

Hosanna in the Highest!



This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

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All are welcome here
All people of faith, All people of doubt
All people of any origin, race, ability, sexual orientation or gender expression
All people who seek a compassionate community

All are welcome here
Welcome to worship, Welcome to pray
Welcome to learn, Welcome to give thanks
Welcome to serve God and neighbors

All are welcome here
All are redeemed by a gracious God



The Gathering

(Please read this before worship begins.)

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I cannot say what Communion is any better than Luther, so I'll let him say it. In the Small Catechism Luther writes the following, and more in The Sacrament of the Altar.

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself.

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

This is shown by the words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." In the Sacrament, forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given to us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

It is not the eating and drinking that do these things, but these words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." These words are, along with the bodily eating and drinking, the main thing in the Sacrament. Anyone who believes these words has what they say: that is, the forgiveness of sins.

- As we travel this wilderness of COVID-19, it is right and proper for us to participate in the Eucharist as we are gathered as the church in person, as well as live streaming. Holy Communion takes place in the assembly of the Body of Christ.
- Online Communion is new territory for us as we navigate our new context. After reading Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, after much prayer and discernment, I believe this technology should be used in such manners to share God's grace, love, forgiveness and acceptance.
- As we assemble in person or live stream, when confessions are heard and forgiven, as the Word is proclaimed, it is proper for Communion to take place as we are then sent out as the Body of Christ for the world. I ask you to only commune as the live Word is spoken and not commune to the recording of this service.
- Please use bread and wine or a gluten free option and grape juice. Please prepare a plate and cup prior to service to have and share. If you have one and not the other, know that God is fully present in both elements and only one is necessary.

- God is the One working through the spoken Word in the mystery of communion. We don't fully know how, rather we know Jesus said, "Take, eat; this is My body," ... "Take this and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." God is the source of love infused into us through the Spirit as we partake of the Eucharist. We don't understand it fully; we fully believe Christ is there fulfilling His promises of forgiveness, life and salvation.

Remember: All Are Welcome – Hospitality fills God's Table – Everywhere!

Pastor Randy

Prelude Music

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth, setting, Paul Kickstat

My Song Is Love Unknown setting, Michael Burkhardt

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, setting, Michael Burkhardt

Fanfare on *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*, setting, Wayne L. Wold

Call to Worship (Philippians 2:5-11)

P We come together to Celebrate Jesus Christ,
 C **who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not consider being equal with God something to exploit,**

P Instead he emptied himself completely,
 not only taking on human form,
 but the form of a slave.

C **He humbled himself
 becoming obedient to the point of death—
 even a humiliating death by torture on a cross of wood.**

P So God raised him up with great honor,
 and gave him a name above all other names,
 that at the name of Jesus,

C **that at the name of Jesus
 everyone in heaven and on earth and even under the earth
 might bow down,**

P and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

C **This is our God – the God we have come to worship.**

A reading from St. Mark 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Entrance Hymn: ELW (red) 344, verses 1, 3, 4: *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 are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Refrain

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

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- P 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.
- C **Amen.**

The Word

L A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

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?

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:9-16

⁹**Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.**

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹**I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.**

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³**For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.**

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, "You are my God.**

¹⁵**My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

Gospel Acclamation



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth and fifteenth chapters.

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

Mark 14:1-15:47

The passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.

Evangelist: It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said,

Priests and Scribes: Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.

Evangelist: While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,

Disciples: Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.

Evangelist: And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

Jesus: Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.

Evangelist: Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, Jesus's disciples said to him,

Disciples: Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

Evangelist: So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

Jesus: Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, 'Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.

Evangelist: So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.

Evangelist: They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" He said to them,

Jesus: It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.

Evangelist: While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

Jesus: Take; this is my body.

Evangelist: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them,

Jesus: This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

Evangelist: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

Jesus: You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.

Evangelist: Peter said to him,

Peter: Even though all become deserters, I will not.

Evangelist: Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.

Evangelist: But he said vehemently,

Peter: Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

Evangelist: And all of them said the same. They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

Jesus: Sit here while I pray.

Evangelist: He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to them,

Jesus: I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.

Evangelist: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said,

Jesus: Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.

Evangelist: He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus: Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Evangelist: And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

Jesus: Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

Evangelist: Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given then a sign, saying,

Judas: The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.

Evangelist: So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

Judas: Rabbi!

Evangelist: and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus: Have you come with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.

Evangelist: All of them deserted him and fled. A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked. They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a

distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

Congregation: We heard him say, “I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.”

Evangelist: But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

High Priest: Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

Evangelist: But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

High Priest: Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?

Jesus: I am; and “you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,” and “coming with the clouds of heaven.”

Evangelist: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

High Priest: Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?

