



PALM SUNDAY

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

WE'RE GLAD THAT YOU ARE HERE!

Navigating Worship

Congregational responses are written in bold.

** indicates to stand as you are able*

AED Available Downstairs

In case of an emergency, an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is located in the stair tower on the first floor.

Nursery

The nursery is available downstairs—please wipe down toys used.

Streaming Video

We extend our worship from our building into our community on Facebook, and YouTube. The front two pews and chancel are visible on the video.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Presiding:	Beverly Hoffman
Greeter/s:	Mim Keister
Lector:	Desiree Brown
Acolytes:	Mea Long and Desiree Brown
Cantor/s:	JR Erdley
Music Dir:	Frank Shue
Video Operator:	Philip Heggenstaller
Communion Set Up:	Paul Kaler and Ginny Engel
Communion Baker:	Miriam Milbrand
Altar Flowers:	Ross and Katie Mitchell

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WELCOME AND WORSHIP NOTES

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

Gathering will start in the Social Hall for those who participate in the procession with palms.

*ACCLAMATION

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

Hosanna in the highest.

*PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

LUKE 19:28-40

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸ Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ 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." ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as Jesus had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now 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, ³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

***BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

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

PROCESSION

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

***GATHERING SONG**

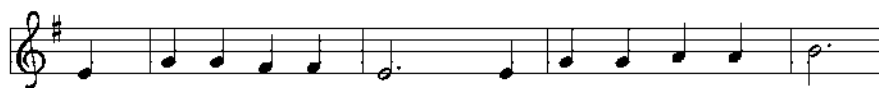
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ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol-enn prayer.

2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a-way our sin.

3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de-part.



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be-gin.

Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



FIRST READING

ISAIAH 50:4-9A

⁴ 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 the Lord GOD wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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;
⁸ the one who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

^{9a} It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God.

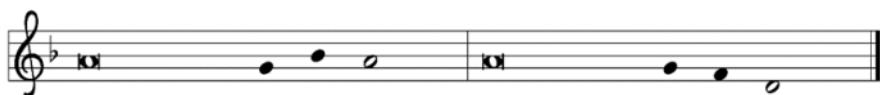
RESPONSE

PSALM 31:9-16

Refrain (sung twice at the beginning and once at the end)



Psalm Tone



⁹ Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I [|] am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat [|] and my belly.

¹⁰ **For my life is wasted with grief, and my [|] years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones [|] are consumed.**

¹¹ 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.

¹² **Like the dead I am forgotten, [|] out of mind;
I am as useless as a [|] broken pot.**

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ **But as for me, I have trusted in [|] you, O LORD.
I have said, "You [|] are my God.**

¹⁵ My times are [|] in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who [|] persecute me.

¹⁶ **Let your face shine up- [|] on your servant;
save me in your [|] steadfast love." R (Repeat Refrain)**

The holy gospel according to St. Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴ When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵ He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the dominion of God." ¹⁷ Then Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the dominion of God comes." ¹⁹ Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ And Jesus did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹ But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²² For the Son-of-Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" ²³ Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

²⁴ A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵ But Jesus said to them, "The rulers of the Gentiles are domineering; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶ But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

²⁸ "You are those who have stood by me in my trials; ²⁹ and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a dominion, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my dominion, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

³¹ "Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, ³² but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen the community." ³³ And Simon Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!" ³⁴ Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

⁵⁸ A little later someone else, one seeing Peter, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" ⁵⁹ Then about an

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "No, not a thing." ³⁶ He said to them, "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell a cloak to buy one. ³⁷ For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled." ³⁸ They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." He replied, "It is enough."

³⁹ Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." ⁴¹ Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴² "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." ⁴³ [Then an angel from heaven appeared to Jesus and gave him strength. ⁴⁴ In his anguish Jesus prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.] ⁴⁵ When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

⁴⁷ While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. Judas approached Jesus to kiss him; ⁴⁸ but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son-of-Man?" ⁴⁹ When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" ⁵⁰ Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And Jesus touched the slave's ear and healed him. ⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? ⁵³ When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

⁵⁴ Then they seized Jesus and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵ When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶ Then a servant, seeing Peter in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." ⁵⁷ But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him."

⁵⁸ A little later someone else, on seeing Peter, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" ⁵⁹ Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with Jesus; for he is a Galilean." ⁶⁰ But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, who had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶² And he went out and wept bitterly.

⁶³ Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; ⁶⁴ they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" ⁶⁵ They kept heaping many other insults on him.

