

April 2, Year of our Lord 2023 | DS1
+ Palm Sunday + Procession of Palms +
The congregation stands and faces the processional cross.



Greeting and Collect

- 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.**
- 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

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.**

- P** The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. 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!” And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

“Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”


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. 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. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. 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.**



Hymn of Invocation: 442 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.

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When all have arrived at their places, the procession concludes with the following:

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. **C** Hosanna in the highest.

A time of silence to highlight the contrast between Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit

Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26



P Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

C Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory?*

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in | battle!

**Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.**

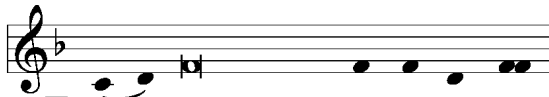
Who is this King of | glory?*

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of | glory!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. [2]

A For the peace of the whole world, ...Church of God, ...unity of all, let us pray... [3]

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray... [4]

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. [5]



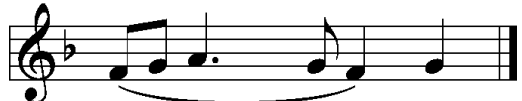
2. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



3. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



4. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



5. **C** A - men.

Hymn of Praise omitted during Lent (returns next week on Easter).

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4–9a

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

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

Gradual

Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a

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

Choral Anthem (11:00 a.m. service)

441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Verse of the Day

Philippians 2:8b

P He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Holy Gospel

John 12:20-43

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



Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

“He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their heart,
lest they see with their eyes,
and understand with their heart, and turn,
and I would heal them.”

Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

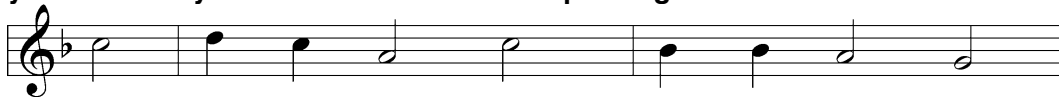


C Praise to You, O Christ.

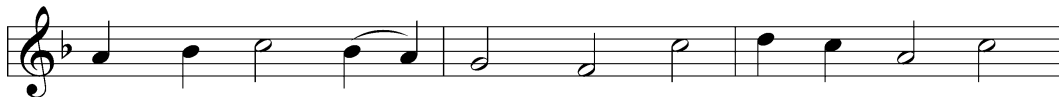
Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: 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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+ Sermon +

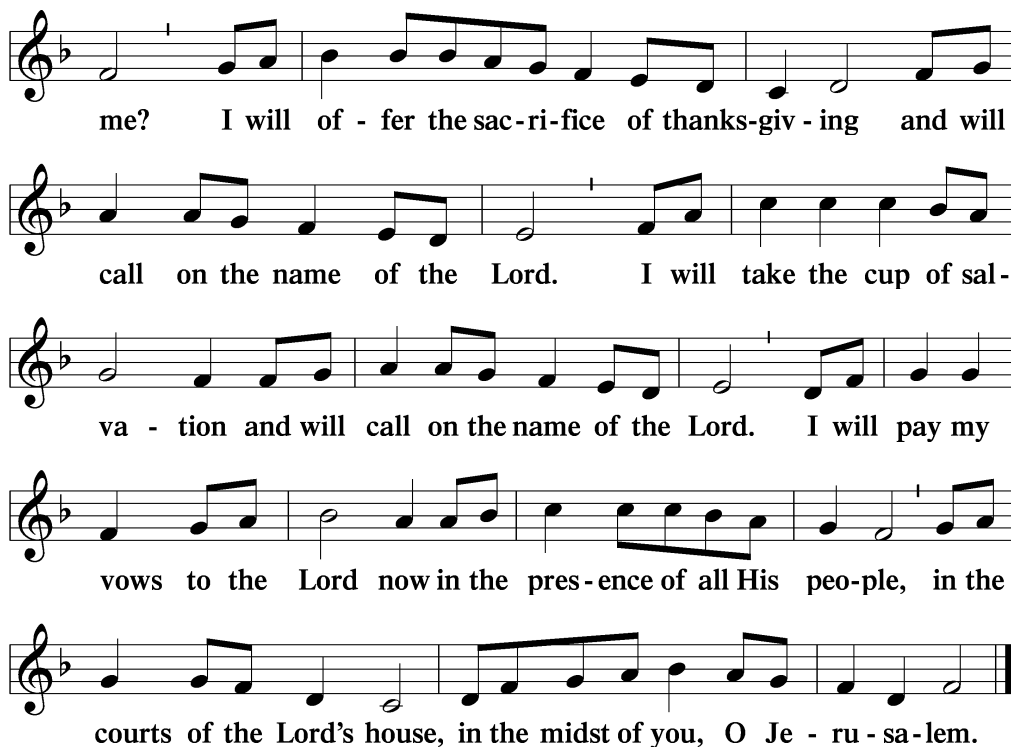
A Troubling Hour

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e - fits to



Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Prayers to God on Behalf of...

