



Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

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PALM SUNDAY



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Maundy Thursday

April 2

7pm Worship

Prayer Vigil

April 2, 8pm through April 3, 6pm - Sanctuary Only

Good Friday

April 3

Stations of the Cross - 12pm - Sanctuary Only

Tenebrae Service - 7pm

Easter Vigil with Displaying of Luminaries

April 4 at 7pm

Easter Sunday Worship Service

April 5 at 10am

All Service are in person and on Zoom unless otherwise noted.

Welcome to Church of the Savior – Lutheran:

We are a community of believers, seekers, and doubters. We affirm all of God's people just as they are. We are a welcoming and inclusive community that does not require you to change in any way to worship with us.

We strive to make love grow both in our congregational life and in our nursery school. We recognize all the love we have is given to us from the Holy Spirit, we are but reflections of God's love. One of the ways we make love grow is by being accepting and existing the way Jesus taught us; living in harmony together no matter one's race, nationality, or gender. We strive to create and ensure the safest and most loving environment for everyone. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

With Regard to Holy Communion:

We celebrate Holy Communion nearly every week at Church of the Savior. Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in bread and wine. "This is my body given for you... This is my blood shed for you." We believe those words to be true. Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. When we receive the bread and wine of this meal, we receive his body and blood "in, with, and under the forms" of the consecrated bread and wine. All of God's beautiful children are welcome to our Lord's table — it's our Lord's table, after all, and all are invited. Let's be clear — it is not "my" table, or "our" table or a "Lutheran" table. It is our Lord's table, and he sends out the invitations — to everyone under the sun. This includes you to come forward just as are.

For the bread we provide two types of host, with gluten and without. If you would like gluten free let Pastor Paul know when you come forward. We offer both red wine and white grape juice.

To the Parents of Children:

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

Explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, and the people who make worship happen. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in their house of worship. The presence of your child is a gift to Church of the Savior. We are blessed to welcome and worship with our children. We know that it took a lot of work to get to this pew today; you are doing a really good job!

GREETING

Pastor: We gather in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

People: We gather to worship Jesus, our Lord and King!

Pastor: We gather to experience God's story of love for all people!

People: We gather to be forgiven and sent in Jesus' name!

Pastor: Blessed is he comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna to the Son of David!

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray in unison:

People: Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



THE PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus enters Jerusalem

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² 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. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵ "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."

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ 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!"

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

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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 are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

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



GREETING

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

HOSANNA!

BILL VOLLINGER 2026

Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na in the high-est!

The first system of music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a piano accompaniment with a steady bass line and a vocal line that begins with a rest followed by the lyrics. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes.

Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na! Ho-san-na in the high-est!

The second system continues the melody from the first system, maintaining the same piano accompaniment and vocal line structure.

Bles-sed is He! Bles-sed is He!

The third system introduces the lyrics 'Bles-sed is He!'. The piano accompaniment features a prominent bass line with quarter notes and eighth notes. The vocal line has a rest in the first measure followed by the lyrics.

Bles-sed is He who comes in the name of the

The fourth system continues the lyrics 'Bles-sed is He who comes in the name of the'. The piano accompaniment and vocal line follow the same rhythmic pattern as the previous systems.

Lord! Bles - sed is He! Bles-sed is He!

The fifth system continues the lyrics 'Lord! Bles - sed is He! Bles-sed is He!'. The piano accompaniment and vocal line maintain the established musical structure.

Bles-sed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The sixth and final system concludes the piece with the lyrics 'Bles-sed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'. The piano accompaniment and vocal line end with a double bar line and repeat dots.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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?

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;**

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.**

¹⁵My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."**

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,
⁷but 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.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

HYMN OF THE DAY: Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.
 Music: THE KING'S MAJESTY, Graham George, 1912–1993
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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff has a melody with a slur over the first four notes. The second staff continues the melody with a slur over the last four notes. The third staff continues the melody. Chords are indicated above and below the notes. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with the first line corresponding to the first staff and the last line to the third staff.

Em Am C Am B Em

1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

G A B Em G C D G/D

tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring
 pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal

Am G F G Am C D E

sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.
 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

HOMILY: Pastor Paul

GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14—27:66 *The Passion of the Lord*



CONFESSION OF FAITH - 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, 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.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Response: Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC: Children's Choir: "Hosanna!"