Evangelist: All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

Congregation: Prophesy!

Evangelist: The guards also took him over and beat him. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

Servant-Girl: You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.

Evangelist: But he denied it, saying,

Peter: I do not know or understand what you are talking about.

Evangelist: And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

Servant-Girl: This man is one of them.

Evangelist: But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

Congregation: Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.

Evangelist: But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter: I do not know this man you are talking about.

Evangelist: At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept. As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Jesus: You say so.

Evangelist: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

Pilate: Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.

Evangelist: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

Pilate: Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

Evangelist: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

Pilate: Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?

Congregation: Crucify him!

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

Evangelist: But they shouted all the more,

Congregation: Crucify him!

Evangelist: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

Congregation: Hail, King of the Jews!

Evangelist: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews". And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Congregation: Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!

Evangelist: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

Congregation: He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.

Evangelist: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Jesus: Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?

Evangelist: Which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Congregation: Listen, he is calling for Elijah.

Evangelist: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

(Silence)

Evangelist: And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

Centurion: Truly this man was God's Son!

Evangelist: There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Reflection

Pastor Randy Schroeder

Hymn of the Day: ELW (red), hymn 345, verses 1 and 3: *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,
4 Let me view your pain and loss with re - pen - tant griev - ing,



let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.
bonds and blows and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;
but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.
nor pre - pare a - gain your cross by un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,
For I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.
how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.
this the shame - ful cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.
that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
Music: JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UND PEIN, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

Prayers of Intercession

- A The streets were crowded.
A parade mood filled the air.
Shouts came from deep in the heart.
- C **Hosanna. Save us.**
- A Save us from lukewarm faith.
- C **Hosanna. Save us.**
- A Save us from callous indifference.
- C **Hosanna. Save us.**
- A Save us from paltry hopes and petty dreams.
- C **Hosanna. Save us.**

- A Save us from unquenchable greed.
 C **Hosanna. Save us.**
- A Save us from lazy habits and faithless commitments.
 C **Hosanna. Save us.**
- A Save us from soft-mindedness and hard-heartedness.
 C **Hosanna. Save us.**
- A We cry from the depth of our hearts and the very pit of our souls.
 C **Hosanna. Save us. Save us now.**

Peace

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
 C **And also with you.**

The Meal

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- Please have your wine and bread ready for the Meal. It would be best to use grape juice or wine and a small portion of bread or gluten free option for the Eucharist.
- Please participate by lifting the bread and the wine as the pastor lifts the bread and wine.
- If everyone in the family is healthy please take the time to commune each other; presenting the bread first and saying, “the Body of Christ given for you” and then the wine/juice saying, “the Blood of Christ shed for you.” If you’re not feeling well, please commune yourself as you are able.
- The elements (bread and juice or wine) should be consumed in their entirety or returned to the earth as once they are consecrated they are the Body and Blood of Christ. Please do not throw Jesus in the trash or down the drain.

Offering

Please feel free to send your regular tithe in the mail, drop it off to the church office or if you have not checked out our website and the "Your Offering Made Easy" tab, this could be your opportunity. (John Mills is available to answer any questions about the Vanco Online giving option if you wish to contact him. His email address is john_r_mills@icloud.com)



Offertory: ELW (red), hymn 186: *Create in Me a Clean Heart*



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 your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

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Offering Prayer

- A Faithful God,
you walk beside us in desert places,
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.
Accompany us in this meal,
that we may pass over from death to life
with your steadfast love and Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.
You gather your people around the tree of the cross,
transforming death into life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
 Your mercy is everlasting
 and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
 Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
 Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
 Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
 Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
 to the land of milk and honey.
 Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
 Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
 Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
 we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P O God of resurrection and new life:
 Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.
 Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.
 C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

C **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

P So come to this table, which now extends into our homes, you who have faith and you who would like to have faith; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen,
keep and unite us, now and for ever.
C **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

A God of steadfast love,
at this table you gather your people
into one body for the sake of the world.
Send us in the power of your Spirit,
that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C **Amen.**

The Sending

Closing Prayer for Forgiveness (Rev. Christine Sobania Johnson, *Freshly Squeezed Liturgy*)

P Today we have cheered you on as our champion and hailed you as our hero.
C **Forgive us tomorrow**
when our enthusiasm wanes.

P Today we have entrusted you to rescue us from our pitiful circumstances.
C **Forgive us on Tuesday**
when we decide we can take care of ourselves.

P Today we have made you the centerpiece of our very existence.
C **Forgive us on Wednesday**
when we forget to remember who you are.

P Today we have called out to you loudly by name.
C **Forgive us on Thursday**
when we pretend that we've never met you.

