

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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The Rev. Daniel Tisdell

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Palm/Passion Sunday**

**Setting IV
March 24, 2024**



Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!
God has greatly blessed us with your presence today.
Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, please send it by email or voicemail to Letty in the church office.

SERVING US THIS MORNING

Ministers: All of the Members of this Congregation!

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Greeters: Joyce Masterson (Front Door), TBD (Side Door)

Worship Team: Andy Wadsworth, Beth Stauter, Wil & Deb Mandac

Background Worship: Beth Stauter

Organist: Beth Stauter

Choir Director: Chris Frye

Bell Choir Director: Wil Mandac

Tech Team: Andy Wadsworth, Alan Martinez, Ethan ElAmir, Justine Skov, Madeleine Gan, Ryan Peters, Tim and Denise Tsang

Prayer Chain Coordinator: Marlene Custer

Hearing Assistance devices are available in the Library/AV Room.

ORDER OF *WORSHIP*

PRELUDE

"FESTIVAL PIECE ON "ST. THEODULPH"

Beth Stauter

(By Robert J. Hughes)

BELL ENTROIT

"HOSANNA"

St. Luke Bells

(By Carl Tuttle, Arr. By Patricia Sanders Cota)

WELCOME

Pastor Dan Tisdel

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples and 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. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,
“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then 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.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

PROCESSIONAL

GATHERING SONG **“ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR”**

ELW #344

INVOCATION

(music found on page 147)

[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.***

KYRIE

[A] *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

[C] ***Lord, have mercy.***

[A] *For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

[C] ***Lord, have mercy.***

[A] *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

[C] ***Lord, have mercy.***

[A] *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

[C] ***Lord, have mercy.***

[A] *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

[C] **Amen.**

HYMN: ELW #232 (Red Hymnal)

(Please use your hymnal for words and music)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH GRACE ALEXANDROU

GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

1st Reading – 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.

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

The 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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Psalm 31:9-16

OT => Old Testament windows (right) side of sanctuary

NT => New Testament windows (left) side of sanctuary

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

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

[NT] *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.*

[OT] Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.
[NT] *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.*

[OT] But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God."
[NT] *My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.*

[C] **Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."**

CHOIR ANTHEM

"BLESSED IS HE"

St. Luke Choir

(By Gerald Lindberg)

2nd Reading – Philippians 2:5-11

Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.

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

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(music found on page 151)

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

[P] This is the Holy Gospel according to Mark ...

[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

READING OF THE PASSION – MARK 14:1—15:47

HYMN OF THE DAY

"JESUS, I WILL PONDER NOW"

ELW #345

GATHERING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer requests collected in the offering plates will be brought forward for the Prayers of the People.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

APOSTLES' CREED

[C] **I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

(*universal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[P & A] Hear us O God,

[C] **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE OF CHRIST

TRANSITIONAL PRAYER

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Oh God, Each time I worship and take communion, I want to recommit my life, my heart, my thoughts, my everything to You. Fill me today with Your powerful Spirit and help me grow closer to you and to my neighbor. Amen.**

MEAL

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, ...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BLESSING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

[C] Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

"LAMB OF GOD"

(music found on page 154)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

"CROWNS"

Andy Wadsworth

(By Benjamin Hastings)

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST (be seated)

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Everyone is welcome to commune with communion fellowship cups in the basket or bread and your choice of wine or grape juice by intinction. If you are not communing, please receive a blessing of the day.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

[P] Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

[C] Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

"BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS"

ELW #338

BENEDICTION

[P] Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✝ give you peace.

[C] Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve The Lord.

[C] THANKS BE TO GOD!

POSTLUDE

"RIDE ON IN MAJESTY"
(Arr. By Edward Broughton)

Beth Stauter