**Guided to Humility** 

# Palm Sunday

# Sunday, March 24, 2024 MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Gary Koltz, Vacancy Pastor Rev. Ken Garazin, Seasonal Pastor

## WORSHIP

Sunday – 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship 8:00 am Sunday Service Streamed at www.marcolutheran.org

#### MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

www.marcolutheran.org/foundation

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. secretary@marcolutheran.org

TO CONTACT CHURCH STAFF PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT (239) 394-0332

#### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

"At Marco Lutheran Church, we are followers of Jesus Christ who share His Good News by loving and serving all people."

### THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH



For Christians, since the days of the apostles, *THE SHIP* has been a symbol for the Christian Church. The mast and yardarm form a simple *CROSS* (in wood) which stands for Jesus who saved us by giving Himself on a cross that we might be forgiven.

The CHI RHO ♣ (in metal) is a combination of the first two Greek letters of the name Christ, meaning "The Anointed One" or "The Messiah." THE WAVES symbolize the troubles and difficulties of life on earth. THE SAILS are filled with wind, a symbol of the Holy Spirit, which empowers the Church. Thus, the Christian Church, under the Cross of Christ carries the faithful safely across the troubled seas of life to heaven. As we come together for worship, the cross of Christ is before us. We choose, you and I, to worship with people for whom the cross is both the sign of salvation and the sign of Christ in our lives.

## A special welcome to our guests today.

May you find grace and blessing in the time we spend together. If you are looking for a church home, please speak to the Pastor, the Lay Minister for the day, or an Usher. We would be most pleased to share with you ways in which you might become a regular part of our Christian fellowship.



#### **HOLY COMMUNION – WHAT WE BELIEVE**

In this Sacrament, Jesus gives us Himself, His true Body and Blood as we receive the bread and wine. On the night He was betrayed and before He was put to death, Jesus celebrated this Meal with His disciples assuring us that each time we receive it, we are again remembering His death and receiving the full benefits of His grace, namely the forgiveness of sin.

In 1 Corinthians 11, St. Paul says that we should "examine ourselves" ahead of time. We can do so each time by asking ourselves these basic questions:

- † Do I acknowledge the fact that I am indeed a sinner and that I am sorry for my sin?
- † Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from all sin?
- † Am I trusting in Jesus' promise that I receive full pardon and strength through this Holy Meal?
- † Do I believe that the body and blood of Jesus is truly present in, with and under the bread and the wine of Holy Communion?
- † Finally, with the Lord's help, will I seek to amend my life and live in conformity with His Holy Will?

Jesus Himself invites baptized followers, who believe in Him as their Lord and Savior, who recognize their sinful condition and who seek His forgiveness, to come to His Table to receive His precious Body and Blood. May the Lord bless your personal reception as well as your daily living under His power and blessing. Should you have questions, please see a Pastor or a Lay minister prior to the worship service. If you prefer not to participate in the sacrament, please cross your arms when coming forward to receive a blessing.

For those who prefer, white grape juice is in the center of the tray. There are also gluten free wafers by informing a distributing Host. For those who may have difficulty coming to the front, please inform an usher so that the Sacrament may be brought to you.

