MARK 11:9



# Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 23, 2024 ~ 5:00 pm Sunday, March 24, 2024 ~ 9:00 am

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

#### **GATHERING**

#### **ACCLAMATION**

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

#### PROCESSIONAL 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, [Jesus] 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.'" <sup>4</sup>They 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?" <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

#### BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

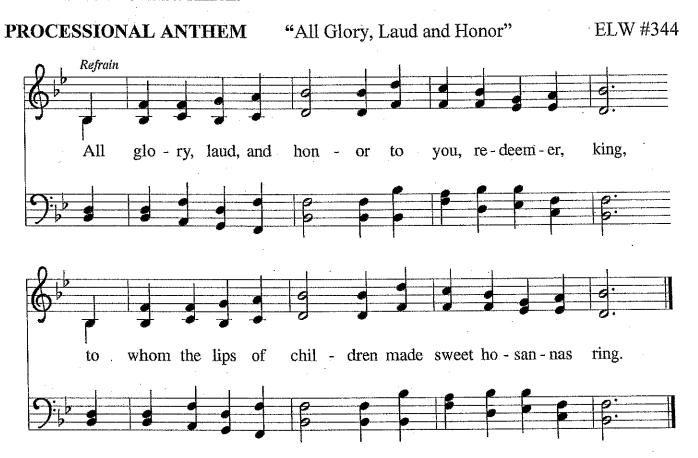
Let us pray.

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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

#### **PROCESSION**

Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ. Amen.



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Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

ANTHEM (9:00 am) "Fantasy on Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Resounding Joy

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** 

(5:00 pm)

Kinsley Vaughn Diercks & Kayden Steven Diercks Joseph Russell DeMoss, Addy Mae DeMoss, Gareth Riley Black,

Campbell Mae Black, & Reagan Louise Black

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

(9:00 am)

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain

the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious.

I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face

from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GoD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11**

A reading from Philippians.

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# DRAMATIC GOSPEL READING

"The Passion According to Mark"

Hymns During Dramatic Reading:

"Go To Dark Gethsemene" ELW #347 (vs. 1)

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" ELW #351 (vs. 1 & 3)

"Were You There" ELW #353 (vs. 3)

"Were You There" ELW #353 (vs. 5)

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 

"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"

ELW #335

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

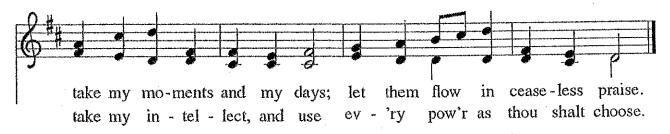
#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

#### **OFFERING**

**OFFERING SONG** 

"Take My Life, That I May Be"





6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

#### OFFERING PRAYER

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

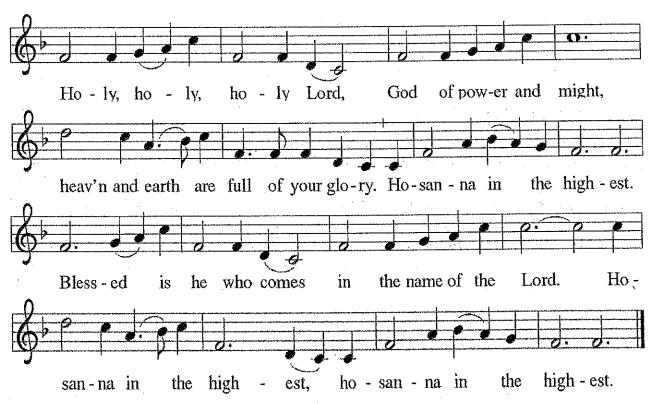
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

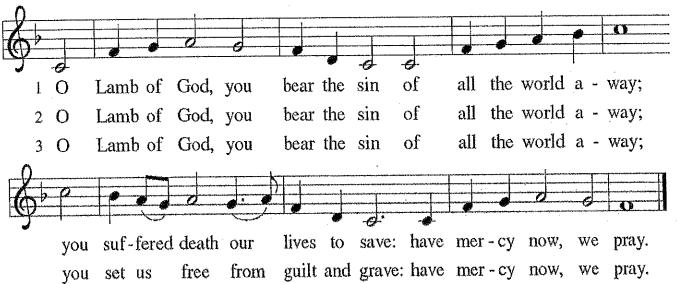


#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### 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.

