

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Missouri Synod*



## **Palm Sunday** *Sunday of the Passion*

March 24, 2024

Divine Service, Setting Three – LSB 184

**8:00 & 10:30\*am, 5:00 pm**

\*livestreamed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

## **AS WE GATHER**

Today's processional Gospel looks at the first day of Holy Week, and the Passion carries us on to Jesus' tomb. Throughout the entire week, and since His transfiguration, our Lord has moved toward the cross step by step. Despite opposition from crowds and His circle of friends, He has been determined to love us to death so that He might open heaven to us by the grace of God. Zechariah had written about the procession centuries earlier, and Paul proclaims that God the Father has exalted Jesus for His steadfast commitment to our salvation. But this is no mere history! We also are called to follow, to live through each day, step by step, faithful under various circumstances yet confident of mercy, grace, and forgiveness.

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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** <sup>12</sup> The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> 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!” <sup>14</sup> And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup> “Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!”

<sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup> 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.

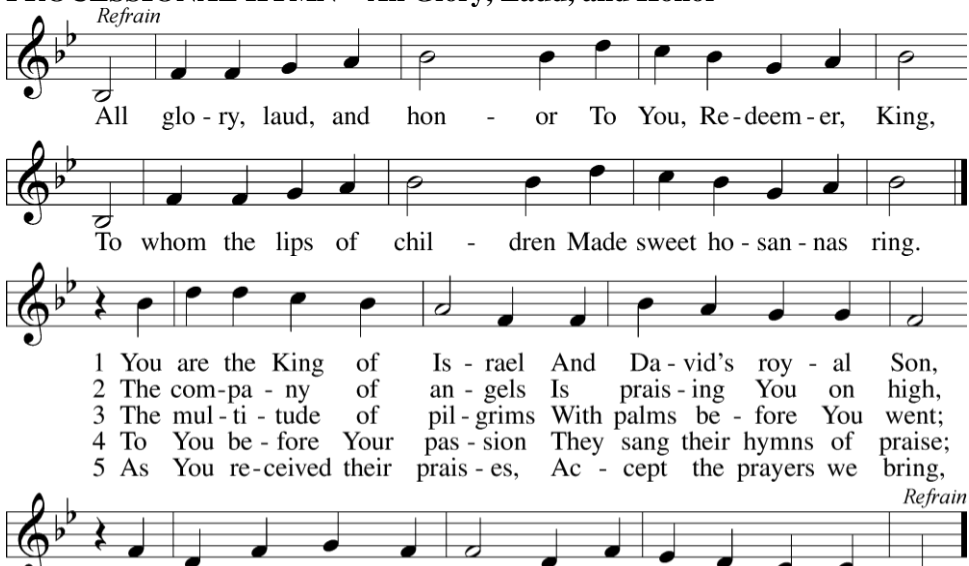
**P** Let us go forth in peace, **C** in the name of the Lord.

*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 (10:30am) 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

*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 Is 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 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*  
Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
And we with all cre - a - tion 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.  
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

**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.

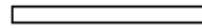
**C** And with thy spirit.

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

**C** Amen.

## How to make a Palm Cross

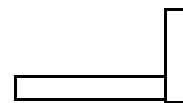
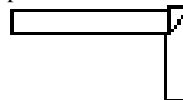
1. Hold the frond horizontally and fold in half.



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

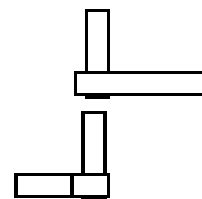


3. Fold this same top strip, from the center, back and down, and then up and over again, to form a square at the back. It will still be a right angle at this point.



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 – Zechariah 9:9-12 – The coming King of Zion

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall speak peace to the nations;  
his rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**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.

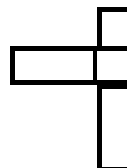
## EPISTLE – Philippians 2:5-11 – “At the name of Jesus every knee should bow.”

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

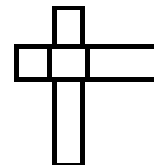
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**C** Thanks be to God.

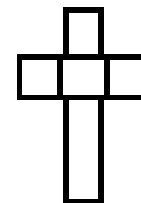
5. Bend the top strip **forward** and put the end through the center square to make a shaft of desired length.



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.



**VERSE** – *Joel 2:13b*

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Historically, the **Gospel Lesson for Palm Sunday** was the entire Passion narrative from the Gospel of Matthew. This year, we focus on the Passion recorded in Mark's gospel. The pictures on the next pages, along with the verses of "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" are offered to guide our

**HOLY GOSPEL** – **Mark 14 & 15** – The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

✠ **Mark 14:1-31** ✠

The Anointing at Bethany & Institution of the Lord's Supper

**LSB 440** – **Jesus, I Will Ponder Now** (verse 1)

1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;  
With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.  
Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish  
Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.