PRELUDE John Davis

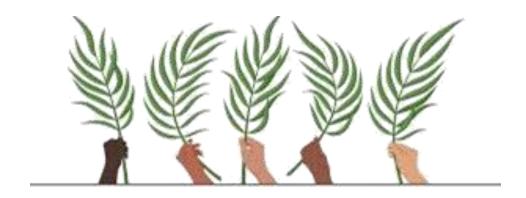


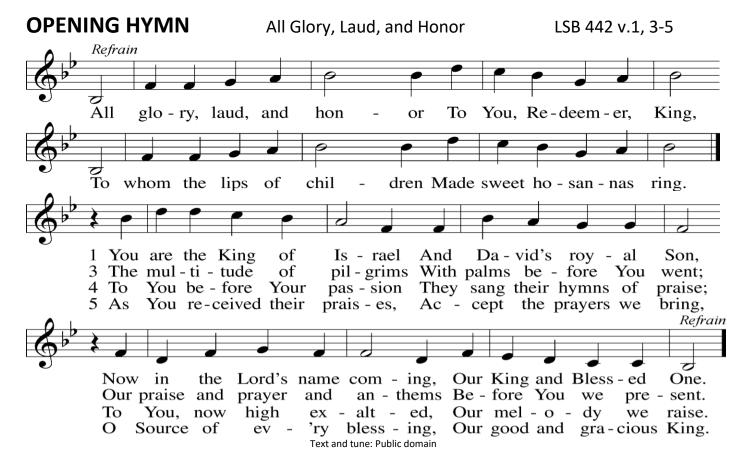
#### **№** PREPARATION **№**

The congregational responses in this service are printed in **BOLD** 

**Please Stand** 

## - Procession of Palms-





#### INVOCATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna to the Son of David.

#### OPENING SENTANCES

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of

glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

People: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of

glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

People: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Pastor: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

People: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

People: Almighty God, we are called to humble ourselves and to serve one another in

love, but instead, we become puffed up with pride. We look on others as less important than ourselves. We do not humble ourselves before your Word,

and we do not walk in the way of love. Have mercy on us, and forgive us.

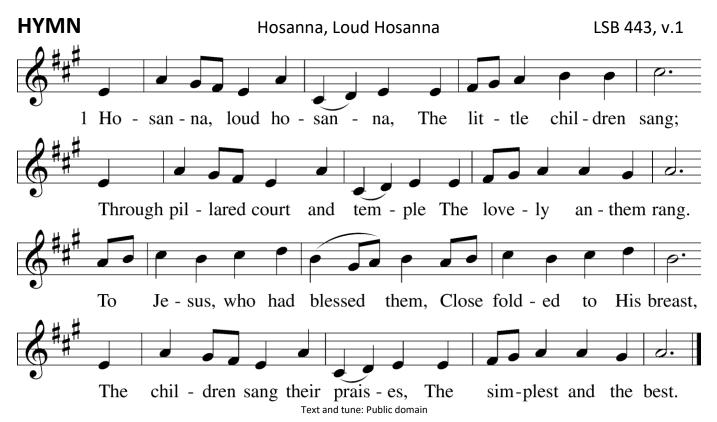
Pastor: God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus humbled

himself, and on the cross, he suffered in our place the penalty of death that we deserved for our sins. For his sake God forgives us. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy

Spirit.

People: Behold our King has come, righteous and humble, bringing salvation to us!

#### Please Be Seated



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

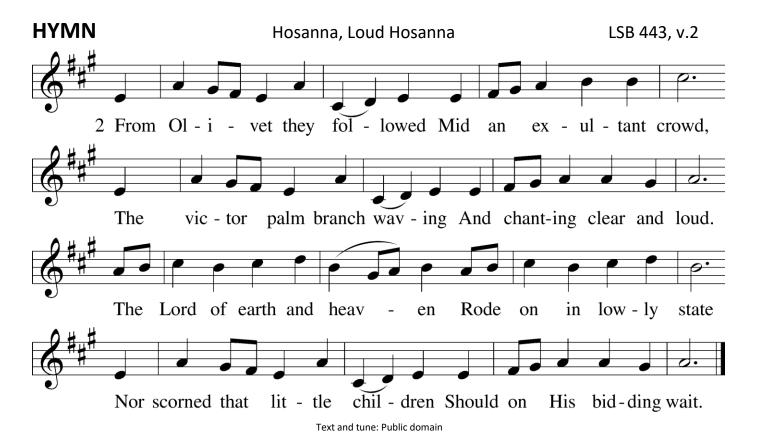
People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you are the King of glory, yet you entered Jerusalem in humble majesty, to bring to us salvation. During this Holy Week, as we follow your final

path to the cross, lead us in humility and meekness. Help us to put the needs of others ahead of our own and to walk in love, forgiving one another as we have been forgiven. Jesus, humble King, we hail you as our Lord and Savior. You are the King of glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Amen.