#### **COMMUNION SONG**



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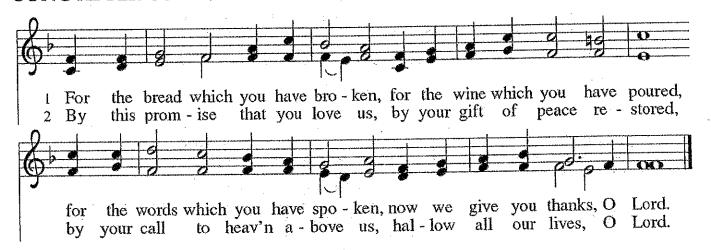
### THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table. Please follow the directions of the pastors to receive communion. Both wine and grape juice are available for communion. The grape juice is the darker color in the middle of the tray. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion will receive a blessing. Those who are worshiping with us online are invited to have bread and wine or juice available for worship, and we will commune you at the end of communion.

#### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

# SONG AFTER COMMUNION "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"



### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

ELW #338

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**

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#### THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SHARE IN OUR WORSHIP

SATURDAY	5:00 pm Worship Service		
Ushers	Brad Merrick		
Reader	Theresa White		
Communion Assistant	Pam Carlson		
Counters	Kelly Goldsmith & Joan Hennigan		

SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship Service	ee	
Ushers	Nina Looney & Carol Marten		
Reader	Jason Dingbaum		
Communion Assistant	Mary Moore	¥ .	
Counters	Kristy Looney & Carol Marten	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	

Choir Director Susan Becker				
Organist	Teri Wittkowsi and Susan Becker			
Jubilation Leader	Neal Becker			
Online Streaming Crew	Lucas Golinghorst, Scott LaPlante, & Kevin Zidarich			



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Thank you to the individuals who brought the drama of the Passion story alive this weekend: Grady Kirst, Addyson Yanke, Madelyn La Plante, and Mike Strom.

Thank you to Jared & Kelly Penning for bringing their donkeys, Squirt and Arlo, to church this morning! We appreciate the excitement the animals add to our worship.



# The Heart of the Story

Martin Luther called the Psalms a "little Bible." He wrote that all the rest of the Holy Scriptures could be found in them. Luther went so far as to suggest that in the Psalms the church can glimpse the death and resurrection of Christ. In these ancient songs and prayers of the Hebrew people, every human emotion is laid bare: joy and contentment, anger and sorrow, hope and despair. The Psalms give voice to the wide spectrum of experiences that mark our human lives. This is their power—they speak the heart's language, turbulent as our hearts may sometimes be.

In a similar way, Holy Week places us at the center of the whole story of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. From the "hosannas" of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the seeming abandonment of the cross, emotions run high this week as the story of Christ's passion reaches into the depths of our human experience. The palm and passion stories are themselves a "little Bible" of salvation for the church within the wider story of God's saving love for all.

As we gather to hear the story of Christ's passion anew, the words and rituals of the church's worship life invite us to feel our way into this story from the inside out. We hear the shouts of blessing and come to the Passover in quiet hope. We follow to Gethsemane and to the cross, with mixed emotions. What does betrayal feel like in our bodies? What about amazement? Fear? How have we experienced ridicule or shame? How have we ourselves dismissed or derided others?

The palm and passion stories offer us a chance to contemplate Christ's sufferings and meditate on our salvation—to come side by side with Christ's passion and so to know and access our own. We are invited to honestly glimpse the workings of our own hearts. Nothing is off limits to God's grace. No human experience is untouched by the story of God's redemptive love.

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FAITH - LIFTED

CALLED TO SHARE SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST.



Palm Sunday March 23 & 24, 2024

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP** Today we gather to celebrate God's love and grace as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. For those that might be interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities of the congregation there are some printed materials available for you to take. The materials are located on the counter just inside the east entrance of this building. You can also find more information through the church website at **faithlutheraneldridge.com**.

**CHILDREN** are always welcome in worship. Special children's bulletins are available for their use.

VISITOR? CHANGE OF ADDRESS? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES? HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? Please feel free to complete the information card located in front of you next to the hymnals and pass the card to the outer aisle during announcements and an usher will pick them up during the call to worship.