⁶⁶ When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought Jesus to their council. ⁶⁷ They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." Jesus replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; ⁶⁸ and if I question you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹ But from now on the Son-of-Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." ⁷⁰ All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" Jesus said to them, "You say that I am." ⁷¹ Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

^{23:1} Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ² They began to accuse Jesus, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." ³ Then Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "You say so." ⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." ⁵ But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

⁶ When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷ And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, Pilate sent Jesus off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about Jesus and was hoping to see him perform some sign.

⁹ Herod questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹ Even Herod with his soldiers treated Jesus with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹² That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵ Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶ I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

¹⁸ Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" ¹⁹ (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰ Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹ but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" ²² A third time Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." ²³ But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that Jesus should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵ He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

²⁶ As they led Jesus away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A great number of the people followed Jesus, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸ But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

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³² Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Jesus. ³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, the chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding Jesus and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." ⁴⁸ And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

⁵⁰ Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, ⁵¹ had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the dominion of God. ⁵² This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

⁵³ Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. ⁵⁴ It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵ The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶ Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

BEVERLY HOFFMAN

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

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GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 INTERCESSION

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy, **receive our 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

Feel free to shake hands during Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.



MEAL



OFFERING

*An offering is collected in the plates located in the narthex and by the elevator.
You may give electronically at <http://newberlinlutherans.com/give>.*

CHANCEL CHOIR

THE PALMS

BY JAY FOSAURE

*OFFERTORY



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

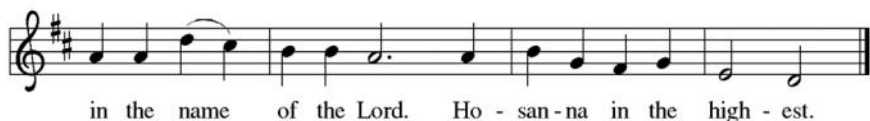
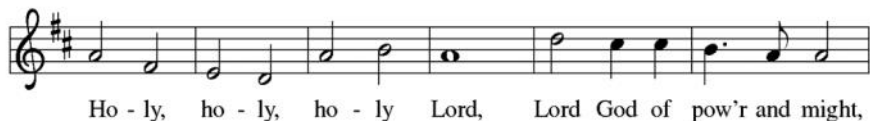
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

Again, 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

* COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Both sides process forward simultaneously by the center aisle.
At the front pew are empty cups for wine. The cups that are filled are grape juice.
The Common Cup is also available.*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION SONGS

FOR THE BREAD WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN # 494
COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING # 807

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



SENDING



*BLESSING

God our tender parent, God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL

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*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
Thanks be to God.

We hear "Where Charity And Love Prevail" as we go forth to

LIVE GOD'S GRACE; SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE; SERVE THE LORD

All are invited for coffee, snacks, and fellowship in the parish hall.

The flowers on the altar were placed
to the glory of God by
Ross and Katie Mitchell in honor of Ava's 17th birthday
And Emma's 14th birthday

Holy Week

April 16-Lenten Dinner and Holden Prayer Service @ 6pm

Christ Evangelical Lutheran
100 S. 3rd St., Lewisburg

April 17- Maundy Thursday @ Christ Evangelical @ 6:00 pm

April 18—Good Friday Service held at
Emmanuel United Church of Christ @ 7pm
326 Market St., New Berlin

April 19 @ 11:30 am
Easter Egg Hunt here @ Messiah

April 20—Easter Sunday 9 am





Mother Daughter Banquet



Thursday, May 8th @ 6 pm

New Berlin Fire Hall

Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings

"Just Folks" will entertain us

Ticket sales:

Adults: \$13.00

Children: \$ 6.00

As we have done in the past, we will be collecting items for the Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Please consider donating one or more of the following items:

4 oz. bars of soap

metal nail clippers

sturdy combs, not fine toothed

a lightweight cotton or cotton blend bath size towel, in a dark color

adult toothbrushes

Purchase your tickets from Mim Keister by
Sunday, May 4



Mifflinburg Back Pack Program

Please consider supporting the Mifflinburg Back Pack Program with a monetary gift. This program is for those children who receive a free school lunch.

Unfortunately, if school is not in session, they often go hungry. Last year we had corporate sponsors but this year we do not. If you know of a business that may want to help those in need locally, please let Bill Hauck or Miriam Milbrand know. Thank you for blessing those in need.



Do you have a child or grandchild in College?

W.E.L.C.A will be packing goody boxes for our college students in April. Please let Miriam Milbrand know if you'd like your college student to receive a box. These are wonderful to receive during the stressful week of finals. The yummy treats are fun and the boxes let our students know that they are not forgotten, but rather, well thought of.

Membership Information/Update Form

Your Secretary would like to clean up and update our membership list. Please fill out the Update Form. I just need a general idea of when you were baptized, confirmed or transferred in. Also, please add your email address. Thank you for all your help.

