

# The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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April 13, 2025  
8:30 am

## **The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life**

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey  
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ  
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

**We welcome all who worship with us today.**

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.

If you are interested in joining our family of faith,  
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

**Children are welcome and celebrated!**

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby  
contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship.  
Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent  
to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive. Children may receive the sacrament if they have completed instruction with a pastor. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*Those who are able, gather in the Narthex for the Celebration with Palms and Procession.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Celebration with Palms**

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;  
we will travel through betrayal and death,  
cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,  
for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

Holy, Holy, Holy God, great is your name. We want to shout it from the rooftops,  
we want to sing it from the balcony, we want to share it with everyone.

You are our God, and we are your people.

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

God, we want to praise you today; we want to shout and sing, to celebrate the coming  
of Jesus to Jerusalem. We are happy and want to share it  
with everyone who will listen. We don't want to look too far ahead,  
into the week that is coming; we want to stay here, happy and content,  
celebrating your presence.

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, stay with us today, enjoy this time of worship,  
hear our songs and prayers, fill us with love, send us out ready to face the future.

Don't let us be afraid, don't let us shy away from the pain,  
don't let us rush to Easter, but let us journey with you in the coming days.

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

A reading from Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

### **Blessing of Palms**

We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him,  
to cushion his walk.

**Setting aside all power, glory and might, he comes:  
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.**

*During the procession, the assembly repeats the following:*

Hosanna!

**Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.**

*At the conclusion of the Procession, the assembly responds:*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

We 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**

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

Please rise in body or spirit.

**Processional Song**

All Glory, Laud and Honor  
Repeat as needed

ELW Song #344

The assembly processes into the Worship Space.

*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.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

## Prayer of the Day

We pray.

**Gracious God,  
as we enter this Holy Week,  
strengthen us to move beyond the festive parade of palms  
and to follow Jesus into the way of the cross,  
that united with him and all the faithful,  
we may one day enter through the gates of righteousness into the eternal city,  
the New Jerusalem, here we may praise you with Christ  
and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.*

### **Reading - Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

A Reading from the book of Psalms.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

**Let Israel say,  
“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

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

**We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.*

**Gospel – Luke 19:28-40**

Translation: NRSV-UE

Merciful God, your words sustain the weary and awaken those who slumber.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' "

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.  
As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them,  
“Why are you untying the colt?”  
They said, “The Lord needs it.”

Then they brought it to Jesus,  
and after throwing their cloaks on the colt,  
they set Jesus on it. As he rode along,  
people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.  
Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives,  
the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully  
with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

**“Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!”**

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,  
“Teacher, order your disciples to stop.”  
He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

Put your word of life in our hearts,  
**that we may be strengthened to walk with Christ until the bitter end.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Cindy Camp



Please rise in body or spirit.

**Word in Song**

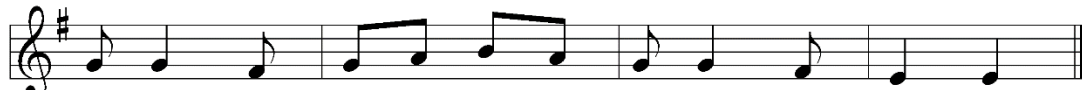
**The King of Glory**

W&P 136 (vs. 1-3)

*Refrain*




The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.



O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.



1 Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?  
2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,  
3 Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;  
4 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;  
5 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,



He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of ag - es.  
he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.  
in all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.  
he took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.  
and he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

*Refrain*

## Prayers of the People

*Invitation to prayer, and following each petition:*

Loving God, we offer our prayers:



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

*Pastor's closing prayer:*

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love,  
in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**Amen**

## Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying,  
"Peace be with you."*

*The assembly is seated.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*During the Offering Song, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated.*

*If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the tables  
in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.*



*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord is coming to be with you.

**And to be with you.**

People of God, lay down your coats and lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the One who comes in God's name.**

Let us praise God for the mighty works we have witnessed.

**It is right that we praise our God.**

## **Words of Institution**

### **Word in Meal**

Holy Spirit, as we come to this table,

bleed the gifts of the bread and the cup

that they might be the sustenance of grace.

Strengthen us with the bread of life,

so we would not turn our backs on those who hunger;

nourish us with the cup of hope,

so we might sustain the weary;

fill us with the good news,

that we dare not remain silent,

but must shout our God's desire of justice and peace for all people.

## **Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

## **Invitation to the table**

All who are hungry, come!  
The feast of grace is spread.

