one who betrays me! That man would be better off if he had never been born.”

Judas: “Teacher, you surely don't mean me!”

Jesus: “That's what you say!”

Narrator: But later, Judas did betray him.

Narrator: During the meal Jesus took some bread in his hands. He blessed the bread and broke it. Then he gave it to his disciples and said,

Jesus: “Take this and eat it. This is my body.”

Narrator: Jesus picked up a cup of wine and gave thanks to God. He then gave it to his disciples and said,

Jesus: “Take this and drink it. This is my blood, and with it God makes his agreement with you. It will be poured out, so that many people will have their sins forgiven. From now on I am not going to drink any wine, until I drink new wine with you in my Father's kingdom.”

Narrator: Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.
Jesus said to his disciples,

Jesus: “During this very night, all of you will reject me, as the Scriptures say,
‘I will strike down
the shepherd,
and the sheep
will be scattered.’

But after I am raised to life, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”

Peter: “Even if all the others reject you, I never will!”

Jesus: “I promise you before a rooster crows tonight, you will say three times that you don't know me.”

Peter: “Even if I have to die with you, I will never say I don't know you.”

Narrator: All the others said the same thing. Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane. When they got there, he told them,

Jesus: “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”

Narrator: Jesus took along Peter and the two brothers, James and John. He was very sad and troubled, and he said to them,

Jesus: “I am so sad that I feel as if I am dying. Stay here and keep awake with me.”

Narrator: Jesus walked on a little way. Then he knelt with his face to the

ground and prayed,

Jesus: “My Father, if it is possible, don't make me suffer by drinking from this cup. But do what you want, and not what I want.”

Narrator: He came back and found his disciples sleeping. So he said to Peter,

Jesus: “Can't any of you stay awake with me for just one hour? Stay awake and pray that you won't be tested. You want to do what is right, but you are weak.”

Narrator: Again Jesus went to pray and said,

Jesus: “My Father, if there is no other way, and I must suffer, I will still do what you want.”

Narrator: Jesus came back and found them sleeping again. They simply could not keep their eyes open. He left them and prayed the same prayer once more.

Finally, Jesus returned to his disciples and said,

Jesus: “Are you still sleeping and resting? The time has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to sinners. Get up! Let's go. The one who will betray me is already here.”

Narrator: Jesus was still speaking, when Judas the betrayer came up. He was one of the twelve disciples, and a large mob armed with swords and clubs was with him. They had been sent by the chief priests and the nation's leaders. Judas had told them ahead of time,

Judas: “Arrest the man I greet with a kiss.”

Narrator: Judas walked right up to Jesus and said,

Judas: “Hello, teacher.”

Narrator: Then Judas kissed him.

Jesus: “My friend, do what you came for.”

Narrator: The men grabbed Jesus and arrested him. One of Jesus' followers pulled out a sword. He struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. But Jesus told him,

Jesus: “Put your sword away. Anyone who lives by fighting will die by fighting. Don't you know that I could ask my Father, and he would at once send me more than twelve armies of angels? But then, how could the words of the Scriptures come true, which say this must happen?”

Narrator: Jesus said to the mob,

Jesus: “Why do you come with swords and clubs to arrest me like a criminal? Day after day I sat and taught in the temple, and you didn't arrest me. But all this happened, so that what the prophets wrote would come true.”

Narrator: All Jesus' disciples left him and ran away.

After Jesus had been arrested, he was led off to the house of Caiaphas the high priest. The nation's leaders and the teachers of the Law of Moses were meeting there. But Peter followed along at a distance and came to the courtyard of the high priest's palace. He went in and sat down with the guards

to see what was going to happen. The chief priests and the whole council wanted to put Jesus to death. So they tried to find some people who would tell lies about him in court. But they could not find any, even though many did come and tell lies. At last, two men came forward and said,

Crowd: “This man claimed he could tear down God's temple and build it again in three days.”

Narrator: The high priest stood up and asked Jesus,

Chief Priest: “Why don't you say something in your own defense? Don't you hear the charges they are making against you?”

Narrator: But Jesus did not answer. So the high priest said,

Chief Priest: “With the living God looking on, you must tell the truth. Are you the Messiah, the Son of God?”

