



*Palm
Sunday
March 29, 2026*

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Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 65 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

Children are always welcome in worship services;
However, please know the cry room at the back of the sanctuary is available for parents who need to tend to their little ones.

Welcome to Worship

Meet me in the still-ness, Lord, be the
air I breathe; meet me in the still-ness,
Lord, free me to re-ceive.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and contemplative, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics.

Today our worship takes on a very literal journey for Jesus. It likely felt like both the end and the beginning. Such are so many moments of our lives. A pilgrimage may reach its destination but the hope, the wisdom, the lessons learned along the way have offered a new starting point for us.

A Wilderness Wandering People

We are a wil-der-ness wand-ring peo-ple on a
jour-ney of the soul. May we find our des-ti-na-tion in our long-ing to be whole.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The music is a simple, rhythmic accompaniment for the lyrics.

What have we learned and what transformation—what “other way”—are we called to in the name of right relationship in our lives?

Our Ho-ly God is call - ing to us. With_ Je - sus by our

side may com-pas - sion be our com - pass may the Spir - it be our

guide, onThe Way, on The Way, on The Way.

Processional Gospel from Luke

...[Jesus] 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.

Procession of the Palms

Lay palms at the front of the podium

Hosanna

Words and Music by
Carl Tuttle

1, 3. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high -
2. Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry to the King of
-est! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high -
kings! Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry to the King of
-est! Lord we lift up Your name with hearts full of praise.
kings!
Be ex - alt - ed, oh Lord, my God. Ho -
-san - na in the high - est! kings! Ho -
Glo - ry to the King of

Prayer for This Day

WA Jesus of Palm Sunday parades, be with us on The Way.

All We wonder if we have what it takes to truly march in the name of justice and love for all people.
 Are we able to sacrifice the paths that benefit only us for the ones that make a way in the wilderness for the least?
 We come seeking your courage and resolve in order to follow your way of love. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Let us join together in opening our hearts to the love of God.

All Amen.

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

All You call us to a full life in community and service

But we get stuck in our own lives of doubt and regret.

All We are full of anxious questions and short on reasonable answers.

We are trapped by our own inability to make decisions that move us to service.

We are afraid of consequences and want a guarantee that everything we do will work to our benefit.

We fear that we are not strong enough, nor wise enough, nor caring enough.

Forgive us.

Turn our eyes to you. Show us the way to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.

Amen.

P Hear this: No matter what juncture you find yourself on in your journeys, you are never alone in your “wondering while wandering.” Whether or not you know it, believe it, or feel it, Jesus is with you now because Jesus has been on this road and knows just how hard it can be.

You are forgiven and carried, ✝ especially when you think you are at the end of the road.

All Amen.

A Reading from Psalm 37

Don't be vexed by evildoers,
and don't be envious of the corrupt!
They'll soon fade like the grass,
and wither away like unwatered plants.

Trust in YHWH, and do good,
and you'll dwell in the land and enjoy security.
Delight in YHWH,
and you'll be given the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to YHWH, and trust in YHWH;
God will take action, making your vindication as sure as the dawn
and your integrity as bright as noonday.

Be still before YHWH and wait patiently;
don't fret about those who amass great fortunes
and carry out their schemes unchallenged.
Let go of your anger, and leave resentment behind.
And stop worrying! It produces nothing but evil,
and evildoers will be cut off.

But those who put their hope in YHWH—
they will inherit the land.

Psalm 37:1-9

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.

♪ ♪ Meet me in the stillness, Lord ♪ ♪
Be the air I breathe
Meet me in the stillness, Lord
Free me to receive

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 19th chapter.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.”

Luke 19:28b-40

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be Seated

Children’s Sermon & Noisy Offering

For no one else in his - to - ry is like You,
 and his - to - ry it - self be - longs to You.
 Al - pha and O - me - ga, You have loved me, and
 I will share e - ter - ni - ty with You. It's all a - bout

Apostles' Creed

P Let us join together with the saints across the ages
 confessing our faith with the words of the 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.**

[You may be Seated](#)

Prayers of the People

WA Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

♪ ♪ **Meet me in the stillness, Lord** ♪ ♪
Be the air I breathe
Meet me in the stillness, Lord
Free me to receive

(each prayer petition ends with)

WA: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

[Please stand in body or spirit.](#)

In our continued physical distancing out of love for the health of one another, we will share the Peace of our risen Lord by "speaking" that Peace through sign language.

P Jesus Christ become Peace
with you.

All **And also with you.**

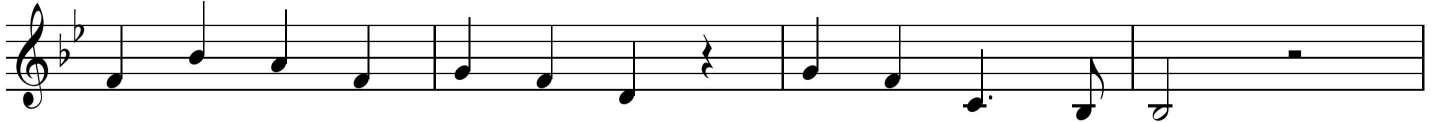
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Offering

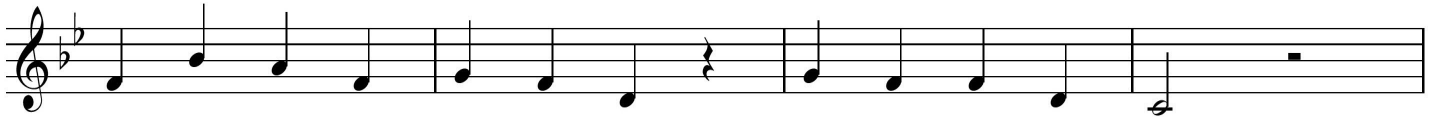
Offering plates are available at the entrance to receive your offerings.



