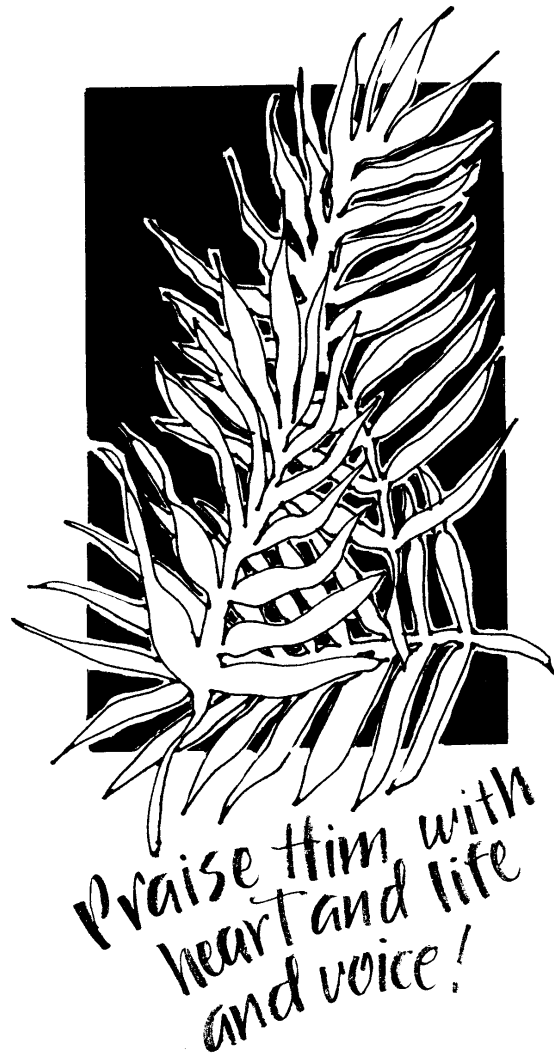


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PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 13, 2025

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Palm Sunday

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* - John Carter

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

***THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

P: Seek the Lord while he may be found.

C: **Call upon God while God is near.**

P: Wicked, forsake your ways!

C: **Unrighteous, forsake your thoughts!**

P: Come back to God.

C: **Return to the Lord!**

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C: **Return to the Lord!**

P: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

(Isaiah 55:6-7; Joel 2:13)

BLESSING OF PALMS *(please hold high your palm branches for this blessing!)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God,

for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph

and was proclaimed messiah and king

by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless these branches and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,

so that, joined to his death and resurrection,

we enter into life with you;

through the same Jesus Christ,

*GATHERING HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (ELW 344)



- 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,



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

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* - Hymntune: Ellacombe

Text: Jeannette Threlfall

Choir sings verses 1 and 2. Congregation joins as follows on verse 3:

3. "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

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 awakens—
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?

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

(read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I¹ am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat¹ and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my¹ years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones¹ are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to¹ my acquaintances; when they see me in the street¹ they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten,¹ out of mind;
I am as useless as a¹ broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is¹ all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to¹ take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in¹ you, O LORD.
I have said, “You¹ are my God.**

¹⁵My times are¹ in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who¹ persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine up-¹ on your servant;
save me in your¹ steadfast love.”**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

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.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *We Are Turning* (ELW 205b)**



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.

GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."

⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *Rev. Angela Zimmann*

*Please stand as you are able for the final verse

HYMN OF THE DAY *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!* (ELW 346)



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -
an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring
pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal



sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.
gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.

