

Welcome!

Please silence your cell phone in the nave.

PARKING

Free parking is available Sundays in Grainger Hall parking ramp, one block east of the church, off Brooks Street. For closer access, parking is available in the garage under the church off Conklin Place alley.

HYMNAL

The red hymnal in the pew in front of you contains much of the music used in this service. Page numbers are in the front part of the hymnal on the bottom of the page, while hymns are found towards the rear of the hymnal.

RESOURCES

T-coil audio is available in the nave. Ushers can provide hearing assistance and a wheelchair, if needed. Prayer shawls are available in the narthex.

CHILDCARE

Infants and children are welcome in worship. Changing tables are located in the restrooms. A staffed nursery is available 9–noon.

LEARN MORE

If you would like a pastor to call, or want to learn more:

- Please fill out a pew card and place in the offering plate
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Luther Memorial Church

Holy Communion

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026 | 10:30 AM

PROCESSION

All gather in the narthex at 10:15 am for procession around the block. Those who do not desire to walk around the block may be seated in the nave. Please rise when the cross enters the nave.

GATHERING

GREETING

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

Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. We give thanks for the great acts of love in Jesus Christ by whom you have redeemed the world. Christ entered Jerusalem on this day and was acclaimed Son of David, King of kings, by those who spread their garments and palms along his path.

As people and branches are sprinkled, the pastor continues. The people may make the sign of the cross as they are sprinkled.

Bless these palms branches and those who bear them. Grant that we may ever hail Christ our King, take up his cross and follow him through death into life. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.

#344 PROCESSIONAL HYMN All Glory, Laud, and Honor



- 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,



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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Everlasting Father, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your boundless mercy, form us in his obedience and lead us to the glorious victory of his risen and eternal life. We ask this in the name of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a

The 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. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I 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.

The 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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Hosanna! Hosanna! | Helen Kemp

PSALM 31:9-16

The choir and congregation alternate in the singing of the psalm verses, beginning with the choir.



Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I | am in trouble;

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

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

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

**I 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.**

Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;

I am as useless as a | broken pot.

For 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.

But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O Lord.

I have said, “You | are my God.

My times are | in your hand;

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

Let your face shine up- | on your servant;

save me in your | steadfast love.”

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Choir: Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name.

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW Matthew 27:11-54

Glory to you, O Lord.

Please sit.

The Passion of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Please rise.

#343 **HYMN OF THE DAY** My Song Is Love Unknown

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

Please sit.

OFFERING

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING O Sacred Head Now Wounded | arr. F. Melius Christiansen (1871-1955)

The text may be found at hymn #352.

Please rise.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 sharp) 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 has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has two measures: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has two measures: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with various rests and slurs.

PROPER PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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 in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows five staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'. The second staff has two measures: 'heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.'. The third staff has two measures: 'Ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The fourth staff has two measures: 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'. The fifth staff has two measures: 'Ho - san - na in the high - est.'. The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with various rests and slurs.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore... now and forever.



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER



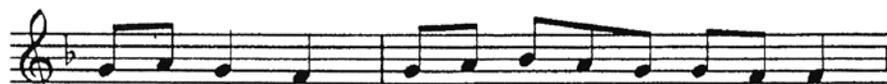
Our Fa-ther, who art in heav- en, hal- low- ed be



thy name, thy king-dom come, thy will be done,



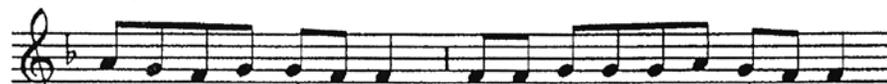
on earth as it is in heav- en. Give us this day our



dai- ly bread; and for- give us our tres- pass- es,



as we for- give those who tres- pass a- gainst us; and lead us



not in- to temp- ta- tion, but de- liv- er us from e- vil.



For thine is the king- dom, and the pow- er, and the



glo- ry, for- ev- er and ev- er. A- men.

THE COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion. We receive the Body of Christ (bread) in our open hands. Christ is fully present in both bread and cup. The Blood of Christ (wine) may be received by drinking from the first chalice or by dipping the bread (intinction) into the chalice. Gluten-free bread is available on request.

Please sit.

#357 AGNUS DEI Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION O Savior of the World | Dale Fix

O Savior of the world. Who by your cross and precious blood has redeemed us, save and help us we beseech thee.

COMMUNION HYMNS

#340 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

#345 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Please rise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

#342 RECESSIONAL HYMN There in God's Garden

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE O Sacred Head Now Wounded | Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

The cross teaches us to believe in hope even when there is no hope. The wisdom of the cross is deeply hidden in a profound mystery. In fact there is no other way to heaven than taking up the cross of Christ. On account of this we must beware that the active life with its good works, and the contemplative life with its speculations, do not lead us astray. Both are most attractive and yield peace of mind, but for that very reason they hide real dangers, unless they are tempered by the cross and disturbed by adversaries. The cross is the surest path of all. Blessed is the one who understands this truth.

Martin Luther
(1483-1546)

SERVING TODAY

PRESIDER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
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