FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

Palm Sunday
Sunday of the Passion

April 2, 2023
Divine Service, Setting Three – LSB 184
8:00 & 10:30*am, 5:00 pm
***livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

AS WE GATHER

Today is a very special day. This is true not only because it is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week; today is a very special day because the Word of God is proclaimed in our hearing. In this present hour, in this very house of the Lord, His Word delivers to us the saving work of Jesus.

Far from being a detached dispatch from a distant deity, this Word of God is living and active, inspired by the life-giving Spirit who, this very day, brings us to the King who humbled Himself by becoming "obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8). As we gather again in the presence of our crucified and risen King, may we join with the ancients and say, "This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

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✢ ✢ ✢ GATHERING ✢ ✢ ✢

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord ✢ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

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

C **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

COLLECT

P Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

HOLY GOSPEL – John 12:12-19 – The triumphal entry

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

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

P 12 The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus
was coming to Jerusalem. 13 So they took branches of palm trees and went
out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" 14 And Jesus found a young
donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

16 His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus
was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written
about him and had been done to him. 17 The crowd that had been with him
when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead
continued to bear witness. 18 The reason why the crowd went to meet him
was that they heard he had done this sign. 19 So the Pharisees said to one
another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone
after him."

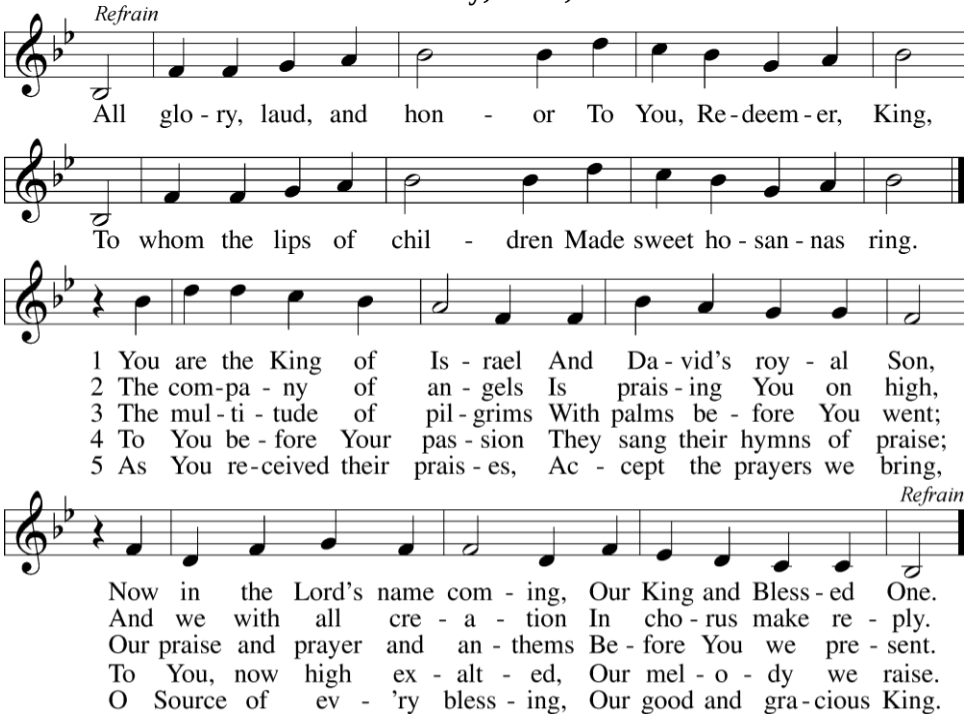
P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

P Let us go forth in peace, **C** **in the name of the Lord.**

In his humility Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world and he is glad that he became so humble for our sake, glad that he came and lived among us and shared in our nature in order to raise us up again to himself. And even though we are told that he has now ascended above the highest heavens, his love for man will never rest until he has raised our earthbound nature from glory to glory, and made it one with his own in heaven.
-St. Andrew of Crete (650-712)

The cross leads the procession, followed by the choir (if present) and congregation walking two or three abreast down the center aisle, moving into pews toward the front of the nave.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – All Glory, Laud, and Honor



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

C **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

*The Congregation is seated as the palms are silently removed from the cross. The **red vestments and paraments** signifying the triumphal entry of Palm Sunday are exchanged for the **purple vestments and paraments** of Holy Week.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

✢ ✢ ✢ WORD ✢ ✢ ✢

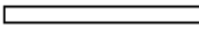
SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you. **C** **And with thy spirit.**

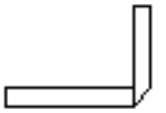
P Let us pray…one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

How to make a Palm Cross

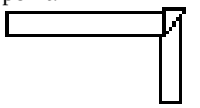
1. Hold the frond horizontally and fold in half.