Worship Leaders for Sunday, April 20, 2025

Presiding:	Sister Marianne Brock
Greeter/s:	Betty Hollenbach
Lector:	Nancy Morgan
Acolytes:	Nancy Morgan & CarolAnn Miller
Cantor/s:	CarolAnn Miller
Music Dir:	Frank Shue
Video Operator:	Kay Trick
Communion Set Up:	Paul Kaler and Ginny Engel
Communion Baker:	Miriam Milbrand
Altar Flowers:	Alicia Saxon & Aaron McMichael

Last Week 4/6/25

Attendance: 21

Giving: \$1187.00

Have a prayer request?

Fill out the yellow Prayer Request card and drop it in the offering plate or put it in the secretary's mailbox.

Need immediate prayers? Contact Tom Milbrand (272-305-0058), Diane Walter (570-966-0333), or Frances Blatchley (570-966-0288) to have prayers shared on the prayer chain.

Please remember to give Christine Rowe an update on the status of those on our prayer list.

Remember to fill out at least one Communion card each year.

Can't make it to church in-person?

Attend remotely on Facebook, YouTube and the phone. To listen in on the phone, call 570-989-8899.

In our prayers

Healing, wholeness, and encouragement

Long Term

Alicia Saxon, Noah Navickas, Matthew Myers, Steve Boonie, Lori Haines, Jeffrey Ames, Oliver Auman, Aimee Erdley, Bev Fausey, Christine Koons, Darrell O'Bryant, Robert "Butch" Hestor, Betty Reber, Michael Callahan, Angela Golfieri, Todd Miller, John Hollenbach, Eric Brosious, Kay Fleming, Taryn Myers, Brantley Herman, Timothy Shomper, Jane Ohlidia, Weston Treas, Trudy Livingston, Mick Hauck, Lark Springer, Logan Roush, Katelyn Mattison, Tena Decker-Norman, Mary Hoover, Laurie Thomas, John Wagner, Beth Ann Troutman, George Hauck, Sandy Raymond, Kathy Spangler, Dianne Bailor, Doug Aikey, Loretta Weatherill, Melissa Boonie, Adam Guzanski, Julia Hauck, Ellie Crane, Jami and Dylan Crane, Tracy Sassaman, Paul Burkholder, Sue Ulrich, Charlie Stabler, Shawna St. Claire, Stanley St. Claire, Larry St. Claire, Daytona Wentzel, Tim Walsh, Ted Kolvich, Ron Trick, Cameron Osgood, June Bingaman, Michelle (Pam Erdley's friend), Dick Devett, Grant Snyder

short Term

Mary Wagner, Ken Walter, Janice Reaser, Carole Jacka, Deb Wetzel, Clay Powel, Diane Walter, Logan Hollenbach, Randy Rim Fultz

Providence and Protection for first responders and military service men and women

Stanley Miller, Benjamin Pilko

Companionship, Prayer and Support for our Homebound

Carol McJilton, Valda Sassaman, Julia Fetter, Mick and Mary Hauck, Nancy Hummel, Carole Jacka

Comfort for those who Grieve

For the family and friends of Bill Roush, Ralph "Zip" Geiswite Jr., Phyllis Swanger, Craig Stumpff, Harold Spangler, Michael Bastian, Deb Thompson, Kay Hestor, Miriam Logan, Glenn Keister, Sarah Mae Radel

This Week

Sunday, April 13

9 am Service of Holy Communion
Fellowship
Sunday School

Tues. April 15

12:30 pm Quilt Tying

Wed., April 16

6 pm Lenten Dinner & Prayer Service
Christ Evangelical 100 S. 3rd St., Lewisburg

Thurs., April 17

10 am Food Pantry
6 pm Maundy Thursday
Christ Evangelical 100 S. 3rd St., Lewisburg

Fri., April 18

7 pm Good Friday Service @
Emmanuel UCC 326 Market S. New Berlin

Sat. April 19

11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt @ Messiah Lutheran

Sunday, April 20

9 am Service of Holy Communion
Fellowship

READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

HOLY WEEK

Mon. April 14

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 36:5-11
Hebrews 9:11-15
John 12:1-11

Tues. April 15

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 71:1-14
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
John 12:20-36

Wed. April 16

Isaiah 50:4-9
Psalm 70
Hebrews 12:1-3
John 13:21-32

Thurs. April 17

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31-35

Fri. April 18

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1-19:42

Sat. April 19

Genesis 1:1-2:4
Isaiah 55:1-11
Romans 6:3-11
John 20:1-18

Easter Sunday, April 20

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12