*The assembly is seated.*

## **Distribution of communion**

The body of Christ given for you.  
The blood of Christ shed for you.

## VERSE

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Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide; But You have sent Him from Your  
 Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied; They laughed and scorned Him as He  
 I was so) lost I should have died; But You have brought me to Your

4 Gsus G G/F Am Fmaj7 C/E Am Fmaj7 C/G Gsus C G F

side, to walk up - on this guilt - y sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.  
 died. The hum - ble King they named a fraud, and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of  
 side to be led by Your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of

## CHORUS

(1) | 2, 3

9 C G C Am F G/F C/E C G/B Am Fmaj7 C/E

Your gift of God. Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God. I love the ho - ly Lamb of

14 Gsus G G/F Am Fmaj7 C/E Am Fmaj7 C/G Gsus C G F

God. Oh, wash me in His pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

## OUTRO

(1) | 2

19 C G C/G Gsus C G F C G F C

*D.S.*

I was so Christ, the Lamb of God.

Communion Song

Lamb of God Most Holy

ACS 932



1 *San - to Cor - de - ro, en cruz cla - va - do,*  
 1 Lamb of God most ho - ly, up - on the cross ex - tend - ed,  
 2 Mine is the trans - gres - sion that caus - es you to suf - fer.  
 3 Lamb of God most ho - ly, up - on the cross for - sak - en,



*mue - res car - ga - do con mi mal - dad.*  
 all my sin you car - ry, the bur - den of my soul.  
 Mine is the re - bel - lion, but you re - ceive the blame.  
 for our sin you suf - fered, so far from God on high.



*¡A - mor ex - cel - so! Mis pe - nas pa - gas,*  
 What love a - maz - ing! What price un - bound - ed!  
 My guilt be - fore me, I come be - fore you;  
 Your life sur - ren - dered in mer - cy frees us;



*y por tus lla - gas sa - lud me das.*  
 Your bod - y, wound - ed, will make me whole.  
 Lord, I im - plore you, re - move my shame.  
 your name, O Je - sus, we glo - ri - fy.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **Prayer after communion**

Let us pray.

At this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.

Now as we enter this holiest of weeks,  
the crowd has thinned out, it is eerily quiet.

The air has shifted, the palms have been trampled, the sky is gray;  
the joy has disappeared, the voices of victory are silent;  
the celebration for the arrival of our long awaited hope is waning;  
the road ahead is long, but we are able!

We place our lives in your hands, because you are still good,  
and your goodness never ends.

**Amen**

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **Blessing**

Go now and walk with Jesus towards Jerusalem. Listen to his words,  
be with him on his journey. Let his story linger in your heart and in your life  
and let him welcome you. And may God, the Maker the Son and the Holy Spirit  
bless you this day and all your days.

**Amen**



# Sending Song

# How Can I Be Free from Sin?

W&P 65

D F#m/A Bm D7 Em7 F#m7 Bm7

1. How can I be free from sin? Lead me to the cross of  
 2. How can I know peace with - in? Lead me to the cross of  
 3. How can I live day by day? Lead me to the cross of

4 Em7 Asus A D F#m/A Bm7 D7 Em7 F#m7 Bm7 Em7 A7 D *Fine*

Je - sus, from the guilt, the pow'r, the pain, lead me to the cross of Je - sus.  
 Je - sus. Sing a song of joy a - gain! Lead me to the cross of Je - sus.  
 Je - sus. Fol - low - ing His nar - row way? Lead me to the cross of Je - sus.

## Dismissal

We tell your story; we follow in your footsteps.

**Lead us into Holy Week.**

We walk towards the city; we wait in the garden.

**Lead us onto holy ground.**

We journey towards death; we hope for resurrection.

**Lead us into holy joy.**

Please join in supporting our church's ministries using your preferred method of giving:



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- Enroll in our on-line giving program, Simply Giving (recommended);
- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;
- Establish automatic contributions to the church using your bank's bill pay service.

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# *Holy Week Schedule*

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Wednesday, April 16 - Meal and Intergenerational  
Holy Week Activity at 6:00 pm

April 17 - Maundy Thursday Worship  
Noon and \*7:00 pm

April 18 - Good Friday Worship  
Noon and \*7:00 pm

April 19 - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday - April 20<sup>th</sup>

Resurrection Celebration - \*8:30 and \*11:00 am

Resurrection Celebration for families - 9:45 am

Easter Egg Hunt begins at 10:30 am  
(Easter Egg Hunt for children up to fifth grade)

Childcare is available at all Easter morning services.

\*In person and on Zoom