

PALM SUNDAY

“A New Beginning!”

March 24, 2024



Our past is behind us, yet we carry our baggage with us. God's grace is before us. A new beginning awaits us. That's the message for Israel in Exodus 34. And that's God's message for us as well on this Palm Sunday!

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS-LCMS

*Welcoming all to walk together
toward abundant life in Christ.*

JOY COMES IN THE MORNING

*For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Psalm 30:5 (ESV)*

HOLY WEEK

As we enter Holy Week, our focus remains on Jesus as we follow once again in our Savior's footsteps not only to watch as He enters the city of Jerusalem, but as He celebrates His final Passover with the disciples, as He is arrested in the Garden, tried and sentenced to die and, most importantly... as we once again witness His glorious resurrection. Just as we did during the 40 days of Lent, we consider the disciplines of...

Repentance--facing honestly the evil in our lives and asking God to cleanse us

Prayer-- seeking times for meditation and reflection, prayer and praise;
taking time to listen to God's Word and grasp His intention for your life.

Self-denial-- symbolically opposing our attraction to the things of this world

Works of love--sharing our freedom in God's grace with those around us who need our help

Through all of this, it is our prayer that your faith and life are renewed, and each of us is better prepared to fully celebrate Christ's triumph over death this Easter. Plan now to participate fully in Holy Week services. Again, to aid us in our preparation we will use the books of Exodus as we contemplate all that happened during this week of Jesus' suffering for our sakes. Join us, then, conclude the season of Lent with...

<i>Palm Sunday</i>	"A New Beginning!"	(Exodus 34:1-8)
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	"Access!"	(Exodus 24:1-11)
<i>Good Friday</i>	"Agnus Dei"	(Exodus 12:1-13)
<i>Easter</i>	"Against all Odds!"	(Exodus 15:1-18)

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELLS



INVOCATION & PALM SUNDAY GREETING

(Please stand)

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest!**

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.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please turn and follow the cross as it makes its way from the narthex to the chancel.)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor *LSB 442 sts. ref-1, 3-4*

REFRAIN All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.



1. You are the King of Israel
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
Our King and Blessed One.

Refrain

3. The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present.

Refrain

4. To You before Your passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.

Refrain

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(Please be seated)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(From selected verses in Romans 7)

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Hear me, merciful and mighty Father, as I confess my bondage to sin and death.

C **I know that nothing good lives in me.**

P That is, in my sinful nature.

C **I have the desire to do good.**

P But I cannot carry it out.

C **What I do is not the good I want to do.**

P No, the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing.

C **I find this law at work—**

P When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

C **In my inner being I delight in Your law.**

P But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war and making me a prisoner of the law of sin and death.

All: **Who will rescue me from this body of death?**

(As you silently confess your sins, you are invited to reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.)

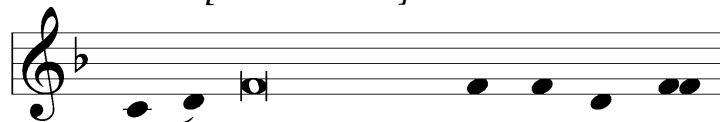
P Hear the good news! The same God who delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage also delivers you from your body of sin and death. Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed and His blood forgives you and sets you free! O LORD, our Lord—

All: **How majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

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[Mark 10:47]

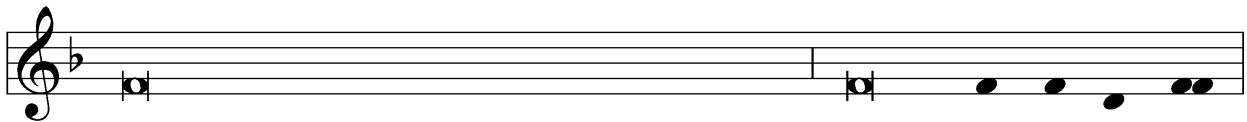
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



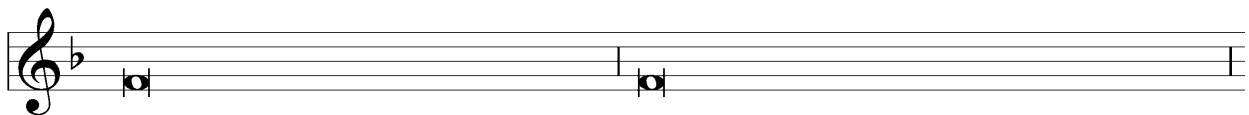
C Lord, have mer - cy.