Jesus: “That is what you say! But I tell all of you,

‘Soon you will see
the Son of Man
sitting at the right side^[1]
of God All-Powerful
and coming on the clouds
of heaven.’ ”

Narrator: The high priest then tore his robe and said,

Chief Priest: “This man claims to be God! We don't need any more witnesses! You have heard what he said. What do you think?”

Crowd: He is guilty and deserves to die!”

Narrator: Then they spit in his face and hit him with their fists. Others slapped him and said,

Crowd: “You think you are the Messiah! So tell us who hit you!”

Narrator: While Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, a servant girl came up to him and said,

Servant Girl: “You were with Jesus from Galilee.”

Narrator: But in front of everyone Peter said,

Peter: “That isn't so! I don't know what you are talking about!”

Narrator: When Peter had gone out to the gate, another servant girl saw him and said to some people there,

Servant Girl: “This man was with Jesus.”

Narrator: Again Peter denied it, and this time he swore,

Peter: “I don't even know that man!”

Narrator: A little while later some people standing there walked over to Peter and said,

Crowd: “We know you are one of them. We can tell it because you talk like someone from Galilee.”

Narrator: Peter began to curse and swear,

Peter: “I don't know that man!”

Narrator: Right then a rooster crowed, and Peter remembered that Jesus had said,

Jesus: “Before a rooster crows, you will say three times you don't know me.”

Narrator: Then Peter went out and cried bitterly.

Early the next morning all the chief priests and the nation's leaders met and decided that Jesus should be put to death. They tied him up and led him away to Pilate the governor. Judas had betrayed Jesus, but when he learned that Jesus had been sentenced to death, he was sorry for what he had done. He returned the 30 silver coins to the chief priests and leaders and said,

Judas: “I have sinned by betraying a man who has never done anything wrong.”

Chief Priest: “So what? That's your problem,”

Narrator: Judas threw the money into the temple and then went out and hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the money and said,

Chief Priest: “This money was paid to have a man killed. We can't put it in the temple treasury.”

Narrator: Then they had a meeting and decided to buy a field that belonged to someone who made clay pots. They wanted to use it as a graveyard for foreigners. This is why people still call that place “Field of Blood.” So the

words of the prophet Jeremiah came true,

“They took
the thirty silver coins,
the price of a person
among the people of Israel.
They paid it
for a potter's field,^[j]
as the Lord
had commanded me.”

Narrator: Jesus was brought before Pilate the governor, who asked him,

Pilate: “Are you the king of the Jews?”

Jesus: “Those are your words!”

Narrator: And when the chief priests and leaders brought their charges against him, he did not say a thing. Pilate asked him,

Pilate: “Don't you hear what crimes they say you have done?”

Narrator: But Jesus did not say anything, and the governor was greatly amazed.

Narrator: During Passover the governor always freed a prisoner chosen by the people. At that time a well-known terrorist named Jesus Barabbas was in jail. So when the crowd came together, Pilate asked them,

Pilate: “Which prisoner do you want me to set free? Do you want Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

Narrator: Pilate knew the leaders had brought Jesus to him because they were jealous. While Pilate was judging the case, his wife sent him a message. It said,

Pilate's Wife: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man. I have had nightmares because of him."

Narrator: But the chief priests and the leaders convinced the crowds to ask for Barabbas to be set free and for Jesus to be killed. Pilate asked the crowd again,

Pilate: "Which of these two men do you want me to set free?"

Crowd: "Barabbas!"

Pilate: "What am I to do with Jesus, who is called the Messiah?"

Crowd: "Nail him to a cross!"

Pilate: "But what crime has he done?"

Crowd: "Nail him to a cross!"

Narrator: Pilate saw that there was nothing he could do and that the people were starting to riot. So he took some water and washed his hands in front of them and said,

Pilate: "I won't have anything to do with killing this man. You are the ones doing it!"

Crowd: "We and our own families will take the blame for his death!"

Narrator: Pilate set Barabbas free. Then he ordered his soldiers to beat Jesus with a whip and nail him to a cross. The governor's soldiers led Jesus into the fortress and brought together the rest of the troops. They stripped off Jesus' clothes and put a scarlet robe on him. They made a crown out of thorn branches and placed it on his head, and they put a stick in his right hand. The soldiers knelt down and pretended to worship him. They made fun of him and shouted,

Crowd: “Hey, you, king of the Jews!”