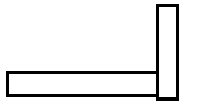


2. Bend the right half straight up from the center to form a right angle.



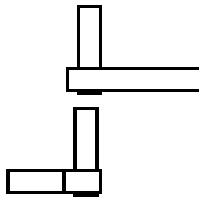
3. Fold this same top strip, from the center, back and down, and then up and over again, to form a square at the back. It will still be a right angle at this point.





4. a) Bring the left strip **forward** and fold over the center towards the right.

b) Fold away from you and pull through the square at back, all the way.



OLD TESTAMENT – Isaiah 50:4-9a – The Servant's obedience

4 The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.
5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.
6 I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.
7 But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.
8 He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.
9 Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL – Hebrews 9:12, 15; Psalm 111:9

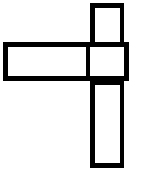
A Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

C **He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.**

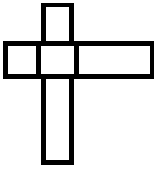
EPISTLE – Philippians 2:5-11 – "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow."

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming

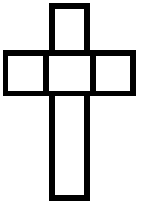
5. Bend the top strip **forward** and put the end through the center square to make a shaft of desired length.



6. Fold **left** hand strip **backwards** and put through the back square. This makes the left crossbar and should be in proportion to the shaft.



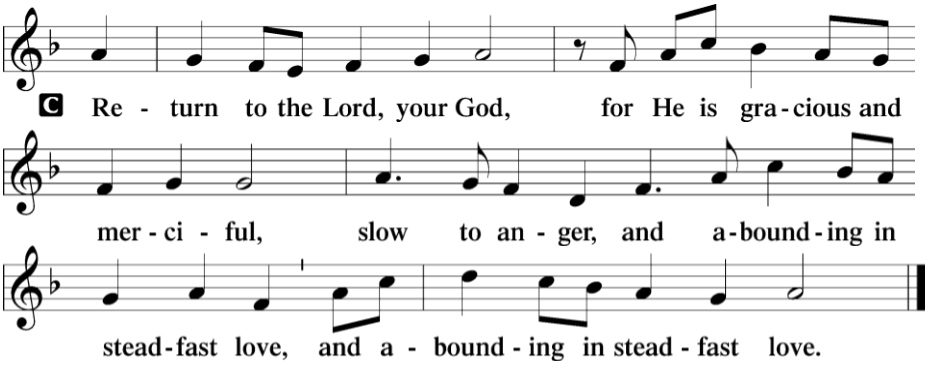
7. Fold the **right** strip **back**, put through the back square and fasten.



obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. [9] Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, [10] so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11] and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE – *Joel 2:13b*



Historically, the **Gospel Lesson for Palm Sunday** was the entire Passion narrative from the Gospel of Matthew. The pictures on the next two pages, along with the verses of "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" are offered to guide our communal meditation on these universe-changing events.

HOLY GOSPEL – **Matthew 26 & 27** – The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

✠ Matthew 26:1-29 ✠
The Institution of the Lord's Supper

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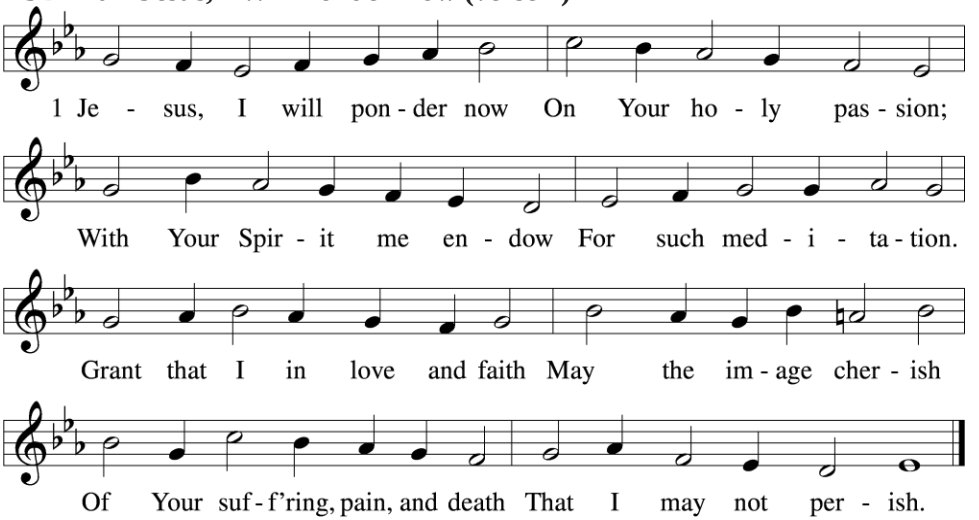

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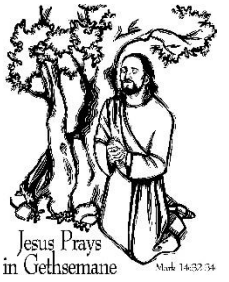
✢ Matthew 26:30-46 ✢