FIRST LESSON Zechariah 9:9-12

Leader:

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### **SECOND LESSON**

James 4:7-10

Leader: <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from

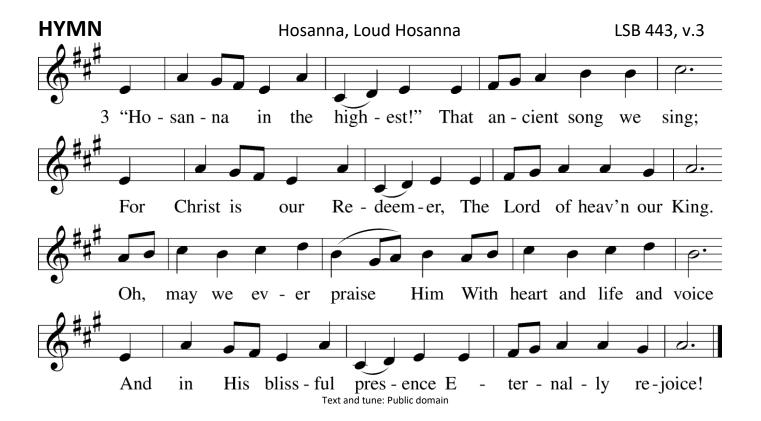
you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to

gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### **Please Stand**



#### **GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 21: 1-17

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor:

21 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 5 "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"<sup>[6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" 10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" 11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee." 12 Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. 13 "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be called a house of prayer,'but you are making it 'a den of robbers." 14 The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant. 16 "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, "'From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise'?" <sup>17</sup> And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please Be Seated

MUSICAL OFFERING Hosanna, Blessed is He MLC Choir

SERMON Pastor Ken Garazin

#### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen

#### **OFFERING VIDEO/OFFERING PRAYER**

**OFFERING HYMN** Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart LSB 806

Give thanks with a grateful heart,

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"

Give thanks to the Holy One,

Let the poor say "I am rich,"

Give thanks because He's given

Jesus Christ His Son.

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"

Let the poor say "I am rich,"

Give thanks to the Holy One,

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks because He's given

Give thanks, give thanks.

Jesus Christ His Son.

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#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Jesus, King of glory, you entered Jerusalem in humility and meekness. You did not

come to fight armies and set up an earthly kingdom. You came to bring salvation, to suffer and die on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. Jesus,

humble King,

People: Set your cross before us to guide us in humility.

Leader: Jesus, King of glory, during this Holy Week we will follow you as you take up your

path to the cross. We will receive the gift of your body and your blood in your holy

Supper. We will follow you to Gethsemane, and watch with you through your

betrayal, arrest and condemnation. We will see with eyes of faith your humble death

and victorious resurrection. Jesus, humble King,

People: Set your cross before us to guide us in humility.

Leader: Jesus, King of glory, lead us to walk in your steps, in humility and love. Teach us to

put others first, as you put our needs ahead of your own. We want to follow you, our

King, and to pattern our lives after your life. Jesus, humble King,

People: Set your cross before us to guide us in humility.

Leader: Jesus, King of glory, look with mercy on those who are suffering in pain, illness or

grief, and those we name in our hearts. Lead us to help and serve them in love and

to bring to them the hope and comfort found in your Word. Jesus, humble King,

People: Set your cross before us to guide us in humility.

Leader: Jesus, King of glory, you humbled yourself, obedient to your heavenly Father, even to

the point of death on a cross. On the third day after your death, you were raised in exalted glory, as we by faith will one day be raised, to live in your presence forever.