Narrator: Then they spit on him. They took the stick from him and beat him on the head with it.

When the soldiers had finished making fun of Jesus, they took off the robe. They put his own clothes back on him and led him off to be nailed to a cross. On the way they met a man named Simon who was from Cyrene, and they forced him to carry Jesus' cross. They came to a place named Golgotha, which means “Place of a Skull.” There they gave Jesus some wine mixed with a drug to ease the pain. But when Jesus tasted what it was, he refused to drink it. The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross and gambled to see who would get his clothes. Then they sat down to guard him. Above his head they put a sign that told why he was nailed there. It read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” The soldiers also nailed two criminals on crosses, one to the right of Jesus and the other to his left. People who passed by said terrible things about Jesus. They shook their heads and shouted,

Crowd: “So you're the one who claimed you could tear down the temple and build it again in three days! If you are God's Son, save yourself and come down from the cross!”

Narrator: The chief priests, the leaders, and the teachers of the Law of

Moses also made fun of Jesus. They said,

Chief Priest: “He saved others, but he can't save himself. If he is the king of Israel, he should come down from the cross! Then we will believe him. He trusted God, so let God save him, if he wants to. He even said he was God's Son.”

Narrator: The two criminals also said cruel things to Jesus. At noon the sky turned dark and stayed that way until three o'clock. Then about that time Jesus shouted,

Jesus: “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani? My God, my God, why have you deserted me?”

Narrator: Some of the people standing there heard Jesus and said,

Crowd: “He's calling for Elijah.”

Narrator: One of them at once ran and grabbed a sponge. He soaked it in wine, then put it on a stick and held it up to Jesus. Others said,

Crowd: “Wait! Let's see if Elijah will come and save him.”

Narrator: Once again Jesus shouted, and then he died.

At once the curtain in the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, and rocks split apart. Graves opened, and many of God's people were raised to life. They left their graves, and after Jesus had risen to life, they went into the holy city, where they were seen by many people. The officer and the soldiers guarding Jesus felt the earthquake and saw everything else that happened. They were frightened and said,

Crowd: “This man really was God's Son!”

Narrator: Many women had come with Jesus from Galilee to be of help to him, and they were there, looking on at a distance. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of James and John were some of these women.

That evening a rich disciple named Joseph from the town of Arimathea went and asked for Jesus' body. Pilate gave orders for it to be given to Joseph, who took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth. Then Joseph put the body in his own tomb that had been cut into solid rock and had never been used. He rolled a big stone against the entrance to the tomb and went away. All this time Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting across from the tomb. On the next day, which was a Sabbath, the chief priests and the Pharisees went together to Pilate. They said,

Chief Priest: “Sir, we remember what this liar said while he was still alive. He claimed in three days he would come back from death. So please order the tomb to be carefully guarded for three days. If you don't, his disciples may come and steal his body. They will tell the people he has been raised to life, and this last lie will be worse than the first one.”

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: “All right, take some of your soldiers and guard the tomb as well as you know how.”

Narrator: So they sealed it tight and placed soldiers there to guard it.

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HYMN OF THE DAY:
MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN, ELW 343



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es
4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might
stow; the world that was his own would not its
sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas
way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I that
Sav - ior know. But, oh, my friend, my
to our king. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is
life to slay. Yet cheer - ful he to



for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!
all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.
suf - f'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

After each petition, the words "God of mercy" are said. The congregation responds to these words by saying "**Receive our prayer.**"

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

THE OFFERING

Weekly giving may be placed in the round collection plate that is distributed by our ushers. Thank you for your faithful giving that supports the ministry we share.

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERTORY:
WE ARE AN OFFERING, ELW 692



We lift our voice - es, — we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an



of-fer ing, — Lord, use our voice - es, — Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our



lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer ing, — All that we have,



all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. —



— We lift our voice - es, — we lift our hands, we lift our



lives up to you: we are an of-fer ing, — we are an of-fer-ing.



