

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



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

April 13, 2025

Divine Service, Setting Three – LSB 184

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

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

AS WE GATHER

Today we are brought to the threshold of Holy Week. This was the day the Jewish people chose the Passover Lamb. How quickly things can change in a week! On this Palm Sunday, we see Jesus enter Jerusalem with palms, a symbol of victory, strewn in the road and being waved. Yet it was from that entry that Jesus went to show His true love—His passion—by dying on the cross on Friday. That death showed His love for you. By faith, we believe what Jesus did was for us. Everything about us—our sin, our eternal destination—changed that week because Jesus took the road from palms to passion. Receive what Jesus did for you by faith, knowing your home in heaven was paid for with the King's ransom—His own blood.

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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 (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.

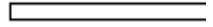
C And with thy spirit.

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

C Amen.

How to make a Palm Cross

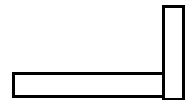
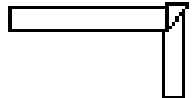
1. Hold the frond horizontally and fold in half.



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

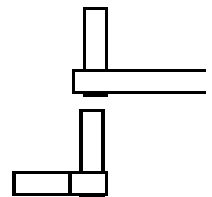


3. Fold this same top strip, from the center, back and down, and then up and over again, to form a square at the back. It will still be a right angle at this point.



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 – Deuteronomy 32:36-39 –God will vindicate His people.

³⁶ The LORD will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants,
when he sees that their power is gone
and there is none remaining, bond or free.
³⁷ Then he will say, “Where are their gods,
the rock in which they took refuge,
³⁸ Who ate the fat of their sacrifices
and drank the wine of their drink offering?
³⁹ Let them rise up and help you;
let them be your protection!
“See now that I, even I, am he,
and there is no god beside me;
I kill and I make alive;
I wound and I heal;
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.”

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.

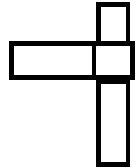
EPISTLE – Philippians 2:5-11 – Paul reveals what the mind of Christ is.

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 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.

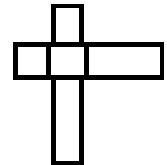
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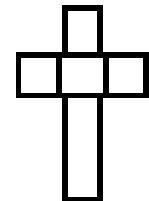
5. Bend the top strip **forward** and put the end through the center square to make a shaft of desired length.



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



Historically, the **Gospel Lesson for Palm Sunday** was the entire Passion narrative from the Gospel of Matthew. In the three-year lectionary we currently use, the Passion narrative from the Gospel of the year is read. This is Year “C” so today we will hear St. Luke’s account of the suffering, death, and burial of Jesus. 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 – Luke 22:1-23:56 – The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

✠ **Luke 22:1-38** ✠

The Institution of the Lord’s Supper

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



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✠ Luke 22:39-53 ✠

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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✠ Luke 22:54-71 ✠

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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✠ **Luke 23:1-25** ✠
Jesus before Pilate and Herod



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



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✠ **Luke 23:26-49** ✠
The Crucifixion
(please stand)



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



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✠ Luke 23:50-56 ✠

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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**☩ 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** Let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
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*

Musical notation for the Sanctus hymn, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics are: 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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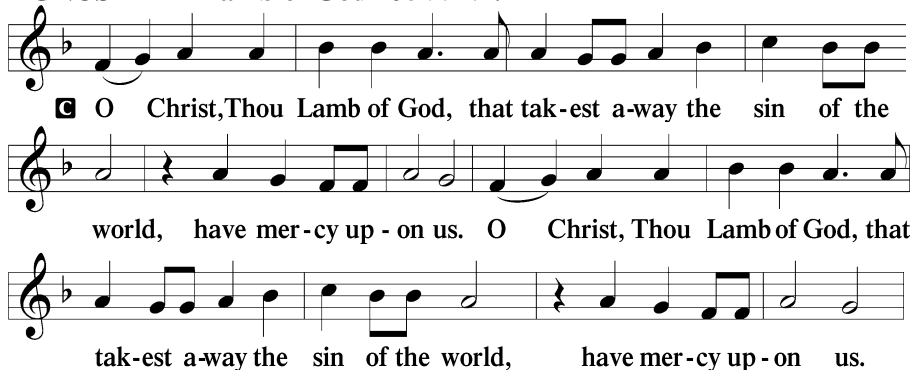
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