Jesus prays in the Garden



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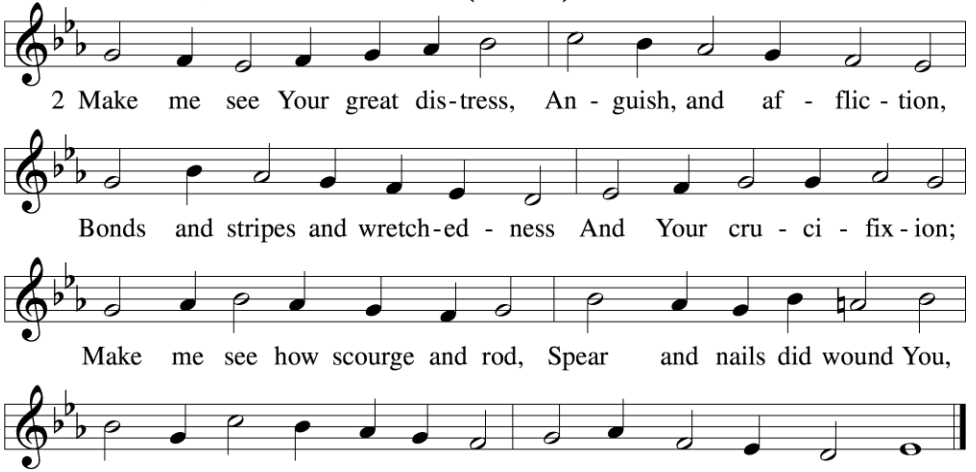

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✢ Matthew 26:47-56 ✢

The Arrest of Jesus

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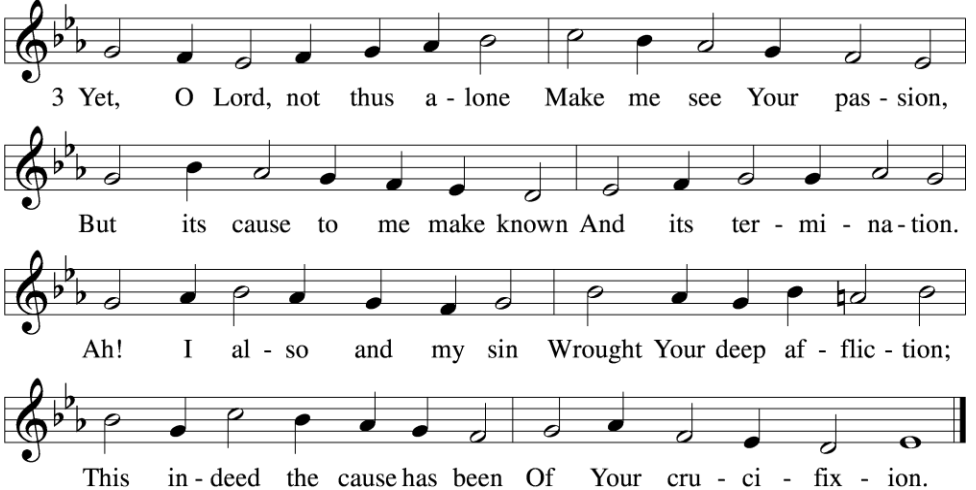

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✢ Matthew 26:57-75 ✢
Jesus before the Sanhedrin

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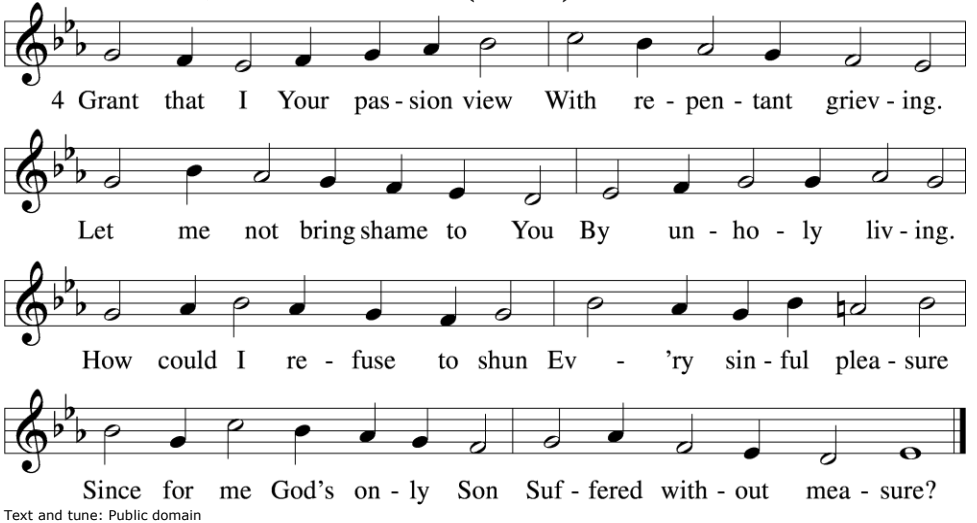

