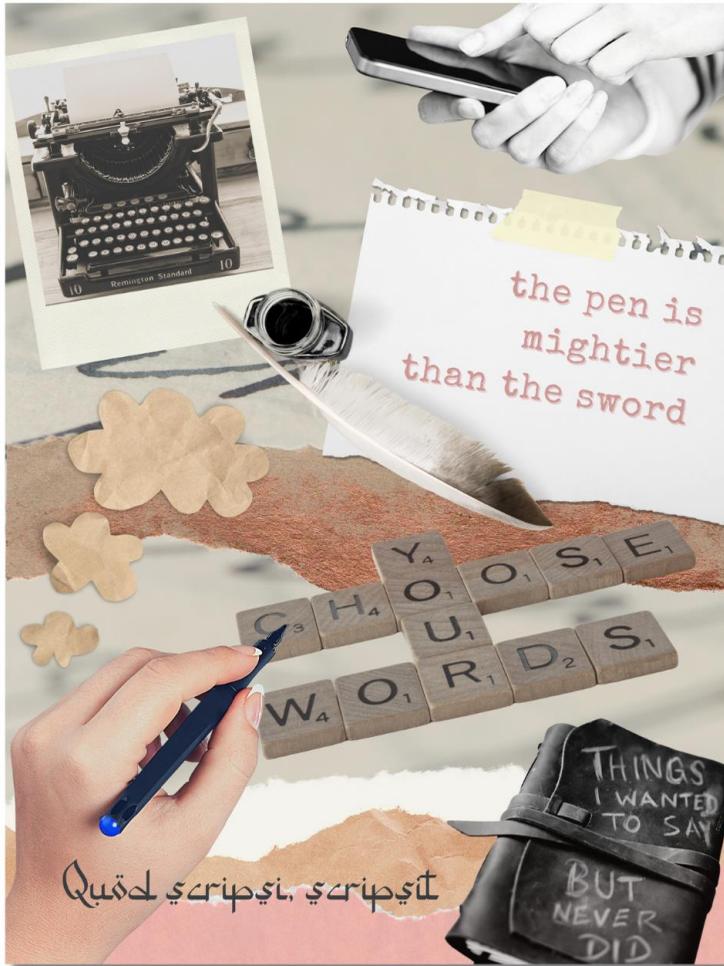


# PALM / PASSION SUNDAY

April 10, 2022



**John 19:16b-22 - The Crucified Messiah**  
Artwork by Cindy Fellows, "What I Have Written"

WOVEN IN GRACE



MUHLENBERG  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Palm / Passion Sunday ~ APRIL 10, 2022

## WELCOME

We welcome you in the name of Christ. **We love welcoming guests/visitors** and encourage you to complete one of the blue cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering basket, or **scan this QR Code** with your smart phone to complete the visitor card digitally. We have a gift for you at our Welcome Desk – please stop by after worship. You are invited to join in all parts of worship. Everything you need is printed in this worship booklet. All who desire to receive Holy Communion are welcome at the table. If you do not wish to receive, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing! For instructions on how to receive the bread and wine, see the Communion section later in this booklet. Portions of worship in bold print are to be spoken by the whole congregation. We stand for portions of our worship service. **Please feel free to remain seated, if you prefer.**



## HEALTH AND SAFETY

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, wearing a mask was one of the most fundamental signs of love we shared with our community to protect one another. As COVID rates have declined, the CDC has developed new guidelines. When both Harrisonburg City and Rockingham County are “green” or “yellow,” based on CDC guidelines/metrics, **masks will be optional but welcome.** If either the city or county are “orange,” we will go back to mandatory masking.

