



***He humbled himself by becoming obedient
to the point of death, even death on a cross.***

Philippians 2:8b



Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion - March 29, 2026

Welcome!

Service Setting Three hymnal - LSB 184

Bold face type – *read by the congregation*

Please Stand

Blessing of the Palms - Handout

Opening Hymn - 443 - Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*The sign of the cross may be made
by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

Invocation

Greeting

Blessed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Collect

Let us pray.

Lord God, as the people in Jerusalem gathered to welcome Your Son, our Lord, when He came into His holy city, so we sing of Your coming among us today with songs of praise. Keep us steadfast in our hope and confession of faith throughout our lives that we may meet Him with grateful hearts when He comes again in glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen. Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord.**

Processional Gospel John 12:12–19

The Holy Gospel according to St. John,
the twelfth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, 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 about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Greeting

Blessed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Passion Sunday Exhortation

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sin to God our Father, acknowledging that it was our sin that sent Jesus to Jerusalem in order to die on the cross. Hear our penitential plea this day and grant us forgiveness of sins through the Passion of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please Kneel/Sit

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins LSB 184

Absolution LSB 185

Please Stand

Introit Psalm 24:7–10;
antiphon: Ps 118:26

Blessèd is he who comes in the name
of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up,
O ancient doors,

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

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

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up,
O ancient doors,

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name
of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Salutation and Collect of the Day LSB 189

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your
Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon
Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the

cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the
example of His great humility and patience and
be made partakers of His resurrection; through
the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

Amen.

Please be Seated

Hymn - 837 - Lift High the Cross sts. ref. 1–5

Epistle Philippians 2:5–11

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

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Verse Philippians 2:8b

He humbled himself by becoming obedient to
the point of death, even death on a cross.

The Passion Narrative According to Matthew

Matthew 26:57—27:66

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,
the twenty-sixth chapter.

Glorify be to Thee, O Lord.

⁵⁷Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. ⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’” ⁶²And the high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” ⁶³But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” ⁶⁴Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” ⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.” ⁶⁷Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, ⁶⁸saying, “Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?”

⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” ⁷⁰But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.” ⁷¹And when he went out to the entrance,

another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁷²And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.” ⁷³After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.” ⁷⁴Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed. ⁷⁵And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

¹When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. ²And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.

³Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, ⁴saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” They said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.” ⁵And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. ⁶But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.” ⁷So they took counsel and bought with them the potter’s field as a burial place for strangers. ⁸Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, ¹⁰and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord directed me.”

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.”

¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.

¹⁷So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?”

¹⁸For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.” ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” ²²Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” ²³And he said, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” ²⁵And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” ²⁶Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe

on him, ²⁹and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

³²As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” ³⁸Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” ⁴¹So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴²“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” ⁴⁴And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”

that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.”⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink.⁴⁹ But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.⁵² The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised,⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

⁵⁵There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him,⁵⁶ among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus.⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶²Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate⁶³ and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said,

while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’⁶⁴ Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.”⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.”⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

Please be Seated

Hymn - 442 - All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Reflection on the Passion

Please Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

Please be Seated

Offering

Please Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

Proper Preface (Full)

Sanctus

LSB 195

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

The Words of Our Lord LSB 197

Pax Domini LSB 197

Agnus Dei LSB 198

Please be Seated

Distribution

Communion Hymn - 441
Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

527 O Savior, Precious Savior (if needed)

Please Stand

Nunc Dimittis LSB 199

Post-Communion Collect

Salutation LSB 201

Benedicamus LSB 202

Benediction LSB 202

Closing Hymn - 542
When I Behold Jesus Christ

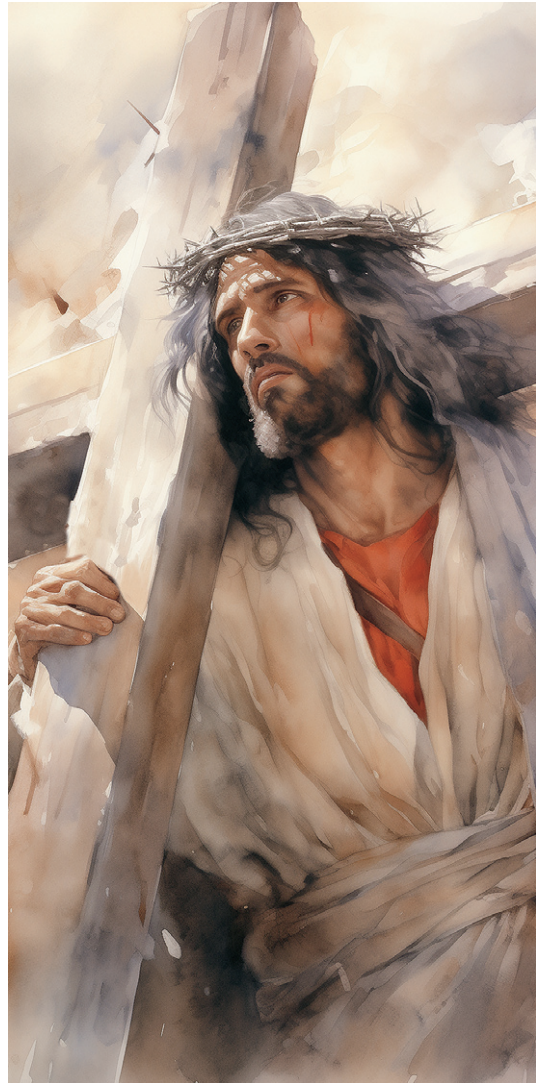
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And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, we have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son who came from the Father, full of Grace and Truth.

John 1:14

Please join us for Sunday services at 10 am

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Offering - Monthly offering needs are \$10,888.75

February offering total \$13,575

Those Who Serve

Date	Reader	Ushers	Acolyte
Mar 29	Nancy P	Don S & Keith M	Nate J
April 5	Donna W	Bill Y & Don S	Nate J
April 12	Karen M	Kevin D & Keith M	Kayla S

Prayer Concerns

Willy Forba - Praise for successful surgery and continued recovery

Ashley Forba - Health issues

Mary Ellen Mills - Eye issues

Janet Finn - Mobility issues

Elaine Decker - Health issues

Vladimir and Marie Dutko - Healing and well-being

Keith Mitchell's father - Kendall

All those in the armed forces, including Kyle Stackhouse

Birthdays

March 4 Jack Pencek
 March 21 Ella Tyler
 March 25 Rebekah Durland
 March 28 Jerry Decker

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 No Study	2 Maundy Thursday 7pm service	3 Good Friday 7 pm	4
5 Easter Communion	6	7	8 Bible Study 5 pm	9	10	11
12	13 Council Meeting 4 pm	14	15	16	17	18
19 Communion	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		