OFFERING



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643 Forest Avenue - Paramus, NJ 07652 OR Use the
QR code on right for your offertory giving.**



Eb Cm Ab Bb Eb Eb Cm F7
 Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir-it with-

Bbsus Bb Fm/Bb Bb Fm Bb Gmaj Am G/B
 in me. Cast me not a - way from Your pre-sence, and take not Your

Cm F7 Bb2 Bb Fm/Bb Eb/Bb Bb Eb/Bb
 Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un-to me the joy of Your sal-

Ab Bb Eb7 Ab Fm Bb Ebsus Eb Ab Eb
 va - tion; and up - hold me with Your free Spir-it. A - men.



ALL: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

F Am G7 C F G7 C

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

F Am G7 C F Dm

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Bb G7 C F Gm

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

F/A G7/B C Ab Bb Dm7 G C

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

....proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer

People: Amen



THE LORD'S PRAYER

F Bb G7 C

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

Dm G C F Bb G7

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

C Dm G C F Am Bb

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

Eb Ab Bb Dm G7 C

sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION



COMMUNION HYMN: For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion

from the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

♩ = 120

G C G/B

For the sake of His sor-row-ful pas - sion,

F/A C/G G sus 10x

— have mer - cy on us and on the whole world.

COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace! **Amen.**



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

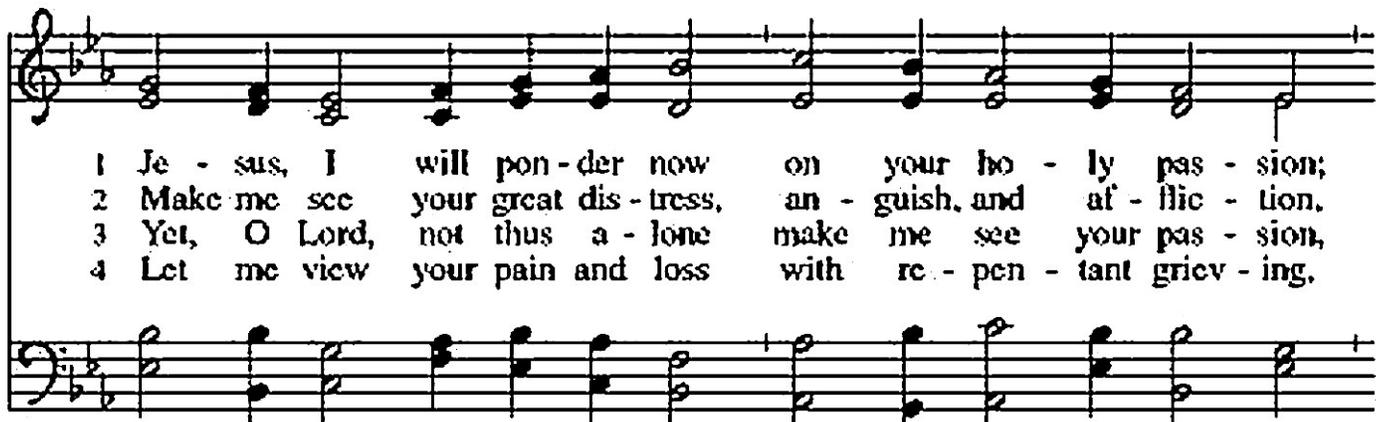
God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