## OUR WORSHIP

Our worship is rooted in the ancient pattern of the church – gathering, word, meal, sending. The shape of this liturgy and much of the actual words/prayers come directly from scripture. Though we make seasonal shifts, the constancy of our worship reflects God’s constant love and promises through forgiveness, scripture, and the sacraments of baptism and communion. Following this liturgical pattern, as well as the Narrative Lectionary (a four-year cycle of scripture readings in biblical order), we are connected through our worship with Christians around the world and throughout time. *For details, see “About Our Worship” on the last page.*

**Worship will be live-streamed at 11:00 am.** Digital ministry is an essential part of our community with the Wellstream service at 11:00 am allowing those at home to worship alongside our gathered community for a service of Holy Communion. The cameras will be primarily focused on our worship leaders and offer some wide-angle views of the sanctuary. If you have questions or concerns about appearing on camera, contact Pastor Alex or Communication Minister Christian Perritt ([perritt@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:perritt@muhlenberglutheran.org)).

## OTHER NOTES

- **Amplification devices** for the hearing impaired are available from ushers or at the Welcome Desk.
- A **restroom** is located at the north end of the Gathering Area (additional restrooms downstairs).

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# WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

## PROCESSION WITH PALMS

*We come from our homes, our labor, our struggles, and our joys – which we share in fellowship as a Christian community. We are gathered together as God’s people to worship. In this first part of our worship, we share together honestly – our sins in confession, our joy in forgiveness.*

### WORSHIPERS ASSEMBLE IN THE GATHERING AREA

*(Worshippers seated in the Sanctuary turn to face the procession.)*

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### ACCLAMATION

*The presiding minister addresses the congregation.*

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL ~ John 12:12-27

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### BLESSING OF THE PALMS

*All may raise their palm branches for the blessing and the processional hymn.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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 and those who carry them. 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. **Amen.**

## PROCESSION WITH THE PALMS

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

*The assembly follows the ministers into the church waving palm branches.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

VALET WILL ICH DIR G

### 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.

## GREETING

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! **Hosanna in the highest!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of honor and celebration, together we cry, “Hosanna!” to your son, who rode willingly and bravely into Jerusalem. Hear us as we celebrate your anointed one, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

(We sit)

## ANTHEM OF PRAISE

*Hosanna, Hosanna!* (arr. M. Covington, 2015)

8:30 Celebration Singers

11:00 Sanctuary Choir

## WORD

*The first half of our liturgy focuses on the Word of God through the reading of scripture and preaching. The pattern of reading, singing, reading, singing is an ancient one, which comes from Christianity's roots in Jewish synagogue worship.*

### PSALM 24 *read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>2</sup>**For the LORD has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.**

<sup>3</sup>Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,  
and who may stand in God's holy place?

<sup>4</sup>**Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,  
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

<sup>5</sup>They shall receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

<sup>6</sup>**Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>8</sup>**Who is this King of glory?**

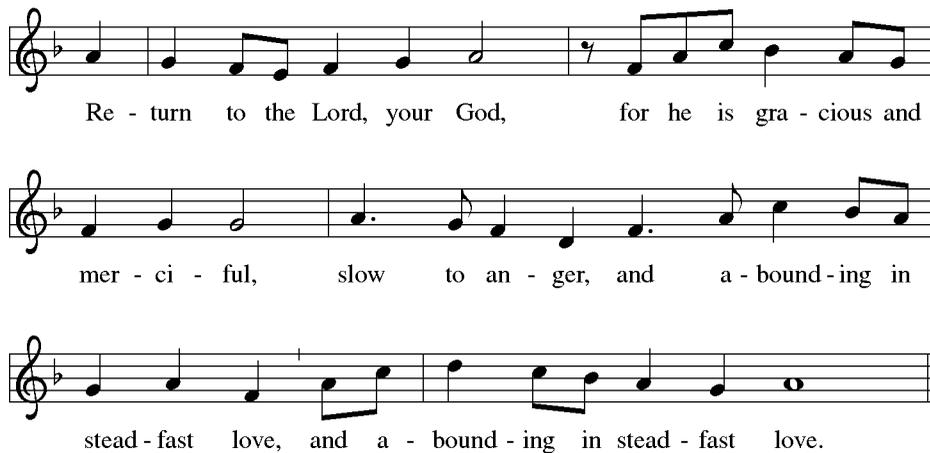
**The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>10</sup>**Who is this King of glory?**

**Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL ~ John 19:16b-22

The Holy Gospel according to ... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; <sup>17</sup>and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. <sup>19</sup>Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

*After the reading:*

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Lauren Eanes

*Silence for reflection follows.*

(We stand)

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### At the Name of Jesus



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,  
2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,  
3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name  
4 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due  
5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him king of glo - ry now.  
all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,  
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,  
all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true.  
on the clouds of glo - ry, with his an - gel train;



It is God's good plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,  
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last;  
Crown him as your cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;  
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.  
brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.  
let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.  
and our hearts con - fess him king of glo - ry now.

## APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith:

**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.**

## PRAYERS

*After each petition:*

. . . Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*The lay assisting minister concludes the prayers:*

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

*Have a prayer concern to share? Forms are available in the back cover of each hymnal.*

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: "**Peace be with you.**"

(We sit)

# MEAL

In the second half of our liturgy, we gather around the table, following Jesus' invitation. Here in this meal we encounter the risen Lord who gives himself for the forgiveness of sins and strengthening the Body of Christ.

## OFFERING

8:30 *Just As I Am, I Come* (arr. M. McDonald, 2013)

11:00 *How Beautiful* (arr. J. Raney, 2008)

Vocal Duet  
Flute & Piano

(We stand)

**OFFERING SONG** we sing verse 1

## God Loved the World



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



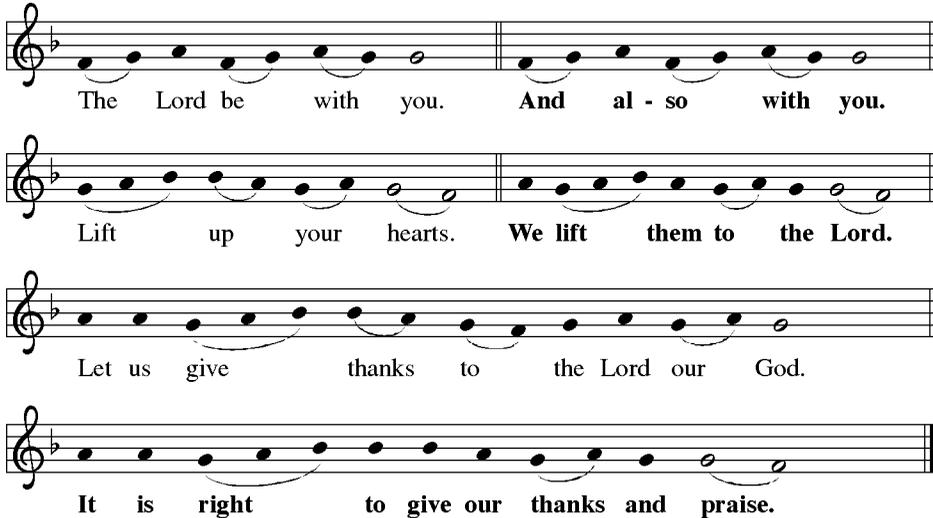
him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

## OFFERING PRAYER

Faithful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

(11:00 am only) Welcome, everyone. As always, Jesus invites all of us to the table for Holy Communion, but today is a special day! Some of our community completed instruction throughout the season of Lent about what Holy Communion means and today we will celebrate and affirm their place at the table. Some have already joined in communion at this table, and some will be celebrating the meal for the first time today, but the welcome place for all God's children is worth celebrating today and every day!



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one long measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one long measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'.

It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

O God, the Great Sewer—who wove creation into being, and us together in community through a common thread of grace—you cut the ties of bondage for Israel, and wove a new way of freedom and hope.

O Holy Spirit—who hems us in before and behind—you catch us when we fall and write us into God’s holy narrative.

O Christ Jesus—who loved and claimed the people society had thrown out, refusing to disregard anyone as scrap or useless threads—he gathered his disciples one last time on the night of his betrayal. On that night our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Like a holy loom, each time we gather around this table, God weaves part of God’s self into the fiber of our being, restoring us in grace and reminding us that we are worthy of love and belonging.