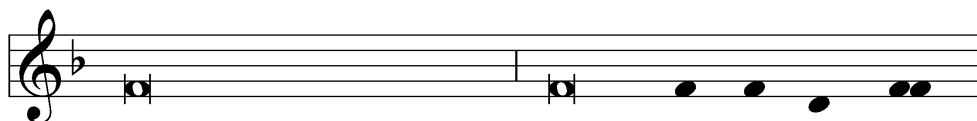
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



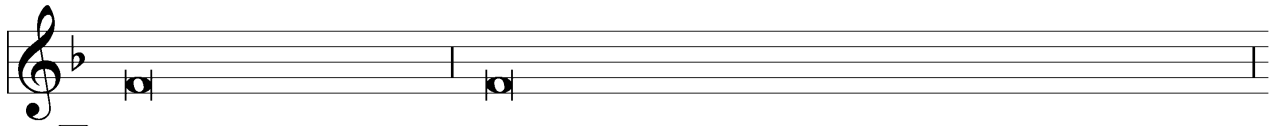
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



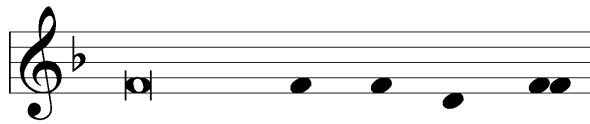
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



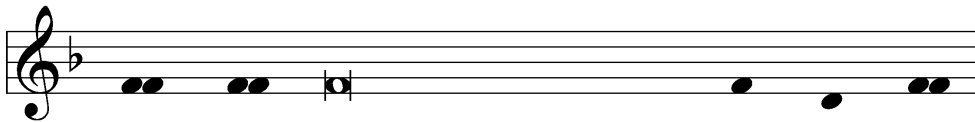
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



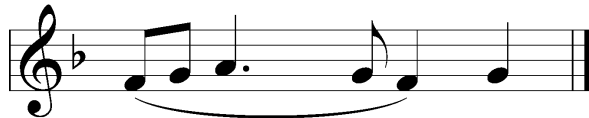
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you,

C **And also with you.**

[2 Timothy 4:22]

P 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 **Amen.**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS ARE ABOUT A NEW BEGINNING

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 34:1–8

¹The LORD said to Moses, “Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. ²Be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. ³No one shall come up with you, and let no one be seen throughout all the mountain. Let no flocks or herds graze opposite that mountain.” ⁴So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. ⁵The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. ⁶The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.” ⁸And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.



P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 5:14—6:2

¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

¹Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.

SERMON HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord is King

(Sung to tune On What Has Now Been Sown - LSB 921)

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice; again I say, Rejoice!
2. Our Savior Jesus reigns, The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice; again I say, Rejoice!
3. His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, Rejoice!
4. He sits at God's right hand Till all his foes submit
And bow to his command And fall beneath his feet;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; Rejoice, again I say, Rejoice!

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SERMON “A New Beginning!” *(Exodus 34:1–8)* Rev. Dr. R. Brian Stolarczyk

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P Because our Lord humbled Himself and became obedient even to death on the cross, now He is highly exalted, at the Father’s right hand, ready and able to receive our prayers and accept our praise. Let us go to Him in prayer for all people in their various circumstances.

