"Hosanna!
Blessed is he
who comes in
the name of the
Lord, even the
King of Israel!"
John 12:13



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# PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Mar. 24, 2024



## **UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES**

Mar. 28 – Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Mar. 29 – Good Friday 7:00 pm Mar. 31 - Resurrection of Our Lord Apr. 7 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

#### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

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	Mar. 24	Mar. 31		
Assit. Min./ Comm. Assit.	Beth Birchall	Dcn. Arica Demme		
Lector	Beth Birchall	Ivan Wittel		
Ushers	Ken & Joan Hollinger	Fred & Crystal Lepley		
Musician	Joanne Thomas/ Rosemary Keller	Rosemary Keller		
Altar Guild	Kandi Null	Rosemary Keller		
Sound Tech.	John Null	Chaz Stroup		
Offering Counters	Lee Mills/Beth Birchall	Ken Hollinger/Sandy Tippett		
Livestream	Mason Tippett/ Sandy Tippett	Mark Wisler/Ray Kneisley		
Communion Prayers	Kim & Ivan Wittel	Beth Birchall/Sandy Tippett		
Nursery/Class Ages 4-5	Kandi Null/ Susie Kramer	Rachel Kline/Susie Kramer		

## **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP LEADERS**

	Mar. 28	Mar. 29
Assit. Min./Comm. Assit.	Dcn. Arica Demme	
Lector	Kim Wittel	Kim Wittel
Ushers	Jack McCarthy/ Bob Thomas	Bill & Rose Bennett
Musician	Rosemary Keller	Dcn. Arica Demme
Altar Guild	Rosemary Keller	June Kreider

Mar. 17, 2024 ATTENDANCE - 71

## "CRY ROOM AVAILABILITY"

For parents with children younger than one year, there is a "Cry Room" near the front entrance if you would need to use that during the worship service.

Please maintain silence for meditation as soon as the candles are lit until the beginning of the service.

#### WELCOME

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRELUDE**

The assembly stands (if able)

#### PROCESSION & BLESSING

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

C: Hosanna in the highest.

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

## PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: John12:12-19

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So 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!" <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, <sup>15</sup>"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" <sup>16</sup>His 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. <sup>17</sup>The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

## **BLESSING OF PALMS**

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The assembly raise their palm branches.

P: 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. C: Amen

P: Let us go forth in peace, C: in the name of the Lord.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor



Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635 VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN 7676 D

#### SALUTATION

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

C: Hosanna in the highest.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray....

Almighty and everlasting God, you have sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all of humanity should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.** 

The assembly is seated.

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON



The First Reading is from the 9th chapter of Zechariah

## First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Brief silence for reflection.

The Psalm is read responsively.

#### Psalm 118:19-29

- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
- <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.
- <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
- <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
- <sup>23</sup> This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- <sup>25</sup> Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!
- <sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- <sup>27</sup> The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!
- <sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.
- <sup>29</sup> Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Brief silence for reflection.

The Second Reading is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Philippians

## Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and 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.

Brief silence for reflection.

## **SERMON**

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

## ASSEMBLY REMAINS SEATED DURING THE READING OF THE PASSION GOSPEL.

Passion Gospel: Mark 14:1 – 15:47

We will pause five times throughout the reading of the Passion to sing a verse of "Ah, Holy Jesus."

#### HYMN

# Ah, Holy Jesus



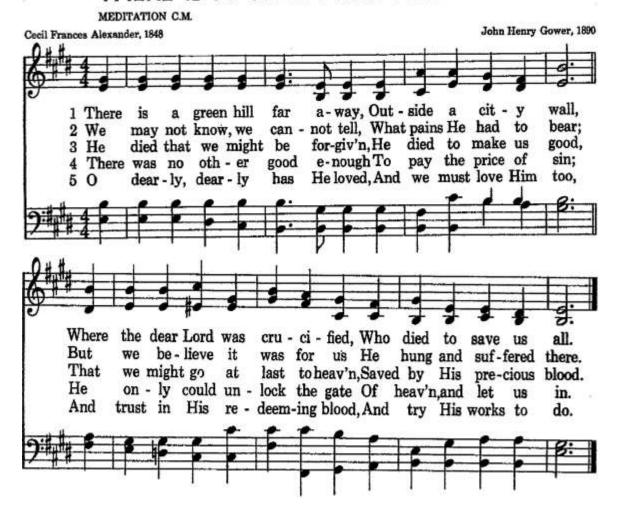
5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee; Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, Not my deserving.

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

<sup>©</sup> Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; ir. Hohen Bridges, 1844–1930, ult. Time: Johann Criiger, 1598–1662

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

# THERE IS A GREEN HILL FAR AWAY



#### NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:

P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

and his kingdom will have no end.