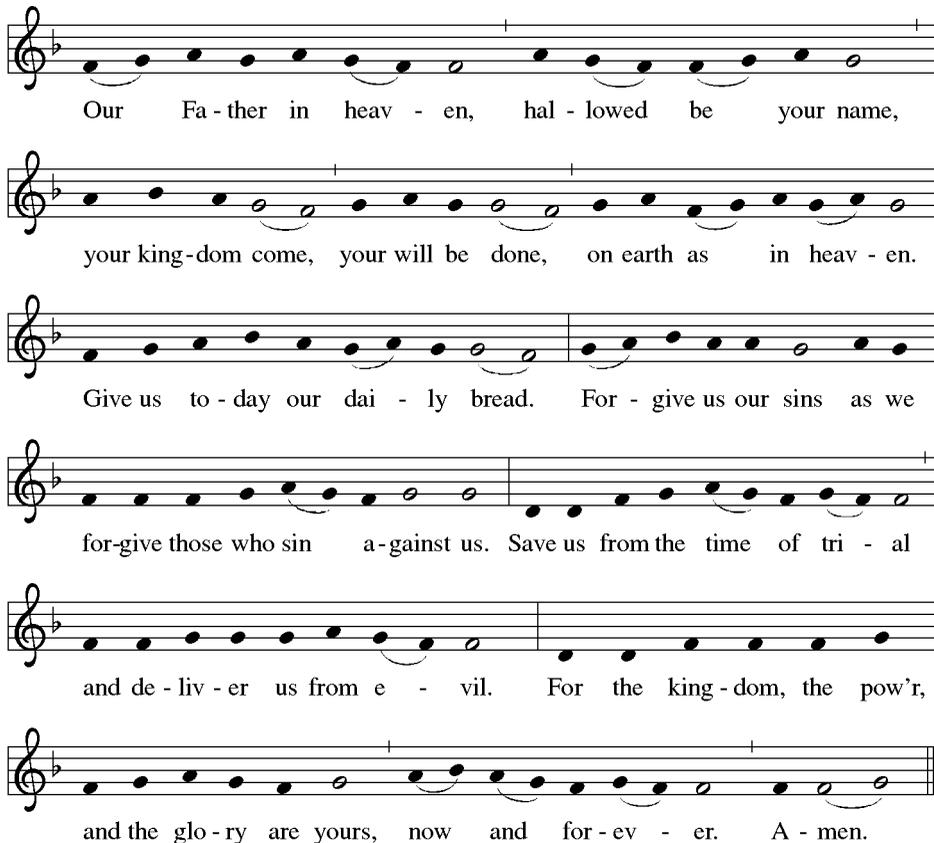
Sew your spirit among us through this meal, O God, and raise up your Church, that like a quilt of different fabrics, we might become a vibrant reflection of your diverse and beautiful creation. Enliven us by this bread and wine that we may be sent with a common thread of grace to patch and hem the threadbare places of our world.

To you O God, seamstress of a new creation, we raise all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## **WELCOME TO THE TABLE** (11:00)

*At this time, we invite parents, grandparents, sponsors, friends, and all who have journeyed with those being welcomed today to come close.*

*(People may come forward from among the congregation and gather at the altar rail.)*

Today our community of faith celebrates with the following people who join in sharing the meal of Holy Communion:

Latham Copeland, Sierra Dyer, Anastasia Eanes, Benjamin Fletchall, Matthew Fletchall, Olivia McKeever, and Penny Saunders

In the sacrament of Holy Baptism, we celebrate God's welcome of us, and as we learned, we are welcome here whether we are joyful or crabby. In the sacrament of Holy Communion, we are welcomed to Jesus' table as friends. Just as Jesus welcomed strangers, healed sick people, forgave sinners, and helped people who were poor, hungry, or scared, we are now part of that way. We get to welcome, heal, forgive, and help. As friends of Jesus, we do our best to love people generously, just as he loved his friends and just as he loves us. In this special meal, Jesus is with us—feeding us, loving us, forgiving us, and asking us to do the same for the people around us and around the world.