Music: THE KING'S MAJESTY, Graham George, 1912–1993

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*CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (*Please respond.*)

P: God, in your mercy, C: receive our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

***OFFERTORY** *Create in Me* (ELW 186)

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.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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***OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

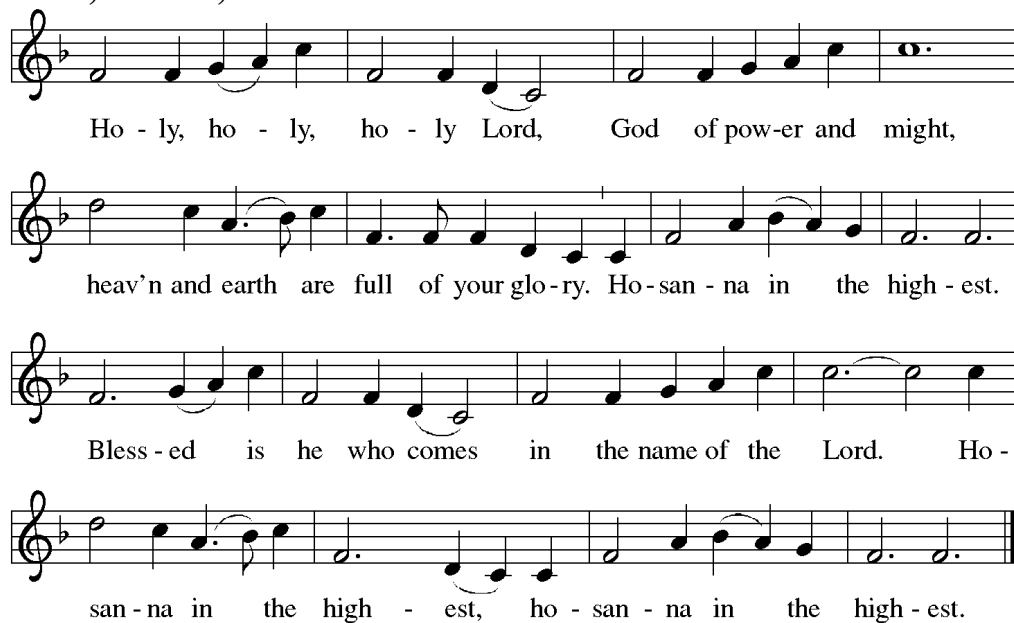
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
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:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread for the journey.
A feast for hungry hearts. Come to the meal!

COMMUNION

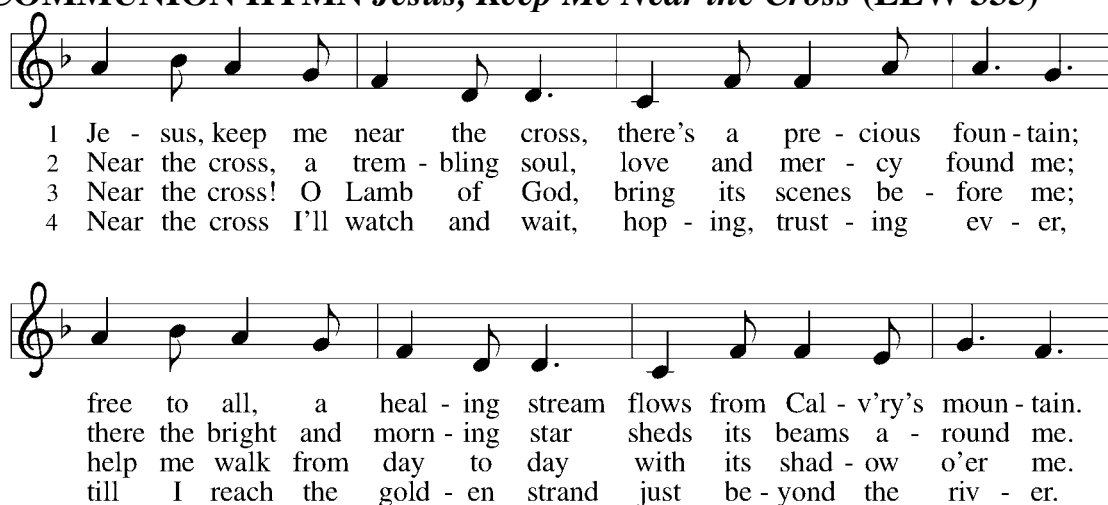
Continuous - Please continue down center aisle at the direction of the usher. After you receive the bread, you may take a cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Gluten free wafers are available, ask the Pastor when you come forward. Notify the Head Usher if you would appreciate receiving Communion at your seat rather than walking up to the altar, the Pastor and Communion Assistant will be happy to bring Communion to you.