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✢ Matthew 27:1-26 ✢
Jesus before Pilate

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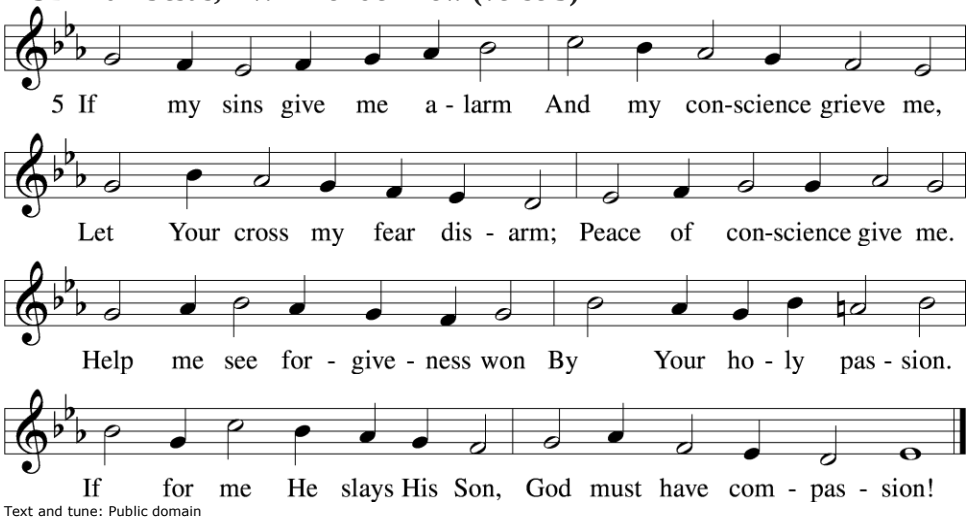

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✢ Matthew 27:27-54 ✢
The Crucifixion

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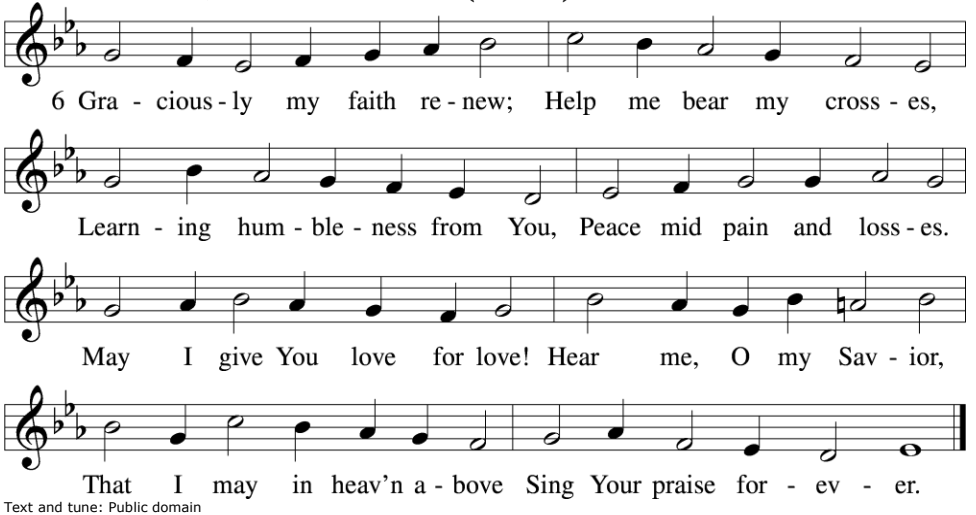

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✢ Matthew 27:55-66 ✢
Jesus is Buried

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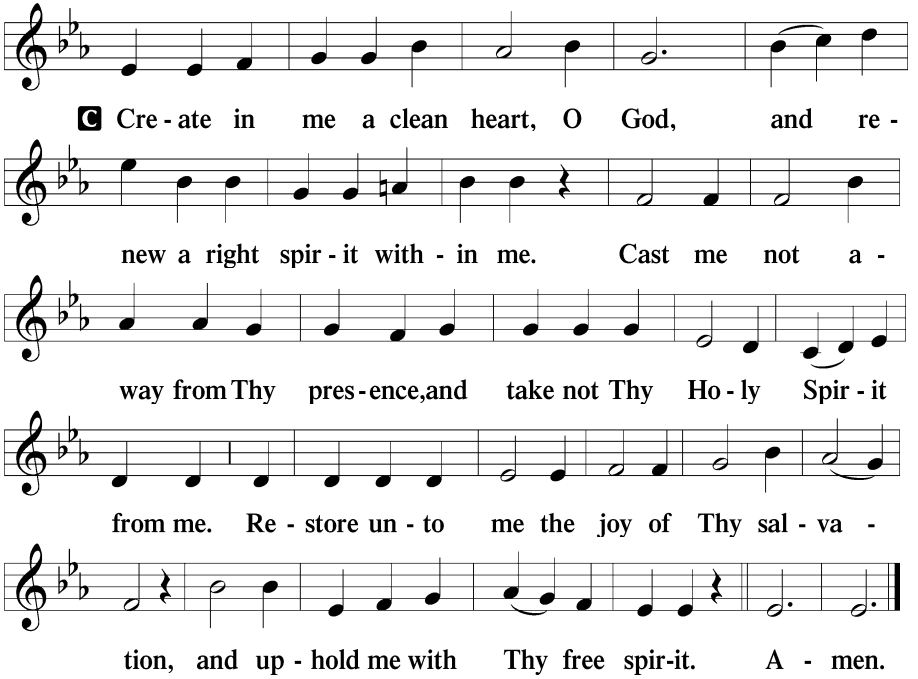
C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✢ of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING – *Ride On, King Jesus* (arr. John Eggert)