Let us pray.

Generous God, thank you for our friends who join to share in Holy Communion today; for Latham, Sierra, Ana, Benjamin, Matthew, Olivia, and Penny. As you have claimed them in Holy Baptism, feed them with your love and give them a continuing hunger to live lives of love, forgiveness, and justice. In the name of Jesus, who is always with us. **Amen.**

Let us welcome our friends to Holy Communion and celebrate their place at this table.

**Welcome to Jesus' table!**

**We rejoice with you and thank God for you!**

**Enjoy this meal that strengthens us to live as Jesus did.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Here is the thread that weaves a new creation:

Eat, drink, be filled with this meal of grace.

(We sit)

## COMMUNION

*Processional Communion:*

*All are welcome to come to the Lord's Table! After the invitation to communion, the ushers will direct each row to come forward to receive the prepackaged communion kit. If you are unable to come forward, signal an usher or raise your hand, and an assisting minister will bring the elements to you.*

*As the minister says, "The body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you," you may take the elements and say: "Amen." Then return to your seat and consume the elements. If you need gluten-free and/or non-alcoholic juice communion elements, they are located on a small table at the front. Take one and present it to the pastor for blessing. Please dispose of your communion packaging in the trash can by the doors on your way out.*

## MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

*Lamb of God*

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

(We stand)

## **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Gather us around the cross of Christ, weave us together as your community, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

*Our worship does not end, but continues in the world. In our daily lives we are called to be ministers of God's love and mercy as we live and serve by the power of the risen Christ.*

## **SENDING HYMN ~ Go to Dark Gethsemane**

GETHESEMANE

*The congregation turns & faces the cross reminding us that we follow Christ into the world & our daily lives*

*~see next page~*

# Go to Dark Gethsemane



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.

## BLESSING

From Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, may God in infinite mercy grant you a journey of renewal and hope, a time of prayer and reflection, and joyful anticipation of our Lord's resurrection. May you live and serve this week in remembrance of Christ's love. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Herzlich tut mich verlangen* ("My inmost heart now yearneth;" J. G. Walther, 1684-1748)

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

**PREACHING MINISTER** ~ Pastor Lauren Eanes

**PRESIDING MINISTER** ~ Pastor Alex Zuber

**USHERS**            **8:30** — Bart Long, Carl Holyfield  
**11:00** — Pam Bergey, Jeff Williams

**CRUCIFERS**        **8:30** — Bill Whitmire  
**11:00** — Sue Koch

**LAY ASSISTING**    **8:30** — Tassie Pippert  
**MINISTERS**        **11:00** — Meg Wightman

**LECTORS**           **8:30** — Linda Morrison  
**11:00** — Cynthia Page

**SOUND**             **8:30** — Liam Wightman  
**TECHS**              **11:00** — Mark Byerly

**MUSICIANS** Elizabeth Williams, Music Minister  
Linlin Uta, Music Ministry Accompanist  
Cynthia Page & Tassie Pippert, Vocal Duet (8:30); Greta Willis, Flutist (11:00)  
Celebration Singers (8:30); Sanctuary Choir (11:00)

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***After worship, Pastor Lauren and Pastor Alex invite you to greet them and each other in the Gathering Area and outside. Please maintain physical distance and be mindful of others' wishes for space.***

### **REMINDERS AS YOU EXIT THE SANCTUARY**

- **Please place your communion packaging in the trash can as you exit the sanctuary.**
- **We encourage you to take *The Chimes* home with you.**

## ABOUT OUR WORSHIP...

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:** + All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins, but no one should feel compelled. Both our confession of sin and God's promise of mercy are rooted in our baptism. We come before God recalling our brokenness, but even more God's great grace.