The prayers conclude:

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen** 

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. 
C: And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

## **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**



#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord. [Colossians 3:1]

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise. [Psalm 136]

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

SANCTUS

Saich 6:3

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;

Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
  - In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.
  - We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

- P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My & body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
  - In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My & blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

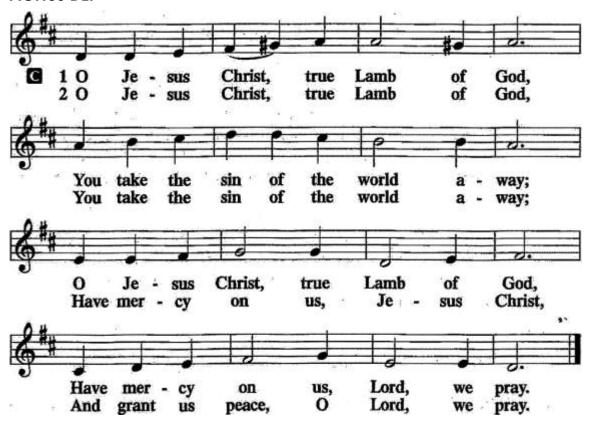
#### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

## **AGNUS DEI**



## INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND TO PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

We invite you to pray silently for someone in the congregation while sitting in the pew before or after receiving Communion or while in line waiting to receive. Two people will be at the back of the sanctuary praying for everyone at this time.

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine.

HOW WE COMMUNE: When you come forward the pastor will first give you bread to eat. Then, take a cup from the tray. The assistant will pour in wine to drink. Afterward, you will place the empty cup in the water in the plastic container at the side aisle, and return to your seat.

If you are unable to consume wine, you may commune with only the bread. Unbaptized and those who have yet to receive first communion may come forward to receive a blessing. Signify by holding your hands to your chest instead of reaching out for the bread and wine.

Gluten free wafers are available for those that are gluten intolerant. Please notify the pastor as you come forward to receive Communion that you require a gluten free wafer.

The assembly stands (if able) when everyone has received the sacrament.

## **BLESSING**

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32



#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, we thank you for feeding us with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood – that which strengthens us in faith and assures us of new life now and in eternity. As we wait and watch for the return of the Messiah in these last days, continue to feed us with the life-giving bread and the cup of salvation.

C: Amen

### **BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

P: Let us bless the Lord. C: Thanks be to God. [Psalm 103:1]

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ogive you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

C: Amen

#### SENDING HYMN





7 Here might I stay and sing— No story so divine! Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!

Text: Somuel Crossman, c. 1624-1683 Tune: John D. Edwards, 1806-1885

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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

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#### PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

In your daily prayers please remember those listed below:

Homebound

Debbie Binder

Donna Hiltebeitel

Elizabeth Larsen Sonya LaGamba

Earl and Janet Harry

Additional prayers

Tom Scherer - ALS

Megahn Mills – colitis recovery

Patricia Stroup – pulmonary disease

Candy Whitney – recovering from shingles

Rose Keller - chemo

**Denise Force** – colon cancer

**Rob Zwally** – migraine headaches **John Tippett** – recovering from strokes

Mike Haas – prostate cancer Kellen Coxey – type 1 diabetes Pat McDermott – secure diagnosis Keith Kline – additional testing

**Kathy Miller** – recovering from surgery **Walt Hebda** – recovering from surgery

Faith Friendship Ministries – financial difficulty Linda Wohlberg – treatment for retinopathy Family of Bob Devenney – mourning his death Rev. Ray Forsythe – recovering from terrible fall

**To request a prayer** during today's worship for a person not on the list above, "print" the name on the prayer request form on the table in the back of the nave before worship.

Names on the additional prayers list will be printed for one month. Contact Rose Keller (717) 333-1448 or (rose.a.keller@gmail.com) or Pr. Mark at (pastor@reformation-nalc.org) to keep a name listed for another month, to add a new name, or to remove a name.

**Prayer Chain participants** are emailed prayer updates. Contact Judy Mills (pabluebird1242@icloud.com) to be included in the updates, or request removal from the chain.

## STEWARDSHIP

Offering plates are not passed during the service. They are on a table in the back of the nave. You may also mail checks to Sandy Tippett (3377 Horizon Drive, Lancaster PA 17603) or make a donation online at https://www.reformation-nalc.org/giving/.

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## **CORE VALUES OF THE NALC**

## **Christ-Centered**

We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, "according to which all doctrines should and must be judged" (Formula of Concord). We accept the ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses to the Word of God.

## Mission-Driven

We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples — in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world — must be a priority of the Church in the present age.

## **Traditionally-Grounded**

We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We endorse the form and practices of the universal Church that are consistent with Scripture, particularly the office of the ministry and the tradition of worship under Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with faithful Christians of other confessions.

## **Congregationally-Focused**

We strive to be a church body that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servanthood and a spirit of partnership, through the provision of resources, connections and information.



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