OFFERTORY – *Psalm 51:10-12*



Ride On, King Jesus

Refrain:
Ride on, King Jesus,
No man can a-hinder me.
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on.
No man can a-hinder me.

King Jesus rides on a milk white horse,
No man can a-hinder me;
The river Jordan he did cross,
No man can a-hinder me.
(Refrain)

If you want to find your way to God,
No man can a-hinder me;
The Gospel highway must be trod,
No man can a-hinder me.
(Refrain)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

A …through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
C **Amen.**

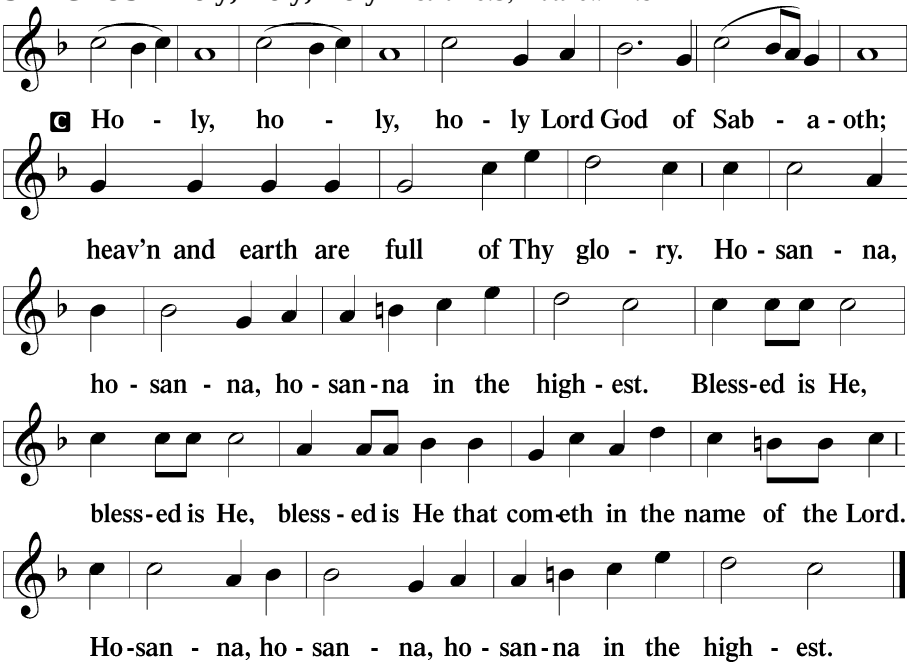
✢ ✢ ✢ SACRAMENT ✢ ✢ ✢

LSB 194

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.
C **And with thy spirit.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
C **It is meet and right so to do.**
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS – Holy, Holy, Holy – *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



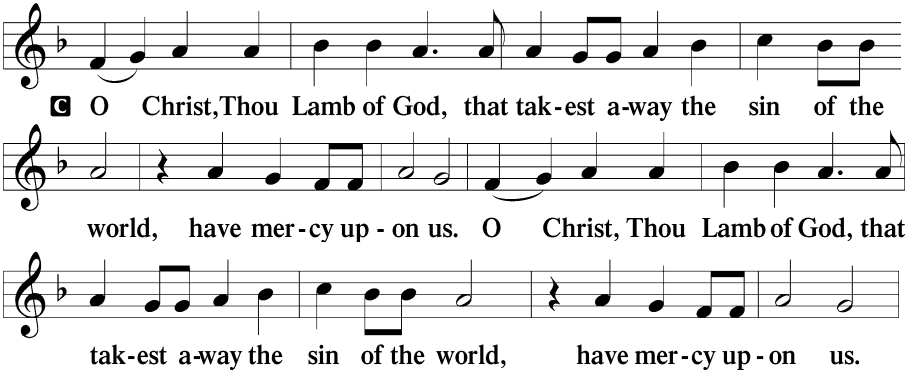
LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord – *John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI – Lamb of God - *John 1:29*