All I am, I lay it down, for you, my God and friend;



take my life in - to your hands, here I am to send.



Search my heart, and you will find will - ing - ness to serve,



for your cross has co - vered me with grace I don't de - serve.



Oh _____ Lord lead me _____ on. _____



Oh _____ Lord lead me _____ on. _____

Offertory Prayer

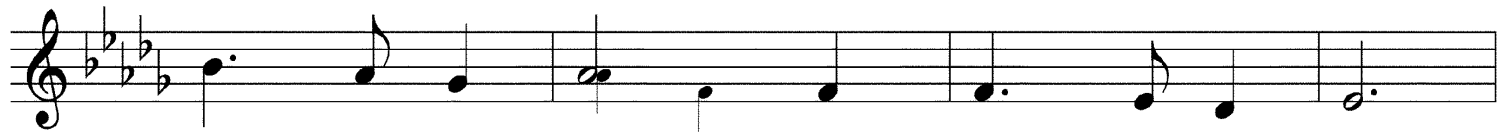
P O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.

All Use what we have gathered on our journey to feed the hungry,
house the poor and embrace all with the reign of God come
near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Come to Us



Come to me, come to us, you who are bur-dened.



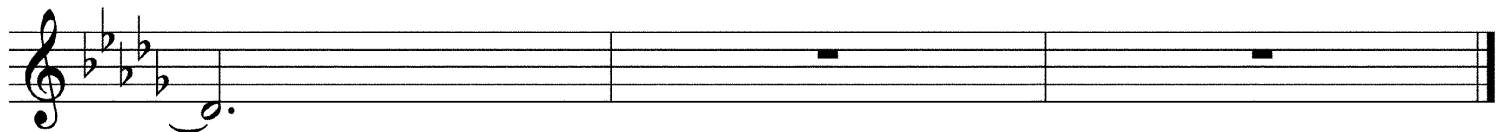
Come to the word, and come to the meal.



Come with-out ques - tion or pres - sure or price:



Come, be em - braced by the bod - y of Christ.



The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***All* It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P Almighty God, Creator of all that was, and is, and is to come,
You led those who could not see by a road they did not know.
You have turned nighttime before them into light.
You have smoothed out the rough places and made them plain.
You have released the prisoners from the dungeon.
You have made all things new.

In the night in which he was betrayed
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.

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.

**♪ ♪ Come to me, come to us, pilgrim or stranger, ♪ ♪
looking for change, or challenge, or light.
We all are people whose calling is care,
bearers of mercy, nourished in prayer.**

P Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

All Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Let us together pray as Jesus taught us:

**All 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.**

*♪ ♪ Come to me, come to us, broken or building, ♪ ♪
come with your children, your choices, your chains.
All are invited to friendship and rest,
to share in our struggle, our call, and our quest.*

The Invitation

P Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

You may be Seated

**Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the
cups in the center contain white grape juice.**

Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant

What Feast of Love

1. What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the King, the bread come down from heaven.
O taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!
2. What light of truth is offered here, What covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, What wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the King, The Sun come down from heaven.
O see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!
3. What wine of love is offered here, What crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life, What precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the King, The sweetest wine of heaven.
O taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given.

The Old Rugged Cross

- 1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suff'ring and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

- 2 Oh, that old rugged cross so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above,
to bear it to dark Calvary. Refrain

- 3 In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see;
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me. Refrain
- 4 To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Christ will call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share. Refrain

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Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

[Please stand in
body or spirit.](#)

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

***All* Amen**

P Let us pray,
God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.

***All* Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

[You may be Seated](#)

Stewardship of Life and Ministry Announcements

Benediction

[Please stand in body or spirit.](#)

P The Creator God filled you with breath,
inviting you to this journey called Life.

***All* We will follow on the way**

P Jesus, our Guide, showed us what it means
to make a new way with Love.

***All* We will follow on the way**

P The Spirit gives us strength to move forward
with Courage and Compassion for all we meet.

***All* We will follow on the way**

P May this week be filled with opportunities to choose good
over evil; humility over pride;
and loving God over loving the things that do not last.

✝ “Buen Camino!”

***All* Amen**

Sending

Will You Come and Follow Me
The Summons

“Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
your name? Will you go where you don't
know and nev - er be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
name be known, will you let my life be
grown in you and you in me?”

Dismissal

WA Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

All Thanks be to God.

Readings for next Sunday

April 5th

Easter Sunday

First Reading:

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm:

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Reading:

Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel:

John 20:1-18

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