Jesus, humble King,

People: Set your cross before us to guide us in humility. Amen

**HYMN** Jesus, Name Above All Names

Jesus, name above all names Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord Emmanuel, God is with us Blessed Redeemer, Living Word Jesus, name above all names Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord Emmanuel, God is with us Blessed Redeemer, Living Word

#### **▼ SACRAMENT ▼**

#### **PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for in love and compassion You sent Your

Son into our flesh so that He would obediently go, step by step, to the cross,

whereby His glorious death He would accomplish salvation for us. We ask You for His sake to forgive, renew, and strengthen us as we gather now and when we join the faithful at the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory with the Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

## WORDS OF OUR LORD PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until

He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: 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:

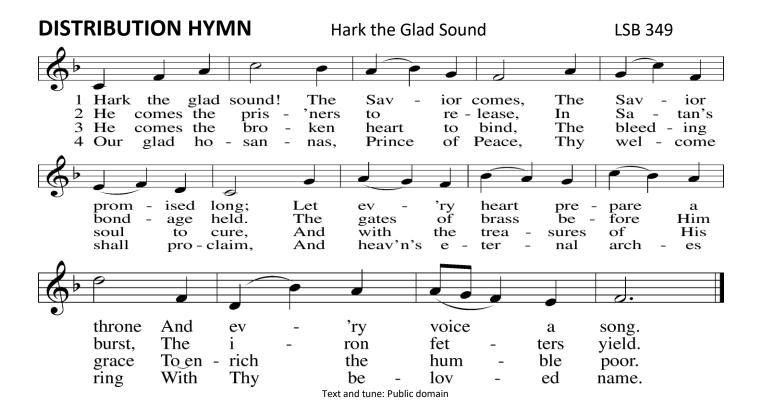
#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

#### PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.



#### **COMMUNION DISMISSAL**

#### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thanks and praise to You, gracious God, for the gift of Your Son's body and blood, by

which we are assured that His victorious death and resurrection mean grace and

every blessing now and into an eternity with You.

People: Strengthen us by this Sacrament that we may serve You constantly in faith and

fervent love;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy

Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

#### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold,

your king is coming to you;

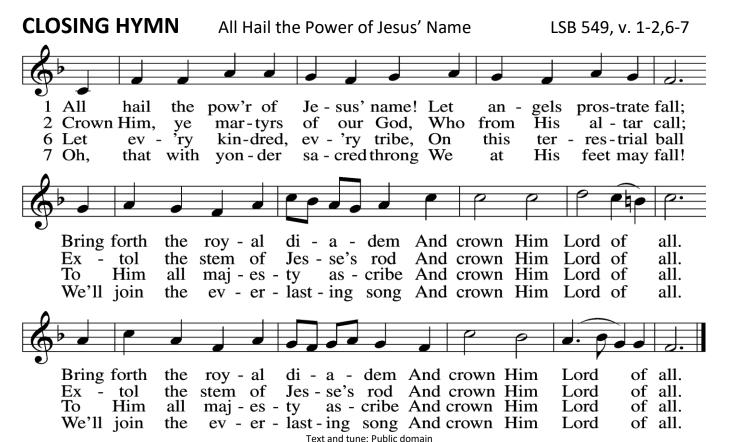
People: Righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt,

the foal of a donkey.

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy

Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.



#### **DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace as you love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE** John Davis

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS</u> - Martin Koepke, Bob Kelley, Dick Clark, Emily Forslin Lauth, Carol Rayner, Robert Tessarolo, Joyce Fenelon, Lori & Logan Gross, Lindy Kowalczyk, Jeanette Franchino, Mary Moyer, John Noffze, Walter Jaskiewicz, Ray Skelley, Shar Wyatt, Loren Beck

Names are kept on the prayer lists for <u>4 weeks</u> unless the office is notified!

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY - Andrea Sager(Rooksberry), Mark Sheridan (Patti Naughton), Darrin Leist (Susan Charles), Celia Cole & Dennis Bryant (Lili Surber), Mary Jane Vetter, Zach Lowe, Kerrie Wallace (Joni Lowe), Tom Malota (Lydia Krueger), Miranda Curiale, Alexis Fosmer (Judy Volker), Toni Hammer (Roland Leypoldt), Elenita Grijalro, Dom Di Crosta family, Ron & Pam Spering (Cindi Kramer), Paul Meyer & Baby Amelia Smiles (Vicki Ross), Jim Daley & Tom Boyea (Vicki Williams), Linda Eversole (Carolyn Ohman), Gina Lauth (Loren Drews), Niels Jorgensen family, Judy Iacono (Meredith Bair), and those we name in our hearts.

