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March 29, 2026, 10:00 am  
Palm/Passion Sunday  
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## GATHERING

*The Spirit Calls Us Together*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Blessing of the Palms

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

Call to Worship

"Hosanna"

Choir & Bells

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Processional Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

<sup>1</sup> When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup> "Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

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<sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks for Jesus' commitment to your kingdom. 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, even when it costs us greatly, trusting that with you, death always leads to new life; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Special Music**

"Hosanna to the King of Kings"

Choir

**Procession**

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

**Processional Hymn**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

ELW 344 vs 1, 3-4

*(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 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)*

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

**Prayer of the Day**

**First Reading**

Philippians 2:5-11

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, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>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.

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

**The Passion According to the Gospel of Matthew**

**Scene 1. *Jesus Shares the Passover with his disciples***

**Matthew 26:14-30**

**Hymn**

**"In the Singing, in the Silence"**

ELW 466

Choir: In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open,  
In the blessing, in the breaking, in your presence at this table,  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Cong: **In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,  
In the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people,  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.**

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**Scene 2. *Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest***

**Matthew 26:31-56**

**Hymn**

**"Go to Dark Gethsemane"**

ELW 347

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour.  
Turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

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**Scene 3. *Jesus before the High Priest and Peter's Denial***  
**Matthew 26:57-27:2**

Hymn

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

ELW 349

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended  
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I Lord, Jesus, I it was denied thee. I crucified thee.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee.  
Think on thy pity, and thy love unswerving. Not my deserving.

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**Scene 4. *Jesus Before Pilate***  
**Matthew 27:11-26**

<sup>11</sup> Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." <sup>12</sup> But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. <sup>13</sup> Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" <sup>14</sup> But Jesus gave Pilate no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

<sup>15</sup> Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup> At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" <sup>18</sup> For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. <sup>19</sup> While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." <sup>20</sup> Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. <sup>21</sup> The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." <sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" <sup>23</sup> Then Pilate asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

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<sup>24</sup> So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” <sup>25</sup> Then all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” <sup>26</sup> So Pilate released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Hymn

“Were You There?”

ELW 353

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh— Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

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**Scene 5. Crucifixion**  
**Matthew 27:27-56**

Hymn

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

ELW 338

Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,  
A home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see  
The very dying form of one who suffered there for me.  
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess;  
The wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

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**Scene 6. Jesus' Burial in a Borrowed Tomb**  
**Matthew 27:57-66**

**Hymn**

*"My Song Is Love Unknown"*

My song in love unknown, my Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I that for my sake, my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made away,  
A murderer they save, the Prince of Life to slay.  
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes that he his foes from thence might free.  
That he his foes from thence might free.

In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb but what a stronger gave.  
What may I say? Heav'n was his home, but mine the tomb wherein he lay,  
But mine the tomb wherein he lay.

Here might I say and sing — no story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise, I all my days could gladly spend!  
I all my days could gladly spend!

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**Silence for Reflection**

**The Prayers of the People**

*As petitions conclude: "Hear us, O God." please respond **"Your mercy is great."***

## Offering &amp; Offering Prayer

## 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 ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



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 in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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

### Communion Hymn

"Christ the Life of All the Living"

ELW 339

Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Christ, yourself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:  
Through your suff'ring, death, and merit, life eternal I inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.

You have suffered great affliction and have borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me;  
For you chose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.

Then, for all that bought my pardon, for the sorrows deep and sore,  
For the anguish in the garden, I will thank you evermore;  
Thank you for the groaning, sighing, for the bleeding and the dying,  
For that last triumphant cry, praise you evermore on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605-1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

## Communion Blessing & Post-Communion Prayer

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### Blessing

Sending Hymn

*"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"*

ELW 325

I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me;  
All along my pilgrim journey,  
I want Jesus to walk with me.

I my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
I my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
When my heart is almost breaking,  
I my trials, Lord, walk with me;

When I'm in trouble, Lord walk with me;  
When I'm in trouble, Lord walk with me;  
When my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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### Dismissal

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

***Please join us for the Palm Sunday Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.***  
*(Setup for Sunday Supper will take place following breakfast.)*

## We Hold in Prayer this Week

Those Grieving: Sam and Suzy Lavis and Family at the death of Sam's mother, Darcy Kelly.