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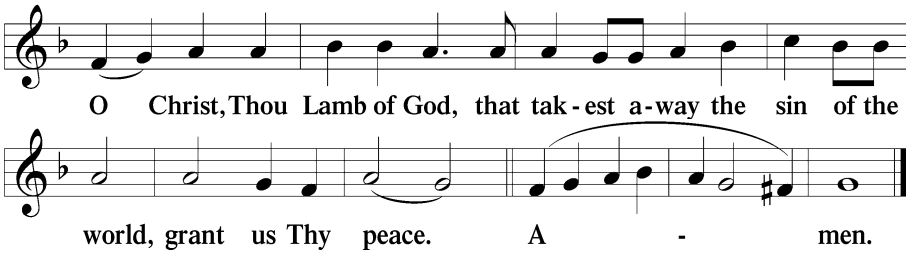

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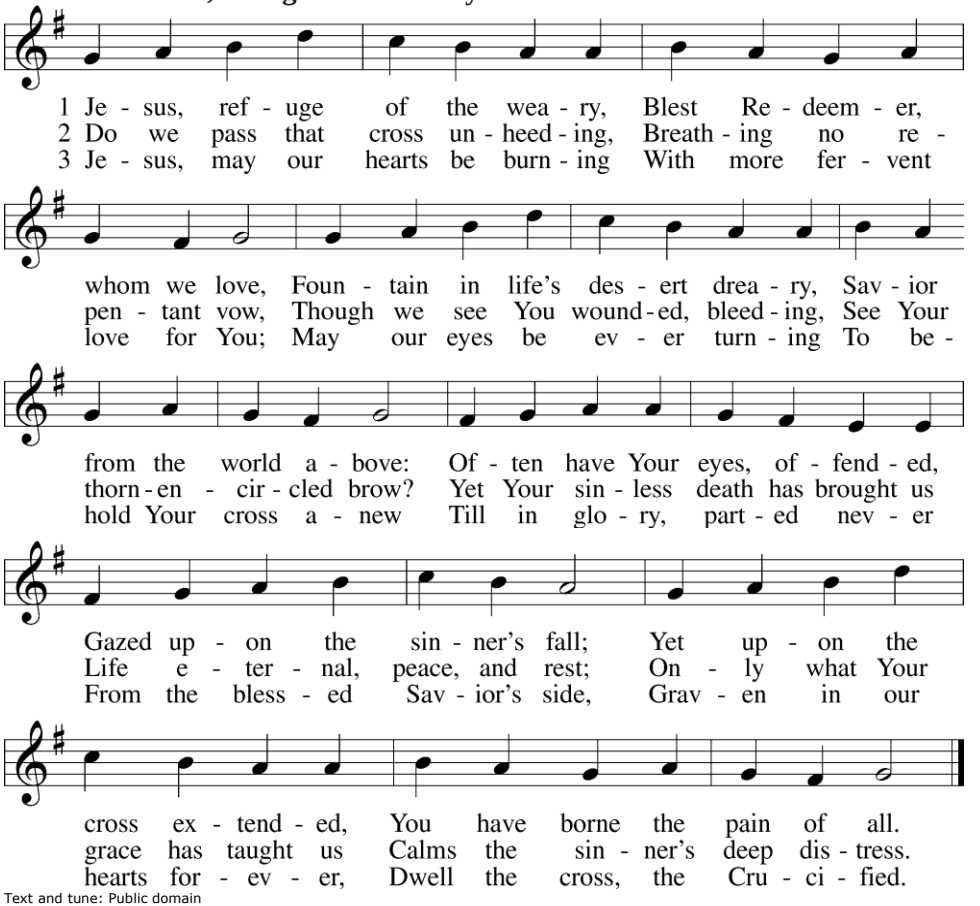
Anthem – *What Wondrous Love Is This* (arr. John S. Dixon)

