

Triumphal Entry

Trusting God: One moment of awe

March 24, 2024

Trusting God + Loving the World

Worshiping and Growing Together in Christ | Serving and Reaching Out Joyfully to All!

Welcome! We're glad you're here!

If you are a guest and are interested in knowing more about this community and the ministries that Holy Shepherd is engaged in, please fill out the **Welcome Card** located in the pew racks. Once filled out, please place the card either in the **offering basket** as you come forward to receive communion or at the **information desk** as you enter the narthex.

Peace to you!

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Together, we gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Palm Sunday Gospel

Mark 11:1-11

The holy gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

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

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Processional Song All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ELW 344

Assembly wave palms during the refrain

Refrain All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. Refrain

The company of angels are praising you on high; creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. Refrain

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went; our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. Refrain

To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise, To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Confession and Forgiveness

We begin with an honest assessment of our individual and communal life that falls short of fullness and wholeness. You are invited into this vulnerable space as a practice of opening to God's grace as we will experience it in worship.

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Remain seated or kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.

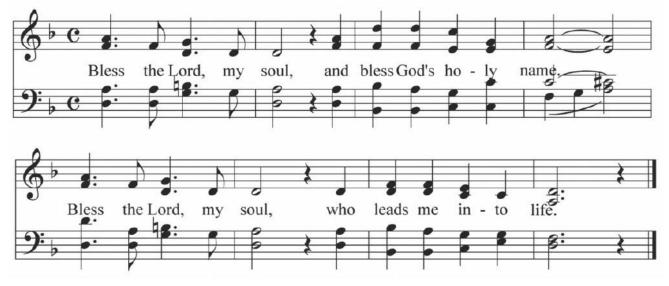
God of love, when we look inward and are honest with ourselves, we see where we have fallen short. We have sought after our own gain rather than the good of all. We have not loved you or our neighbors as ourselves. We have denied you in what we have done and not done. Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we might become what you have called us to be.

God whose unfathomable love went to the cross for our sake now forgives us all our sins and welcomes us all over again into the promise of eternal life in Christ's name. **Amen.**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

Jesus' controversial anointing at Bethany kicks up a huge range of emotional reactions to who Jesus is and what he came to Jerusalem to do.

Invitation to the Word



Scripture Reading

Mark 14:3-9

The holy gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

Message

Apostles' 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 People

As we walk together through this season of contemplation and preparation, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Sung before and after all prayers

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.

Prayer response: God of the journey, **in mercy, hear our prayer.**

Confident that you walk alongside us in our need, we lift to you all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, through Jesus Christ our savior. **Amen.**

Sharing God's Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

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 God thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

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

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

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

Invitation

Jesus invites you to the banquet, and pours out his holy presence upon you like costly ointment. Come share in the bread and wine and be strengthened for this journey of Holy Week. All is prepared.

+ We Are Church. Better Together +

All Are Welcome at the Table

Options on how to receive Holy Communion

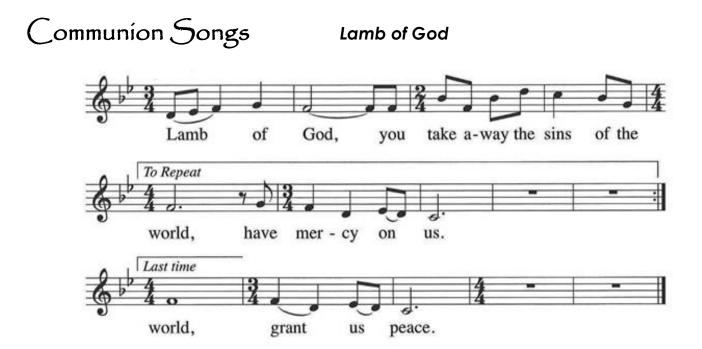
You may come forward and stand or kneel, starting at the center and filling in along the rail. After you have received communion please exit by the side aisles and those waiting will then fill in the empty space. Bread (gluten-free) and wine or grape juice (center of the tray) will be given to you with the words spoken:

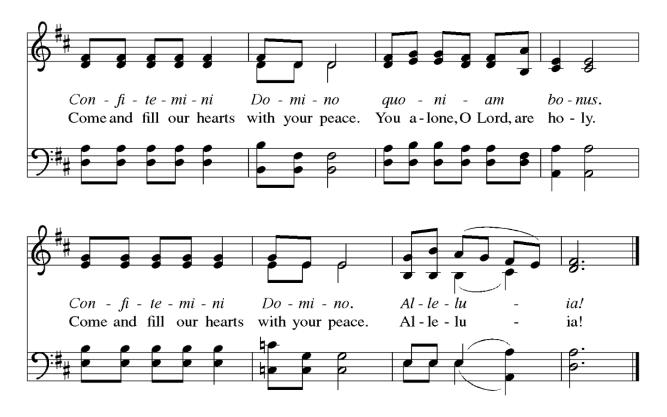
"The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you."

If you would like communion served in the pew, please signal to a pastor.

You are invited...

To bring an **offering** forward before or after worship or during Holy Communion. The offering is gathered in front of the communion table where we are reminded of God's gifts given to us in Christ and our response to these gifts.





Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

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

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.

Amen.



Holy Gospel

Mark 15:22-26

Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

²⁵It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews."

The gospel of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Musical Offering

O Sacred Head

arr. Raney

Blessing & Sending

God, the giver of love, + Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

Go in peace, trust in God, love the world. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

This Worship continues ...

A labyrinth will be available for prayer and meditation in the fellowship hall ½ hour before and after each Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship.

Maundy Thursday March 28

Holy Communion + Stripping of the Altar + Washing of Feet + Hand Blessing

10:00 am & 6:30pm

Good Friday March 29

Readings, Songs & Prayers 10:00 am & 6:30pm

Easter Sunday March 31

Festival Holy Communion 8:30am & 10:30am 9:30 – 10:30 Fellowship





Worship Leadership

- Pastor: Julie Brooks, Kim Gonia
- Organist: Jordan Ortman
- Communion Assistant: Betty Moody, Becca Mohrbacher
- Greeters: Linda & Wally Settgast
- Usher: Bosak-Simmons Family
- Altar Guild: Donna Madsen
- Children's Church: Bonnie Yockstick
- Teen Faith Talk: Nancy Bybee
- Technology: Judy Ekberg, Mark Lee
- Fellowship Hosts: Susan Parks & Allison Moody

Song Resource Key

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal
ACS: All Creation Sings
HSSB: Holy Shepherd Songbook
WOV: With One Voice

+ WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES +

- **THANK YOU** for being considerate of disabled worshippers and their families. Please leave the pew cuts and several adjoining seats available for those with walkers, wheelchairs, or electric carts and their families.
- **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES (4 devices available)** are located at the sound booth located in the back of the sanctuary on the east side.
- **FELLOWSHIP:** Once worship has finished, please feel free to stay and greet each other and go into the fellowship hall for coffee and snacks.

OFFERING

If you would like to make a donation to the mission of Holy Shepherd, which will be used to serve the community, neighborhood and the world, there is an offering plate located at the front of the sanctuary. Please make checks payable to: Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church or use the PayPal link below. *Thank you*.

KIDS ZONE

The **Kids Zone** (un-staffed) will be available to use for your family, if you need to leave the service. It is located off the hallway to the west of the sanctuary. The library and Fellowship Hall are also available.

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