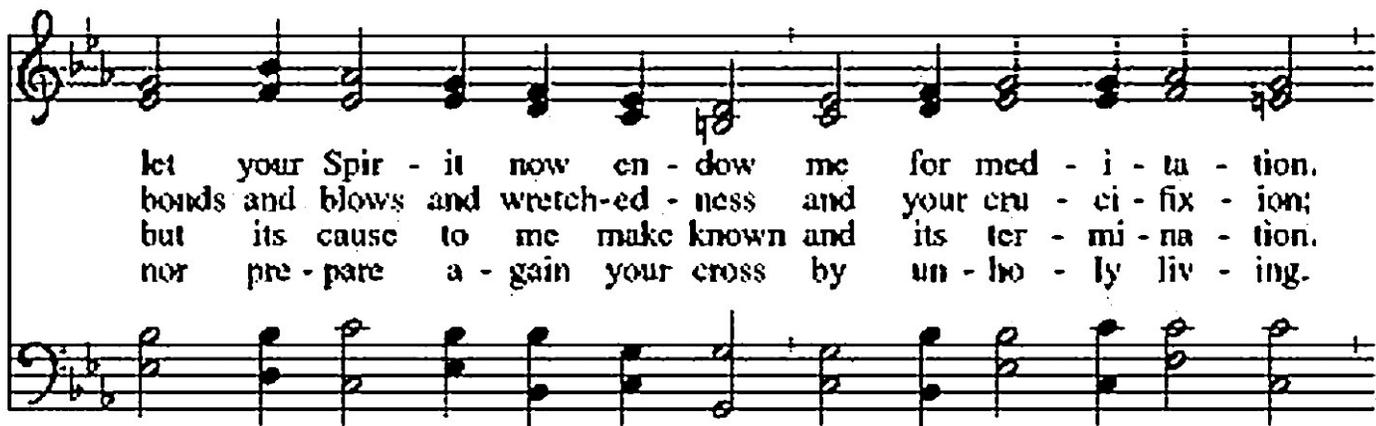
BENEDICTION

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Jesus, I will Ponder Now



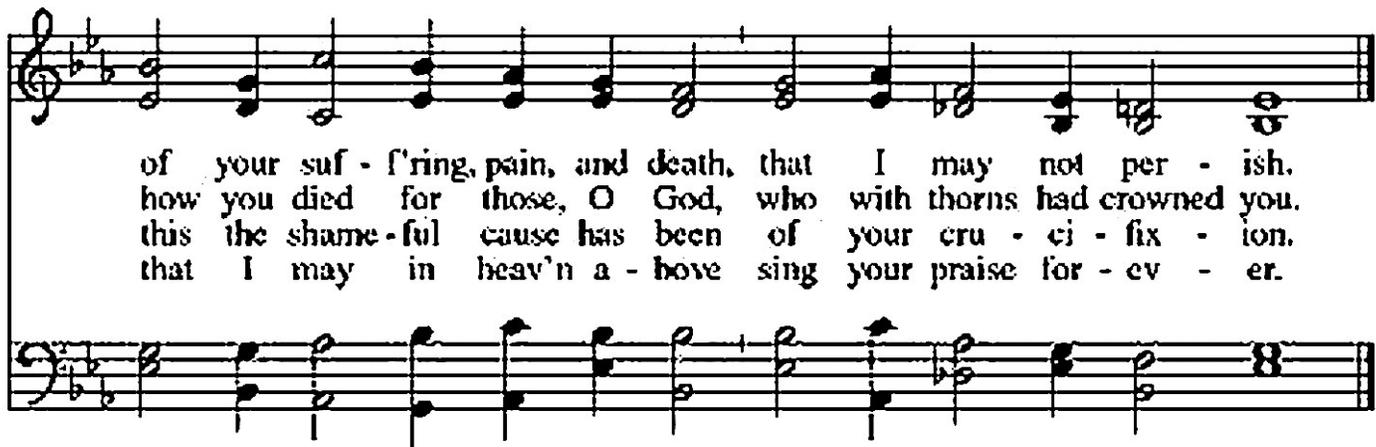
1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,
4 Let me view your pain and loss with re - pen - tant griev - ing,



let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion,
bonds and blows and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;
but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion,
nor pre - pare a - gain your cross by un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,
For I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior.



of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.
how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.
this the shame - ful cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.
that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news .

Thanks be to God!





SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Mar 29 Palm Sun	Wendy McFarland	Laurie Feingold	Ed Moderacki
Apr 2 Maundy Thur	Christophe Moderacki	Susan Conrad	Ed Moderacki
Apr 3 Good Fri			Antoinette Walder
Apr 4 Easter Vigil	Dave Johnsrud	Laurie Feingold	Rick Henly
Apr 5 Easter Sunday	Sally Leara	Vicki Coyle	Ed Moderacki
Apr 12	Ed Moderacki	Maggie Harrer	Rick Henly

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr 1 Lenten Service: 7pm
- Apr 2 Maundy Thursday: 7pm Worship
Prayer Vigil: 8pm-12am
- Apr 3 Stations of the Cross: 12pm
Prayer Vigil: 2am-6pm
Good Friday: Tenebrae Service: 7pm Worship
Church Office Closed
- Apr 3, 6-10 School Closed Spring Break
- Apr 4 Men's Breakfast
Easter Vigil: 7pm
- Apr 5 Easter Sunday
- Apr 6 Easter Monday Church Closed
- Apr 12 Snack Pack Event

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