**GATHERING HYMN:** We sing as the Spirit gathers us for worship and this hymn sets the tone for the day.

**KYRIE:** The Kyrie is an ancient piece of service liturgy that may date back to the second century. Kyrie Eleison is Greek for "Lord have mercy" and is in reference to both New and Old Testament scriptures which use the same words and pattern.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** The Prayer of the Day collects the themes from today's scripture readings.

**READINGS AND PSALM:** Liturgy, from the Greek, means "the work of the people." Our worship is designed so we all take part. We are far more than just spectators. The scripture readings follow a three-year cycle, called a lectionary. We are connected with other Christians all over the world, in many denominations, reading the same texts. The Psalms were the original Hymns in Holy Scripture, used by God's people for personal and corporate devotion. They continue to be prayed, sung and read by God's people all over the world as a rich and honest expression of faith. We stand during the gospel because we believe our Lord is present with us in the reading.

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** This hymn complements the day's scripture readings and sermon.

**NICENE & APOSTLES' CREEDS:** The creeds (statements of faith) date back to the 4<sup>th</sup> century and contain the basics of what Christians around the world hold to be true. The use of the non-capitalized word "catholic" means simply worldwide or universal.

**PRAYERS:** We pray as a community. The assisting minister leads this time to gather the prayers of all, and at his/ her invitation you may add others aloud or silently in your heart.

**PEACE:** Much more than a pleasant greeting — we do this to proclaim God's promise of peace to one another.

**OFFERING:** Our offerings are collected and dedicated to our Lord's service. They support the ministries of Christ's church in this congregation, the Virginia Synod, ELCA, and our global mission partners.

**OFFERING SONG:** This song becomes our prayer as our gifts are collected and dedicated to our Lord's service.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:** The Great Thanksgiving is an ancient part of the worship that proclaims our thanks for the gifts of God in the meal. The "Holy, Holy, Holy" echoes the heavenly chorus in Isaiah 6:3 and the crowds of Mark 11:9 as Jesus enters Jerusalem. This reminds us that we are in the presence of a God identified both by holiness and humility. Some will make the sign of the cross at the announcement of God's presence: "Blessed is He..."

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:** Eucharist is the Greek word for thanks. These are the words and actions, the commands and promises of Jesus at the last supper with his disciples as recorded in scripture: 1Cor. 11:23-26, Matt. 26:26-29, Luke 22:15-20.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** Jesus taught his disciples this prayer. In this prayer, all our needs and concerns are addressed. See ELW page 1163 for Martin Luther's explanation of this prayer in the small catechism.

**COMMUNION:** The "last supper" was a meal that Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion. He invited them to share this meal in the future to remember him and he promised to be present in a mysterious, but very real sense. All who desire to participate are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:** We gather once more in song as our worship concludes, and we prepare to take this good news into the world.

**BLESSING:** In this blessing we are reminded we bear God's name as we depart to live out our baptism, serving our neighbor and spreading the gospel. It reaffirms our mission and reminds us that if we are to be a Wellspring of Grace, we need to be renewed first through Water, Word, and Meal—the means of grace God has given to us.

# ***Holy Week & Easter***

Join us in ancient and holy practices recalling Jesus' final week and glorious resurrection.

See [muhlenberglutheran.org/Lent2022](https://muhlenberglutheran.org/Lent2022) for more details.

**Maundy Thursday – April 14, 7 pm\***

In this deeply moving service, we reflect on Jesus' final words and actions with his disciples, with individual confession and forgiveness, foot washing, Holy Communion, and the stripping of the altar.

**Good Friday – April 15, 7 pm\***

As we hear reflections on Jesus' last words on the cross, we commemorate Jesus' gift of life for the world through his death on the cross.

**Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 16, 4 pm**

This family-friendly service is the pinnacle of the church year, as we hear the story of salvation and joyfully share in the first celebration of Easter.

**Easter Sunday – April 17, 8:30 am and 11 am\***

On the day of Resurrection, we gather for a joyous celebration of Christ's victory over death! Outdoor children's activities will be offered at 9:45am.

***\*Services marked with an asterisk will also be live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube.***