LSB 423 – Jesus, Refuge of the Weary



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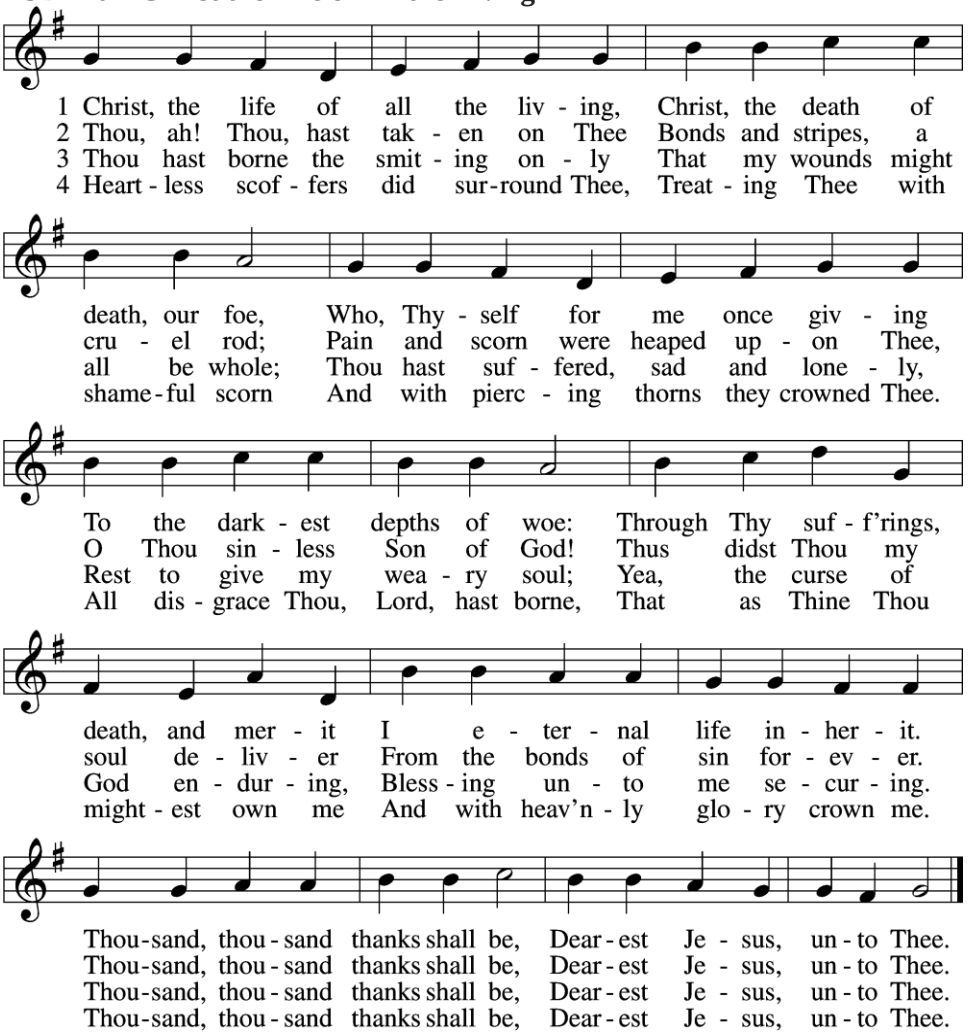
LSB 420 – Christ the Life of All the Living



5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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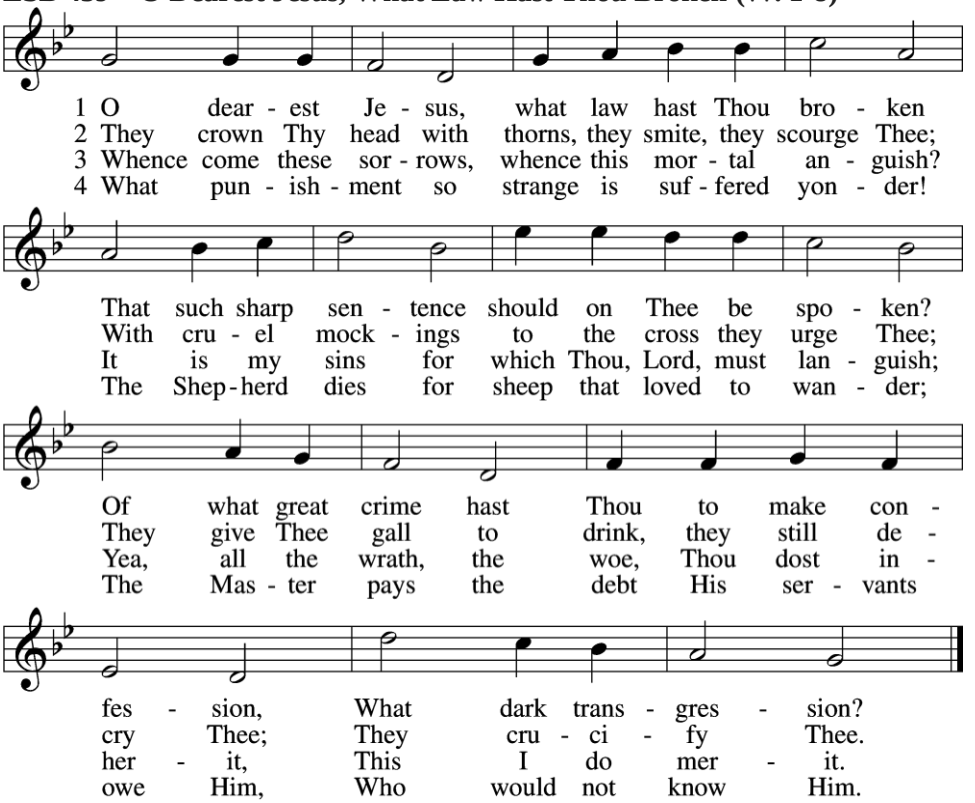
LSB 439 – O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken (vv. 1-8)



5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted;
God is committed.