World: Praying for the end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia** (and preservation of life and land). **Victims of gun violence** (including recent shooting in Nashville.)

Church: For our ongoing **church building/expansion planning** with architect Studio 4, contractor Creative Structures, and our 3-year Capital Campaign with LCEF. Mission work of **Rehema Open Door** (Rehema is Swahili for mercy) palliative care center/hospice in Kenya. Local mission of **Pregnancy Resource Center** of Maryville and Sevierville. For our DCE **Shelli Haynes**, for blessings upon her service to Praise, and for her family.



Vocation: **Tyler Smith** (Airforce) in Mississippi and **Megan** beginning law school at UT. **Jacob** (Tami DeHaven's grandson) stationed in S. Korea. **Carter Felt** (Navy: stationed in Charleston). **Casey Lawson** (Airforce). For **Emily and Julian Martinez** (rejoicing in birth of Soren). **Alex & Shelby Hicks** (expecting). **Paul & Angela Gift** rejoicing in the birth of **Nyla**. For Bill & Diane Miller's new grandson **Isaiah**. **Tatum Smolter** (and Tanner, rejoicing in birth of **Tylen**). **Eugene & Vicky Gorman** (expecting).

Mourning: Family of **Terry** (Seth Pierce's uncle) who passed away. Family of **Taryn Sebright** (including Billye Raye, Kris, Tiana, Taylor, and JJ) on the occasion of the 3rd anniversary of her passing. Family of **Larry** (Marleen's brother in law, Jeff's uncle) who passed away in Colorado. Family of **Clayton Narveson** who passed away 1/20. Family of **Janet Moore's mother, Mary Lou**, who passed away. Family of **Stan Stubelt** of Friendsville (Sharon Felker's brother) who passed away. Family of **Priscilla Sullenberger** (Debbie's Johnston's sister). Family of **Dick Mohr** who passed away 9/17/22.

Health: **Janice Kaiser** double pneumonia and persistent fever. **Gary Kubin** recovering from back surgery. For **Shelby Hicks** health and hope to continue carrying **Hannah** to full term. **Soren** (newborn to Julian & Emily Martinez) breathing and oxygen levels. **Jeannie Lindenfelser** for lung cancer treatments. Rick & Lisa Gift's family, **Terry & Ann Gift** (both with cancer). **Mark Cutler** (Randy & Carol Groen's brother-in-law) having surgery on Apr 6 for removal of a cancerous lesion in his lung. **Ole Johnson** upcoming tests for cancer. **Billye Raye Smith** (recently diagnosed with smoldering [low-level] multiple myeloma). **Myrna Frazier** upcoming 6 weeks of cancer treatments starting in April. **Mary Schopmann** recovering. **Amy Mohr** recovering from surgery and treatment for sepsis. **Ed & Sandy Bagley** recovering from long covid. **Pastor Ed Maanum** of First Lutheran Knoxville, kidney function. For **June McDonnell** (lung health). **Sharon Yoder** heart, lung health, and leg pain. **Ed McGillick** vertigo and blood pressure/heart health. **Jennifer Morsch** (Joel & Barbara's daughter) health. **Delora Roth** good leg circulation health. **Rachel Ernst's mother**: cancer treatments. For **Alan Stremsterfer's mother** health issues. For **Lisa Stremsterfer's father** health and stability. **Brad** (Phil and Carol Barnett's son) cancer surgery recovery. **Sheila Schnepf** (friend of Tom & Lois Schering) experiencing 24/7 back pain. **Judy Kalkitis** health and mobility. **Nancy** (Jim Vesper's mother) health. **Arnold Solis** (Nunnink's and Lee's father and [great] grandfather) health. **Aurora Stevens** back treatments. For **Carolyn Dickie** (health). For **Barbara Moyers** health. **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. **Bob McDermott** dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. For **all suffering from mental health issues**. **Al Reuer** health. **Gregory Strege** (Phyllis's son, health). **Tom Williams**, health and care for heart. **Ken Payne's** health (friends of a friend of Jim Vesper). **Paula** (Corlis William's mother) health. Ruth Kistler's son **William** (tests and possible cancer treatments). Kenna Chorney's mother: **Gail Rieman** (wound care). **Tim Smith** (heart and back health). Steve Kaiser's mother **Louise** (age 92) in Indiana. Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara** (struggling from cancer treatments). **Connie** (Andrew Hebar's friend) brain and lung cancer. **Bill** (Cathy Wacker's father) dementia, health. **Lee Schuck**