For people without the necessities of food, clothing, and shelter, that the Holy Spirit would hear their cries and groans, bringing tears of relief and peace; let us pray and believe that the old life is gone,

C **Our new life in Jesus has begun.**

P For all who face this day burdened with illness or addiction, ongoing conflict with people around them, or fear of what might happen, that God would assure them of His gracious presence and strengthen their faith in His guidance and protection; let us pray and believe that the old life is gone,

C **Our new life in Jesus has begun.**

P For those who serve the needs of others as they provide medical and emergency care, as they maintain order in our communities and peace across borders, and as they put themselves in danger that their neighbors may find the protection they need, that God would use the gifts He has placed within them to serve in compassion and love; let us pray and believe that the old life is gone,

C **Our new life in Jesus has begun.**

P For loving families and caring communities, for schools and institutions of higher learning, wherever people gather to share and build up, that God would provide them the wisdom and understanding they need to do His will; let us pray and believe that the old life is gone,

C **Our new life in Jesus has begun.**

P For people near and dear to us, [*especially . . . Diane (friend of Jerry & Meredith Kecken), Chuck Anderson, Ann Curley-LaFave & family, Carol Burgess, Don Henthorn (brother in law Carolyn Strelau), Nancy Thorne (mother of Ginger Thorne), Cheryl Usowicz, Ken Werring*], that God would visit, relieve, and console them in His grace and mercy, and for the church here and around the world, that our Lord would strengthen our faith and move us to be His servants, drawing people to His glorious death and resurrection and serving Him with all that we are and have; let us pray and believe that the old life is gone,

C **Our new life in Jesus has begun.**

P Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

For those worshiping online, please visit www.lccross.org to find links to our Give+ secured online giving portal and our online Pew Card which is called a Connect Card. Or to fill out the card directly go to <https://forms.gle/X46ym1HuZ9DCsq9s6> You may also drop off your offering at the church office Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 AM – Noon.



For those worshiping in-person, please indicate your attendance and any requests on the Pew Card. They can be placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher.

OFFERING MUSIC

“I Love You This Much”

Jimmy Wayne

(We cannot stream the audio for this song but you may find it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KKxyBmcoWMY>)

⌈ Service of the Sacrament ⌋

PREFACE

(Sung to When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - LSB 425)

(Pastor sings) The Lord be with you.

(People sing) And al_so with you.

(Pastor sings) Lift up your hearts.

(People sing) We lift them to the Lord.

(Pastor sings) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(People sing) It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

(Sung to Go To Dark Gethsemane - LSB 436)

Holy Lord of pow'r and might God of God and Light of Light
Earth and hea_ven both are filled With the glory You've instilled.
Let us sweet Hosannas bring To the bles_sed, coming King.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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 teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

PAX DOMINI

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

(Sung to When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - LSB 425)

(Will be sung through three times)

O Christ, God's sa_cri_ficial Lamb, who died to take our sin away,
Have mercy on us, great I AM; grant pardon, peace, and rest, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC (10:30am) "No Tramp of Soldiers Marching Feet" Vocal Choir

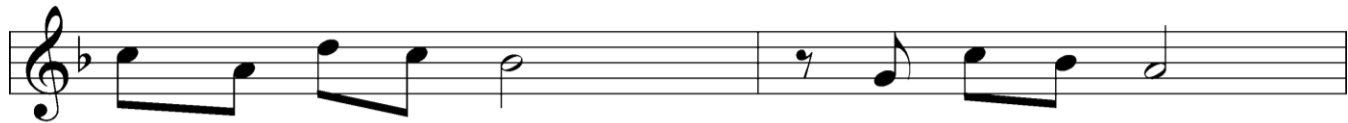
DISTRIBUTION HYMN

What Is This Bread

LSB 629



1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y
2 What is this wine? The blood of
3 So who am I, That I should
4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By
5 Is this for me? I am for -



ris - en from the dead: This bread we break,
Je - sus shed for mine; The cup of grace
live and He should die Un - der the rod?
Word and prom - ise clear, In mouth and soul
giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve



This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -
Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til I
My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en
He makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His



lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.
sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.
me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.
meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.
blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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1. There is a Redeemer Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Refrain

REFRAIN Thank You, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done.

2. Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.

Refrain

REFRAIN Thank You, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done.