God's Healing Presence: Kathy Trosvig; Steve Olsen; Curtis Birklid; Pat Krassin; Sheryn Todd; Elizabeth Ritchie; Gayle & Dave's niece Amanda; Beth's friend Kamm & sister-in-law, Megan; Debbie's friends Larry and Alana; Surridges' friends Barby & Larry, Hedy, Alex and newborn Collins; Ed & Evie Bishop; Peggy & Dave's friend Martin Olson; Joan's father; Dave's friend, Julie Bolser, and niece, Leile Defolo; John, Guillermo, Monica, Cecilia, Sofia and Rosamaria; Val, Jill Johnson's mom.

Prayers for our world, nation, and communities: For immigrants living in fear. For nations and peoples in the midst of warfare. For refugees seeking safety.

## Announcements

Decorating the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday The Altar Guild will be decorating the Sanctuary for Easter this coming Saturday, April 4, at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to help—please join us!

Holy Week Worship: Maundy Thursday worship is at 6:30 pm this Thursday, April 2, at Faith Lutheran, 6708 Cady Road, with Pastor Hoffman preaching, holy communion, and stripping of the altar. Good Friday worship on Friday, April 3, will be at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 215 W Mukilteo Blvd., beginning with activities at 5:00 p.m. and service at 6:30. Please see the enclosed bulletin insert today.

Mission of the Month is LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF. Consider a recurring gift to LWR of \$12. Why \$12? A gift of \$12 per month keeps a young girl in Sierra Leone in school and out of an unwanted early marriage.

Sewers Needed We have numerous quilts that need the binding sewn down. The quilts are tied and the binding pinned down. If you are a sewer, please take a couple! Contact Debbie Ritchie for more information.

No Sunday School on Sunday April 5 (Easter) or Sunday April 12 (spring break). Sunday School will resume on Sunday April 19.

Sunday Morning Fellowship follows worship in the Friendship Room each week (today, however, we have a special breakfast in the Fellowship Hall). You may sign up to host a week on the sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary. Hosting fellowship involves setting up, preparing coffee, providing refreshments, and cleaning up.



## This Week at Central

Montessori Academy M-F, 7:30-4:30

### Sunday, March 29

- 8:45 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Central Lutheran Worship
- 11:00 am Palm Sunday Brunch
- 11:30 am Academia Latina
- 1:00 pm Looking for Jesus Prayer Group
- 2:30 pm Marshallese Worship
- 5:00 pm Sunday Supper
- 7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

### Tuesday, March 31

- 6:00 pm Academia Latina

### Wednesday, April 1

- 8:00 am Lutheran Counseling Network
- 7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

### Thursday, April 2

- 8:00 am Lutheran Counseling Network
- 6:00 pm Academia Latina
- 7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

### Saturday, April 4

- 9:00 am Central decorate for Easter

### Sunday, April 5

- 8:45 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Friends Worship
- 10:00 am Central Lutheran Worship
- 11:00 am Academia Latina Celebration
- 11:30 am Academia Latina
- 1:00 pm Looking for Jesus Prayer Group
- 2:30 pm Marshallese Worship
- 5:00 pm Sunday Supper
- 7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Worship Leaders	This Sunday, March 29	Next Sunday, April 5
<b>Keyboard</b>	Joan Dirska	Joan Dirska
<b>Usher</b>	Dave Finstad	Dave Finstad
<b>Lectors</b>	Palm Sunday Readers	Kelli Trosvig
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	TBD	Jonathan Todd
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Debbie Saunders	Haines Family
<b>Fellowship Host</b>	Semores	No fellowship
<b>YouTube Operator</b>	Jonathan Todd	Jonathan Todd
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Janet Loesche	Debbie Ritchie
<b>Interpreter</b>	Rosamaria Casablanca	Rosamaria Casablanca

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