— We lift our voice - es, — we lift our hands, we lift our



lives up to you: we are an of-fer ing, — we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERING PRAYER

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

THE 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table.
Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to the table where we receive Christ's Real Presence. Please follow the directions of ushers and pastor for coming to the altar. If coming forward is a challenge, please let an usher know so that we can meet you where you are with Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing in place of bread, please cross your arms over your chest so the pastor will know. Gluten-free wafers are available, and you may indicate your preference to the pastor when you come forward. Red wine and white grape juice are in the individual cups. As you return to your seat, you will find a small basket on the table in which to place your empty cup.

LAMB OF GOD, ELW 341

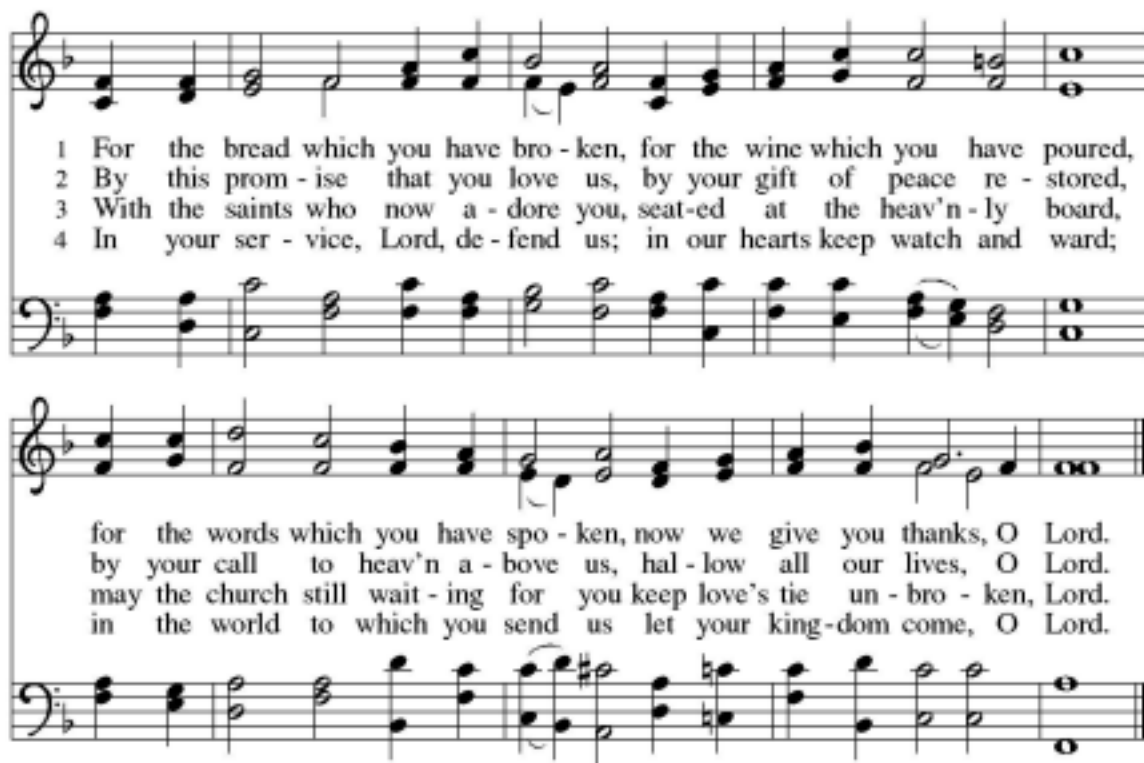


1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who
2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why
3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be -



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre - cious Lamb of God.
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre - cious Lamb of God.
cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre - cious Lamb of God.

**COMMUNION HYMN:
FOR THE BREAD WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN, ELW 494**



The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system contains four lines of lyrics. The second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat - ed at the heav'n - ly board,
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.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