Ford. Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these fragers people and all who are in need in our prayers.				
Ron McFate	Dan Anderson	Sue Vogel	Marilyn	
Sally Puls	Pam White	Andrew Arp	Glen	
Jensen Spencer	Jim St. John	Kim Pierce	Kelly	
Ann Kuehl	Carolyn Scheibe	Jeanette Myers	Vaughn	
Madison Russo	Maisie Knutsen	Bill Lind	Shawn	ļ
Janet Bowman	Jim Schneider	Pam Lueder	Don	
Kathy Stoltz	lda Weibel	Barb Conklen	Tim	
Steve Mixdorf	Ed Stoltz	Jacki Caugherty	Craig	1
Duane Miller	Judy Knoer	Jim Peters	Joyce	·
Henry Storjohann	Melissa Alden	Kathy Schultz	Roger	



Youth who will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July will be making and selling cinnamon rolls the weekend of March 23 & 24 to help raise funds for their trip. You can purchase these delicious rolls in person around worship March 23 & 24. Cost is \$3/2 rolls, \$8/6 rolls, and \$15/dozen. Along with baked rolls, we will have the option to purchase unbaked rolls by the dozen. *Thank you for supporting our youth!* 



Holy Faith family through the waters of holy baptism, Kinsley Vaughn Diercks and Kayden Steven Diercks, children of Justin and Kelly Diercks. Their sponsors are Troy Johnson and Spencer Diercks.

During the Sunday, March 24 worship service, we welcome to our Faith family through the waters of holy baptism:

Addy Mae DeMoss and Joseph Russell DeMoss, children of Bruce and Joan DeMoss. Their Sponsors are Lola DeMoss and Beverly Cherryholmes.

Gareth Riley Black, Campbell Mae Black, and Reagan Louise Black, children of lan and Stacey Black. Their sponsors are Bill and Lynn Black.

The roses on the altar are given in celebration of these baptisms in loving memory of Mary House, Maddie Mess, and Jackie Snyder.



If you wish to contribute toward Easter lilies to decorate the altar area this year, please list your name and the name(s) of those you wish to honor on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex area or online. We are asking for a contribution of \$14.00 to help offset the cost of the plants. Please indicate 'flowers' on your envelope so we know how to allocate the funds. Names received by March 24 will be published in the Easter worship bulletin.



Photos for a new church directory will be taken April 16-20 with a Fall 2024 delivery. A free directory and 8x10 photo will be given to each family who has their photo taken for the directory. You can bring family, friends, and pets! No obligation to buy photos. Sign up early to get the spot of your choice. Sign Up online at www.ucdir.com The Church Code is IA300, and the password is photos. Call Joan Hennigan or Pam Engelbrecht for help or more info.



We are in need of snow removal volunteers! If you are able to help clear sidewalks after a snowfall, please sign up on the sheet in the gathering area or online using the link on our web site: www.faithlutheraneldridge.com. **Thank you for your help!** 





On Palm Sunday, Saturday, March 23, 5:00 pm and Sunday, March 24, 9:00 am, we will begin Holy Week with a procession of the palms, and during worship, we will hear a dramatic reading of the passion story according to the Gospel of Mark. Palm Branches will be available for pick-up on Friday, March 22, from 9:00 am to noon and on Saturday, March 23, from 2:00-4:00 pm for those worshipping at home.

Our Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 pm, will include the celebration of First Communion for several of our children.

On **Good Friday, March 29**, we will gather for a Service of Light and Darkness at **7:00** pm.

Join our Easter Vigil service on Saturday, March 30 at 5:00 pm.

On Easter Sunday, March 31, we will celebrate Christ's resurrection with worship at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. We will gather at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall for an Easter Breakfast, and the children will have an Easter Egg hunt on the front lawn at 9:30 am.



Join us as we celebrate the truth that "Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!" The youth who are going to New Orleans for the ELCA Youth Gathering in July and their families will serve breakfast on **Easter morning, March 31, from 9:00-10:15 am.** A free will offering will be collected to help with the costs of the trip.



We invite your family to participate an egg hunt on the church lawn at 9:30am on Easter Sunday. Bring your basket, or we will provide bags. We will celebrate the good news of Jesus' resurrection together.