3. When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place.

Refrain

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1. The royal banners forward go;
The cross shows forth redemption's flow,
Where He, by whom our flesh was made,
Our ransom in His flesh has paid:
2. Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
Life's torrent rushing from His side,
To wash us in the precious flood
Where flowed the water and the blood.
3. Fulfilled is all that David told
In sure prophetic song of old,
That God the nations' king should be
And reign in triumph from the tree,
4. On whose hard arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world's ransom hung,
The price of humankind to pay
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.
5. O tree of beauty, tree most fair,
Ordained those holy limbs to bear:
Gone is thy shame, each crimsoned bough
Proclaims the King of Glory now.
6. To Thee, eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done;
As by the cross Thou dost restore,
So guide and keep us evermore.
Amen.



(continued)



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 Because Thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
6. Just as I am; Thy love unknown
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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NUNC DIMITTIS

(Sung to Jesus Refuge of the Weary - LSB 423)

Lord, now let Your humble servant in Your peace and joy depart.
 You've fulfilled Your Word, so fervent, kept Your promise, true at heart.
 Now my eyes have seen salvation – You've prepared for all who dwell –
 Light to ev'ry Gentile nation and Your people Israel.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

CLOSING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

LSB 837 sts. ref, 3-5

REFRAIN Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

3. All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *Refrain*
4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *Refrain*
5. Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*

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SILENT PRAYER & PARTING ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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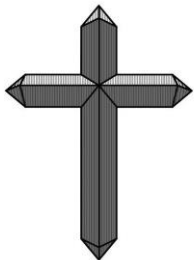
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Welcoming all to walk together toward abundant life in Christ

The **ETERNAL LIGHT** is provided to the Glory of God by Dave & Geri Diener in memory of loved ones.
The **FLOWERS** on the altar for are provided to the Glory of God by Peter & Georgia Narsavage in loving memory of the Robert/Narsavage families.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Bell Tollers	Barb Powell, Sue Richard
Elders on Duty	Tim Boisseau, Mark Keck
Communion Assistants	Jerry Kecken, Ron McCormick, Chris Trapp
Greeters/Ushers	Dorothy Christman, Richard & Judy Davis
Altar Server	The Altar Guild Team
Safety Team	David Aiken, Mark Keck
Streaming Team	Gloria Cvelbar, Nat Fiordimondo



OFFICE HOURS:

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In case of Emergency you may reach	<u>Pastor Stolarczyk:</u>	<u>Cell: 941-979-7490</u>
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UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES

Friday, March 29: Observance of Good Friday

Monday, April 1: Staff allowance

IN OUR PRAYERS

Homebound Care:

John & Lois Arens, Ann Curley-LaFave, Marvin & Lillian Fitzwater, Bruce & Connie Frilstad, Cris & Linda Kelly

Strength, Healing, Guidance: *

Beth	Friend of LCC; spiritual guidance & healing
Diane	Friend of LCC; pain relief & healing
Chuck Anderson	Recovery & healing
Rick Baucsh	Son of Barabra Durst; recovery & healing
Fran Boatwright	Recovery
Carol Burgess	Healing
Charlie & Mary Burns	Friends of LCC; strength, guidance & healing
Millie Cox	Recovery & healing
Ann Curley-LaFave	Recovery & healing, peace & understanding
Kathy Donahue	Friend of LCC; peace & comfort, healing
Patrick Fay	Brother Reine Obermier; recovery & healing
Val Korman	Hospice Care
Phil Miller	Recovery & healing
Rev. Michael Mueller	Healing & testing
Dale Sawicki	Peace & comfort
Nanc Thorne	Mother of Ginger Thorne; recovery & healing
Ronna Trueman	Recovery & healing
Cheryl Usowicz	Healing
Ken Werring	Recovery & healing
Phil Woodruff	Healing & recovery
Lisa Zimmerman	Sister of Laura Cox; healing

**Prayers will run for four consecutive weeks unless otherwise notified.*

Battling Cancer:

Karen	Daughter Ann LaFave; battling cancer
Mike	Friend of LCC; diagnosed cancer
Rhonda	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Holly Beyer	Cousin Ron McCormick; battling cancer
Cate Bocassi	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Lynn Clawson	Friend of LCC; battling cancer, testing
Terri Day	Friend of LCC; diagnosed with cancer
Dave DeBraccio	Battling with Leukemia, healing & strength
Lisa Anne Denofrio	Daughter Tom & Krystyna Johnson; palliative care
Matt Doctor	Brother-in-law of Diane Barton; battling cancer
Diana Fiordimondo	Sis-in-Law of Nat & Melinda Fiordimondo; cancer
Don Henthorn	Brother in Law Carolyn Strelau; battling cancer

Steve Kirkland
 Todd Kliez
 Patricia Ruiz
 Kathy Sanders
 Lori Truelove

Brother of Bruce Kirkland; battling cancer
 Battling cancer
 Family of Fadely/Maestas family; battling cancer
 Friend of LCC; battling cancer
 Niece Joyce Schankin; cancer battle; strength, peace

Military:

US Army SSG. Paul Behling
 USAF TSGT David Cope Jr.
 US Army CSM Matt Hopkins
 USAF Sr. Airman
 Shawn Golembieski

Son of Ron & Cohleen Nottingham; stationed FL
 Son of David and Shelly Cope stationed in NM
 Grandson of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; in Kuwait
 Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in FL

US Navy ENS Joe Golembieski
 US Navy Seaman Nick Golembieski
 USCG SCPO Robert Kecken
 USAF A1C Riley Latarski
 Marines LCPL Jonathan Metz
 Marines LCPL Kyle Spilker
 USAF TSGT Kalin Verardi

Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in VA
 Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; Seabound
 Son Jerry & Meredith Kecken; stationed in CA
 Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman in ND
 Grandson of Jerry & Joyce Metz; in MD
 Grandson in law Chuck Anderson; in CA
 Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman; in MA

Family Prayer: We remember all our **families** during times of personal and family **trial and tribulation.**

If you know of someone needing church prayers, please contact the church office at 941-627-6060. Be sure to have the name, relationship to the church family and what is the need for the prayer.

LCC ATTENDANCE REPORT:

On Site Attendance	Sunday: 03/17/2024 57 / 146
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LCC WEEKLY INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT 2024

Week:	03/17/2024
Weekly Income:	\$ 25,269
Weekly Expense:	\$ 13,846

Today is the final day to submit your Easter Lily request card to be listed in the Easter Sunday worship folder!

THE BOARD OF ELDERS NEEDS EASTER SON-RISE SERVICE HELPERS!



--We will need help on **Saturday 03/30 at 1:00pm** to help load chairs, tables, etc. and drive them to the parish house and unload them. We will then check all the electrical connections to make sure they are working correctly for service the next morning.

--On **Easter morning (03/31) at 6:00am** we need volunteers to help set up the chairs, tables, & canopy before the sunrise service. Please bring spare towels to be used to wipe down the chairs before people sit in them. We will also need help following the service taking everything down and returning the chairs, tables etc. to the FMC.

LWML LADIES' PARISH GUILD ANNUAL DUTCH-TREAT

LUNCHEON IS BACK! *Both ladies and gentlemen* are invited to attend the LWML Ladies' Parish Guild Annual Dutch-Treat Luncheon on **Thursday, April 4, 1p.m. at The Grill at 1951**, 1951 Tamiami Trail, PC (next to the Days Inn across US41 from Lowes). **Please make your reservation on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex by Thursday, March 28th.** See you there!



ALTAR FLOWERS: APRIL

There is currently no one signed up for flowers on the altar for **April 7th**. The cost of flowers is \$30.00 per week. If you are interested please complete a flower request card which can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If paying by a check please make payable to *Ladies Parish Guild*. If you have any questions about requesting flowers or the eternal light, please call the church office at (941) 627-6060.



HOLY WEEK MODIFICATIONS TO WEEKLY EVENTS

† **Christian Education & Fellowship:** * This will not be held Sunday, March 31st *

† **LifeLight The Time Between the Testaments:**

* This class will not be held Thursday, March 28th *



Holy Week Services

Wednesday, March 27: The Lord's Supper Dramatization – 7:00pm

Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday – 10:30am & 7:00pm

Friday, March 29: Good Friday – 1:00pm & 7:00pm

Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday – 7:15am / 9:00am / 10:30am