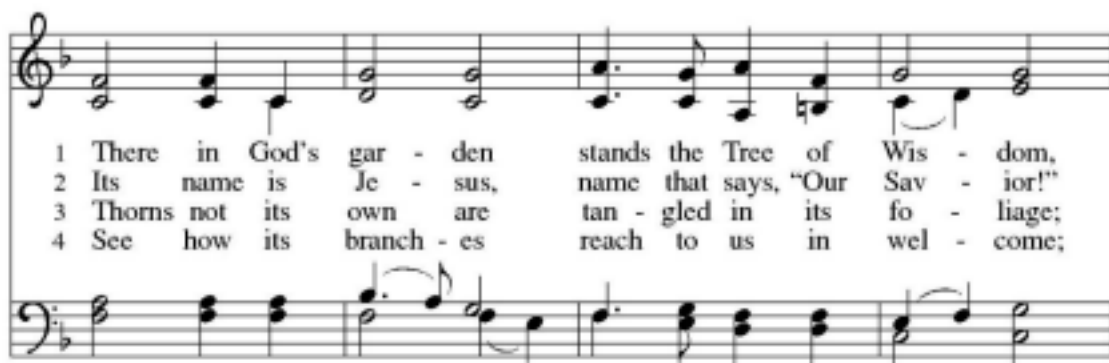
POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

**SENDING HYMN:
THERE IN GOD'S GARDEN, ELW 342, VERSES 1,4,5,6**



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions;
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending,
 this my resurrection;
 into your hands, Lord,
 I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for;
 now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it, take it freely!"
 Amen! My Master!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.
Thanks be to God.

WELCOME TO FEAST OF VICTORY: If you are a guest, we invite you to please sign your name and some form of contact info in our Guest Book, located on the wall desk near the office door entrance, and join us for our fellowship time after our worship service so that we can get to know one another. We are glad that you are worshipping with us today either in person or on Zoom. If you would like to speak with our Pastor, schedule a home visit, unite with our congregation, or receive Holy Communion, please contact Pastor Haley Vay in our church office (231-938-1070).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND WELCOME CARDS: As Jesus welcomes us and prays for us, so we also welcome and pray for one another. There are Prayer Request and Welcome Cards located on the table to the left as you enter the front doors of the building. If you have a prayer request, please fill out a card and give it to the Assisting Minister or Pastor if you would like your prayer read aloud in worship, or to Pastor if your request is confidential. If you are visiting...*welcome!* Please consider filling out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate or give it to our Pastor, so that we may stay connected.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated each Sunday. We believe that Jesus is really present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. It is Jesus who serves us, bringing us forgiveness of sins, faith and new life, and hope for eternal life. All are welcome to receive the gift of faith and forgiveness that Jesus offers. Please let the Pastor know if you would prefer gluten-free bread, and if you prefer white grape juice instead of wine.

WAYS TO GIVE: We are thankful for the financial support we receive to carry out God's mission and ministry in the life of our congregation and the wider church. If you are able and would like to contribute, we welcome and encourage you to do so by using any of the following ways to give:

1. Go to www.feastofvictory.org/give, or visit our website and click the "Give" button to set up a one-time or recurring gift either by credit or debit card or by electronic transfer from your checking account.
2. Mail a check to Feast of Victory Lutheran Church.
3. Place your offering in the round plates distributed by our ushers. We give thanks to God for your gifts that support the ministry we share.

FELLOWSHIP AFTER OUR WORSHIP SERVICE: Special time has been set aside each Sunday following worship for refreshments and conversation. We welcome and encourage you to stay and connect in faith community.

NURSERY AVAILABLE: We have a nursery available for parents and small children. It is located in the last room on the right of the main hallway.

STAY CONNECTED on Facebook @FeastOfVictoryELCA and check out what's happening, ways to get involved, and watch recordings of worship on our website: www.feastofvictory.org. You may also pick up a copy of our Church Newsletter, "Feast Your Eyes" at the welcome table.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School for children takes place during worship after the Children's message. Teachers will lead children to our fellowship hall for a lesson and activity, then return to the sanctuary for Communion. Please be mindful that children age 3 and under, or those not yet toilet trained, will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

HEARING ASSIST: If using a hearing assistance device would make worship more accessible for you, please visit our AV room located just outside the sanctuary and we will gladly help you get connected.



Presiding Minister: Pastor Haley Vay Beaman

Assisting Minister: Rena Rudkin

Acolyte:

Musician: Margaret VanDenBerge

Reader: Pam Mitchell

Greeters: Tom Hurshman & Jean Friday

Ushers: Tom Hurshman & Jean Friday

Communion: Doug Satow

AV Operator: Caylyn Moglia

Coffee Host: Pam Mitchell

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