

# Palm Sunday



**April 1 & 2, 2023**

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**AS WE GATHER** - Today is a very special day. This is true not only because it is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week; today is a very special day because the Word of God is proclaimed in our hearing. In this present hour, in this very house of the Lord, His Word delivers to us the saving work of Jesus. Far from being a detached dispatch from a distant deity, this Word of God is living and active, inspired by the life-giving Spirit who, this very day, brings us to the King who humbled Himself by becoming “obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:8). As we gather again in the presence of our crucified and risen King, may we join with the ancients and say, “This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24).

### PRELUDE

### RINGING OF THE BELLS

### GREETING

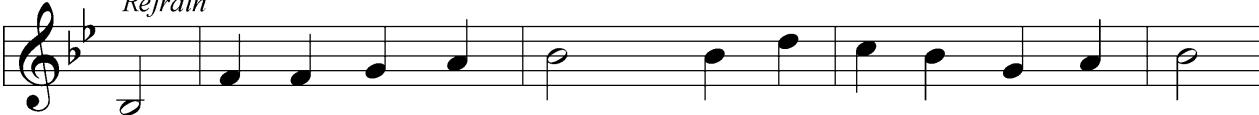
P: Peace be with you,  
C: And also with you.

### OPENING/PROCESSIONAL HYMN


“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

LSB 442 st. 1-3


*Refrain*




All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re-deem - er, King,



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,  
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;



*Refrain*

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.  
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.  
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN: (Sunday) “Love the Lord”

## OPENING/PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

LSB 442 st. 4 & 5

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re-deem - er, King,  
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;  
5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Based on Philippians 2:5–11; Psalm 118:23*

P: Lord Jesus, on this day when we remember Your entry into Jerusalem as King and Savior, we walk with You to Your cross, where Your righteousness is given to all who believe. Search our hearts and minds that we may receive Your Word, share in Your Spirit, and be renewed in our relationships with You and with one another.

*We take a moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.*

P: With humble hearts, let us pray together.

**C: Lord Jesus, the Father's only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray.**

P: You reign over all things and yet humbled Yourself for our salvation.

**C: We confess that our rebellion against You in thought, word, and action is the reason why You entered into this world.**

P: It is why You passed through the gates of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and why You laid down Your life upon Calvary's cross on Good Friday—

**C: to forgive our sins, to redeem our lives, and to cancel the debt we owe to God.**

P: With hearts that are humble and lives that are grateful, help us to receive Your grace and bow before You in worship,

**C: confessing that You alone are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, shows His mercy to us in the sending of His only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords. The One who entered into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday was handed over to death upon the cross so that we may be reconciled to the Father and granted His remission, full and free. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Because of our King's mercy, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

**C: "This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."**

### **Service of the Word**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:24 & 26*

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

**C: We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

P: Lift up your heads, O gates!

**C: And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

P: Who is this King of glory?

**C: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

P: Lift up your heads, O gates!

**C: And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

P: Who is this King of glory?

**C: The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!**

P: This is the day that the LORD has made;

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross.

**C: As You open for us the gates of righteousness, enable us to follow our Savior, walking with Him to His cross and sharing with Him in His resurrection.**

P: We pray this in the name of Him who gives us Your righteousness: Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**                      Isaiah 50:4-9a                      ESV p.726

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. <sup>7</sup>But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a 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 is my adversary? Let him come near to me. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR** (Sunday) “Ain’t no Rock Gonna Shout For Me”

**THE EPISTLE LESSON**                      Philippians 2:5–11                      ESV p.1165

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## CREED “We All Believe in One True God”

LSB 953



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,  
2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,  
3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;  
Who de-scend-ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;  
Who sus - tains and com-forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.  
By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.  
Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

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## THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:12–19

ESV p.1068

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh chapters.