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✠ Mark 14:32-52 ✠

The Arrest of Jesus



LSB 440 – Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (verse 2)

2 Make me see Your great dis-tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,  
Bonds and stripes and wretch-ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;  
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,  
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.

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✠ Mark 14:53-72 ✠

Jesus Before the Sanhedrin



LSB 440 – Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (verse 3)

3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,  
But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.  
Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;  
This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.

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✠ Mark 15:1-20 ✠

Jesus before Pilate



LSB 440 – Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (verse 4)

4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.  
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.  
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure  
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

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✠ Mark 15:21-39 ✠

The Crucifixion



LSB 440 – Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (verse 5)

5 If my sins give me a - larm And my con - science grieve me,  
Let Your cross my fear dis - arm; Peace of con - science give me.  
Help me see for - give - ness won By Your ho - ly pas - sion.  
If for me He slays His Son, God must have com - pas - sion!

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✠ Mark 15:40-47 ✠

Jesus is Buried



LSB 440 – Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (verse 6)

6 Gra - cious - ly my faith re - new; Help me bear my cross - es,  
Learn - ing hum - ble - ness from You, Peace mid pain and loss - es.  
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,  
That I may in heav'n a - bove Sing Your praise for - ev - er.

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**NICENE CREED**

**☩ 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 – Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (arr. Kevin Hildebrand)**



**OFFERTORY** – *Psalm 51:10-12*



**C** 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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**A** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

**A** ...one God, now and forever.

**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*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## LORD'S PRAYER

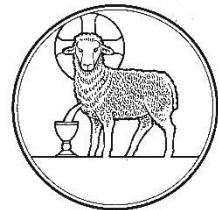
### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

#### 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*

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## DISTRIBUTION

**10:30 am anthem** – *The Royal Banners Forward Go* (Venantius Fortunatus, c. 530-609)

*The royal banners forward go;  
The cross shines forth in mystic glow  
Where He, as man, who gave man breath,  
Now bows beneath the yoke of death.*

*Fulfilled is all that David told  
In true prophetic song of old;  
How God the nations' King should be,  
For God is reigning from the tree.*

*O tree of beauty, tree most fair,  
Ordained those holy limbs to bear;  
Gone is thy shame, each crimson 'd bough  
Proclaims the King of glory now.*

*Blest tree, whose chosen branches bore  
The wealth that did the world restore,  
The price of humankind to pay,  
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.*

*O cross, our one reliance, hail!  
Still may thy pow'r with us avail  
More good for righteous souls to win,  
And save the sinner from his sin.*

*To Thee, eternal Three in One,  
Let homage meet by all be done:  
As by the cross thou dost restore,  
So rule and guide us evermore. Amen.*

# LSB 685 – Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.  
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

## LSB 550 – Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and  
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a  
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

### *Refrain*



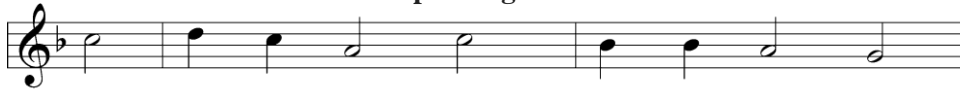
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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## LSB 438 – A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The  
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The  
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll  
 4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the  
 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther  
 bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to  
 taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al





sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes  
 chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go  
 Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O  
 robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -  
 forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren  
 won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers  
 I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the  
 from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and  
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how  
 be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and  
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion  
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -  
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."  
 they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."  
 to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.  
 we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

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

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



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

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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.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN – LSB 454 – Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing  
2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of the ap - point - ed  
3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, He went forth from  
4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the  
△ 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; To the Fa - ther



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,  
time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,  
Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,  
no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,  
and the Son, To the e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the  
Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of  
Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He  
None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the  
Now and ev - er - more be done; Praise and glo - ry



world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.  
true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.  
hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.  
world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!  
in the high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

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## SILENT PRAYER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by **Carl and Martha Lenthe** in celebration of their 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**TODAY, March 24**

**9:15am** Sunday School + Confirmation + Bible study

**11:30am** **Easter Egg Hunt** (6<sup>th</sup> grade and younger)



**Maundy Thursday – March 28**

Noon & 7 pm: *Worship with Holy Communion*

**Good Friday – March 29**

Noon: Stations of the Cross

8 pm: Tenebrae (Service of Darkness) – led by the choir



**Easter Vigil – March 30**

8 pm at University Lutheran

**Easter Sunday – March 31**

8 & 10:30 am Festival Worship (*Holy Comm.* & special music)

9:15 am Easter Breakfast (gym)

5 pm Worship with Holy Communion



**Thursday, April 4**

**6:00pm** Guest Lecture: *The Optometrist's Guide to Safely View the Total Solar Eclipse*  
hosted by the Health & Human Care Ministry Team

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