P Today we have stared at you with the star struck eyes of fans and groupies.
C **Forgive us on Friday**
when we avert our eyes because it's too painful to see you on the cross.

P Today we have expressed hopefulness in the future you have in store for us.
C **Forgive us on Saturday**
when we believe all is lost.

P Today we have been boldly certain of the earthly ways you will redeem us.
C **Restore us on Sunday**
when we are startled and awed by your rising.

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 634, verses 1, 3, 5: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
on this terrestrial ball we at his feet may fall!
to him all majesty ascribe We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all. and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5–6
Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

Benediction (based on John 3: 16-17— taken from “*O Merciful God: God of Wisdom: Prayers for the Fourth Sunday in Lent*,” written by Rev. Kathryn Matthews Huey and the Rev. Susan A. Blain. Posted on the United Church of Christ’s [Worship Ways](#) website.)

P Just as God’s Word was sent into the world
to heal and redeem,
so God sends you into the world this day
to be light and love, healing and hope.
Go now to be light for the world!
And may the grace and peace of God the Creator,
the Redeemer, and the Sustainer
come upon you this day
and remain with you always.

C **Amen.**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stick around; the zoom meeting will continue with a virtual “Coffee Hour.” All are welcome.

Pastor Randy is available for pastoral care. Please contact him at: 260-402-4476 or by email: randy@osluth.org

Worship Assistants Today: Beth Dana (Musician), Missy Schroeder (Assisting Minister & Lector), Pastor Randy, Missy Schroeder, Dale Buettner, Bob Nielsen (Readers of the Passion), Emily Ohland (Cantor & Audio/Visuals), Bob Nielsen (Livestream production, Audio/Visuals)

Prayer Concerns: Herb, Candy, Jason, Fil & Shirley, Rosalie, Jeff, Denise, Pr. Judy, Barb, Tom, Donna, Helmut & Carol, Kim, Alex, Victoria, Jennifer, Jeanette, Ben S, Dorothy, Suzanne, Mike M, Mary Louise, Kari, Sara B, Philip B, John, Shelby, and Tamzin.

Adult Forum Today “Basic Listening Skills” led by Jean Peterson

Pints with a Pastor this month will be April 5 and 26.

Wednesday Zoom with Kiddos meets every Wednesday at 4:30 P.M.

A trip to the Holy Land is being planned for members and friends of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Our Saviour Lutheran Church is invited. We will travel in January 2022, departing Tuesday the 11th and returning Thursday the 20th. This is truly the trip of a lifetime for one’s faith and spiritual growth. We will travel to sights such as Nazareth, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, Qumran, Masada, Jerusalem, and Bethlehem. There will be time each evening for devotions and planning for the next day.

Pastor Jim Lichtenberger, a retired ELCA pastor and member of Holy Trinity, is leading this trip. The cost will be \$4297, which includes air fare out of Indianapolis, hotel, tips (except for lunches), two meals a day, and present fuel costs. Recommended travel insurance is extra. If you are interested, please contact Jim at 476-1318. If you want to see a video about this trip, go to this link. <https://youtu.be/TQgvSMYNFnA>

Family Promise Needs

Helpful items at this time:

1. Gently used kitchen ware - pans, cups, utensils, plates, etc.

2. Two types of handwritten notes: 1) congratulations on the new home; 2) support and compassion for losing their home and the challenges resulting from that. Optional to include a gift card. Group cards by type and label them.

3. Kitchen baskets

dish soap
dish sponge
dish towels
dish drainer
paper towels
kitchen spray cleaner
oven mitts/hot pads
silverware
cookware set
dinnerware set
cups/glasses

4. Cleaning baskets

Disinfectant spray
Windex
Lysol or Pine-sol
cleaner
Broom and dustpan
Mop and mop bucket
Toilet paper
Toilet bowl cleaner
Toilet brush
Plunger

Bathroom cleaner
Hand soap
Dish soap
Cleaning sponges
Cleaning cloths
Paper Towels
Laundry soap
Dryer sheets

Put any items/baskets in the OSLC fellowship hall bench marked Family Promise. I will deliver to the FP house weekly on Fridays over the lunch hour. Let me know if you have questions. And, thanks as always!!!
Julie Huetteman



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***In the fullness of time,
God sent his Son.***



Dr. Stuart D. Robertson
Biblical Hebrew Lecturer Purdue University

Tuesday, April 6, 2021
at 6:30pm

Tune in to YouTube channel
HTLC Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l0r7DDOCpVc>
or email office@htlcweb.org for link

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FRIDAY APRIL 30

6:00-7:30 PM

Mark your calendars for a time to un"wine" with music and conversation. No worries, it's Friday! You're welcome.



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