March 9 & 10: 5pm: 29, 9am: 69, Online: 76, Total: 174

Lost Week's March13: 7pm: 16, Online: 24, Total: 40

March 16 & 17: 5pm: 33, 9am: 88, Online: 48, Total:169

March 20: 7pm: 26, Online: 18, Total:44



Saturday, March 23	5:00 pm	Worship In Sanctuary & Online
Sunday, March 24	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am 10:15 am 12:00 pm	Worship In Sanctuary Fellowship Hour Sunday School 1st Communion Class Girl Scout Meeting
Monday, March 25	Office Closed	*
Tuesday, March 26	1:00 pm 5:30 pm	Bible Study Food Pantry
Wednesday, March 27	5:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Confirmation Meal Confirmation High School Youth
Thursday, March 28	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Ambassador Folding Maundy Thursday Worship w/First Communion
Friday, March 29	7:00 pm	Good Friday Worship
Saturday, March 30	5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Easter Vigil Worship In Sanctuary & Online Private Event in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, March 31	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:15 am 10:15 am	Worship In Sanctuary Fellowship Hour Sunday School 1st Communion Class



WORSHIP ELP NEEDED serve during March, especially during the Holy Week and Easter worship services. Please check the sign up sheet on the bulletin board or on our website to sign up. **Thank you for helping!** 

Pastor Carrie and Pastor Heather are available for Pastoral Care, but we need your help to know when and where that is needed. Please contact us at the church office Tuesday thru Friday, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at (563) 285-4501. For after-hour emergencies, please contact Pastor Carrie at (641) 275-1326 or Pastor Heather at (563) 639-9606.

# All Glory, Laud, and Honor



Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

# Go to Dark Gethsemane

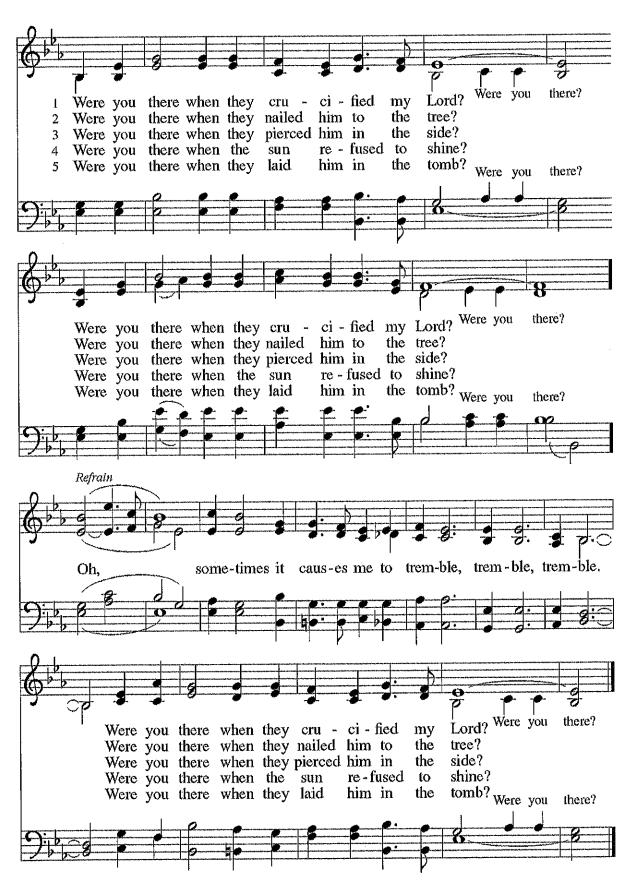


Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854 Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

### O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



#### Were You There



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# Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

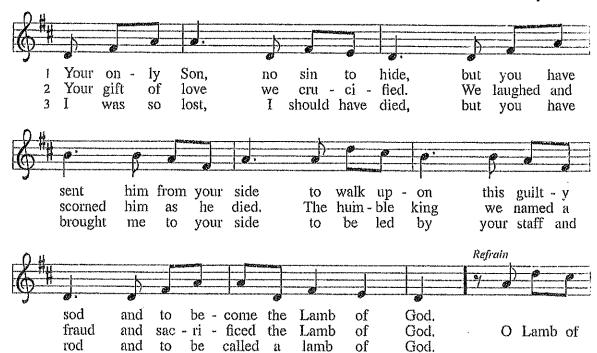


Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915 Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832-1915

# Lamb of God

# 336

# Your Only Son







#### Beneath the Cross of Jesus



Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869 Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927