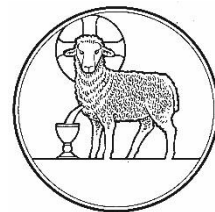
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

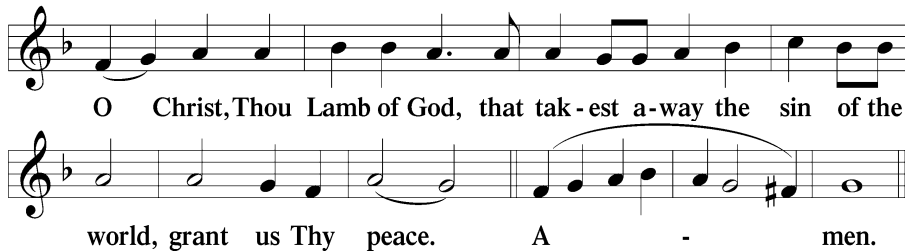
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI – Lamb of God - *John 1:29*

Musical notation for the Agnus Dei hymn, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics are: 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, 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.





DISTRIBUTION

10:30 am anthem – *Drop, Drop Slow Tears* (Orlando Gibbons,
arr. Sarah MacDonald)

LSB 420 – Christ the Life of All the Living

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might
4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur-round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with

death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.

To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my
Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of
All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou

death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.

*Drop, drop, slow
tears, and bathe
those beauteous
feet,
Which brought
from heaven the
news and Prince of
Peace.*

*Cease not, wet
eyes, his mercies to
entreat;
To cry for
vengeance sin doth
never cease.*

*In your deep floods
drown all my faults
and fears;
Nor let His eye see
sin, but through my
tears.*

*-Phineas Fletcher,
1633*



Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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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 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.



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 432 – In Silent Pain the Eternal Son



1 In si - lent pain the e - ter - nal Son Hangs der - e - lict and still;

2 He died that we might die to sin And live for righ-teous-ness;

3 For strife He came to bring a sword, The truth to end all lies;



In dark-ened day His work is done, Ful - filled, His Fa - ther's will.

The earth is stained to make us clean And bring us in - to peace.

To rule in us, our pa - tient Lord, Un - til all e - vil dies:



Up - lift - ed for the world to see He hangs in strang-est vic - to - ry,

For peace He came and met its cost; He gave Him - self to save the lost;

For in His hand He holds the stars, His voice shall speak to end our wars,



For in His bod - y on the tree He car-ries all our ill.

He loved us to the ut - ter - most And paid for our re - lease.

And those who love Him see His scars And look in - to His eyes.

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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.

HYMN TO DEPART – 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)



TUESDAY, April 15

9:30am **Chinese Bible Study** (Grand Hall)

5:15pm **First Steps in Music**

7:30pm [What Do We Believe? class \(Zoom\)](#)



Maundy Thursday – April 17

Noon & 7 pm: **Worship** with Holy Communion

Good Friday – April 18

Noon: **Stations of the Cross**

8 pm: **Tenebrae** (Service of Darkness)



The Resurrection of our Lord

Easter Vigil – April 19

8 pm at Faith

Easter Sunday – April 20

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

9:15 am **Easter Breakfast**

5 pm **Worship** with Holy Communion



8th grade Confirmation



Saturday, April 26 - Examination & Fellowship

Everyone is invited to attend this special dinner in honor of the Confirmands. The evening will **begin in the sanctuary** as the students testify to their faith by reading papers they've written on various aspects of the Christian faith. They will also answer questions from the pastors, using Bible passages they have memorized.

Please sign up on the podium in the narthex, so we know the amount of food to prepare.

Sunday, April 27 (10:30 am) - Rite of Confirmation

As congregational members, be sure to **remember these young people in your prayers** that they may remain faithful to their vows.

*Natalie Brunner ✝ Emileigh Cross ✝ Daphne Franklin ✝ Zane Miller
Coraline Shettlesworth ✝ Matthew Sui*



Saturday, May 3

9:00am – 12:00pm Spring Work Day

Congregational Safety & Crisis Management Training

(choose one)

- **Sunday, May 4** (11:30am)
- **Monday, May 12** (6:30pm)

Saturday, May 17 Ladies' Tea *sign up at FaithBtown.org*

Donations may be left in the upstairs classroom across from the kitchen:

- Handmade items
- New, purchased items
- Gift cards



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