### C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, <sup>15</sup>“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” <sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup>The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

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## SERIES HYMN “One House Abides Unending” (Insert)



1 One house a - bides un - end - ing, One Mas - ter  
2 The wealth of all cre - a - tion We squan - dered  
3 With end - less hun - ger driv - en The grave cried  
4 Ex - change our ash for beau - ty, A - noint our



fears no fall, One Lord pro - vides, at - tend - ing The  
at our birth. The heirs of con - dem - na - tion Sowed  
out for more, But Je - sus Christ has giv - en Safe  
grief with joy; Dear Lord, who paid our du - ty, All



dai - ly want of all. When ru - in would al -  
tears in blight - ed earth. But light, the world's first  
pas - sage through its door: His flow - ing blood our  
grace for us em - ploy. Feed us the sav - ing



lure them Whose one es - tate was need, One Fa - ther  
treasure, The Mas - ter worked a - new In prom - ise,  
rai - ment, The flood to purge our shame; The liv - ing  
man - na Lest on the way we fail And sweet - en



would se - cure them In will, in trust, in deed.  
and in mea - sure No mor - tal eye could view.  
God the pay - ment That buys for us His name.  
our Ho - san - na To ho - ly Eas - ter's hail.

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## SERMON

## PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS & MITES

## OFFERTORY “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and  
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P:** Because of the Spirit's intercession, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

**C:** **"This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."**

**P:** Confident in our Father's mercy, let us come before Him in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, trusting that our prayers will be answered according to His good and gracious will. Gracious Father, we join with the masses of people, past and present, who enter Your gates with thanksgiving and courts with praise as we begin Holy Week. With humility and faith, we walk with our Savior as He journeys to the cross for our salvation. And so we pray:

**C:** **help us to trust in Him.**

**P:** Giver of every blessing, You alone are the One who exchanges the rags of our sin for the robe of Your righteousness. Because of the innocent blood of Christ, offered for us on Calvary's tree, we are granted Your cleansing and pardon. By Your grace alone, we, through faith, receive



the benefits of Jesus' death and resurrection. As we look to our Savior during this week of His passion:

**C: help us to trust in Him.**

P: Your Son is the reason we rejoice this day as we come into Your merciful presence to receive You as You humble Yourself for us, serving us by Your Word and Spirit. With hearts ready to receive and mouths ready to share with others the confession of Your saving name, grant that Jesus be glorified throughout His Church on earth, here among us in this congregation and wherever His Gospel is proclaimed. We ask You, Father:

**C: help us to trust in Him.**

P: Sovereign Lord, all nations will bow down to You on the day of Your glorious return. Until that day of resurrection, we know that You reign over all things in heaven and on earth. Guide the nations of the world to walk in peace and to know the benefits that come from Your hand alone. Bless our local community, our state, and our nation, raising up godly leaders among us and guiding those who lay down their lives for the benefit of their neighbors. As we confess our Savior and King before the world He died to save:

**C: help us to trust in Him.**

P: Restorer of the broken and Physician of both soul and body, look with mercy upon those who are sick, homebound, hospitalized, recovering, or awaiting medical procedures. This day we name before You [*names*], that they may experience Your merciful presence, healing, and comfort in their lives. Commending them and ourselves to Your care, we pray:

**C: help us to trust in Jesus, who died and rose again so we may receive Your righteousness.**

P: We ask for this grace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You, O Father, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Because of the Father's faithfulness, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

**C: "This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."**

## **Service of the Sacrament**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have shown us Your mercy once again this day and have given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ, the humble King who journeys to the cross for our salvation and who calls us to lives that walk with Him by faith. Send Your Holy Spirit to us now that our hearts may be prepared to receive Your good gifts and joyfully remember our Redeemer who comes to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and in the words He has taught us:

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All:** 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.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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P: Because of our Savior's grace, the gates of righteousness are opened to us.

**C:** "This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

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

**C: Amen.**

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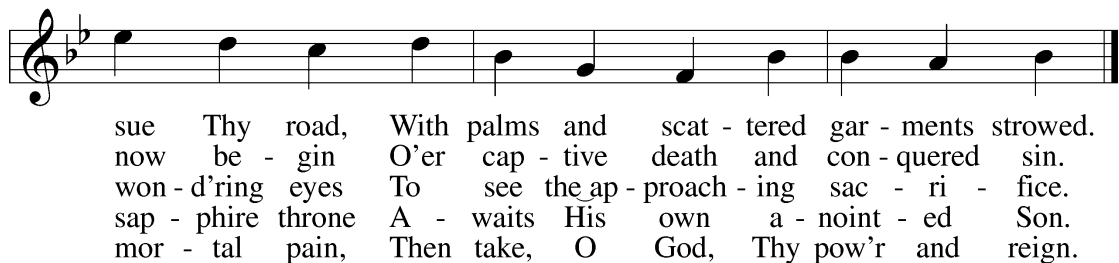
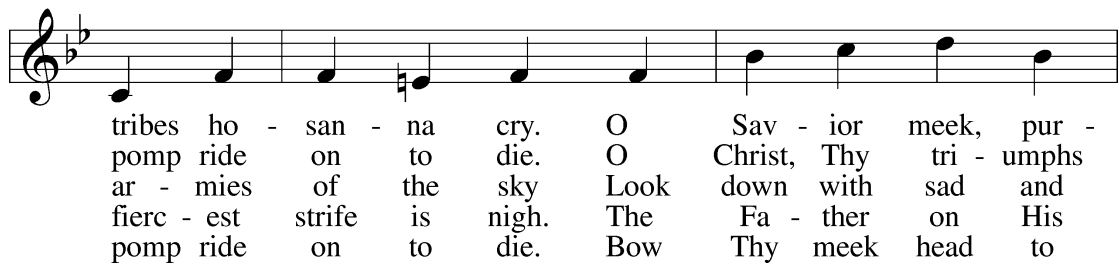
## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

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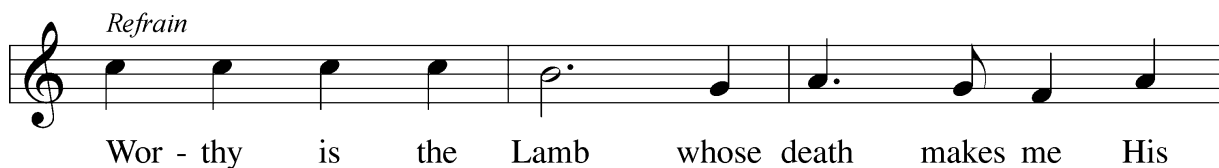
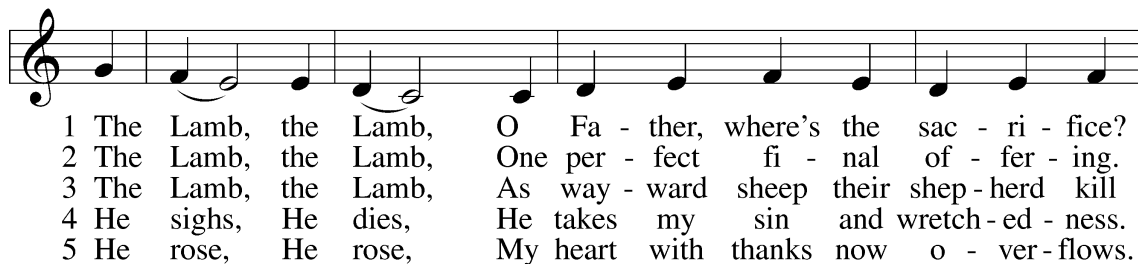
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2	Ride	on,	ride	on	in	maj	-	es	-	ty!	In	low	- ly
3	Ride	on,	ride	on	in	maj	-	es	-	ty!	The	an	- gel
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## "The Lamb"

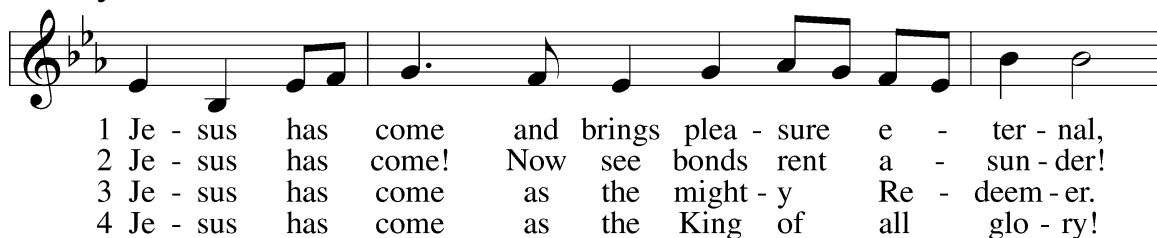
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## "Glory Be to Jesus"

LSB 533





Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;  
Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.  
See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed!  
Heav - en and earth, O de - clare His great pow'r,



God - head, hu - man - i - ty, u - nion su - per - nal,  
See Him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!  
Je - sus breaks down all the walls of death's for - tress,  
Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry;



O great Re - deem - er, You come as our friend!  
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,  
Brings forth the pris - 'ners tri - um - phant, un - harmed.  
Wel - come Him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour!



Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:  
Lifts us from shame to the place of His hon - or.  
Sa - tan, you wick - ed one, own now your mas - ter!  
Pon - der His love! Take the crown He has for you!



Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal!  
Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!  
Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re - deem - er!  
Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

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## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P:** O God the Father, who in love and mercy sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. Strengthen us in the certainty of our Savior's saving work that we may rejoice this day and every day because of the faithful love You have shown to us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN OF DEPARTURE "What Wondrous Love Is This"

LSB 543



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my  
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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## THE SENDING

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C:** Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE(S)

**Welcome to Peace** in the name of the Risen Savior!

**We request that visitors register** by using the Communication cards found in the pew card holders. We ask that you share your name and address so that we can recognize your visit with us. All members are requested to register by using the Communication cards found in the pew card holders. Members, please indicate all family members present and those who took communion, so that the Pastor and Elders can be spiritually accountable for you and your family.

**Are your cell phones turned off?** Cell phones are indeed a great convenience in life these days. However, please, out of courtesy, silence cell phones during the worship service.

Thank you!

**Hearing assist devices and large print bulletins** are available for those who may need them. Please see an Usher or the Elder who will be happy to assist you.

**A Mother's Room is available** for parents of young children if the need arises. The Mother's Room in the west hallway. The worship service is able to be heard in the Mother's Room.



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion

Scripture teaches that Holy Communion is a sacred act, established by Christ Himself and is given to His Church. As members of **The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod**, we hold the doctrine of the Real Presence, in with and under; meaning that Jesus gives His Body and Blood with the bread and wine, as He Himself says, *"This is my body... This is my blood... for the forgiveness of sins."* (Matthew 26:26ff)

The Holy Scriptures also teach us to receive this meal in a way that is responsible and healthy. As overseer, St. Paul wrote- *"let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself"* (1 Cor. 11:28-29). Out of genuine care for God's people we ask that those (1) who have not been baptized and instructed in the faith or (2) who come from another church body, not in altar or pulpit fellowship with us, refrain from receiving Holy Communion.

For those preparing to receive Holy Communion, Luther encourages us to ask ourselves these questions:

Do **I repent** of my sins, desiring to turn away from them, back to the Lord?

Do **I believe** Jesus died and rose for me and gives me His Body and Blood this day "for the forgiveness of sins"?

Do **I intend** to use this means of grace to change my life, following His will and way?

We ask that all who receive the Lord's Supper fill out a "Care Card" and place it in the offering plate. Please note that reduced-alcoholic white wine is available in the center cups of the communion tray.

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**WORSHIP SERVICES:**

Holy Communion Celebrated at all Services  
Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00a.m.

Sunday Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School (Sept. –May) 10:30 a.m.

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