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Please review the prayer lists and let us know if we can remove someone. Thank you!

**PRAYERS OF COMFORT -** For the family and friends of Lynne Holmes who passed into eternal life on March 15, 2024.

<u>CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR LYNNE HOLMES</u> — Monday, March 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend.

#### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK - Happy Birthday to you!

Brian Lehner, Connie Wuellner, Ysabel Garland, Wilma Voglino, Jack Mahr, Betty Fry, Tom Strub

ATTENDANCE - SATURDAY: 109 SUNDAY: 147/157 ONLINE: 76 TOTAL: 489

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS** -

March Target: \$98,935 March Actual (3 weeks): \$54,934 (56%)

YTD Target thru March: \$278,185 YTD Actual: \$242,063 (87%)

**EASTER LILY TREE** — If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily (\$20) for the tree in the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday, the sign up sheet on the Ministry desk. Payment by cash/check or on line. **www.marcolutheran.org** 

#### **GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS** - There are 4 ways to give:

ONLINE, BY MAIL, BY PHONE, BY TEXT!

All transactions are secure and confidential. You can make a one-time donation or set-up a regular weekly or monthly donation. If you have difficulty or questions, please email <a href="mailto:financialsec@marcolutheran.org">financialsec@marcolutheran.org</a> You can also place your offerings in the offering boxes that are located at the exits.

<u>PALM CROSSES</u> — Thank you to everybody who helped to make the crosses for today!

**SSSIZZLIN' BBQ EVENT** – Tickets are still available for this FUN event coming up on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. (\$40), which includes a fabulous BBQ meal cooked by award winning restaurant BIG PAPA'S COUNTRY KITCHEN. You can purchase them after church today!

#### THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To the kitchen crew, set up and clean up people, Patti for all the table setting favors, for their time and effort that made the LWML Spring Rally a pleasant experience for the visiting churches. A special "Thank You" to Betsy, Kevin, Vicki, and Larry who pulled the event together. We could not have accomplished it without you.

Flo Hendricks, Women of Marco Lutheran

## - EASTER SERVICES -

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28 @ 5:00 P.M.
GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29 @ 5:00 P.M.
EASTER SUNDAY, MARCO 31 @ 8:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

# Thank You! SERVANTS THIS WEEK

8:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Caroyn Ohman Lay Minister: Denny Johnson

**Communion Assistants:** Jaye Spencer, Judi Vollmer

Head Usher: Bill Kaschube

Ushers: Ron Lisch, Hildegard Carney Transporters: Ron Lisch, Phyllis Johnson

11:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Lucky Lang
Lay Minister: Greg Waltrip

**Communion Assistants:** Diane Waltrip, Lili Surber

Head Usher: Linda Harrison

Ushers: Scott Berner, Annette Bertelson Diane Waltrip, Linda Harrison

#### THANK YOU TO OUR ALTAR GUILD:

Pam Moody, Judi Vollmer, Ellen Donselman, Anne Rozite

## MARCH 24 - APRIL 13, 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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PALM SUNDAY 8:00 & 11:00 WORSHIP  Palm Sunday  4:00 SAILING SOLO	12:30 GENTLE YOGA 2:00 CHAIR YOGA	8:30 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY *6:30 BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP	10:00 WOMEN OF THE WORD 1:00 SIZZLIN' BBQ MEETING 4:00 CHOIR REHEARSAL	10:00 ADULT BIBLE STUDY  12:30 GENTLE YOGA  2:00 CHAIR YOGA  5:00 MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP	9:00 MAHJONG 12:30 BRIDGE 5:00 GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP	
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7 9:30 WORSHIP	8 12:30 GENTLE YOGA 2:00 CHAIR YOGA 4:00 COUNCIL	9 8:30 MENS BIBLE STUDY *6:00 BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP	10:00 WOW BIBLE STUDY 4:00 CHOIR REHEARSAL 5:30 FOUNDATION	11 10:00 ADULT BIBLE STUDY 12:30 GENTLE YOGA 2:00 CHAIR YOGA	12 9:00 MAHJONG 12:30 BRIDGE	13