(health, unable to walk). **Janeen Meier** (Maureen Robert's sister) health. **Melissa Gilmore** (friend of Jim Vesper) COPD.

Prayers of Thanksgiving: For **Gary Kubin** having received long awaited back surgery. For **Larry Wacker** new device to help with tremors. For **Mike Crinklaw** (friend of Larry Moore since high school) who had successful open-heart surgery to repair a valve.

Birthdays: Chloe P 4/4, Art P 4/6, Steve K 4/8, Larry M 4/8, Steve C 4/9, Jason C 4/10, Carley L 4/10, Conner C 4/11, Lucy N 4/13, Amy M 4/14, Matthew H 4/15

Anniversaries: Charles & Carol E 4/5, Lawrence & Linda McM 4/15, Steve & Tammy C 4/16

* **Benediction** for those worshipping on the livestream.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

Preface

p. 160; 2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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 Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface ~ Altar Book (appropriate to the day or season)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

p. 161 or 178

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, ...now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26; Lk 22:14-23; 1 Cor 11:23-25.

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

1 Cor. 11:26

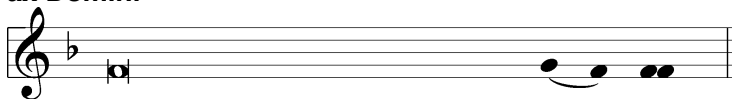
P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and grant us Your peace.

Pax Domini

John 20:19



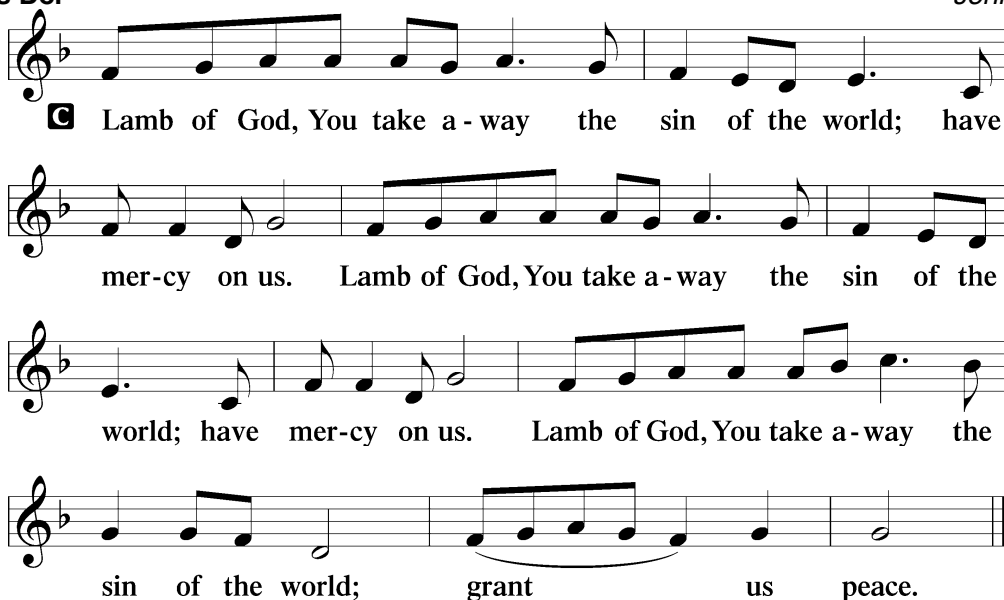
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



G Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.