COMMUNION SONG



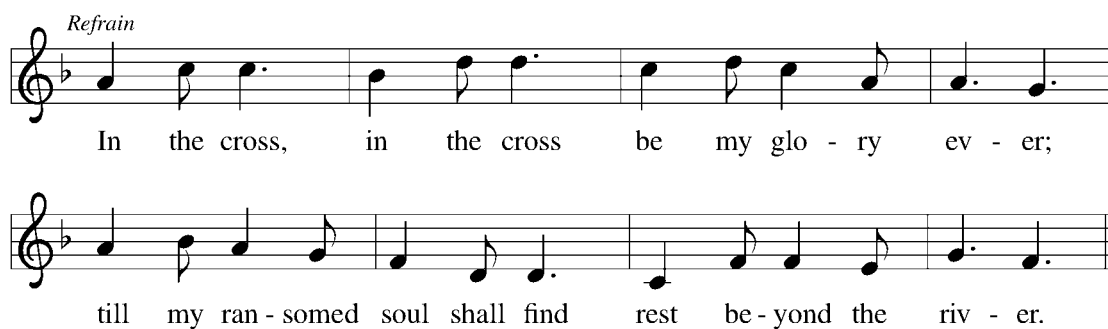
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* (ELW 335)



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,
free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;
till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

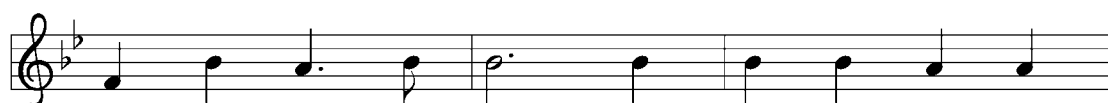
***SENDING SONG** *O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us* (ELW 431)



1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our
 2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -
 3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver
 4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -



king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose
 give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that
 all, you said the first must be the last and
 nown; you died for us up - on a cross with



praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to
 we might rise and live. To break the law of
 ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,
 thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the



glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you
 death you came, the law of love to bring: a
 church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for
 span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for



walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.
 dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous-ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
 still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
 now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ALL SAINTS NEW, Henry S. Cutler, 1824–1902

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the bread of Life!

Thanks be to God.

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE/SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* - Albin C. Whitworth

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are placed to the Glory of God in honor of Donald and Ginny's 63rd Anniversary given by Virginia Detwiler.

Welcome Visitors! We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

Please welcome Rev. Angela Zimmann with a warm thank you for preaching this morning.

There will not be a sunrise service next Sunday morning.

All those assisting in our Good Friday service, please plan to meet with Mary-Jo Bedsworth briefly after worship this morning in the sanctuary. It will only take a few minutes.

Prayer requests for the following: *Family & friends of Bonnie Hudson, James Bersch, Evelyn Gomez, Kristen Hardman, Brandan DeShong, Kaitlyn Dovey, Angela Puchalo, Katelyn Mary Dodge, Charles Carl, Fran Stouffer, Marty Wenger, Don Wildeson, Nancy Marshall, Betty Amt, our world & country, Debbie Aschmann, Donna, Karen, Chuck Bedsworth, Linda Mumaugh, Katy Klutz, Becky Ensinger, Sam Mull, and all the Homebound. If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire, 717-264-3702.*

Please Be Aware: *We wish to be a praying congregation, and especially for those who are sick or experiencing difficult times. We will continue to name person's (first name only) aloud each Sunday, and we will hold each name for a month. In order to keep our list updated we ask that by the final Thursday of the month, but please call Janice McEntire 717 264-3702 to keep the name on for an extra month. Any name can remain for as long as desired, but we need to hear from the person adding the name, or we will presume the name can be removed. Thank you for your understanding.*

Weekly Calendar Reminders:

April 14 - Council 7pm
15 - Property 1pm
Congregation Dinner 6:30pm
17 - Maundy Thursday Service 7pm
Choir 8pm
18 - Good Friday Service 7pm
19 - Easter Egg Hunt 11am



Palm Sunday, April 13	10:15 AM
Maundy Thursday, April 17	7:00 PM with stripping of the altar
Good Friday, April 18	7:00 PM Tenebrae service
Easter Sunday, April 20	Special music begins at 10:00 AM / Worship 10:15 AM

Congregation Dinner will be held on Tuesday, April 15 at 6:30pm. The menu is stromboli, salad, chips, applesauce, cookies, & ice cream sundaes. Tickets: Adults - \$7.50, Children (5-11) - \$4.00, Under 5 - free. They will be sold after church service. See Margie Dale or Frances Reichard.

