



Palm Sunday
Worship Service
March 24, 2024
9:30 a.m.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

815 East Farm Road 182
Springfield, Missouri 65810

Setting 10

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THEME: *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.*

PRELUDE

Instrumental

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the Highest.

***PROCESSIONAL WITH PALM BRANCHES**

***BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

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.

C Amen.

P The processional Gospel according to the twelfth chapter of John

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL *John 12:12-16

¹²[Five days before the Passover] the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!” ¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: ¹⁵“Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GATHERING HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* *ELW # 344

*(the congregation will assemble in the narthex, and then
process into the sanctuary with palms while singing “All Glory, Laud and Honor”)*

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)*

*Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. (Refrain)*

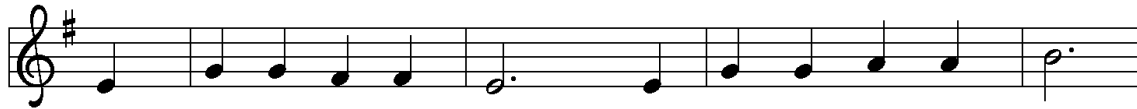
P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is Savior and Lord,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

[A] Everlasting God,

[C] 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.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The 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. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I 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. ⁷The 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; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

[A] Word of God, word of life.

[C] Thanks be to God.

***SECOND READING**

Philippians 2:5-11

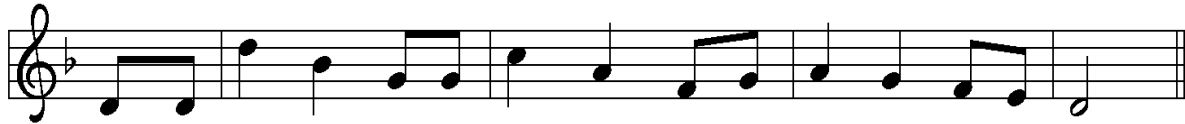
⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

[A] Word of God, word of life.

[C] Thanks be to God.



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

P The Gospel according to fourteenth chapter of Mark

C Glory to you, O Lord.

*GOSPEL READING

Mark 14:1--15:1-47

¹It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; ²for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people." ³While 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." ¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. ¹²On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?" ¹³So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." ¹⁶So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. ¹⁷When it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?"

²⁰He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

²²While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." ²⁶When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' ²⁸But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ²⁹Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." ³⁰Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." ³¹But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same. ³²They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." ³⁵And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." ³⁷He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? ³⁸Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand." ⁴³Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." ⁴⁵So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁴⁶Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. ⁴⁷But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁴⁸Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? ⁴⁹Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." ⁵⁰All of them deserted him and fled. ⁵¹A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, ⁵²but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked. ⁵³They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled.

⁵⁴Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. ⁵⁵Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. ⁵⁶For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, ⁵⁸“We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” ⁵⁹But even on this point their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” ⁶¹But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” ⁶²Jesus said, “I am; and ‘you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,’ and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven.’” ⁶³Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “Why do we still need witnesses? ⁶⁴You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?” All of them condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” The guards also took him over and beat him. ⁶⁶While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. ⁶⁷When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, “You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.” ⁶⁸But he denied it, saying, “I do not know or understand what you are talking about.” And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. ⁶⁹And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” ⁷⁰But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.” ⁷¹But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know this man you are talking about.” ⁷²At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

^{15:1}As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³They shouted back, “Crucify him!” ¹⁴Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him!” ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

²¹They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²²Then 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." ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!" ³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. ³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" ⁴⁰There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. ⁴²When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

Pastor Carl R. Gauck

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross, vs. 1,3,4*

ELW # 335

*1 Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.*

*Refrain In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

*3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. Refrain*

*4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. Refrain*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-THE 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,p;

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 INTERCESSION** *(The response to "Hear us, O God," is "your mercy is great")*

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

[P] The peace of Christ be with you always.