Distribution

Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

Distribution Hymn: 837 Lift High the Cross

Distribution Hymn: 560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

Distribution Hymn: 443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Distribution Hymn: 437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Post-Communion Collect

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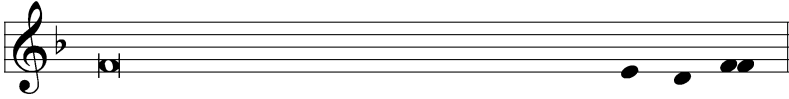
A Let us pray.
... one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



C A - men.

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Announcements (see next page as well)

DCE Shelli (and husband Travis) Haynes wants to Visit You Please see the bulletin board in the Narthex where you can see her calendar and email shelli@praiselutheran.com or text her at (909) 226-3179 to arrange a time.

Kroger Community Awards (Easy way to help raising funds for church build, etc.) With so many exciting things happening for our church, sometimes it can be hard to find new ways to join the effort, especially with the generous giving so many have shared and pledged. Praise God that there are some simple ways for families to give just by buying groceries, gas, and other necessities. Community partners like Kroger offer a percentage back to the nonprofit organization of your choice. If you have a Kroger card, simply visit their community rewards tab and select **Praise Lutheran** from the drop-down menu. You can get step by step directions by clicking on <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

Also, for **Thrivent Financial** members, you can help our church in two ways with a few clicks of your mouse! Here are your options:

1. Direct your Thrivent Choice dollars to benefit Praise. Visit: <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice> to learn exactly what to do. This is a perk available to you since Thrivent partners with organizations like ours!
2. Use your Thrivent Action Team (you get two each year!) to help with ministry work projects in your life! We would love to partner with you in events Praise is doing this year (talk with Shelli if you have an idea or questions), and you can also use Action Teams to help others. *If you are not a Thrivent member, visit <https://www.thrivent.com/> to learn what their company offers!*

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF.org) currently is offering investments including 4% One-Year Fixed Rate Term Notes.

Baby Shower for Emily & Julian Martinez postponed until later in April (TBA). Registry at Target (see gift registry). *Pray for Soren who was born early!*

Pregnancy Resource Center gift: the \$25,000 match arrived via the Million Dollar Life Grant and making the total funds raised: \$59,117.08 for the Pregnancy Resource Center in Maryville and Sevierville. Thanks be to God! *Check presentation THIS WED, Apr 5 at 5:00 p.m. at the PRC with representatives from area LCMS congregations who contributed for the gift match.*

Announcements

Palm Sunday Breakfast is TODAY. Join us for a delicious meal between the services, starting at **10:00 a.m.** The kids will cook, serve, and clean up! They are trying to earn money for their summer *Campfirmation* week in North Carolina and would appreciate you coming and eating and contributing to their efforts! Pastor will be offering a special abbreviated Bible study that morning at 10:20 a.m., so come early if you are going to be part of both! *Thank you to Lawrence McMichael for teaching the kids to cook for the meal!*

Young Adults meets **TODAY** at 5:00 p.m. at Levi & Suzanne Nunnink's home (1416 Lonas Dr. Maryville) for Meal and Bible Study on the Apostles' Creed (wraps up by 8:00 p.m.).

Youth Catechesis meets **TODAY**

Catechumens receiving First Communion this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. service: Taylor Sebright, Boston Sutherland, and Charleston Snyder (any others will be announced).

This Week

Choir Practice this Wednesday at **6:00 p.m.**

No Ladies Bible Study this week, resumes after Easter.

Holy Thursday Divine Service at **12:00 noon** and **7:00 p.m.**

Good Friday Tenebrae service at **12:00 noon** and **7:00 p.m.**

Next Sunday and beyond

Scripture Readings is Acts 10:34-43, Col 3:1-4, Matt 28:1-10

Sunday School on Easter: Tell your teacher(s) today if you plan to come to Sunday School on Easter. Shelli Haynes willing to lead a special teaching and activity on Easter at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall.

Adult Bible Study on Easter: meet with Pastor Roberts in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Week Schedule 2023

Apr 6 Holy Thursday at 12 noon and 7:00 p.m. Divine Service

Apr 7 Good Friday at 12 noon and 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae

Apr 9 Resurrection of Our Lord Divine Services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*Following church: lunch and afternoon together at the Pastor and Gretchen Roberts's home
Ham and drinks will be provided.*

Please bring a side dish or dessert to help us celebrate together!

Easter egg hunt for the youth in the afternoon.

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Parking: please park in the two long driveways and street parking.