Solomon's Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 19 at 11:00AM at Solomon's Picnic Woods. All children 12 and under are invited.

Qigong/Tai Chi Class will be starting **April 23rd, Wednesdays at 7:00pm** at Solomon's Church main Sunday school room. This is an open class. If you can walk independently, you will survive the class. All exercises are mild. For more information contact: Colleen Johnson.

During the month of April, Social Ministry will be collecting paper products for Maranatha Food Pantry. Paper products cannot be purchased with Food Stamps. Items needed are toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, Kleenex, hand wipes, diapers, etc. Please place the items in the totes under the coat rack, next to the mailboxes.

SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary still has discount cards available for \$5.00. Cards are good until Sept. 1, 2025. All proceeds go to support programs at Luther Ridge. Lots of great places to save. See Becky Pecha if you would like to have a card.

Communion Cards – to maintain accurate records, we ask that each member fill out a communion card **only once per calendar year**, at a service when you partake of Holy Communion.

The 2025 Chart for Altar flowers is on the table in the Sunday School room. The cost of the two vases will be \$50.00 per week. You will continue to provide Kimberly with the information for the bulletin prior to the week before the Sunday you choose. Include the cost of \$50.00 with the bulletin information.

The 2025 sign-up charts for Acolyte, Lector etc. are on the table in the Sunday School room. Please sign up for as many as you can.

Power Pack Meals: The need for nutritious food for New Franklin Elementary School students in need is an on-going project. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please make your check payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church and put Power Pack Meals in the memo of your check.

If you are not taking your altar flowers home, please let Kathy Bowen know to whom or to where you would like them donated. Thanks.

Music Notes/Hymn Notes:

Our opening hymn this morning, *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*, was written by Theodulph, Bishop of Orleans, a city south of Paris. He was a church leader who worked hard for clergy reform, established schools and advanced education, advocated high morals, built churches, and composed hymns of praise to God. On Easter Sunday in the year 818, he was imprisoned by the King of France in a monastery near Paris. It is said that while he was imprisoned, he meditated on Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem prior to His crucifixion and resurrection, and penned the words to this great Palm Sunday hymn. Tradition has it that when King Louis heard Theodulph singing this hymn from the windows of the monastery, the King was so moved that he immediately ordered the Bishop's release. Originally, there were 39 verses to this hymn! The first several are the ones we sing today. The text to this hymn was set to other tunes by other composers, including J. S. Bach in his *St. John Passion*. (Then Sings My Soul, Robert J. Morgan; Wikipedia).

In 1869, Fanny Crosby was shown a tune written by William Doane for which she wrote the words to our communion hymn, "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross." It was first published in Bright Jewels for the Sunday School in 1869. It is interesting to note that Crosby, born in

New York, was blinded at six weeks of age through the malpractice of a doctor. She attended a school for the blind in New York, where she later became a teacher and wrote remarkable poetry that brought considerable acclaim to the school. She attended a revival in 1850 as she felt something was missing from her life. At this revival, she accepted Jesus as her Savior and from here on, she turned her poetic skills to hymn writing, focusing on the theme of the cross. The first line of each stanza of this hymn contains the phrase “near the cross,” emphasizing the value of Christ's redeeming work on the cross. Each stanza has a slightly different aspect of the main theme. The first stanza describes redemption through Jesus' blood, and the second, the need of humanity for salvation. The third stanza is a prayer that the Christian would always remember God's love as shown on the cross, and the fourth looks forward to heaven. (Hymnary.org; Morgan: Then Sings My Soul, Part 2, pg. 121).