[C] And also with you

MEAL

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY HYMN *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful*

ELW # 182

*Let the Vineyards be Fruitful Lord and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.*

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

[A] God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

[C] Amen.

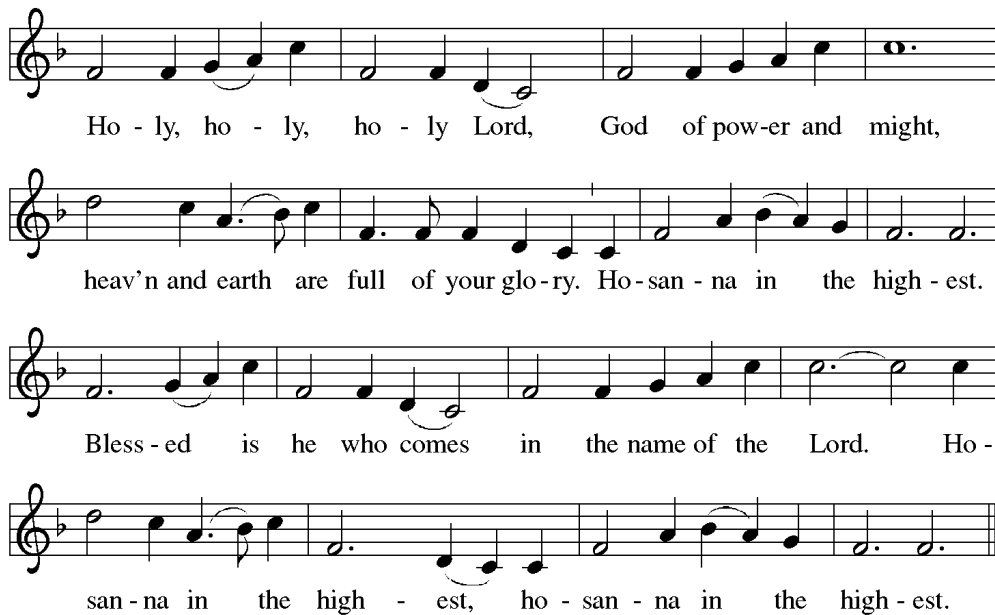
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*SEASONAL SENTENCE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW PAGE 207



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
C 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.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord. We welcome our guests to commune with us today in the faith that Christ is present in this Sacrament. Those who do not commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Gluten free wafer is available upon request. Apple juice is in the center of the tray, or upon request. If you are unable to kneel, please feel free to stand at the communion rail. If you are unable to come forward, please tell an usher and the Holy Supper will be brought to you.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.

P The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*LAMB OF GOD

ELW PAGE 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN

Were You There?

ELW #353



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?

2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?

5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

COMMUNION HYMN*They Crucified My Lord**ELW #35*

- 1 They cru - ci - fied my Lord, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
- 2 They nailed him to a tree, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
- 3 They pierced him in the side, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
- 4 The blood came stream - in' down, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
- 5 He hung his head and died, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;



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the blood came stream - in' down, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
he hung his head and died, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;



not a word, not a word, not a word.

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

[P] The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

[C] Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

[A] Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

[C] Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE***THE BENEDICTION**

[P] The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

[C] Amen.

SENDING HYMNGo to Dark Gethsemane, vs. 1,2 & 3**ELW # 347*

1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - raigned;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

***DISMISSAL**

- P** God has a vision for us through the resurrected Christ!
- C** To be Spirit Led, Love Driven and God's light to the world!
- A** Let the Holy Spirit light our path to the future!
- C** Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

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PRINCE OF PEACE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY OUR VISITORS! As a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we are a community of faith gathered together by the Spirit, fed with the Word and with the Sacraments, and sent to serve in the name of Christ.

PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAYER LIST: Call or email the church office with prayer requests for the congregational prayer list, and/or email prayer group who will also lift up your prayer concerns.

REMINDERS: Please remember to turn off cell phones and/or place them on airplane mode prior to the beginning of worship. Doing so will help improve the internet strength for livestreaming the worship service on Facebook.

FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR AREA are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband Bill by Caroline Wake.



Protein Drive: 40 Days of Lent

We will be collecting foods high in protein for Least of These throughout Lent and ending at Easter.

Foods high in protein are:

- **Canned tuna and salmon**
- **Mac and cheese**
- **Dried beans**
- **Peanut Butter**
- **Nuts**
- **Must be non-perishable**

THANK YOU! Members of the Outreach Team donated 146 pounds of items donated to Least of These Food Pantry Wednesday, February 28 and 46 pounds on March 14! Please keep the donations coming throughout Lent!

CALLING ALL PRINCE OF PEACE VETERANS! We are forming a Veterans monthly breakfast group here at Prince of Peace. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please text Bill Hake at (314) 705-0045 or leave a voice mail (*unfortunately I have my phone set up to not ring if a caller is not in my contacts list to eliminate the Spam calls*). Also, please indicate what day might work for you. This will be a great time for us veterans to share stories and experiences with those that have served. *Bill Hake*



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School for children is on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in "Dani's Room." (No Sunday School Easter Sunday).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Join us 8:15 am on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. (No Sunday School Easter Sunday)



YOUR PHOTOS will be taken in the prayer chapel located on the upper level for the photo board in the Fellowship Hall and for the purpose of an in-house produced photo directory this year. Photos will be taken March 23 before and after worship and Sunday, March 24 following worship through 12:00 pm. Photos will also be taken March 31, Easter Sunday in between the services. No sign-up needed-just come to the prayer chapel! *Dave Jahnke & Chris Hingst, Evangelism*

APRIL NOISY OFFERINGS: April 6 & 7 Noisy Offerings will go to ELCA Rev. Dr. Bradn Buerkle, who currently serves as a Dean for far rural eastern Russia. Our Companion Synod, part of the Central States Synod and chaired by Rev. Gary Teske, also works to offer support of Bradn. Our congregation at POP has maintained a sponsorship of Rev. Dr. Bradn Buerkle through the ELCA Global Mission for over 15+ years.

ALTAR FLOWER CHART: Please check the upper level hallway for the new altar flower sign-up sheet and sign-up to give flowers in 2024! You have the choice of bringing your own flowers, or you can ask the church office to order flowers to be delivered to the church for you for only \$25. If you opt to bring your own flowers, please bring them and place them on the stand adjacent the altar before the Saturday Evening Worship Service at 5 pm. Thanks!

CARE RIDES: Need a ride to church, church events, doctor appointments, picking up medication, and/or grocery shopping, etc.? The Congregational Care Team can help! We do need sufficient notice and a specific time frame to schedule. If you need this service or want to volunteer with this ministry, please call Sue Bergeson at 641-750-1144. If she does not answer, please leave a message and she will return the call. *Thank you and God's Blessings, Your Congregational Care Team*

FOOD PANTRY: A reminder POP has a Food Pantry located in the lower level of the building. The pantry is located in the cabinets in the last classroom on the right before you exit to the lower level parking lot. Bags are located on the wooden table and basic pantry items are included. If you would like to donate to the pantry, you can leave your donations in the same room on the table, or in the cry room on the table. Diane Washburn and Kathy Corwin routinely go through the donations within the pantry and remove items that have aged and slipped out of date. *Outreach Team*

CHURCH CALENDAR ONLINE: Remember to check out the church calendar online for the most up to date information on what is happening here at Prince of Peace by visiting our church web page at www.pop-elca.net! Additionally, please remember to inform the church office when meeting dates are determined so the meetings can be added to the church calendar.

FLOWERS TO ADORN THE CROSS ON EASTER MORNING: Remember to bring flowers with you on Easter Sunday to place on the wooden cross in the Memorial Garden before the Worship Service.

FLOWERS TO ADORN THE CHURCH AT EASTER: Sign up in the narthex to give flowers to adorn the church on Easter Sunday! Lilies are \$9 each; hyacinths and tulips are \$8 each. Drop check in the offering plate or leave in Susan Stelford's mail slot.



PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES with a Palm Processional and Holy Communion on Saturday, March 23 at 5:00 pm and Sunday, March 24 at 9:30 am.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION will be Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 pm.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE will be Friday, March 29 at 7:00 pm.

NO SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP March 30.



EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES WITH HOLY COMMUNION will be at 8:00 am and 10:30 am on Sunday, March 31 with an Easter breakfast and Egg Hunt for children in between the worship services.



Please sign up on the sheet located in the narthex to bring an Easter breakfast casserole or breakfast food! Thanks! Fellowship Team

SERVANTS OF THE LORD: If you are unable to serve on a Sunday for a job assignment, please find a replacement on your own. You may then call the church office with changes.
Patty Killian

Easter Sunday, March 31st	8:00 am Worship Service	10:30 am Worship Service
Acolyte	Avilene Reece	Bryce Messner
Alleluia Bearer	Jeremy Stelford	Raelinn Baker
Worship Asst.	Tammy Jahnke	Brandon Messner
Greeter	Patricia Van Aken	Peggy McCabe
Ushers	Barry Killian & Dave Jahnke	Ross Jahn & Bill Ernst
Organist	Donna Mohr	Donna Mohr
Children's Message	Pastor Carl Gauck	Pastor Carl Gauck
Communion Set-Up	Patty Killian	Patty Killian
Easter breakfast in between services	Fellowship Team	Fellowship Team

Saturday	March 23	April 6	April 13	April 20	April 27
Acolyte	Bentley Messner	Raelinn Baker	Bryce Messner	Bentley Messner	Raelinn Baker
Worship Asst.	Gayle Bell	Brandon Messner	Rick Lewis	Gayle Bell	Brandon Messner
Greeter	Peggy McCabe	Volunteer Needed	Peggy McCabe	Volunteer needed	Peggy McCabe
Children's Message	Palm Sunday	Chris Hingst	Gail Ernst	Angie Messner	TBD
Sunday	March 24	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Acolyte	Lila Teaster	Lila Teaster	Elijah Otzelberger	Bella Guillen	Oliver Kavanagh
Worship Assistant	Caroline Wake	Julie Karlson	Brandon Otzelberger	Brett Onstott	Dave Jahnke
Greeter	Mark & Pam Duneman	Jim & Carol Kerns	Kathy Corwin	Patricia Van Aken	Kent & Leania Carter
Usher	Ross Jahn	Joel Karlson	Herb Peterson	Ross Jahn	Bill Ernst
Hosts	Dale & Sue Wilford	Greg Verheyen & Jackie Higgins	Brad Beattie & Gina Steffins	Bill & Gail Ernst	Mark & Pam Duneman
Children's Message	Palm Sunday	Chris Hingst	Gail Ernst	Angie Messner	TBD
Communion Set-Up	Patty Killian	Samantha Otzelberger	Samantha Otzelberger	Samantha Otzelberger	Samantha Otzelberger
Tellers	Dave & Tammy Jahnke	Susan Stelford & Ross Jahn	Kathy Teaster & Paula Kavanagh	Kathy Corwin & Cherie Guillen	Dave & Tammy Jahnke

Our Prayers This Week (Updated as of 3/21/2024)

When a prayer request is given to the church office the names are included on the prayer list for three weeks and then removed. Sometimes it is requested for names to remain on our prayer list longer than three weeks. We are asking for your help to keep our congregational prayer list current by incorporating a new section called "Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving." Please let us know when someone's health and/or situation has improved, and they will be placed in the new section for three weeks and then removed. This revision will provide all of us the collective opportunity to pray for all current needs as well as give prayers of praise and thanksgiving to God.

We pray for: *The congregations and ministries of the Central States Synod and for our companion Synod in Russia and Papua New Guinea; Russian Bishop Alexander Scheiermann. Pr. Alexander Lapochenko and the congregation of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Arsenyev, Russia, for the leaders of Russia and its neighbors; for the church in Russia. Prayers for Rev. Bradn Buerkle, Natasha and sons Matvey, Martin, & Lukas and mother in law Alla; St. Paul Lutheran, Pastor Vitaly Mohr, Pastor Manfred Brockmann, and all who seek to spread God's mercy in word and deed.*

We pray for POP members: Paul Potthoff, Jenny Mattison, Butch & Donna Hayden, Andy Derr, Guy Kolie. Preston Kolie, Darrel Arnold, Les & Julie Rohr, Rick Lewis, Jim and Sherry Smith, Becky Skare, Peggy McCabe; Dave and Tammy Jahnke, Cherie Guillen, Joan Harrell, Jerry Van Aken, Jan & Pr. Carl Gauck.

We pray for loved ones and friends: { "◀" indicates a continuing prayer request }

Ronnie Bell (daughter in law of Amos & Gayle Bell) ◀

Anna Fisher and family, daughter of Amos & Gayle ◀

Jackie Milan, (health concerns) and **Tammy Milan** (breast cancer) Friend of Amos and Gayle Bell. ◀

Rita Wirtz and daughter Tammy; both are battling breast cancer. Friends of Gayle and Amos Bell ◀

Susan Griffiths, chronic health concerns; friend of Angie Messner ◀

Jan McCoy, battling cancer ◀

Chris Artis Johnson, daughter of Jan Artis ◀

Norman Beaver, cousin of Gayle Bell, health concerns ◀

Oliver Jones, struggling with autism. Grandson of Chuck & Sherry Jones ◀

Bev Hall, aunt of Angie Messner, who has MS ◀

Sandra Doudna and Carolyn Allen, sisters of Herb Peterson who have serious health conditions ◀

Eleanor Lambert, mother of Mike Lambert; **Mark Butcher**, who has cancer and **Jeffrey Roberts**, friend who has severe medical issues -friends of Mike Lambert ◀

Peter Harootunian & parents Jack & Kathy (Jack & Kathy are neighbors of Diane Washburn- Peter has been missing since 5/15/2022) ◀

Terry Broderick, younger brother of Tammy Jahnke. ◀

Suzanne Day, daughter of former POP member Albina Born who has serious health concerns post accident ◀

Doug & Tina Reynolds, Doug is the son-in-law of Amos & Gayle ◀

Terry McDonough, good friend of Gail Ernst, who lives in St. Louis and struggling with Parkinsons Disease ◀

Simon, grandson of Amos and Gayle Bell – health issues ◀

Wallis McCraw, wife of Diane Washburn's cousin, medical issues ◀

Amanda, friend of Tina Bell Reynolds, prayers for support and strength as she grieves the loss of her daughter who died in a car accident (submitted by Gayle and Amos Bell) ◀

Prayers for Jean Sommer, friend of Sarah Derr, and family-Jean is receiving a new kidney! ◀

Becky and husband Steve, friends of Sarah Derr - Steve is on hospice due to idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

Andy Love, friend of Amos & Gayle Bell

Linda Lynch, her husband Mark, & family. Mark who has lung cancer & is dealing with a lot of fluid retention. They hospitalized him 9/19 to monitor the rate of fluid retention and try to slow it. Linda is a friend of Sarah. ◀

Lisa Martin, daughter of Herb Peterson's cousin who lost both of her legs to diabetes (10/12)

Linda Newman, 42 year old daughter of a friend of Diane Washburn who has 3 bad heart valves and in need of a heart transplant (10/14)

Janet Lumby, submitted by Barb Gielow (11/1) ◀

Hank Washburn, brother of Diane, Parkinsons stage IV ◀

Jan Dietrich, stage 4 terminal cancer-friend of Bill and Gail Ernst (1/2)

for local county jail inmates, their families and dear ones, as well as the victims

for local county jail staff and their families and dear ones

John McCabe, son of Peggy McCabe, who has upper back, left shoulder and neck injuries from an off-shore incident in December

The family and friends of the student at Sentinel High School who was killed in a car accident in MT the weekend of January 13/14 and who was a student of Michael Jahnke's

Stephanie Kissel, niece of Sharlene Snyder, who is 50 years old, recently diagnosed with terminal ovarian cancer and is in hospice care (2/4)

Trisha Lambert as she recovers from knee replacement surgery 2/5

Jan Gauck, recovery from surgery Wednesday February 14

Brenda Perkins, friend of Diane Washburn, who is undergoing chemotherapy for leukemia (2/27)

Trent Mohr & family, son of Ronald & Donna Mohr, who underwent emergency surgery in Iowa

Tim McGraw, cousin of Diane Washburn, upcoming surgery on March 28 (3/18)

Albina Born, pneumonia (3/19)

We pray for those who grieve:

The family of Randy Hendry, nephew of Jenny Mattison, who passed March 21 in Wichita, KS

PRINCE OF PEACE CALENDAR

Saturday, March 23	9:00 am	Ozark Mtn. Gem & Mineral Society (<i>Rock Room</i>)
	2:00 pm	CHILDREN'S EASTER FESTIVAL! (<i>north parking lot area</i>)
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service with Holy Communion and Palm Processional led by Pr. Carl Gauck
Sunday, March 24	8:15 am	Adult Sunday School (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion and Palm Processional led by Pr. Carl Gauck
	10:30 am	Fellowship with coffee & snacks (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
Monday, March 25	10:30 am	Children's Sunday School (<i>Dani's Room</i>)
	6:00 pm	Ozark Mtn. Gem & Mineral Society Club Meeting (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	6:30 pm	Monday Evening Bible Study (<i>Library</i>)
Tuesday, March 26	1:00 pm	Congregational Care Team Project (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	6:30 pm	Monday Evening Bible Study (<i>Library</i>)
Wednesday, March 27	10:00 am	Pericope Team Study (<i>ZOOM</i>) <i>No Lent Midweek Meal and/or Worship Service tonight</i>
Thursday, March 28	9:00 am	Sewing & Crafting Day at the church (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
Friday, March 29	7:00 pm	Good Friday Worship Service led by Pr. Carl Gauck
Saturday, March 30		<i>NO Saturday Evening Worship Service tonight</i>
Sunday, March 31	8:00 am	Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck
	9:00 am	Easter Breakfast (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	9:30 am	Easter Egg Hunt for Children!
	10:30 am	Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pr. Carl Gauck

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES!

- 1) Place your offering in the offering plate located at the back of the church either before or after the worship service;
- 2) Mail your offering to the church at 815 E. Farm Road 182, Springfield, MO 65810;
- 3) Give electronically by downloading the "VANCO MOBILE" app on your telephone or tablet via Google Play or the App Store; select **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Springfield, MO** and give at your convenience;
- 4) Go to pop-elca.net home page, scroll to the bottom of the page where you will see the opportunity to give online;
- 5) Scan the QR code to the right. Once scanned with a QR reader on your phone or tablet, it will immediately take you to where you can give your offering through the "VANCO MOBILE" app.



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Prayers of Intercession for March 23 and 24, 2024

A Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

A Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Establish peace and justice among the nations. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill, remembering this day especially all who are on our congregation's prayer list, on our hearts and on our minds. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Give energy and joy to our pastor/s, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God.

A Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life. (*We give thanks for the courage of Oscar Arnulfo Romero, bishop and martyr, whom we commemorate today.*)

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**