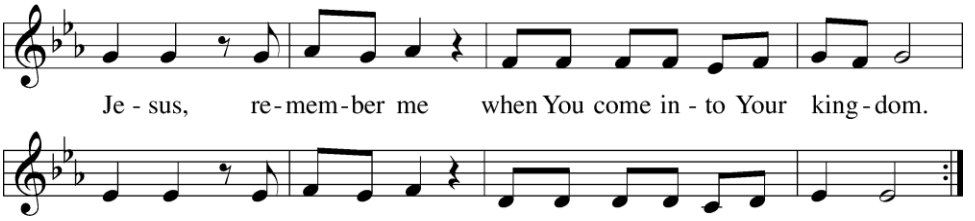
6 There was no spot in me by sin untainted;
Sick with sin's poison, all my heart had fainted;
My heavy guilt to hell had well-nigh brought me,
Such woe it wrought me.

7 O wondrous love, whose depth no heart hath sounded,
That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves surrounded!
All worldly pleasures, heedless, I was trying
While Thou wert dying.

8 O mighty King, no time can dim Thy glory!
How shall I spread abroad Thy wondrous story?
How shall I find some worthy gifts to proffer?
What dare I offer?

POST-COMMUNION SONG – LSB 767 – Jesus, Remember Me

Sung as the distribution comes to a close and repeated as needed.



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THANKSGIVING

P O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. **C** **and His mercy endureth forever.**

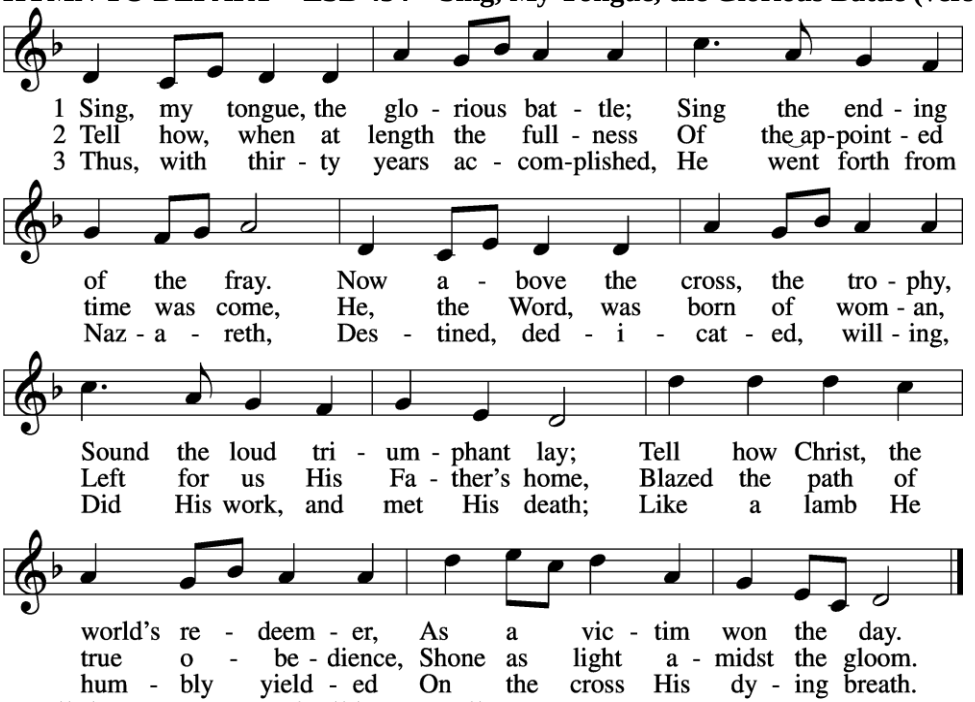
P Let us pray… one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 454 – Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle (verses 1-3)



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SILENT PRAYER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin* (J. S. Bach)

Maundy Thursday – April 6
Noon & 7 pm: Worship *with Holy Communion*

Good Friday – April 7
Noon: Stations of the Cross
8 pm: Tenebrae (Service of Darkness)

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Easter Vigil – April 8
8 pm

Easter Sunday – April 9

8 & 10:30 am Festival Worship (*Holy Comm.* & special music)
9:15 am Easter Breakfast (gym)
5 pm Worship with Holy Communion

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Ladies' Tea
April 22 | 11:00 am
Sign up at FaithBtown.org.
Silent Auction will benefit **New Hope Shelter.** If you have questions or would like to donate any handmade items for the auction, please contact Ann Graves (anngraves6@gmail.com) or Bonnie Martin (bonniekielmartin@gmail.com).

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Easter Egg Hunt
TODAY
FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE

Easter Breakfast
Sign up at FaithBtown.org
Easter Sunday
9:15-10:15am in the gym
July 19-23, 2025
NEW ORLEANS
A free-will donations will support our youth attending the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering.